

Friends of the Redwood City Library Newsletter

Spring 2011

Family Author Night



Beautiful Flyer for the Family Author Night Program created by the Rachel Delgado, Redwood City Library's Access Services

This fiscal year, the Friends funded Family Author Night programs for seven Redwood City grammar schools. The evening, open to students and their families, features a book giveaway and a presentation by the book's author or illustrator.

At the Fair Oaks event pictured above, Elizabeth Gomez, the illustrator of the featured book The Upside Down Boy spoke. In a bilingual presentation, Elizabeth delighted the kids by showing slides of herself as a girl in Mexico and talking about the joys of creativity. At the same time, she was able to reach straight to the

parents by talking about the importance of education and family support for students. Her own parents were poor and struggled. Still, they believed so much in the power of education that they not only sent all five of their children through college, but Elizabeth's mother, who had only a 4th grade education, decided to finish grade school, high school, and finally college! It was a powerful message, charmingly delivered. Thank you to the Children's department for their dedicated work organizing these programs.

Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Funding

Your membership support and our bookstore sales allow us to fund a wide variety of library programs. For the current fiscal year, the Friends have funded over \$71,000.

- Adult Programs - \$6,200
- Children's Programs - \$17,045
- Traveling Storytime - \$1,400
- Family Author Night - \$18,400
- Live Homework Help - \$9,000
- Summer Reading - \$13,070

In Memory of Tom Cooper

On March 15th, the Friends lost Tom Cooper, a good friend and one of the library's greatest supporters and volunteers. I am sure many of you knew Tom. He worked tirelessly in the bookstore, arriving most mornings to stock and straighten. He held many special Sunday sales during his afternoon shift. Tom loved to chat with his customers and always went the extra mile for Friends. Tom also served as the Friend's Treasurer for many years.

We shall miss Tom very much.

~News~

Thanks to Malcolm Smith, Redwood City's Public Communication Manager, the Friends have a nifty new web page. Check it out at:
http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/friends_of_the_library.html



Pictured above – The front of the Friends bookstore located in the lobby of the Main Library at 1044 Middlefield Road. Visit Us!

The Friends started an email list to notify our supporters of our ever-changing bookstore sales carts and feature sales. To get added to the list, send an email request to friendsofrwclibrary@gmail.com

Kiwanis' Redwood City Farmers Market starts in April, Saturdays 8 – Noon. Visit the Friends' booth at the Market, all books 50¢ each.

Support Your Library!!

When you join the Friends, you'll be showing your support for the Library, and for everything its librarians, library workers, volunteers, and pages do to help ensure you and your family always have a wonderful Library experience.

Levels of Support

- Individual Support - \$10
- Family Support - \$20
- Friend Support - \$25
- Associate Support - \$50
- Professional Support - \$100

Send you support to
Friends
1044 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94062

Annual fees of support are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

Friends Recommends

Vice President, Lee Blake

In the Woods by Tana French:

A mystery within a mystery with very interesting twists on human relationships. Her writing is rich and layered, but not so complicated that I can't keep it straight!

Bookstore Mgr, Mary Scavarda

World War Z by Max Brooks:

Yes, the 'Z' stands for Zombie but truly this is an engrossing and too realistic take on what occurs as a result of a world wide pandemic. This is a horror story but the horror is from the slow action, starvation and war against an unrelenting force.

Recording Secretary Emeritus, Eleanor Saunders

Tinkers by Paul Harding:

Harding's fine tuned use of language and his rambling, but coherent style, is easy reading. From George's life as a tinker, repairing pots for housewives to his love for the mechanics of clocks, Harding is relating to us how to look at mostly everything. (Pulitzer prize winner)

Recording Secretary, Marsha Jackson

recommends **author Vince Flynn** if you like CIA/Black Ops stories. Flynn's main character is Max Rapp, one of the 'tools in our bag' to protect the U.S. Extra bonus – the director of the CIA is a woman!



Kids holding up The Upside Down Boy book at Fair Oaks Family Author Night Event