

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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Membership Drive



Who Are the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library?

50 dedicated volunteers that dedicate 6,000 hours per year sorting, scanning and pricing thousands of books, managing online book sales, and staffing our book store and other sales every month.

What Do We Do?

Fund Library and Community Programs such as:

Summer Reading,
Online Homework Help,
Authors at Local Schools,
Traveling Story Time,
Baby/Children/Teens,
Arts & Crafts,
Museum Access,

Cultural Events,
Job Seeking,
Music & More!

How Do We Raise Funds?

- Book sales and membership support
- No salaries - volunteer staff only
- Very low administrative overhead – < 5%

Tax Deductible Donations

Friends of the Redwood City Library is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. As such, your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Membership Levels

We are grateful to our 102 members who generously funded our efforts with \$4,800 in contributions in 2012. Yet, we know there are more people who support our library and its programs.

Your support will help fund the \$10,000 in program requests that had to be cut from current fiscal year funding.

Please Join Today:

Junior Member (under 18)	\$10
Friends	\$15
Patrons	\$25
Librarian's Circle	\$50
Benefactors	\$100 & up

For support of \$25 and up, members will receive a magnet thank you gift, perfect for a refrigerator display. For Librarian Circle and Benefactors, recognition and thanks will appear in the Friend's Spring 2013 newsletter (with an opt-out option available).

Pick up a pledge card in the bookstore or print a copy at:

http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/Friends/membership_form2012.pdf

Friends' Website

http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/friends_of_the_library.html

Email List

Keep updated on all things Friends!
Send an email to friendsoftherwclibrary@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

Bookstore



Pictured above – The Friends' booth at the 2012 Target Family Days, downtown Redwood City. Booth staffed by Vicki Bowie

Annual Holiday Sale

Around mid-November, the bookstore will feature our annual Holiday sale. We save holiday-themed and new books all year to feature in our month long sale.

Make the store your first stop for your holiday shopping. You will find fabulous bargains - new, current and barely used items.

The **bookstore is located in the lobby of the Main Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**. The store is the major source of funding for all the RWC library's programs so every purchase is most appreciated.

Amazon Sales

Looking for a special gift for someone? Check out the Friends' Amazon store where we list over 600 books for sale. It's fun to browse online and support your library while doing so.

Please shop our **Amazon store:**
www.amazon.com/shops/friendsfrwclibrary

New Library Programs

By Roz Kutler, Children's Librarian

Discover & Go

Many parents are looking for low cost ways to explore the Bay Area with their family. The Library is stepping up with Discover & Go to provide Redwood City Library card holders with FREE passes to over 25 local museums and other cultural institutions. Thanks to a new cooperative partnership with local cultural venues, and a little help from technology, you can now:

- Make reservations online and print passes from home.
- Click here to try Discover & Go now!
<http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/discoverandgo.html>
- Search by Date, Location, Venue, or just browse passes available now.
- Patrons without Internet access can reserve and print out a pass at their local library. To prevent re-use each Discover & Go pass expires immediately after the reservation date.

This program is fully funded by Friends.

LINK +

LINK+ is a FREE service that delivers customer requests from public and academic libraries throughout California and Nevada. With one easy-to-use online catalog (<http://csul.iii.com/>), Redwood City library patrons can search at home for materials unavailable anywhere in our Peninsula Library System catalog.

Here are a few examples of recent requests:

- Need a shop manual for a 1969 VW Beetle? LINK+ has *Chilton's VW Air Cooled 1949-69 Repair Manual*
- Need books on Integrated Pest Management to prepare for an interview? LINK+ has over 60 titles, many available from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

LINK+ is especially helpful for

- Students and researchers
- Access to diverse international material
- Access to large collections like San Jose Public and academic libraries
- University Press titles
- Fiction Back Titles (older and out of print)

LINK+ offers access to all of these materials and more. For more detailed information on LINK+ visit

<http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/online/linkplus.html>



Our annual Halloween feature sale in the Bookstore
Designed by Lee Blake