



NOVEMBER 2018-JANUARY 2019

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

The past few months have been most energizing for us!

Local historian and educator Peter Hiller posted a marvelous appreciation of the Seaside Library on [voicesofmontereybay.org](http://voicesofmontereybay.org) in September, observing that our Library is a dynamic center for the community. He was inspired to visit by reading James and Deborah Fallows' *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America*. Friends can take pride in our role in supporting the Saturday matinees, assisting with summertime Lunch at the Library, and keeping book sale shelves stocked with patron favorites.

We hope that you are checking our Facebook weekly for featured book sale themes and titles as well as Library events. Watch for upcoming holiday specials. A long-term project to update the Friends' web pages has been fulfilled. Our newly-refreshed site at [www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org](http://www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org) launched in October, with many thanks to everyone involved. Let us know what you think about the updated look and ease of use.

Last month we sponsored new employment-related library reference materials and three workshops for job seekers, thanks to a grant from Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services. Attendees had the rare opportunity to work with a professional career expert on basic job search, resume, and interview skills at no cost.

Speaker Alyson Kuhn returned to the Library for a recent Friends' event, inspiring guests with "delightful ways to use paper to celebrate the winter holidays." Under her guidance, even the most craft-challenged individual can create meaningful paper expressions.

## Book Club News

The *Food for Thought* Book Club is sponsored by the Friends.

It is a recommendation-style, non traditional book club:  
We each read our own selections,  
whatever we choose to read.

Meetings will be held on the following  
**Saturdays:**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

And if you need inspiration for good reading, remember to use our database for book lovers, **Bookbrowse**, available on the MCFL website.

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**  
**Homework Center of the Library**



We always celebrate Library Lovers' Month in February, so National Friends of the Library Week, October 21-27, took us by surprise. The City of Seaside recognized the Friends for our service and dedication with a proclamation, and our thoughtful Seaside Library staff threw a party to thank the Friends' volunteers. Wow!

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a wealth of good reads - **Sandra Weaver**





**OUR FRIENDS' WEBSITE  
HAS BEEN UPDATED !**

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK AT  
[www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org](http://www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org)**

***Let us know what you think***

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



**PROCLAMATION**



**National Friends of the Library Week  
October 21-27, 2018**

*WHEREAS, Friends of the Seaside Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great – providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for the children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and*

*WHEREAS, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and*

*WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and*

*WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, The Honorable Ralph Rubio, Mayor of the City of Seaside, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2018, as Friends of Libraries Week in Seaside, CA and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Seaside Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.*

Hello Library Lovers,

During National Friends of the Library Week, October 21-27, we celebrated our wonderful volunteers: Friends of the Seaside Library. We are grateful to all who donate countless hours of their time to support our library. Many Friends were here to offer extra hands during the Summer Reading and Lunch at the Library. They maintain the ongoing book sale in the library foyer and help with the monthly matinées. The Friends also offer financial support. Earlier this year our Friends paid for the subscription to continue microfilming our local newspapers and several other newspapers that we would have had to discontinue due to library budget shortfalls. This fall the Friends sponsored special guest speakers, like Alyson Kuhn inspiring us to use paper to celebrate the holidays and Mary Jeanne Vincent who taught a mini series of job seeking classes. In addition, they beautified our Homework Center with artistic panels and purchased a rug for preschool story times.

This fall, Seaside library started introducing new programs for children. We continue to offer Storytime on Tuesdays at 11am with our very own children's book author, Carol Diggory Shields. On Wednesdays at 3pm we host games, crafts and other activities for school age children. We call it "Wonder Wednesdays," and each week Carol and Ariana offer something different and interesting. Once a month, on first Saturdays at 10am the SPCA brings a pet for families to interact with (it is always a surprise) and talk about pet adoptions. On third Saturdays at 10am we host "Family Play-Date." The first one in October was a big success with almost 20 patrons attending and families with small kids played with toys, made crafts, colored and networked. We have two more family movies planned for this fall: November 10 and December 1 2018 at 2pm. To find out the titles look for announcements in the library and on the FOSL Facebook Page.

On November 17 at 2pm Gary Dudney - local author of one of the BC2G books - who recently published two books about running, will come to talk about writing nonfiction. Please consider coming to support this local author and maybe buy a holiday gift book for someone.

On behalf of all MCFL staff and patrons I want to thank the Friends of the Seaside Library for their continuous support. On October 18, at the last City of Seaside Council meeting, the City of Seaside presented an official proclamation honoring our Friends. Congratulations!

Let me remind you that the library has many books and other materials to help you make your holidays festive. Wishing you all a delightful holiday season!



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

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

### Dwight & Susan Marshall



Longtime Friends Members, the Marshalls responded to a request in our Newsletter and have been book sale volunteers for the past year. It is an activity they enjoy doing together, and they are our first couple's team. Susan is a transplant from Pennsylvania, and Dwight was raised on the Monterey Peninsula. They met through their respective second careers in social work. Susan went on to work with Hospice of the Central Coast.

By both vocation and avocation, Dwight and Susan are embedded in community service, which they practice fully in retirement. You might find him feeding baby birds at the SPCA Wildlife Center or her cuddling preemie babies at Natividad Medical Center when she isn't providing counseling at Hospice or doing food prep at Gathering for Women. They are characteristically modest about these activities. Dwight also plays tennis and grows tomatoes and orchids. The Marshalls' mutts, Tess & Barney, like to exercise at Pacchetti Dog Park with their humans.

This year the Marshalls were fortunate to make two special trips. They visited the Four Corners area of the southwest in spring, an experience described as spiritual, and Provence in September, which sounds pretty inspiring too, especially the cooking class.

Dwight's reading preferences are natural history and literature, and some favorite authors are Wendell Berry, George Elliott, and Tolstoy. He is currently re-reading Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. Susan recently read *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old*. She likes historical novels and Louise Penny's *Inspector Gamache* mysteries set in Quebec. They both recommend *Pachinko*, an acclaimed saga by Min Jin Lee that follows four generations of a Korean family from 1910 through 1989.

Thanks to a generous grant from Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services (MPVS), the Friends sponsored three workshops in October for job seekers. Career expert and strategist Mary Jeanne Vincent conducted the free sessions on job search basics, resume basics, and job interviews. The grant also funded updated job-related materials for the Library's reference collection.

MPVS is a volunteer organization that runs a Benefit Shop in Seaside to raise money to give to worthy nonprofit groups on the greater Monterey Peninsula. They invite you to visit at 655 Broadway or online at [www.mpvbenefitshop.org](http://www.mpvbenefitshop.org).

Thank you, MPVS!



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The Marshalls believe that libraries enrich communities. We couldn't have said it better.

A big Thank You to Dwight & Susan and all of our book sale volunteers!

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