

THE OPEN BOOK

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We're Number 1 !!!

Of the 33 branches of the San Diego County Library system, the Poway Community Branch is not the largest by square footage nor does it represent the largest population. For example, Encinitas has a population of about 62,000, El Cajon about 106,000, while Poway's reported population is under 50,000.

However, when it comes to circulation of library materials (books, DVDs, and so on), Poway is *Number 1!* We are also *Number 1* when it comes to our "people count," with an average of about 700 people coming through our doors each day.

There are many reasons for our success, our friendly, knowledgeable library staff being high on that list, but a major factor is the number and variety of special programs we

provide to our community. In just the last few months, the Poway Library has presented multiple celebrations, including Halloween, Diwali, and, of course, Christmas, with games, crafts, and performances by the Poway Symphonette. Poway Library also hosts on-going programs such as children's and adult crafts, Teen Tuesdays, Zumba and Tai Chi classes, ukulele classes and jam sessions, and American Mah Jongg.

All of these events and programs are sponsored in whole or in part by *Friends of the Poway Library*. Your membership in the *Friends*, your contributions (both monetary and book donations), and your patronage of our Friends of the Poway Library Book Store make this success possible. We appreciate your on-going support!



Our annual Halloween celebration, put on by the National Charity League with monetary sponsorship from the Friends, included an inflatable haunted house (*above left*).

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, featured performances by colorfully costumed dancers (*center*).

Friends Book Store Manager John Williams made a grand Santa Claus with a bit of assistance from costumer Susan Davis (*right*).

Message from the President of the Friends

Hello and Happy New Year to all our Friends.

It's hard to believe that we are welcoming in 2023. I was thinking the other day about the mission we have as Friends of the Poway Library and wanted to share with you a passage from our bylaws:

“ The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an organization of persons interested in books and libraries, promote awareness and use of the library, support the library in expanding its resources, services, and facilities, and to cultivate a closer relationship between the library and the community.”



We have been very fortunate, with your help, to continue to give support to our library. There are many wonderful programs available now: Ukulele classes, American Mah Jongg, Cereamics, Storytimes, Teen Tuesdays, with many more to come. One of the ways we support the library is through our Book Store. We have a constantly changing inventory of wonderful books at great prices. Please come in for a visit and meet our volunteers. They are always eager to discuss a favorite book or author.

Hope to see you soon.
Sharron Watson, President

Friends of the Poway Library Board of Directors

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Welcome Friends!

The following people have recently joined the Friends or have renewed their memberships since our previous Newsletter. Thank you for joining us!

Associates:

Robert and Lisa Masters

Sponsors:

Helen Cothran
Marilyn and Doug Philips

Individual/Family:

Rob Bachman
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Kay D'Acquisto
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Katie Weldon
Suzi Williams
Carolyn Wright
Haile Zhang



Carol Defenbaugh

Customers at the Friends of the Poway Library Book Store enjoy a service not offered at many (or possibly *any*) other library book store: our Book Request Program. This popular service was started somewhat accidentally about 20 years ago by Book Store Manager John Williams. If we didn't have a book a customer was looking for, John would note it on yellow Post-its and stuff the note into a pocket of his cargo shorts. Using the notes and his own good memory, John would search our donations for books he knew our customers wanted. Eventually, the number of requests grew to the point that even John's excellent memory couldn't retain it all. Plus his pockets got so full that John claimed he couldn't sit down! Thus the formalized, computerized Book Request Program was born.

Today, long-time Friends Volunteer Carol Defenbaugh manages the Book Request Program. Carol is assisted by Helen Cothran, with additional help from Back Room Volunteers Harry Abbott, Susan Davis, and Celeste Larson. Carol utilizes a data base (which is maintained by Harry) to keep track of the more than 1,500 requests. Carol estimates that over the years literally thousands of requests have been filled, bringing customers into our Book Store and much-needed funds into our bank account!

When not volunteering for the Friends, Carol loves gardening. Her fabulous gardens have been a stop on the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club Garden Tour. Last October, Carol generously provided 300 succulent cuttings for the Library's Succulent Pumpkin craft program.



Thank you, Carol, for your many years of dedicated service to the Friends of the Poway Library.



Kavy Ben Xaynouvong

The Friends are pleased to welcome one of the newest Poway Library staff members, Kavy Ben Xaynouvong.

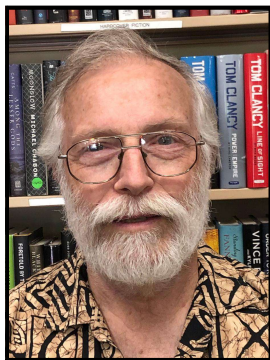
Kavy, a San Diego native, was introduced to both computer technology and art at an early age. He studied computer science at Palomar College, but wanted something more creative, so he took the best of both worlds and focused on graphic design. Kavy has taught software-based classes, including Photoshop, Tinkercad for 3D printing, Windows and Mac operating system basics, and Silhouette Studio, which is similar to Cricut devices for designing and cutting out craft materials (we use Cricut here at Poway).

Kavy is married and has three children, two boys and a girl. His wife works for the City of San Diego as an Environmental Specialist in the Administration Department. They enjoy "the immense diversity" of the area, taking their family to local events and trying new places to eat. They love giving back and working with the community to create "a wonderful place for our family, friends, and neighbors to thrive in."

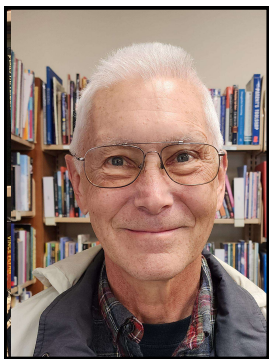
Kavy wants to continue making San Diego a place where everyone can feel expressive and prosperous. He appreciates working with people of all walks of life and being exposed to the diverse culture of our area.

Kavy states that compared to other places where he has worked, the Library makes "the most sense for me in terms of fulfillment." He enjoys getting to know the community, meeting "amazing" people, and being part of an organization that focuses on services that bring people together. We, the Friends, the Library, and our customers, are all looking forward to making the most of Kavy's unique combination of technical expertise and artistic talent.

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Harry Abbott



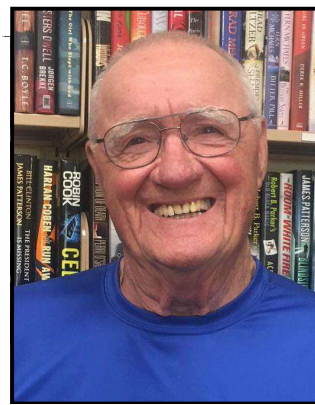
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Eileen Capotosto



Helen Cothran



John Williams
Book Store Manager



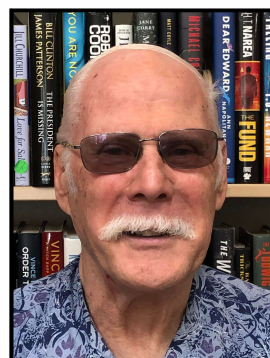
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Carol Defenbaugh



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Friends Membership Chair



Leo Hayes



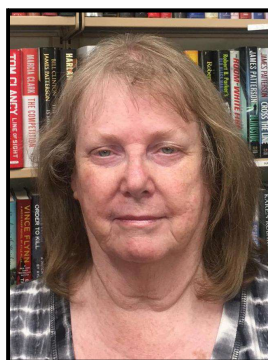
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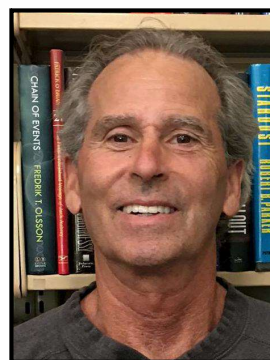
Christina Niemeyer
Friends Secretary



Kathlyn Roberts



Jeanne Rogers



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2023 Volunteers



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Friends President;
Volunteer Coordinator



Dorothy Courtney



Kay D'Acquisto



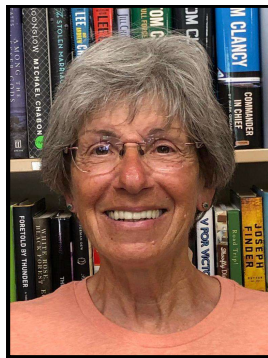
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Friends Treasurer



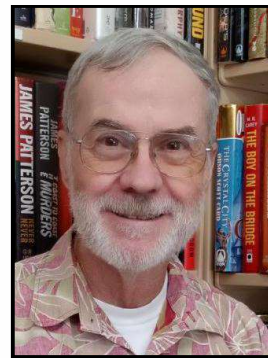
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Celeste Larson



Alison Leighton



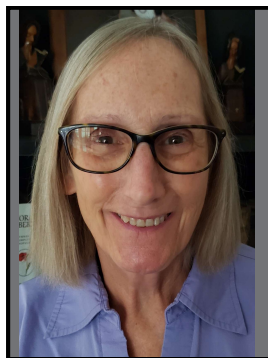
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Friends Publicity Chair



Anh Nguyen



Brianna Soloski



Katie Somsel-Longmore



Donna Teeter



Wendy Wickenden
Friends Vice President

*Not pictured: Trisha Evonsion, Clifton Little,
and Rose Myers*

In Memoriam

Weldon Keating

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long-time Friends Volunteer Weldon Keating. Weldon, age 78, passed peacefully on November 27, 2022, from pancreatic cancer.

Weldon was born in New Orleans and earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. It was there that he met his future wife, Sylvia.

After serving in the U. S. Marine Corps, Weldon was a career Special Agent for the FBI, with postings in South Bend, ID, Detroit, Miami, and San Diego.

In his later years, Weldon was an avid fisherman and dedicated volunteer. He enjoyed angling for trout at Lake Poway and, of course, manning the desk at the Friends of the Poway Library Book Store. Weldon was known for his extensive knowledge of books, particularly history books, with books on World War II aviation among his favorites. An enthusiastic story teller, Weldon seemed to especially enjoy sharing stories from his military days with his fellow volunteers and with our Book Store customers.



Weldon is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sylvia, who has also served as a Friends volunteer, his two sons, Jeff and Greg, daughter Julie, and their families.

Weldon's family has graciously requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Friends of the Poway Library. We appreciate their thoughtfulness at this time of sorrow.

Corrections

In our July - August, 2022, issue of this Newsletter it was reported that the Friends had contributed "\$1015 to Matching Funds for 2021-2022, \$15,300 for digital media." The correct total amount contributed to the County Matching fund for the fiscal year April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, was \$10,000. Of that \$10,000, \$5,300 was allocated for digital media.

It was also reported in our July - August issue that "nearly 1200 shoppers" attended the March 26, 2022, book sale. Book Store Manager John Williams reports that while we did have an outstanding turnout for that sale, that number of attendees was more likely to have been in the 300 to 400 range.

We apologize for these errors.

Poway Community Library

13137 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064

Telephone: 858-513-2900

web site; www.sdcl.org

Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friends Book Store

P. O. Box 1333, Poway, CA 92074-1333

Telephone: 858-513-2862

web site: www.powayfriends.org

Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday: 12:00 noon - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please join us to
celebrate the
"Year of the Rabbit"
Lunar New Year
Saturday, January 28
1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Crafts
Performers
Lion Dancers
Balloon Animals



Please join us!

Friends of the Poway Library

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Special Matching Fund

Donation Amount: \$

Total Enclosed: \$

- Cash
 Check

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Poway Library*, P. O. Box 1333, Poway, CA 92074-1333

I would like to volunteer some of my time to help the *Friends*:

- on a committee
 in the Library
 in the Book Store
 in the Book Store Work Room
 Book Sales
 Special Events
 Please do not mention my membership/donation in the *Friends* newsletter.

The *Friends of the Poway Library* is a non-profit, volunteer organization. Memberships and contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.
Thank you for being a *Friend*!

Friends of the Poway Library ***2023 Giant Book Sales***

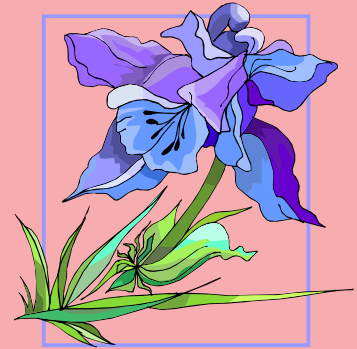
plus DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and more!

Giant Spring Sale

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Open to the public: 10:00 - 4:00

Friends Members Only: 9:00 - 10:00



Giant Summer Sale

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Open to the public: 10:00 - 4:00

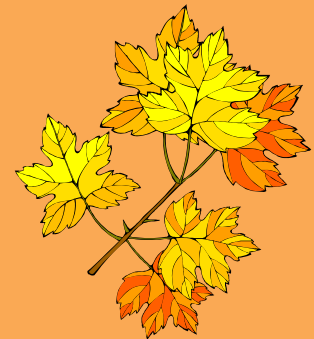
Friends Members Only: 9:00 - 10:00

Giant Fall Sale

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Open to the public: 10:00 - 4:00

Friends Members Only: 9:00 - 10:00



Sales are held in the Courtyard of
Poway Community Library
13137 Poway Road