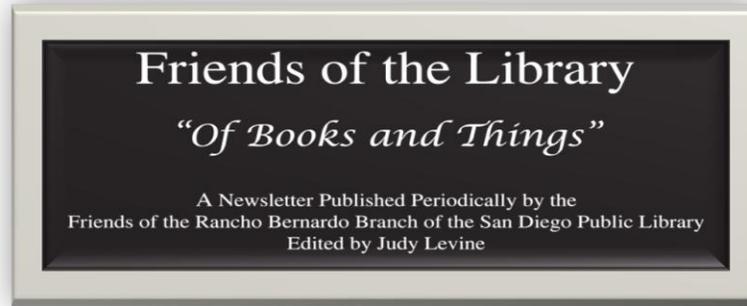




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## 2015 BOARD AND OFFICERS ELECTED

Here's our hard-working leadership team for next year, from left to right. Back row: **Nancy Dennis** (treasurer), **Harvey Levine** (concerts), **Dick Luehring** (book sales, publicity), **Dave Hall** (vice-president for operations), **Bob Luehring** (co- lending library). Front row: **Kathy Luehring** (co-lending library), **Jackie Hough** (hospitality), **Susan Chamberlain** (workroom), **Judy Levine** (newsletter, president), John Dean (secretary) and **Millie Boaz** (shop). **Marianne Pekala** (membership) was unavailable for the picture.



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm thrilled to be the new President of the Rancho Bernardo Friends of the Library. During Dick Luehring's presidency, we've achieved so much, but term limits require a change. Luckily, the board will continue to have Dick's expertise available since he will continue as Book Sales Chair and Publicity Chair. Thank you, Dick.

It feels right that the start of my term coincides with membership renewal time. My personal (and passionate) goals are to make sure people in RB see how much this organization does, boost membership dramatically, and increase the number of members sharing in our efforts. This will help the library serve our community, and this, after all, is our mission,

An early task, I hope, will be replacing the heavy, clumsy, uncomfortable Community Room chairs.

One great joy in all this is that the dedicated people currently accomplishing so much really have a good time while doing it. And we could do so much more—and reap so much more pleasure and satisfaction—with more members and more workers.

I look forward to meeting all of you.

*Judy Levine, President*

### FRIENDS EARN \$\$\$ SELLING BOOKS.

During the first 10 months of 2014, income from sales of books and other media at the Semiannual Sales, in the Shop, on Amazon, and two online used book dealers totaled \$13,953. Many thanks to all the volunteers who sorted books in the Work Room, kept the Shop open day



after day, week after week, and helped with the Semiannual Sales. Thanks especially to **Susan Chamberlain**, **Margie Miller**, and **Dick Luehring** who organized and supervised the other volunteers and labored long and hard themselves.

Thanks also go to the Boy Scouts and parents of Troop 680 for helping set up and clean up.

*Sign courtesy of Dick Luehring*

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP REMEWAL TIME!

As we celebrate our holidays and make New Year's Resolutions, we reflect on what matters to us. Family first, work next (or vice versa for some), tennis or golf for others. But our library is significant too: for intellectual and emotional stimulation, for concerts, art books, DVDs, recorded books, entertainment, our children's growth, planning trips to places we dream of visiting, and, now, even for exercise.

The Friends' impact is huge, far greater than you would guess. We support almost all programs for youth and adults, popular new, leased books, Summer Reading Program prizes, and mass-market youth paperbacks. We've covered the costs of the acoustic board in the community room and hall, and art-display hangers. We also paid for computers for the computer classes and locked storage for them. We supplement but do not supplant the city library's budget, which funds staff, added open hours, the basic materials budget, the facility, utilities, and so forth. Sadly, some branches do not have Friends. Rancho Bernardo has a strong group, becoming even stronger.

Members benefit twofold in the shop: borrowing best sellers from the Friends Lending Library and paying half price. And of course, we have the satisfaction and camaraderie of supporting our library. Try it; you'll like it.

The application is on the outside page of the newsletter, and an envelope has been included for your convenience. Applications are also available in the shop. We thank you in advance for your support.



### CONCERT NEWS

The Winter/Spring Chamber Concert series kicks off on **Wednesday, January 28**, with a performance by the **Camarada Quartet**. Camarada is a company of premier area musicians who often appear in different combinations. Flutist Beth Ross-Buckley, violinist David Buckley, violist Travis Maril, and cellist Erin Breene will perform for us.

On **Wednesday, February 25**, we'll have the Ella Quartet, a traditional string quartet of two violins, viola and cello. All four performers are also members of the acclaimed San Diego Symphony.

On February 11, the Jazz series will kick off with a return visit of flutist Holly Hofmann and pianist Mike Wofford, joined by master percussionist Mark Lamson. The Hofmann/Wofford Trio will be performing Brazilian jazz.

All concerts are on Wednesdays, starting at **6:15 PM**. Tickets are not required. Children 7 and older may attend with a parent. Concerts are supported by free-will donations, a grant from the RB Community Foundation, and sponsors, including this Friends of the RB Library. To receive reminder e-mails, send an e-mail to [rbconcerts@earthlink.net](mailto:rbconcerts@earthlink.net).

*Harvey Levine, Concerts Director*

### LENDING LIBRARY ADDITIONS

New this month: **The Lost Key**, by Catherine Coulter; **Damage**, by Dick/Felix Francis; **Being Mortal**, by Atul Gawande; **Gray Mountain**, by John Grisham; **leaving time**, by Jodi Picoult; **Lila**, by Marilynne Robinson; **Deadline**, by John Sandford; **Some Luck**, by Jane Smiley; **The Handsome Man's De Luxe Café**, by Alexander McCall Smith; and **Nora Webster**, by Colm Tobin.

*Lila Theofel, Lending Library*



### MEET MARIANNE PEKALA

Our new Membership Chair is a relative newcomer to RB, having moved here with her husband only 3 years ago. She has a son, a daughter, and three grandkids. She works for the Boys and Girls Club of America, visiting various western clubs and teaching them how to raise money. How cool is that? She eagerly awaits your renewals and new memberships. Welcome aboard, Marianne.

### RB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

The Friends of the Library has received a \$1,000 grant from the RB Community Foundation to support our classical concert series. We are grateful to the Foundation and to Harvey Levine for preparing the application, planning the series, and securing such fine musicians. The series is sponsored by the Friends and supported by an outside donor and contributions from those who attend.



### HELP WANTED

Volunteers are **urgently** needed for the Book Shop (where books are sold) and Work Room (where donations are sorted). If you take the plunge, you'll work with great Book Loving Volunteers who have a lot of fun. Contact us now; wait to start in 2015. We'd love to have you.

For the Book Shop, it's Millie Boaz at 858-485-1940 or [mmboaz1938@att.net](mailto:mmboaz1938@att.net).

For the Work Room, it's Susan Chamberlain at 858-705-6422 or [susanc395@gmail.com](mailto:susanc395@gmail.com).

## BOOK SHOP NEWS

**Marjorie Miller** has retired after several years as Book Shop Coordinator. We will miss her gracious, conscientious leadership, but she promises to work occasionally in the future. Many thanks, Margie.

**Millie Boaz** has accepted that role. She has been moving the Book Shop into the electronic age with the help of **Gayle Wieder**, and connecting with as many volunteers as possible by e-mail. **John Dean** has updated and consolidated the price list and has posted it for all to see. **Shirley Salzer** will work with Millie to revise the guidelines and will continue training new volunteers. We are grateful to these workers for taking on specific projects and to the more than 30 dependable, friendly people who keep the shop going every day.

**Millie Boaz, Book Shop Coordinator**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE RB LIBRARY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

### FOR ADULTS

**Hatha Yoga.** Gentle yoga led by Patti Bozorgchami.

**Mondays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm:**

**Zumba Gold.** Easy-to-follow moves. Tone and sculpt while burning fat. **Mondays, 4–5pm & Fridays, 1–2pm**

**Basic Internet Computer Class.** Navigate the Internet and use email. **Wednesdays, 3–4 pm. Sign up at the Information Desk.**

**Beginners' Computer Class.** Basic Internet, including printing web pages. **Saturdays, 10-11 am. Sign up at the Information Desk.**

**RB Library Book Club. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays:** January 21 and February 18, 3–4 pm. Books will be chosen on December 17. Call the Library for titles. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk. No need to register.

**RB Friends of the Library Chamber Music and Jazz. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. See article on page 2.**

### HAPPY BOOK SALES CUSTOMERS LOAD UP!



### MORE LENDING LIBRARY BOOKS FOR YOU

Members may borrow these popular books. *The Escape*, by David Balducci; *A Portrait of My Father*, by George W. Bush; *The Cinderella Murder*, by Mary Higgins Clark; *The Burning Room*, by Michael Connelly; *Flesh and Blood*, by Patricia Cornwell; *Havan Storm*, by Clive Cussler; *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*, by Richard Flanagan; *Lives in Ruins*, by Marilyn Johnson; *Us*, by David Nichols; and *Blue Labyrinth*, by Douglas Preston. Our thanks to **Lila Theofel** for her able work with these books for the last two years, and welcome to **Kathy and Bob Luehring**, who will now select and prepare the books for us to borrow.

### FOR CHILDREN

**Story Time with Cowboy Bob**

**Mondays:** January 26 and February 23 at 10:30am  
*Entertainment for the young and the young at heart.*

**Toddler Yoga**

**Mondays:** January 5 and February 2;  
**Thursdays:** January 15 and February 19 at 10:30.am  
*Songs, stories and fun poses for parents & toddlers.*

**Paws for Reading**

**Wednesdays, 5 – 6 pm**  
*Free reading program for children K-4<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**Craft Time**

**Wednesdays, 6 – 6:30 pm.**  
*Easy & fun crafts for children of all ages.*

**Story Time with Mrs. Cox**

**Thursdays:** January 22, February 12 and 26 at 10:30 am  
*Felt board stories, finger puppets, and songs.*

**Tiny Movers Evolve Dance**

**Fridays:** January 9 and February 13 at 10:30 am  
*Enhance children's coordination and rhythm.*

**Story Time with Miss Bari**

**Fridays:** January 16 and February 20 10:30 am  
*Enjoyable stories for childr of all ages!*

**Let's Make Music**

**Fridays:** January 23 and February 27 at 10:30 am  
*Songs and movement from folk music and other styles.*

### BOARD REORGANIZATION CREATES TEAM



Susan Chamberlain (Work Room), Dick Luehring, (Book Sales), Dave Hall (Vice President for Operations), and Millie Boaz (Book Shop) discuss how they and their related committees can work together to maximize efficiency and income for the RB Library.

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** Thank you for continuing your support and membership in the RB Friends of the Library. We welcome the following new members: Denise Ott, Marie Cashion, Judy Fizzard, Jane Prichard, Marianne & Mike Pekala, William and Jean Nagy, Benjamin and Kim Abraham, Susan Gibson, and Paul N. Duggan.  
*Marianne Pekala, Membership Chair*

## We Need Your Friendship

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