



Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

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New to the Downtown Library - *Free Verse* by Kate Dodd



Library News

The three Redwood City libraries returned to **full pre-pandemic service hours effective October 11**. In the library, tables and chairs, computers and most children's play areas have been restored for public use. In alignment with the California Department of Public Health guidelines for youth settings, masks are required for all library visitors.

In the children's area, there is a brand-new, exciting permanent art installation -- *Free Verse* by [Kate Dodd](#) (pictured above).

The library was inspired to commission Ms. Dodd to create an artwork for this space by the Incubator installation in the Redwood City [Art Kiosk on Courthouse Square](#) in March 2019. *Free Verse* promotes reading as a mind-expanding activity, featuring illustrated children's books reconfigured into colorful networks of pictures and words that ascend toward the skylight's natural source of light, a metaphor for what early exposure to books can do for developing minds. The installation includes some of Redwood City's favorite children's literature, based on library checkout records and knowledge of our children's librarians.

Friends News

In July, Friends reopened its Bookstore at the Downtown Library. The store is configured a bit differently, but it still contains a terrific variety of materials from small children's books to large coffee table books, all of excellent quality and great value.

Currently, all the sale carts contain items for the **holidays**. There is a wonderful selection of holiday-themed books as well as gift-quality items. Where else can you buy a brand-new cookbook as a gift for \$5? Or a sealed book on CD for \$3? At the Downtown Library, purchases can be paid for with cash or credit /debit cards.

In August, Friends reopened the Book Kiosk at the Redwood Shores branch. The kiosk is next to the computer area. Cash sales only.

Our book sales are the primary source of Friends funding of library programming. Please visit the library soon to shop for your holiday list. Also, buying a few books for Toys for Tots or to fill your neighborhood's little library is a great way to get books into homes for children!



Winter Reading Program

The Winter Reading program will start **December 1** with sign-ups at any of the Redwood City libraries.

When signing up, readers will be able to select a winter-themed book. Completion only requires reading or listening to five books and writing a one-word review. For children, completion earns a winter-themed goody bag; for teens, it earns an additional book!

The winter program is open to children, teens and adults, and even babies count when read to! This is a fun way to encourage reading over the winter break and receive a prize for a great accomplishment!

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Holiday Displays

At the Downtown Library, there will be multicultural winter holiday displays around the library featuring Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Santa Lucia, Shab-e Yalda, Tio de Nadal, Dongzhi, Omisoka and Las Posadas. On the large back wall of the children's area, there will be decorations and information about various winter holidays. The library's glass cases throughout the building will contain displays as well. Another great reason to visit the library in December!

Library Bees Cookbook

In January 2021, the Friends welcomed then-13-year-old Ruby Rappoport to its Board. At her first meeting, Ruby suggested the Friends gather honey recipes to celebrate the [Redwood City Library bees](#).

Since then, Ruby has done outreach and promotion to gather recipes using honey for the Library Bees Cookbook. The cookbook will be ready as a PDF download from the Friends website in December!

Thank you to Ruby for the wonderful idea to celebrate the bees and all her hard work to assemble the book.

Since the bees were added to the roof of the Downtown Library in 2018, Friends has sold close to 1400 jars of library honey!

The next batch of library honey will be available for holiday gift giving. Honey will be sold via our webstore with pickup at the Downtown Library.



AmazonSmile

While shopping for the holidays on Amazon, you can support Friends through the AmazonSmile program!

To get started with AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose **Friends of the Redwood City Public Library** to receive donations. To join AmazonSmile from the mobile app, open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

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

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

We will acknowledge 2021 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2022 Newsletter.

- Check this box if you wish for your donation to be listed as Anonymous.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website**:

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Dia de los Muertos in RWC Schools

On November 1, children's librarians Armando Ramirez, Jan Pedden and Pam Evans offered a very special **Dia de los Muertos** event to over 700 Redwood City students! Armando picked up Pan de Muertos from a local bakery EARLY in the morning, and the team packed everything up and

delivered to Adelante/Selby Lane School before school started. During three different live Zoom sessions, Jan and Armando explained the altar, read a story and played a [beautiful video](#). Pam gets special credit for having pulled the technology off. Thanks to our wonderful team for connecting with our young community on this important Mexican holiday.

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Donations Received at September Event

Material Donations

Friends accepts material donations in new or like-new condition at [drive-up donation events](#). The next event will be Saturday, January 15, behind the Downtown Library from 10 a.m. to noon.

If you have **less than one bag** of donated materials, you can drop that off in the donation bin next to the Bookstore.