



# Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

131 E. Las Flores Avenue  Ridgecrest, California 93555

Home Page: [www.ridgecrestfriends.org](http://www.ridgecrestfriends.org)

Quarterly Newsletter

November 2017 – January 2018

## November General Meeting and Election of Officers – Evening Event

We hold our annual meeting and election on November 15, and this year we are holding it at 6:00 p.m. so that members who work will be able to attend. We hope you will participate and feel free to nominate yourself or others for a position on the board. We also like to hear your suggestions for the coming year.

Our tentative slate of officers for 2018 is:

President: Sandy Bradley  
Vice President – Membership: Carol Pearson  
Vice President – Book Sales: Janice Norcross  
Secretary: Barbara Lupei  
Treasurer: Nani Banks  
Members at large:  
Peggy Johnson  
Vicki Siegel  
Pat Walters

## EXTRA! SPECIAL SALE! EXTRA!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR DECEMBER 9 WHEN THE FRIENDS WILL HOST THE FIRST EVER VINTAGE BOOKS AND COLLECTIBLE TREASURES SALE. WE SELECTED BOOKS PUBLISHED BEFORE 1949 AND RESEARCHED THEIR CURRENT VALUE, THEN CUT THAT PRICE BY 50%! THIS SALE ALSO FEATURES COLLECTIBLES AND GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS, INCLUDING THE FONTANINI NATIVITY COLLECTION AND DICKENS VILLAGE BUILDINGS AND ACCESSORIES. THE SALE RUNS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AT THE USUAL LOCATION NEAR THE OLD ALBERTSONS.**

### TEACHERS/HOME-SCHOOLERS

The Friends of the Library Sales Room at Ridgecrest Library has some beautiful calendars that might add some color to your classroom or be of interest to your students! Currently we have beautiful pictures of Colonial Williamsburg; pictures of America with the words to America the Beautiful; a calendar of America's Founding Fathers; pictures of animals and creatures from both the land and sea; and many more. They are each just \$.50 so please stop by and pick a calendar that will make good visual art for your classroom lessons!

### DONATION

The Desert Valley Federal Credit Union just donated \$400 to the Friends that they raised at the Desert Empire Fair. They also donated 29 Star Wars Tie Fighter 3D paper kits to the library for a future event. A big thanks to the DVFCU!

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The library will be closed November 23 through 25 (Thursday through Saturday), December 22 through 25 (Friday through Monday), and December 29 through January 1 (Friday through Monday).

**Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library** is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Friends of Kern County Library since 1986. Visit the County Library web site at [www.kerncountylibrary.org](http://www.kerncountylibrary.org)

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##### Members-at-Large

Peggy Johnson  
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##### Past President

Roy Parris

##### Acting Branch Supervisor

Charissa Wagner

#### Board Meeting Calendar

November 15, 2017  
January 17, 2018  
February 21, 2018  
March 21, 2018

No meetings in June, July, or December

Meetings are held in the Library's Community Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.  
**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**  
Use the Community Room entrance on the west side of the Library

#### Library Hours

Mon.	Closed
Tues.	11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wed.	11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat.	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Closed

Phone: (760) 384-5870



## President's Message

By Sandy Bradley



Hello friends.

Fall began with our best book sale yet! With the hard work of so many volunteers we raised almost \$5,000. In addition, we initiated the first of what we hope to make an annual event, Cupcake Wars. Many great bakers and judges made it a tasty and attractive community event. Check out the photos in this issue.

We are looking forward to putting up our first Little Free Library. This one was sponsored by the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Since there is no public library in Inyokern, that was the location the board decided needed the first Little Free Library. We are still working on details, but hope to be able to install it soon.

The Little Free Library was made possible by a donation, and we hope to get more grants and donations – like the Molina Grant we got this summer. We have submitted grants for other little free libraries from [Littlefreelibrary.org](http://Littlefreelibrary.org), and for community support from the Walmart Foundation. If you know of any organizations that offer support, let me know; we are willing to submit requests. All donations go directly to support the library and its programs.

November 15 is the general meeting and election. In order to make it available to more members, we are holding it at 6:00 p.m. Please come and see the board in action and vote on the new slate of officers. Together we help make the library better.



Happy shoppers find  
bargains galore at our Fall  
Sale



Mary Anne Arnold and Peggy Johnson arranging T-shirts and bags prior to the big sale



# LIBRARIAN'S

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*By Charissa Wagner, Acting Branch Supervisor*

The last newsletter was published before our Summer Reading Challenge numbers were finalized, here they are. This summer, 381 finishers logged 5,730 books. This is slightly misleading as teens who participated online logged 10 hours to finish while teens who participated on paper logged 10 books to finish. This means that 14 teens logged 347 hours online, while 10 teens logged 148 books on paper to give our 495 total for teens. Here is a breakdown of the age categories:

## 2017 Numbers

86 Early Learners 1,173 books  
224 Children 3,266 books  
24 Teens 495 books (see my note from above)  
47 Adults 796 books

## 2016 Numbers

43 Early Learners 730 books  
266 Children 4,139 books  
16 Teens 240 books  
25 Adults 626 books

Our focus this summer was to increase the adult participants, which we did. The addition of board books doubled participation for early learners. There was a decline in children participants, but I personally know quite a few families who mentioned being out of town for majority of the summer, who were active participants in previous summers. Also, older children (tweens) reading chapter books have felt discouraged with the ten books to finish criteria. The hours read for teens would be a good option for tweens also, which has been suggested (lower the age and change the category name), but it's hard to include books and hours read in the same finisher numbers, so we'll have to see how they want to handle this next summer.

Thanks to the Friends, the Inyokern satellite location was open once a week for 8 weeks. Many thanks to the volunteers (Friends and Inyokern Elementary) who made it happen. They had 270 people attend with 32 finishers who read 548 books and were able to enjoy a bubble show with Wild Child Adventures and The Magic of Christopher Lopez.

We've also had two more successful Pub Trivia nights in August and October. We are taking a break due to the holidays. They have been well attended and enjoyed by all who attend. Many thanks to FRBL volunteers Peggy Johnson and Barbara Lupei, who have helped score (in Barbara's case, all by herself!) which is no easy feat when the pressure is on.

Staff member Doris Martinez will have hip surgery on October 30 and will be out for several weeks before being able to return on light duty. In the meantime, we have been approved for an Extra Help employee (Gail deHaan, who has had multiple Extra Help terms with us before).

## Upcoming library closure dates:

November 23, 24, 25 for Thanksgiving (2017)  
December 22, 23, 24, 25 for Christmas (2017)  
December 29, 30, 31 for New Year's Eve (2017)  
January 1 for New Year's Day (2018)

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REMEMBER, BOOKS, MAGAZINES, T-SHIRTS, NOTECARDS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, AND BOOK BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR ONGOING SALE AT THE LIBRARY.

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## First Annual (we hope) Cupcake Wars

We held our first ever Cupcake Wars on September 30. It was a big success, with the tasters and the spectators alike enjoying the wonderful creations of our local talented bakers. Many people contributed to the event which raised over \$800 for the library. Kudos to Brent Clark Palmer for bringing this all together.

First prize for best cupcake went to Colleen McDonald and her daughter Sissy at the Cupcake Wars bake-off during the Big Fall Book Sale on September 30, 2017.

Entrants brought 15 flavors of cupcakes for the public to try and for the judges to judge.

Judges included local catering legend Patrice Johnson of Mystique, and owners of four local bakeries: Dawn Howell-Smith of Dawnie Cakes, Rah Herrington of The Enchanted Whisk, Denise Mahoney of Denisioso Cakery, and Nancy Perkins Pace of Bake My Day. Also judging was Eric A. Bruen, President of Desert Valleys FCU, and Chip Holloway, local restaurateur and executive director of the Desert Empire Fairgrounds & Events Center



Pictured is judge Eric A Bruen, President/CEO of Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union (left)

and the winning cupcakes by Colleen and Sissy (right)




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## Volunteer Opportunities

*By Janice Norcross, Acting VP of Book Sales*

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." -Elizabeth Andrew**

Do you have an interest in vintage books? Looking for a commitment of only two hours? Help is needed for the Vintage Collectibles and Treasures Book Sale on December 9. The sale runs from 9:00 to 3:00, but we can use volunteers before, during, and after the sale.

A few more people are needed to sort and price books on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00. If you are not available weekly, we are happy to have people who can work one or two times a month. Right now we have an abundance of donations that need sorting along with the vintage books that need to be priced and organized before December 9.

At least one more person is needed on Monday mornings to help stock the shelves in the salesroom in the library. This team works from 9:00 to noon. The salesroom is a steady income producer for the FRBL.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact me by phone at 760-382-3061 or email at [djnorx@gmail.com](mailto:djnorx@gmail.com)

# Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice-President-Memberships

As usual our fall sale provides a nice boost in membership. We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our library support group:

**DeEtta Becker**

**Bryon & Amy Butler**

**Briana Flores**

**Sandra Giroux**

**Ray Guerrero**

**Jonathan & Lauren Hamm**

**Veronica Hart**

**April Hayman**

**Coleen Holmes**

**Susan Hueber**

**Brian McKnight**

**Ralph Patin**

**Jennifer Scott**

**Kristin Severson**

**Lyn Taylor**

**Keith White**

Your renewal date should appear on your mailing address but I will not have the opportunity to highlight it if you need to renew. As always, I will send renewal notices via postcard or email to remind you but it helps a lot when you notice it and respond. **When you do renew, please include "Friends" on your envelope address so library staff can quickly route it to us.**

<b><u>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP</u></b>		
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<b>Mailing Address:</b> _____		
<b>Phone:</b> _____	<b>Email:</b> _____	
<b>Type of Membership (check one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual..... \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Family..... \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining..... \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring..... \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor..... \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contribution .....\$ _____		<b>Please make check payable to:</b> <b>Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library</b>  <b>Please mail or bring to:</b> <b>Ridgecrest Branch Library</b> <b>131 E. Las Flores</b> <b>Ridgecrest, CA 93555</b>
<b>I am interested in helping in Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library activities. I am especially interested in (check all that apply):</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Annual Book Sales</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Writing for the Newsletter</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Answering E-mail</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Book Sale in the Library</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Internet Book Sales</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Board Member</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Magazine Sale in the Library</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Special Events</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> I don't know what I'm interested in, please call me</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pricing Books for Sale</div> </div>		

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## BOOK STORE HOURS

MONDAY—CLOSED

TUESDAY—11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—CLOSED through end of summer to accommodate library programs

THURSDAY—1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY—CLOSED

SATURDAY—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

SUNDAY—CLOSED



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