

# Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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## READ TO THE RHYTHM!



By Jacky Averill, Librarian

**iREAD**  
Summer Reading at its best!  
[www.ireadprogram.org](http://www.ireadprogram.org)

### What's a Summer Learning Challenge?

It's a **reading** incentive to keep families engaged with books all summer long! And it's a motivator to find new **experiences** during that out-of-school time. And it's a summer **extravaganza** with **learning** opportunities for everyone in the family.

This year the Redwood City Public Library is stepping up the fun (and learning). Kids must either read five books or listen to books every day for at least 30 days. And, to complete the challenge, each child must partake in fun learning experiences – or create some of her own. Learning experiences can be as easy as enjoying a rousing *Rhythm Rats of Kathmandu* show by Caterpillar Puppets, as interactive as exploring a local museum or as creative as recording video book reviews.

The Summer Learning Challenge includes every member of the family: **Listeners, Readers, Teens and Parents!** Challenge record-keeping forms are available in English, Spanish and Chinese.

New this year is an online log where children and adults can keep track of their reading and learning activities while earning online badges.

The Friends of the Redwood City Public Library once again has provided the funding for a **broad array of activities**, including popular recording artist José-Luis Orozco, live animals from Wild Things, Inc., Karen Quest – Cowgirl Tricks, James Henry's *Rhythm Talks*, Owen Baker-Flynn's *Act in a Box*, and the antics of Daffy Dave! There will be weekly storytimes, music classes, a coding club, crafts and origami. Kids will be able to create a wallet or a phone cover in *Sticky Fingers* duct tape programs. Or even read to a dog at Paws for Tales. All of our summer programs count toward the summer learning challenge goal.

Sign-ups for the **Summer Learning Challenge** will continue all summer at all Redwood City libraries. Check the library's website for the full schedule of activities:  
[www.redwoodcity.org/library/kids](http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/kids)

### Fine-Free Summer for Kids

This summer will be **fine free** for kids at the library!

Books, movies and recorded books checked out from a Redwood City library on a **child's** library card will not accumulate any fines from June through August. Children who travel over the summer will not have to worry about accruing fines while they are out of town.

Kids, check out your summer items now!

### BookFLIX

**BookFLIX** offers you choices from hundreds of online children's books, including picture, early reader and nonfiction titles – in English or Spanish.

You can choose an audio setting, where words are highlighted as they are read – or the video-only setting, where children can read at their own pace.

Find the link for BookFLIX at the library's website to start enjoying today:  
[www.redwoodcity.org/library/kids](http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/kids)

### Bookstore

The Friends' Bookstore is located in the lobby of the **Downtown Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**. The store is the major source of funding for all library programs, so every purchase is most appreciated. We offer a terrific selection of books, in lovely condition, at very low prices. Please visit us soon.

### Email List

Keep updated on all things Friends. Send an email to us at [friendsofrwclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrwclibrary@gmail.com) to be added to our distribution list.

## RWC Farmers Market



From April through November, the Kiwanis Club of Redwood City sponsors the **Saturday Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon**. The Farmers Market is located on Arguello Street between Marshall and Brewster (across the train tracks from Peet's Coffee). Parking is available at the train parking lot and on the adjacent streets.

The Friends hosts a booth that sells books for 50¢ to \$1, including many bins of children's books. Please stop by to say hi and buy an armful of books!

Do note that the Friends booth will **not** be at the Farmers Market the third Saturday of each month.

## Discover & Go

Free Museum Access

Do you enjoy museums and are looking for a fun activity for this summer for **FREE**?

The **Discover & Go** program allows library cardholders to reserve **museum trips** online by date or by venue and immediately print out passes at home (or at the library).

The complete list of participating museums is available online. Visit: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/discoverandgo.html>

Sponsored by the Friends

## Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- Junior member, under 18 years old \$10
- Friends \$15
- Patrons \$25
- Librarian's Circle \$50
- Benefactors \$100 or more

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website:** [www.friendsofrwclibrary.org](http://www.friendsofrwclibrary.org)

A Membership Card will be sent.

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

If you wish to make the gift in remembrance of a friend or loved one:

\_\_\_\_\_ We will acknowledge 2015 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our Spring 2016 newsletter.

Please check the box if you prefer your name listed as Anonymous.

- I wish to remain anonymous.



## Paws for Celebration!

Former Friends volunteer and Board member **Lorie Coon** remembered the

Friends in her estate. In acknowledgment of her generosity, the Library and the Friends are hosting **Paws for Celebration**, a pet-focused event at the Downtown

Library on **Sunday, June 7 from noon to 2 p.m.**

This event will feature a **pet adoption** by the Peninsula Humane Society, children's book giveaway, crafts, storytime, face painting and more.

The Friends also purchased, in Lorie's memory, a collection of children's books about caring for pets for each of the Redwood City libraries.



## Author Matt de la Peña speaking at Redwood High School

In May, the Friends funded Matt de la Peña's book **Mexican Whiteboy** for Redwood and Sequoia High School students. Matt spoke at both schools and at a community event at the Fair Oaks Community Center in early May. All events were sponsored by the Friends.