

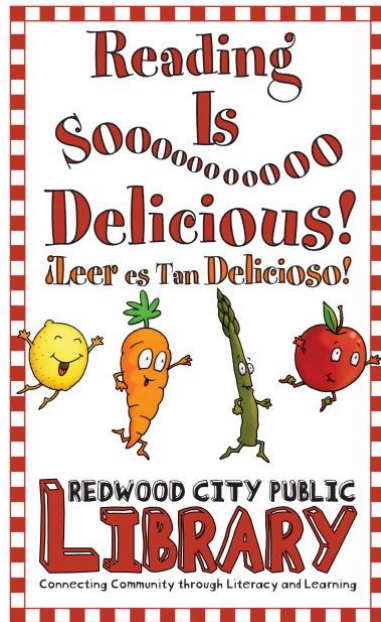
Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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Summer 2013

Summer Reading at the Library



By Jacky Averill, Librarian

A mountain of research shows that children who don't read over the summer break can lose up to three months of reading proficiency.

The Redwood City Public Library comes to the rescue to help parents fight Summer Brain Drain by offering a multitude of fun incentives and family programs to keep everyone reading all summer long!

Reading/Listening Clubs!: Read for 600 minutes (10 hours) before August 31st and receive wonderful prizes. Sign up for the Listening Club and listen for 10 hours and receive the same prizes. Parents have the options of reading to their children, reading to themselves as their children read their books, or a combination of the two.

Sign-ups start **June 14th** and continue throughout the summer at all four Redwood City libraries. Prizes include a free book each child can select herself from the hundreds we'll have to choose from, a free game of mini-golf at Malibu Castle, a discount at Redwood Roller Rink, a Round Table Pizza coupon, and more!

Programs!: The Library's deliciously fun weekly summer programs for the whole family are held each Tuesday (4 pm at Schaberg, 7 pm at Downtown) and Wednesday (4 pm at Fair Oaks, 6:30 pm at Redwood Shores). Programs are **FREE** and for all ages.

All programs and prize books are thanks to the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library.

Friends – New Website

A huge thank you to **Linda Kruger** who developed a new website for us. Please visit it at:

www.friendsofrwclibrary.org

July Summer Reading Programs

July 2/3: **Andy Z** – Rock and Roll

July 9/10: **The Keith Show** • Juggling

July 16/17: **Magic Dan**

July 23/24: **Images in Motion Inc.** • Puppet show

July 30/31: **Owen Baker-Flynn** • Astounding acts of balance and comedy!

Kidchella is Coming!

A Kids Rock Concert

Sundays 11 am to 1 pm
Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway
Downtown Redwood City

June 30th – Alison Faith Levy's
BIG TIME TOT ROCK

August 18th – Andy Z and the
Andyland Bank

September 15th – The Hipwaders

Email List

Keep updated on all things Friends!
Send an email to
friendsoftherwclibrary@gmail.com
to be added to our distribution list.

BOOK SALES

Friends' Bookstore

The **bookstore is located in the lobby of the Main Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**. The store is the major source of funding for all the RWC library's programs so every purchase is most appreciated.

Our store is always staffed by a volunteer and contains a feature sale, sale carts and a wide array of lovely, low priced books.

RWC Farmers Market

From April through November, the Kiwanis Club of Redwood City sponsors the **Saturday Farmers Market** at 850 Middlefield Road from 8 am to 12 pm. The Friends host a booth that sells books including many bins of children's books. Please stop by, say 'Hi' and buy an armful of books!



Amazon Sales

Looking for a special gift for someone? Check out the Friends' Amazon store where we list over 600 books for sale. It's fun to browse online and support your library while doing so.

Please shop our **store**:
www.amazon.com/shops/friendsofrwclibrary

New Library Program, Baby and Me

by Jan Pedden, Librarian

Since Fall 2012, 150 babies with their parents/caregivers participated in five sessions of a new class at the Downtown Library, **Baby and Me**, including one for teen moms. It focuses on making parents aware of the importance of reading to their babies, starting at birth, as a way to provide language enrichment and pre-literacy skills. The six week class provides an opportunity for the parents to strengthen the bond with their babies and to introduce concepts such as stories, numbers, letters, colors and shapes and build listening, memory and vocabulary skills.

The hour long class includes nursery rhymes, songs, unison

reading, flannel board stories, book sharing, parenting information, the construction of handmade toys and an opportunity for socialization.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Friends, each family also received three new board books to start building a home library for their babies.

The goal of the program is to instill the love of books, reading and libraries and introduce the participants to the library's programs and services.

Additional Baby and Me at the Library classes will be offered in both English and Spanish and a new class, **Toddler and Me**, has been added.

How Does the Friends Raise Funds?

- Book sales & membership support
- No salaries ->volunteer staff only
- Administrative overhead < 5%

S.H A.R E.S. Cards

The Friends has enrolled in the **SHARES Reward Card** program.

If you shop at Lucky Supermarket, just scan the card when you check-out. The Friends will receive a small part of the sale as a donation. (Does not interfere with any points you receive for purchase on your credit/debit card.)

Pick up a card at the Bookstore or at Farmers Market. An easy way to help us out!



2013 Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Library

Sponsored by Friends and the Civic Cultural Commission