

August-October 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer has been as pleasant as mine: shopping at the Farmers Market on Broadway, enjoying the Seaside fireworks show, relaxing at Blues in the Park, and reading on our new backyard deck. In June I happened upon four very good books on the library display shelves one day while browsing. I read them in tandem, which was challenging and fun.

The Friends recently welcomed a new Member-at-Large, Mary Jeanne Vincent, to our Executive Committee. We also now have volunteers keeping the book sale shelves stocked every day the library is open. We greatly appreciate the generous commitments of these individuals.

You may have already heard about this good news. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors has approved \$300,000 from expected cannabis tax revenue to be used for print and electronic resource purchases in FY 2018-19. Many thanks to those who contacted county officials to advocate for this budget augmentation for Monterey County Free Libraries. We should be seeing new titles in the online catalog and on the shelves soon.

According to the budget document, "The gap between MCFL resources and community needs continues to grow." In FY 2016-17, funding sources for the library system were:

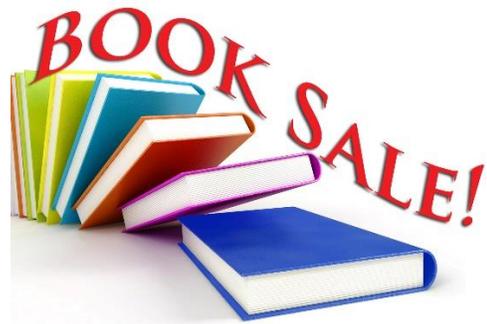
- Governmental sources – 95.6% [primarily 1% of assessed property tax level annually]
- Library fees – 1.7%
- Donations & grants from Friends and Foundation for MCFL – 2.7%.

In July, representatives of Friends groups from the MCFL branches were invited to a presentation on the status of a project that identified "Key Priorities for the Libraries which

require Foundation Support." An ambitious five-year plan is being drafted to address "The long-term sustainability and viability of the Libraries" and help close the funding gap noted above. We'll keep you informed about this promising initiative.

Wishing you a wealth of good reads

- **Sandra Weaver**



Our group of dedicated Friends Member/Book Volunteers work hard each week to make sure the sale shelves in the foyer are kept full of interesting books.

We appreciate the donations of new and gently used books we get from the public. We in turn sell them, with proceeds benefiting the library.

Due to space limitations, we can only accept one bag/box of donated books at a time.

If you have a large quantity of books to donate, please call the library: 899-2055. All large donations are by appointment only.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Laverne Webb



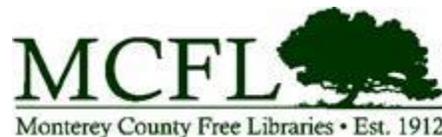
Our book sale volunteers are usually deeply involved in their communities, and Laverne Webb is no exception. You might have met her while browsing the Friends' shelves in the Seaside Library lobby, or seen her at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, Carmel Bach Festival, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey Public Library, or Pacific Biological Laboratories (Ed Ricketts' Lab). She speaks enthusiastically about each of her activities.

A Baltimore native, Laverne taught second and third graders there in her early career before becoming a benefits determination specialist with the Social Security Administration. After 15 years in that position, she transferred to the Department of Defense, studied at DLI, and served in Korea as a linguist, helping to monitor communications. Upon retirement from federal employment, Laverne started with Monterey County Free Libraries in 2012 and has served as a substitute Librarian I in several branches, including Seaside. She said that she feels appreciated here by the patrons and the staff, and likes working with all of the MCFL family, which is why she continues to support and help in any way she can.

When she is not working or volunteering, Laverne enjoys screenwriting, singing with Monterey Peninsula Voices, and travel. Last summer she participated in a women's bicycle & walking tour in Europe. As a Harry Potter series enthusiast, she was excited to tour the movie sets while in London. Her preferred genres to read are thrillers and police procedurals; favorite authors are Michael Connelly and Vince Flynn. She is currently reading *Historians on Hamilton: How a Blockbuster Musical is Restaging America's Past.* (ed. Romano & Potter)

A big Thank You to Laverne and all of our book sale volunteers!

-Sandra Weaver



Hello Library Lovers,

Welcome back to the library world in the summertime. Did you read good books? Have you travelled the world with them? On my vacation to Poland, my husband and I went to Vienna and we took Monte with us. Did you bring any pictures with Monte from your trips? Share them with us.



Summer is still on, but school is back in session and our Summer Reading Program (SRP) is over. It was a big success. The theme this year was "Reading takes you everywhere!" Local children shared their free time between the beach and the library. Thanks to the Foundation for MCFL we were fortunate to host entertaining programs this year, like Spector Dance, Onye African Drumming, Juan Sanchez Music and Cascada de Flores as well as two programs for teens: U-Jam Fitness and Jayson Fann. Friends of the Seaside Library sponsored our grand finale: Amazing Life of Sea Turtles presentation by the local group "Save the Whales". We also served lunch at the library. Over 130 children signed up, filling their Summer Reading logs with hours of reading. I am grateful to staff and volunteers for their help provided during the programs.

We are resuming our family Saturday matinees: August 18th, September 1st, October 13th, November 10th, and December 8th. To find out the titles look for announcements in the library and at FOSL Facebook.

We also have planned many programs for our adult patrons. On Saturday, September 22nd we will have training for nonprofits about Foundation Directory Online and its new interface.

On October 5th, 12th and 19th we will have local business columnist, Mary Jeanne Vincent, with a series of classes helping with job search, writing resumes, filling applications and interviewing. Seats will be limited and registration will be required.

Our Saturday programs for adults last year were very popular and we are bringing them back this fall. On October 20 Alyson Kuhn will share ways to use paper to celebrate the winter holidays.

On November 17 Gary Dudney - local author of one of the *Book Club to Go* books - who recently published two books about running, will come to talk about writing nonfiction.

Save the date! The Foundation for MCFL will have its 24th Words & Wine event at the Hospitality Pavilion at Laguna Seca on Saturday October 13th. The guest speaker will be retired astronaut Mr. Jose Hernandez, whose tale of determination and perseverance is currently being made into a movie in Hollywood.

**Beata Obydzinski, Librarian II,
Seaside Branch Library Manager**



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A NEW LOOK FOR OUR
FRIENDS' WEBSITE***

***Stay tuned for
our launch date***

***We are also on Social Media
Like our page on Facebook***

Book Club News

**Did you know the Friends sponsor the
FOOD FOR THOUGHT Book Club?**

- We meet one Saturday a month
 - From 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- It is a recommendation-style book club
- Come tell us about your favorite books
 - No preparation required
 - No commitment expected
 - Everybody is invited

- **August 11th**
- **September 8th**
- **October 6th**
- **November 3rd**
- **December 1st**

If you need inspiration for a good read, remember to use the database for book lovers, BookBrowse. You can find it on the MCFL website under Reference & Databases.

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