



November 2016-January 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As you receive our quarterly Newsletter, the democratic process of campaigning and elections will be complete for another cycle, leaving time for contemplation of this season of gratitude and for celebrations of faith and the passage of another year. I love autumn's colors, weather, & traditions, and look forward to the solstice that will bring longer daylight hours.

Our building has a new roof! This major improvement is an important investment in the building by the City of Seaside and protects the integrity of the interior renovations funded by the County and the Friends last autumn. Many thanks to the officials who supported this maintenance project. Next up is replacement of the HVAC system.

When travelling, I always try to visit local libraries. I appreciate their individuality, from a converted house on Chincoteague Island, Virginia to Edinburgh, Scotland's massive stone Central Library. Recently I visited Seattle's new downtown flagship library, acclaimed for its architectural design and innovative features, such as the "book spiral," four floors of non-fiction stacks connected by gently-sloping ramps, and a radio frequency ID system (rather than bar codes) facilitating automated sorting of returned books on a conveyor belt. For all its high-tech coolness, it lacked a warm, cozy feel.

Just as the personalities of libraries differ, so do library Friends groups. Those with a large membership and volunteer base are able to give back more to their libraries and communities. We invite you to take that journey with us and become active members of Friends of the Seaside Library.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a wealth of good reads.

- Sandra Weaver



- The Seaside Library is the perfect place to do some holiday shopping.
- We have a wide assortment of paperback and hardback books in both fiction and non-fiction.
- You will find something for everyone as we have just about every genre on our shelves: Recipe books, children's books, biographies, business, romance, mysteries, thrillers,
- And our low prices are quite a bargain.

BOOKS for SALE

HARDBACKS: \$1.00

LARGE PAPERBACKS: \$1.00

REGULAR SIZE PAPERBACKS: \$.50

MAGAZINES: \$.25

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: \$.25

DVDs: \$1

CDs \$.50



--WANTED--

BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS

Do you love books, have an hour or two a week to spare, like to volunteer in your community?

Then we want you.

Don't let the title of the position fool you. You do not have to sell the books.

Job duties are sorting new donations, and stocking shelves.

If you are interested in volunteering, see page 3.

STAFF PROFILE



Mary Chetirkin

Depending on when you typically visit the Library, you may not have had the pleasure of meeting Seaside staff member Mary Chetirkin yet. Her Library Assistant I position is permanent/part-time. While at work, she enjoys the variety of tasks involved in circulation. Mary says that library work fits her personality since she is very organized and likes putting things in place. Her most recent related positions were at City Island Library in Daytona Beach and Rainbow Library in North Las Vegas.

Born in Australia to Russian refugee parents, Mary grew up in California and Florida. She took her degree in Russian Studies from the University of Miami, and held a variety of interesting jobs while raising her children, including medical assistant and substitute teacher.

It was intriguing to learn that Mary worked 18 years at the Kennedy Space Center. She enthusiastically described her experience as a launch site support engineer coordinating with Russian counterparts on the fourth mission of the Shuttle-Mir program. As part of her team, she received a Boeing Silver Eagle performance excellence award. Mary laments she no longer has room for all her mementos of that era in the new home they just bought in Seaside.

With family living in the area - two married children and two grandchildren – and another job with the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Mary is quite busy, but still manages to be an avid gardener and cook. Her whole family follows a vegan diet. When there is a little time for personal reading, her choice is usually fiction, and some favorite authors are Joanne Harris, Fannie Flagg, Liane Moriarty, and Jill Conner Browne. She admits to giving up on creating a wish list because she always spots something intriguing on our shelves. Mary is currently reading Alexander McCall Smith's *Heavenly Date and Other Flirtations*. She and her husband, Peter, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next year.

-Sandra Weaver



The Library will be closed Thursday,
November 24th & Friday, November 25th
&
Saturday, December 24th through
Monday, January 2nd.



California Library Hall of Fame

ANNE HADDEN
(1874-1963)



- Was inducted into the California Library Association's (CLA) Hall of Fame in November, more than 50 years after her death
- Was the first director of the Monterey County Free Library
- Was librarian in Monterey County for 16 years
- She then resigned her position and went to work for the Palo Alto Public Library until 1943. She worked briefly for the Modoc County Library, officially retiring in 1946
- She served as the CLA's 2nd district President in 1921
- Was the inspiration for Patricia Beatty's children's novel *Eight Mules from Monterey*
- Her letters are housed in Stanford University's special collection



**National Endowment for the Arts
America's Big Read 2016**

Monterey County Book Selection:

***Sun, Stone, and Shadows:
20 Great Mexican Short Stories***

**Copies available at MCFL in
English & Spanish
It's also a *Book Club to Go* selection.**



MAKE 2017 THE YEAR YOU VOLUNTEER

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to volunteer in your community, the Friends and the Seaside Library have many opportunities to help you do just that.

Book Sales

Membership

Social Media/Publicity

Technology Help

Events/Speakers

Fundraising/Grant Writing

Literacy Tutoring

We are especially in need of volunteers in leadership roles such as board member and book sale coordinator as some of our long-time dedicated contributors take a well-deserved retirement from their positions.

If you are interesting in volunteering; fill out a Volunteer Application at the Seaside Library, call 899-2055 or go to our website at thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org



“FOOD FOR THOUGHT” BOOK CLUB

Sponsored by the Friends

Our book club is unique in that we don't all read the same book. It gives us the freedom to read what we want, and members appreciate the recommendations for authors and titles they might not have found on their own.

New members are always welcome

Upcoming Saturday dates in 2016:

December 3

Upcoming Saturday dates in 2017:

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Homework Center
Seaside Library

**Please join us & tell us about the books
you have recently read**



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www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org



Mission Statement:

The Friends of the Seaside Library, because we value its rich services, support the Seaside Library in meeting the current and future needs of our community, by providing advocacy, funding, resources, and volunteers.

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TO:

**Check out the book sale shelves
in the vestibule of the library.
We have something for
everyone.**