



Of Books and Things

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Hats Off to Jan Ash!

Friends of the Library's Jan Ash was honored at Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation's annual Hats Off to Volunteers on April 13. Jan was recognized along with 62 others who have given their time and talents to enrich our local community.



Jan has directed her energies to helping the Friends in so many ways, wearing many "hats" in her years of service. Her official nomination for Hats Off reads: "Always the first to volunteer, Jan served countless hours as treasurer, workroom coordinator, essay contest coordinator, in our bookshop, at book sales, and on nominating committees." Thank you, Jan, for your dedication.

The event took place at RB High School Performing Arts Center, and also included booths staffed by a variety of organizations so attendees could learn about ways they could help. Debbie Kurth, Hats Off chairwoman and RB Community Foundation president said, "It's a great way to say thank you to all the representatives from the many volunteer organizations that serve Rancho Bernardo." (Jan receiving her hat from Nick Anastasopoulos.)

Don't Miss the How-To Festival on Saturday, May 18

Learn new skills like how to make dog treats, build a cardboard robot, or how to cook a vegan meal in 30 minutes. There will be 9 short fun and educational workshops at the library, starting at 11:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm.

President's Report by Dave Hall

On April 13 the Tenth Annual Hats Off To Volunteers was conducted at Rancho Bernardo High School. Hats Off was inspired by the volunteer spirit exhibited by community members during a very destructive wildfire that significantly impacted the Rancho Bernardo community. More than 60 community organizations nominate a volunteer for Hats Off recognition. These organizations include community associations, civic and business groups, service clubs, those that serve youth as well as arts, education and faith organizations. In watching the presentation of the awards it became evident that the individual effort of a volunteer combined with the efforts of other volunteers is a powerful element of the creation of a vibrant community; in effect, the sum of all the parts.

This year the FOL selected honoree was Jan Ash; she was recognized for a variety of activities that benefited the RB library while serving as a volunteer for the Friends. Jan's volunteer work, combined with the volunteer work of other Friends was a force multiplier in a community that is rich in resources of which the library is a major component.

The RB Friends of the Library has been a major contributor to this cultural richness through its efforts to augment and support programs and materials for our branch. Jan is one of many FOL volunteers who have coalesced around the effort of generating revenue to support the library's mission.

As we volunteers do our individual jobs, it should be with the thought in mind that our work combined with the individual work of others serves the greater purpose to support the library's many contributions to the community. Every task makes a difference whether it is sorting books, selling books, assisting at a bag sale, volunteering for a community event, fundraising, working on our website...the list is endless.

With that said, the FOL board continues to explore and assess strategic activities that can take awareness within the community to even higher levels, gain

additional members and recruit volunteers to serve on or chair committees.

There are many of you, like Jan, who are dedicated to supporting the library as it provides a cultural resource for our community. My hat is off to all of you. Thank you.

Concerts

One more classical performance, the Aviara Piano Trio, on May 22, will complete our schedule for the season. (photo below)



The Chamber Concerts Series, so far this year, has been an unquestionable success in every way. The concerts, two classical and two jazz, have played to a full house every month, usually demanding a search for a few extra chairs as the crowds filled in. The level of the performances could not be beat. The musicians were delighted to perform at our library and look forward to their next invitation.

The concert team is meeting to set the schedule for the next season and to collectively create a list of performers to invite. We have had many inquiries, including from out of the area, by musicians wanting to perform in RB. We acknowledge the requests and ask them to stand by until June to get invitations. All requesters are "vetted" via YouTube and website resources when we are not able to meet with them personally.

At this time, we will keep the once-a-month schedule that we had this past year. We lack the resources to host a separate jazz series, but we would be very happy to have a volunteer who could help us do so.

The new season will open September 25. As usual, all concerts are free and are supported by free-will donations. The RB Friends have sponsored these concerts for 22 years.

Get Ready for June 8 Bag Sale

Doing spring housecleaning? May is a good time to make your book donations before the June 8 Bag Sale. That will give our workroom volunteers a chance to organize them for sale in the Bookshop and at the bag sale. If you have some “better” books, please remember we also sell books on Amazon. Sales in the shop and on Amazon are going strong.

The June sale will prepare you for all your summer reading. We’re calling it “Pack Your Bags for Summer Vacation.” (Although for this sale, we’re packing paper sacks, not suitcases.)

Bag Sale prices remain the same: \$3 for a bag of books for members; \$5 for non-members. Please remember to bring your own brown grocery bags or bags of comparable size.

The hours will be from when the library opens at 9:30 am until 3:30 pm when we need to restore order for the library’s usual business.



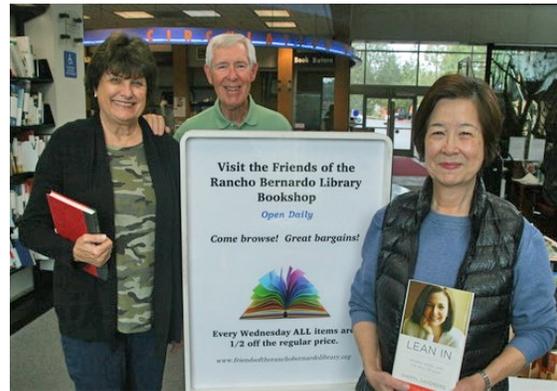
(Judy Brucker, Eleanor Ellis, Linda Hall)

Soon I’ll be sending a schedule for volunteers to help on Friday, June 7, for set-up and on Saturday, June 8, for

the sale itself. If you’re eager to get on the list, get in touch with me, Millie Boaz, at mmboaz1938@att.net. Our sale on March 3 was one of our highest for one day: \$680, and we hope to do even better in June. All of our proceeds go to support library programs and materials.

Volunteers are always needed in both the shop and the workroom, often as substitutes for the busy travelers in our group. Contact Diane Heinz (dsheinz@icloud.com) for the bookshop and/or Vickie Ihrig (vihrig@gmail.com) for the workroom.

Millie Boaz, VP Operations



(Judy Brucker, Dick Luehring, Shou Wei Lam)

Amazon Sales

Our Amazon sales team is doing very well. Since January we have sold 23 books for \$903. We have 157 more books listed for sale. Contact me (rluehring@san.rr.com) if you are interested in joining this effort.

We continue to look for other book sources and this is where you can help. Many of us have those “treasured” books that we haven’t looked at for a long time. The Friends would appreciate if you could part with them knowing it’s for a worthy cause.

Dick Luehring, Amazon Sales

FOL Needs You!

Are you looking to use your talents and become more involved with the Friends? We can use your valuable help in becoming part of our Membership and Support Team. There are various opportunities to participate, including:

- Designing and developing a new banner for the Friends
- Designing new bookmarks for our bag sale dates
- Designing a brochure to attract new members
- Creating posters for events
- Updating the bulletin board in the library for Friends events
- Representing FOL at events – such as Hats Off or RB Alive
- and we are sure there will be more

We have some committee members and work has begun on several of these projects. But we are hoping that you might have an interest in one or more of these opportunities. (You will not have to attend board meetings.)

Remember, the money that Friends raise on behalf of the library pays for children's paperbacks, the Leased Collection (best sellers and DVDs which can't be borrowed by other branches) and other adult materials, the chamber music and jazz concerts and almost all of the free programs, like the Summer Reading Program, Story Time, Hatha Yoga and the Writers' Group. Over the years, the Friends has also purchased furniture and equipment for the branch and was instrumental in raising the private funds necessary to build our current facility. This is important community work.

If you have an interest or have any questions would you please send a note to www.friendsoftherlibrary.org or call Jeanne O'Connor-Green at 858-432-4060.

Lending Library

A most valuable perk of membership in Friends of the Library is access to the FOL Lending Library. Each month new volumes are added. Members have the ability to check out best sellers and other new books that might not otherwise be available for many months.

Here are the additions for May:

Fiction

David Baldacci	Redemption
J. A. Jance	A List
James Patterson	Liar Liar
John Sandford	Neon Prey
Lisa Scottoline	Someone Knows
Stuart Woods	Wild Card

Non-Fiction

Dave Barry	Lessons from Lucy
Evan Thomas	First- Sandra Day O'Connor

Are you expecting a baby or grandbaby?



Or know someone who is?

If so, we have just the thing for you: this beautiful handmade baby quilt, donated to the Friends by member and quilter-extraordinaire Sally Meyer. Purchase this crib-size quilt from us for \$150 and not only will you have an exquisite heirloom piece to use or gift, but you'll be supporting your favorite non-profit at the same time. Interested? Please contact Laurie Davidson at donate@friendsoftherlibrary.org for more information.