

MAY-JULY 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to be writing my first newsletter as president of FOSL, and excited to be a part of the volunteer team at the Seaside Library. Little did I realize when I accepted this position that I would be leading our group into our library's 90th year! That's right – next year we will be celebrating the 90th birthday of the Seaside Library and the 45th birthday of our current building!

I'm a retired librarian and I have always believed that libraries are the heart of the community. I think that is especially true of our Seaside Library. Nestled between Fremont Street and Del Monte Avenue, and surrounded by Laguna Grande, and the magnificent Monterey Bay – we couldn't have a better location!

Our goal for the upcoming year is to continue to make our library the best it can be. The staff and book selections are top notch. Did you know we are the largest branch of the seventeen-member library group? Our branch serves the most patrons and we are the only branch open on Mondays.

In anticipation of our big upcoming birthday we hope to make some amazing transformations to the landscaping. We would love for you to be part of the planning and installation. If you would like to volunteer for the gardening detail – planning, purchasing, or planting – please let us know.

Of course, we will also continue to raise funds for the library through our ongoing sale of gently used books in the foyer. Your membership contributions and other donations help us to help the library community every day. Keep your eyes open for details on our upcoming birthday party in 2020.

In closing, let me remind everyone of the words of Margaret Mead – ***“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”***

--Linda Wahlig

Membership

Become a member of the Friends of Seaside Library and help support the needs of the Seaside Branch Library.

Stop by the library and pick up a blue membership envelope.

\$5	Senior or Student
\$10	Individual
\$20	Family
\$50	Supporter
\$100	Sustainer
\$200	Benefactor
\$500	Major Donor

Book Sale News

The next time you walk into the Seaside Branch Library foyer, please check out the Friends Book Sale Shelves on your right.

Our team of volunteers stock shelves daily and we have a variety of genres to choose from in both paperback and hardback.

We always have a selection of children's books and often books on CD along with movie DVD's.

Hardback and large paperback books are \$1

Paperback books are \$.50

Children's Books are \$.25 or 4/\$1.00

All proceeds benefit the library.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Friends Vice President Mary Jeanne Vincent

It is with great joy I announce the Seaside Branch Library is now fully staffed. The new addition to our team is our very own President of FOSL, Linda Wahlig, who became our Homework Center Coordinator. Welcome and congratulations!

It is my pleasure to announce that we will have a very special event on Saturday, May 18, at 3pm with the viewing of COUNCILWOMAN. It is a feature-length, award-winning documentary about Carmen Castillo, originally from the Dominican Republic, a Providence City Councilwoman who maintains her job cleaning hotel rooms as she takes on her new role in politics.

Summer is coming. If you stay in town and have children, bring them with you on Wednesdays, June 12-July 24, at 1pm for the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "It's Showtime!" We will have several amazing performers with music and fun. A detailed calendar of events will be available at the library soon.

Just as we did last year, we will be serving lunch for children on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at noon each week of Summer Reading Program. Lunch at the Library is sponsored by the USDA Summer Food Service Program, and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. A local Food Bank will provide box meals for kids and food for adults to take home.

During the summertime we will take a break with our Saturday programs for kids, except for Family Play Dates that we will offer every Saturday between June 8 and July 27 from 10 till 11:30am.

Have a wonderful summertime and remember to check out or download books and audiobooks from the library for your travels.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2019
Seaside Branch Library
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

June 12	Magician Chris Lopez
June 19	Sterling Bubblesmith
June 26	Xtreme Science Fun
July 3	Matinee
July 10	Musical Robots
July 17	Circus of Smiles
July 24	Python Ron
	Beata Obydzinski, Librarian II
	Seaside Branch Library Manager

FOSL Board Members

Our new board was installed at our annual meeting on February 20th. See page 4 for our new slate of officers. Their term will run from March 1, 2019, to February 29, 2020.



Mary Jeanne with fellow library patron Rosario

Mary Jeanne Vincent is a new addition to our family of FOSL volunteers. Although Mary Jeanne has been a longtime member of the Food for Thought Book Club and FOSL, she joined the Board of FOSL as a Member at Large last year, and was elected Vice President at our February meeting.

Mary Jeanne is the 11th of 12 children and was born in the car in front of the gym in her hometown of Dayton, Ohio!

She grew up in Dayton and graduated from the University of Dayton with a Fine Arts degree. She also received her Masters' Degree in Human Resources Management from Chapman University.

After running a clothing store in San Francisco and working at Saks Fifth Avenue, she switched gears and managed a career center in the Silicon Valley before opening her private career coaching practice here in Monterey 20 years ago.

Aside from all the work she does with her full-time job and here at the library, Mary Jeanne also loves working as a Literacy Tutor.

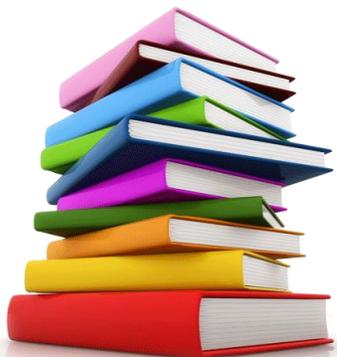
Mary Jeanne and her husband Richard enjoy travel, hanging out in the backyard, and running agility with Violet – one of her two delightful pet dogs! (Sweet Pea is the other – wouldn't want to leave her out!)

In the not so distant future, Mary Jeanne hope to check a few travel items off her bucket list – the Galapagos Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, and anywhere French is spoken!

Mary Jeanne has always been a great reader. From her days walking to the local library with her sisters on Saturday to today, she always has a book in progress. Several of her favorites include *The Education of Little Tree*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. A current favorite is *Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

BOOK CLUB NEWS



The Friends of the Seaside Library
sponsor the monthly
Food for Thought Book Club.

We meet one Saturday a month
1:30-3:00 p.m.

In the Homework Center of the Library

Come tell us about your favorite books.

No preparation is required,
and no commitment expected.
Everybody is invited!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
Saturdays in 2019:

May 4

June 1

July 13

Check out what we've read on LibraryThing:

<http://www.librarything.com/profile/SeasideBookClub>

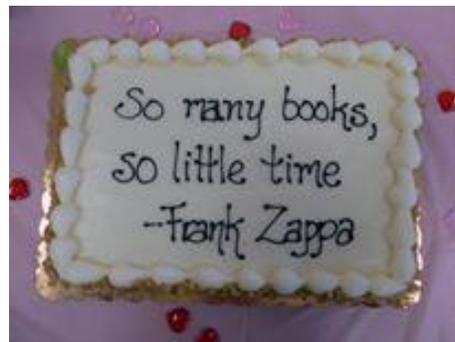
If you need inspiration on what to read,
you can use the library database for
book lovers, **Bookbrowse**,
available on the MCFL website.

Celebration



On February 9th we took a break during our discussion of books to celebrate the 14th-year anniversary of our Book Club.

Lois and Sandra were founding members & Beata has been our faithful facilitator



2019-2020 Officers

President	Linda Wahlig
Vice President	Mary Jeanne Vincent
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	Dwight Marshall
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	Leslie Simon



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“I shall be miserable if I
have not an excellent
library.” – Jane Austen
[Pride and Prejudice](#)