

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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Summer Learning Challenge

I ♥ my library!

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2016 Summer Learning Challenge Kickoff Party on Saturday, June 11 –
Friends' Book Sales Booth (left side, Rebecca Stern; right side, Rose Ann Hummel)

Summer has arrived, and with it, the library's **Summer Learning Challenge!** The learning challenge provides wonderful benefits: It keeps kids reading during the nonschool months to help prevent the "summer slide" in reading proficiency; it challenges kids with new experiences; and it offers free, weekly programs at all four of our libraries, providing entertainment for the whole family.

The Summer Learning Challenge is free for everyone. Just sign up at the library or online at www.summerlearners.org.

To encourage registration, our brave library director, Derek Wolfgram, has agreed to let us play dress-up with him for the Derek the Director challenge. For each 1,000 summer reading sign-ups, we will pick one wacky piece of clothing or accessory to add to his costume. If we achieve 10,000 sign-ups, he'll even dye his hair purple, green, red or blue. [Editor's note: That is dedication!]

Last summer, we achieved over 10,000 registrations with about a 40% completion rate. This year, we have

created new, interactive events to focus on increasing that rate. There will be weekly drawings for passes to various family-friendly places like the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Exploratorium and the Tech Museum, plus tickets to the San Mateo County Fair and Giants and A's games! Every child can fill out a drawing form each time she or he visits any of our Redwood City libraries – an incentive to visit every day! Drawings will be held every Wednesday through August 24.

We have also created a huge book of Summer Reading Champions. Each child who turns in a completed learning log will be rewarded with a free book (a gift from the Friends of the Library), and he or she will achieve Reading Champion status. Name tags for finishers will be displayed all summer at all of the libraries.

Our goal this year is to have at least 6,000 finishers!

Friends of the Library fully funds this program. It accounts for 25% of our total library funding for the year.



Summer in the Library

Put these wonderful July children's programs on your calendars!

July 5 & 6: The Mark & Dre Comedy Show

July 12 & 13: Circus of Smiles

July 19 & 20: Randel McGee and Groark

July 26 & 27: Wild Things, Inc.

Schaberg – Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Downtown – Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Fair Oaks – Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Redwood Shores – Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.



Parade and Booth

In Redwood City, the July Fourth Parade is an institution (and the largest in Northern California). **This year, the library and the Friends participated!** The library honored its 150-year anniversary. The first lending outlet was a privately funded town reading room, located on Main Street. That library even preceded the city's incorporation.

The Friends walked to encourage participation in the Summer Learning Challenge. A few of us even dressed as a favorite book character to entertain the crowd!

The library also hosted a booth for Summer Learning Challenge registration.

Our spring Newsletter lists Benefactor and Librarian's Circle donors from the prior year.

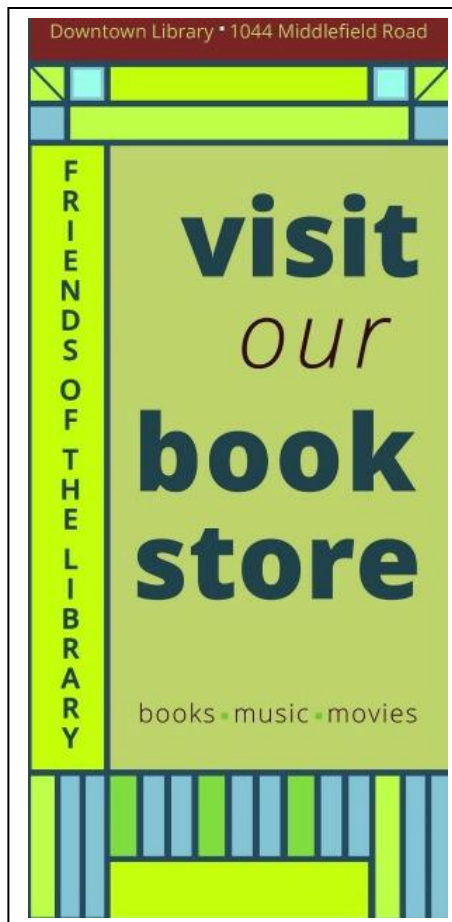
The following 2015 donors were omitted from that list this spring. Our sincere apologies for the mistake and a huge thank you to all of our generous donors!

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- Librarian's Circle \$50
- Benefactors \$100 or more

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

We will acknowledge 2016 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2017 Newsletter.

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

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facebook.com/friendsofrwclibrary

Our page will feature Bookstore sales, library events and other Friends activities and sales!

Farmers Market

The Friends hosts a booth at the **Redwood City Kiwanis Club's Farmers Market**. We sell books for 25¢ to 50¢, including many bins of children's books. Please stop by, say hi and buy an armful of books along with your fruits, vegetables and pastries.

The market is located on Arguello Street between Marshall and Brewster (across the train tracks from Peet's Coffee).



Everyone can register – pre-readers, kids, teens and adults!

Register at the library or at www.summerlearners.org