

# THE OPEN BOOK

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## *Celebrations!*

Question: What is more fun than celebrating the New Year?  
Answer: Celebrating the New Year *three* times!

At the Poway Community Library, we celebrated the traditional New Year's Eve, but with a twist: we partied at 12:00 *noon*. Our Noon Year's Eve festivities were a big hit with guests who didn't want to stay up until midnight. Check out the fun in the photos below.

Our biggest event saw more than 600 guests celebrating Lunar New Year on January 28th. They enjoyed performances by the Three Treasures Lion Dancers (above), balloon animals by Keiko Kawata,

a calligraphy demonstration by Keogong Li, plus dancers, crafts, and even chocolate coins.

For the first time, Poway Library hosted a celebration of Nowruz, Persian New Year. The festivities, including Persian music, dancers and crafts, were held on Saturday, March 19.

Photos of Lunar New Year and Nowruz, plus pictures of our Droid Day Party are on pages 4 & 5.

Friends of the Poway Library are proud to have been sponsors of these exciting events.



# Message from the President of the Friends

Hello Friends and Welcome Spring!

I've appreciated our much-needed rain these past few months, but it's nice to see a bit more sunshine these days. We were very fortunate to have a beautiful day for our Courtyard Book Sale on March 25th. It was a huge success and on behalf of our Book Store Manager John Williams, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who participated. Also, a special thanks to Scouts Troop 682 who eagerly helped with the set up and take down of the sale and made everything run more smoothly. See you all at our next big sale on July 22.

With your continued support, the Friends are able to purchase books and materials, and support the many and varied programs that our library staff has put together. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a music series event featuring one of our very own volunteers, Blaine Sample. Blaine played guitar (vocal and instrumental) and performed many of his original pieces accompanied by fellow musician, Kris, on cello. Other upcoming events to look forward to are: Coffee Painting, Dia de los Niños, Arab American Heritage Month Celebration, NASA Talk, and a Mother's Day Tea Party.

We are so fortunate to have patrons who donate quality books for us to sell in the Book Store and online. We get new materials each day, so please come in and browse our shelves. I, along with co-volunteer, Christina, handle the Children's books. We have everything from Chapter books and Board books to Graphic Novels and Young Adults books. And the illustrations in some of our books can be wondrous. The Book Store takes requests for both Children and Adult books and will give you a call when we get in your requested book(s).

We are always looking for volunteers in our Book Store, back work room, and Courtyard Sales. Please come in, fill out a Volunteer Interest card, and I'll give you a call.

One last note: Our Annual Friends of the Poway Library Membership meeting will be held in the Community Room on Saturday, April 29th at noon. All members are welcome.

Hope to see you there.

*Sharron Watson, President*



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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 supporting the Poway Community Library.

### **Patrons:**

Kris Acquarelli  
Poway Woman's Club

### **Individuals/Families:**

Lisa Barnett  
Sherri Bellefeuille  
Bob Davis  
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### **Individuals/Families (contd.)**

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# ***Harry performs magic . . . and he can fly, too!*** ***(no, not Harry Potter – Friends Volunteer Harry Abbott)***

Frequent visitors to our Friends of the Poway Library Book Store have no doubt become familiar with many of our wonderful volunteers, however they, or rather, *you*, may not have met one of our longest-serving volunteers, Harry Abbott. Although Harry can sometimes be found in the Book Store shelving books or in the parking lot helping donors with their book donations, Harry most often works in the “Back Room” or staff area, processing newly-arrived donations. Other than Book Store Manager John Williams, Harry Abbott is arguably the volunteer who is most critical to the success of our operation. More on that later.



Harry began volunteering for the Poway Library back in the 1990s when the Library was located in a storefront of the Lively Center. At that time, Harry tutored library patrons on the use of this new-fangled thing called the internet.

Through the years, Harry continued helping out with our giant book sales, but took some time out – about five years, in fact – from volunteering to build his own experimental airplane, a “Long-EZ.” The Long-EZ has a canard layout (a canard is a fuselage-mounted horizontal surface which is located in front of the main wing to provide stability and control, but you already knew that, right?), a swept wing with wingtip rudders, and a pusher engine and propeller. Below on the left is a photo of Harry’s plane on his driveway, mid-build. The photo on the right is of Harry’s finished plane in flight, with Harry at the controls.

Back down on earth and back to the Back Room where Harry performs some real magic: he conjures order out of chaos. Harry is responsible for keeping us from being suffocated under an avalanche of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, jigsaw puzzles and a variety of other items that come to us from our generous donors. For the most part, it is Harry who performs the initial sorting: separating fiction from non-fiction, paperbacks from trade editions and hard cover books; new magazines which will be offered for sale in the Book Store from older ones that will go on the “free” cart; and so on. Donations arrive at the Library in a variety of sizes of boxes, paper grocery bags, tote bags, plastic shopping bags or just in stacks. All donations have to be packed into standard-size library boxes so that they can be stored safely and efficiently. Harry handles an estimated 80 - 90% of this initial sorting and packing. Amazingly, while sorting, Harry also is able to ferret out items that may have a monetary value that make them worth listing for sale online *and* he looks for books that are on our Book Request list. Oh yes, Harry also maintains the computerized Book Request list . . . in his spare time.

If there is anyone who knows our DVD and CD inventory, it’s Harry. In addition to keeping the DVD and CD shelves in the Book Store stocked, Harry and volunteer Bob Masters hold special Media Sales in the Library Courtyard several times each year. Our guests get fantastic deals on media and Harry and Bob raise much-needed funds for the Library.

There is an old saying the no one is indispensable. Is Harry Abbott indispensable to the smooth operations of the Friends Book Store? We don’t want to find out!

*The Long-EZ under construction in Harry Abbott’s driveway and in flight with Harry in the pilot’s seat.*





***Lunar New Year*** was celebrated on January 28th with more than 600 guests who enjoyed “Year of the Rabbit” balloon sculptures by Keiko Kawata, a calligraphy demonstration by Keogong Li, plus traditional dancers, a martial arts demonstration, and crafts.





**Nowruz**, Persian New Year festivities included music from Amir Aghaie, traditional Persian dances performed by dancers from the Iranian School of San Diego, and crafts.



**Droid Day** was celebrated on March 11th with Star Wars music performed by the Winecreek Ensemble (directed by Darth Vader, at left), and special guests Poway High School Team Spyder and the 501st Stormtroopers.



# **“New” Poway Library is Nearly 25 Years Old**

*It was nearly 25 years ago that our current Poway Community Library building was dedicated. Volunteer extraordinaire Joye Davisson has served continuously on the Friends of the Poway Library Board of Directors, several times as President, since those days. We asked her to reminisce and share with us her memories of that time.*

As we look forward to celebrating 25 years in our current Poway Community Library and acknowledge 110 years of library service in our community, I am reminded of my history with the Poway Library.

I first became involved with the Friends of the Poway Library back in the early 90s when the Friends sent letters to the local non-profits asking for support in the form of a resolution citing the need for a new library. At that time they invited the groups to send a representative to their meetings. So I volunteered and that began my journey as a strong supporter of our Poway Library.

From our small facility in the Lively Center to our current location, I've been there. I was privileged to represent the Friends when we went to City Council to ask Poway to fund Sunday hours. I was fortunate to serve on the Library Advisory Committee. When the Long's Drug store location fell through, we received a donation that established the Library Endowment Fund. Then the search for a location was back on and the Friends lobbied for the current location citing that a central location made sense.

The site was chosen and the real work began. At the same time, the Sheriff's Department was in need of a larger facility and the decision was made to locate their Poway headquarters and the library on the same site.

Finally with many meetings and even more decisions to be made, the construction was underway. What a thrill to watch our new library under construction. We were finally going to have a building that would suit our community needs.

The path to our library was not always smooth, but our current facility was dedicated in 1998, upgraded in 2015 and we have a library that suits our community. Through all these years our community has been blessed with wonderful staff members who pride themselves on the opportunity to work in the Poway Library.

Libraries are not the quiet libraries of many years ago, they are vibrant and the heart of the community, providing not only books, but DVDs, CDs, audio books, exciting programs and much more.

If you want to know a little of our early history visit [powayfriends.org](http://powayfriends.org) and read the history there.



**Joye Davisson**



**Katie Wells**  
*Library Tech 1*

We are pleased to introduce Kathryn “Katie” Wells, Poway Library’s newest Librarian Technician 1. Last May, after earning a Bachelor’s degree in Sustainability from SDSU, Katie knew that she wanted follow in the footsteps of her parents and become a San Diego County employee and that the Library would be the perfect fit for her.

Thus far in her position, Katie has assisted with a variety of programs for both children and adults, including the Mismatched Sock Hop for World Down Syndrom Day and Preschool Storytime. Katie likes being part of programs that promote inclusivity, literacy, and fun, in part because she remembers how library programs had such a positive impact on her life as she was growing up.

When not working at the library, Katie enjoys spending time at the beach, in the mountains, or anywhere she can be in nature. Her other favorite activities include hanging out with family and friends, going to shows, dancing, painting, and just enjoying life in San Diego.

The Friends are delighted to welcome Katie to our Poway Library.



## 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.



# Good news!

You can join the  
**Friends of the Poway Library**  
or renew your existing  
membership using your credit card.  
Just stop by the Friends Book Store  
and our courteous volunteers will be  
happy to help you!

*Friends of the Poway Library*

## Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL DUES

- Individual/Family: \$10/year
- Patron: \$25/year
- Sponsor/Business: \$50/year
- Associate: \$100/year
- Benefactor \$250/year
- Lifetime \$1000/one time only
- New
- Renewal

### Special Matching Fund

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Cash
- Check (Check # \_\_\_\_\_)

Please make checks payable to **Friends of the Poway Library**

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I would like to volunteer to help the Friends:

- in the Book Store
- in the Book Store Work Room
- at Courtyard Book Sales
- Please do NOT mention my membership/  
donation in the Friends newsletter

Friends of the Poway Library  
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Memberships and donations are tax  
deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank you for being a Friend!**



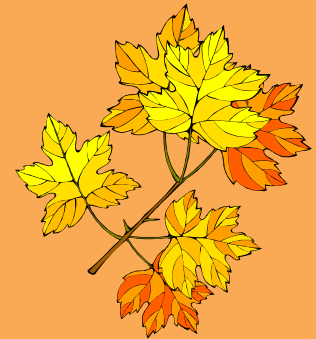
# ***Friends of the Poway Library*** ***2023 Giant Book Sales***

***plus DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and more!***



***Giant 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

