

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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Early Reading and Books in the Home

by Jan Pedden, Children's Librarian



Thank You to the **Kindercard 2016** Staffers: (left to right)
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Naomi Mier, Davagy de León Sandoval, Armando Ramirez and Jacky Averill

The Friends of the Redwood City Public Library funds the majority of the programs enjoyed by adults and children at all four of the Redwood City libraries. Without the support of the Friends, the library would not be able to offer its Summer Learning Challenge, which attracted more than 10,000 individuals during the summer of 2015, or the Winter Reading Club and its very popular VIP Winter Reading Club Party in January. The Library's Kindercard program, which provides every kindergarten student with a library card and a fantastic Super Saturday celebration, is another program funded by the Friends focused on reading and celebrating the library.

The Friends also grants the gift of literacy to the youngest members of our community. It has been said that reading is the fundamental skill for learning. Research shows that two

important factors influence a child's entering school ready to read. The first involves the child being read to; the recommended number is **1,000 stories read before kindergarten**. The second factor found to be crucial is **the number of books owned in the home, with 10 being the minimum requirement**. The Friends provides thousands of new books to children involved in the library's programs. Each of the 1,000 young children visited by a Traveling Storytime volunteer receives two new books each year. Children receive a book when they complete the Summer Learning Challenge and also the Winter Reading Club. Each month, the children who attend the Creative Crafts program receive a book related to one of the program's projects. Book giveaways are a key component of the Authors in the Schools program. The books that each child receives are treasured and shared with others, so it

Save the Date!



The **Summer Learning Challenge** kickoff party will be on Saturday, June 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn next to the Downtown Library.

Games, Prizes, Entertainment, Free Book! Plan to join us!

Friends' Bookstore

Do you love a used bookstore?
We most certainly do!

The Friends' Bookstore is located in the lobby of the **Downtown Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**. Beautiful, quality books for very low prices.

is impossible to fully quantify the impact that the gift of all these books has on the children and their families.

The Redwood City Public Library offers a number of storytimes, programs and early literacy classes that promote reading in the home and provide materials that can be borrowed. And the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library provides an opportunity for families to build their home libraries through the sale of excellent children's books in the Friends' Bookstore located in the lobby of the Downtown Library. The children's books for sale are in very good to new condition and are reasonably priced, with three shelves of kids' books costing only 25¢ and four more shelves of picture books and young reader books ranging from 50¢ to \$3.

I know that everyone joins with me to thank the Friends for giving the children of Redwood City the gift of literacy and learning!

Many Thanks to Those Listed and All Our Members for Their Generous Support

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Authors in the Schools Program

In 2016, Friends funded author presentations and books for students with **Margarita Engle** at Selby Lane and Roosevelt schools and **Joe Cepeda** at Henry Ford, John Gill and Taft schools.

Additionally, Friends is sponsoring **Francisco Jimenez's** participation in the OYE Latino Youth Conference at Cañada College on May 21.

Members Invited

All active Friends members are invited to our **May 2016 Board meeting** on Monday, May 15, at 4:15 p.m. in the Downtown Library's Administration Meeting Room to vote on the slate of 2016 Board members. The proposed slate is:

- Mary Scavarda, Chair
- Lee Blake, Vice-Chair
- Reina Barragan, Volunteer Coordinator
- Patty Holubar, Recording Secretary
- Rose Ann Hummel, Publicity Coordinator
- Marsha Jackson, Treasurer



Joe Cepeda (with Reina Barragan, Library and Friends Board Member)
Friends' 2016 Authors in the Schools Program