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## We Are (The Addams) Family

On Saturday, September 10, in spite of hurricane warnings, the 57th Annual Poway Rotary Parade proceeded as planned. Members of the Friends of the Poway Library and Poway Librarians honored the Parade theme, We Are Family, by portraying one of everyone's favorite families, *The Addams Family*. They rode in the Davis Motors Model T-3, the Time Travelers' Trolley. The Trolley, actually a tricked-out 8-passenger golf cart rebuilt by long-time Friends' volunteer Mike Davis, was described as "a futuristic e-vehicle combined with Victorian architecture to make the perfect transport for any family." Be sure to notice the Venus flytraps decorating the Trolley. The flytraps were a craft project made by teens under the direction of Librarians Loretta Gibson and Marisa Lowe. Also notice "Thing," who waved to the crowds from his place of honor as the hood ornament.

*(See page 3 for more about parade day.)*

# Friends of the Poway Library Board of Directors



**President: Sharron Watson** (left) is a California native. She's been a Friends' volunteer for nearly twenty years, previously serving as President and Vice-President. Sharron also acts as Volunteer Coordinator and, with Christina, handles Children's Books for the Book Store.



**Vice President: Wendy Wickenden** (right) emigrated from England in 2015 and has been volunteering at the Book Store ever since. When not at the library, Wendy enjoys quilting and line dancing.



**Secretary: Christina Niemeyer** (left) is a Texas native. She moved to Poway 23 years ago and has been a Friends' volunteer for about ten years. Christina focuses on Children's Books with Sharron, works at the Book Store and enjoys our big Court-yard Sales.



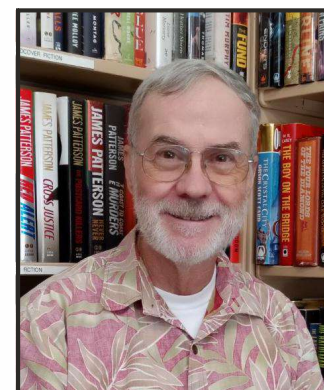
**Treasurer: Susan Casey Davis** (right) is another California native. She began volunteering for the Friends back in 1998. She has served as President, Vice-President and in other Board positions.



**Director-at-Large: Joye Davisson** (above) was a Friends' volunteer even when the library was a storefront in the Lively Center. She has served as President multiple times, as well as in other positions.



**Membership Chair: Donna Findley** (above) is another 20+ year volunteer. She previously served as Secretary and currently works in the Friends' Book Store.



**Publicity Chair: Bob Masters** (above) is a jack-of-all-trades. In addition to Publicity, Bob is our technology guru and handles online book sales.

## Friends of the Poway Library Board of Directors

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# Poway Rotary Parade

## Saturday, September 10, 2022



Mike Davis as Gomez Addams



Susan Casey Davis as Morticia Addams



Bill Watson as Uncle Fester



“The Addams Family” posed with Book Mobile driver Bob Martinez next to one of the last remaining giant Book Mobiles. These bus-like Book Mobiles are being retired for smaller, more fuel-efficient, easily-maneuverable vehicles.



Popular Book Store Manager John Williams played Lurch. You rang?



Just days before becoming a grandmother, Celeste Larson played the part of Grandmama.



Inside the Book Mobile, Head Librarian Kathy Jung struck a pose as Wednesday Addams.



Beneath all that hair (or straw) was Friends’ President Sharron Watson as Cousin It.



In the lovely shaded Courtyard of the Poway Library, Dan Rivera, Poway Library Operations Manager, and Librarian Farrah Mazhari (photo at left) distributed dozens, if not hundreds, of books and other items to appreciative crowds of Parade watchers.

Thank you to San Diego County Library for providing these most-welcome gifts.





Myungseon "Seon" Lee



Helen Cothran

Welcome to Seon Lee, the newest librarian at the Poway Branch.

Seon was born and raised in Korea, but attended the University of Pittsburgh where she received her MLIS degree in Library and Information Science.

In 2016, she worked at the Poway Branch as an intermittent worker and became a Library Technician 1 a year later. She continued in that position until the summer of 2021 when she was promoted to the Librarian 1 position at the Vista Branch. While at Vista she served as an Adult Service Librarian, running adult art programs, arranging art displays, performing community outreach events, and holding resource table programs.

This has been a long journey for Seon who believes that without the support from her husband and two children, she would not be where she is today. She loves to spend time doing family activities. She and her family enjoy playing board games, hiking in California's National and regional parks, and hunting for books at the Friends of the Library book sales.

This past summer when Seon transferred back to the Poway Library, she felt like she was returning home. The Poway Branch was her first branch to work with the San Diego County Library system and it is her family's favorite branch. She tells us that she is happy to return and is looking forward to serving our community again.

We are pleased to welcome Seon home!

Belated but heartfelt "welcome" to volunteer Helen Cothran. Helen joined the book processing team back in March of this year. Helen was acquainted with volunteer Celeste Larson from hiking and tai chi classes. Knowing how much we needed new volunteers after Covid, Celeste encouraged Helen to join us. Helen quickly became an invaluable assistant to Adult Book Request Manager Carol Defenbaugh. Helen now handles adult non-fiction requests. As time permits, she also fills in with sorting, scanning, cleaning and pricing books.

Helen was born and raised in Trona, California, a small, isolated town in the Mojave desert. After a career as an English teacher and author and editor of young adult books, Helen is applying her first-hand knowledge of desolate desert towns to create a realistic setting for her series of cozy books, the Sam Larkin Mysteries. Sam, (as in Samantha) is a street-smart amateur sleuth with a complicated personal life. Thus far, Helen has published four Sam Larkin mysteries: *Wicked Wind*, *Half Life*, *Coldblooded*, and *No Trace*. A fifth book is in the works and is scheduled to be published in the next few months.

Given Helen's wide range of activities, we are delighted that she makes time to work with us. In just a few short months she has become a valued member of the team. Our thanks go to Helen for volunteering with the Friends!



## Friends' Book Store now accepts credit cards

Friends of the Poway Library is now able to accept most major credit cards for purchases in the Friends' Book Store. According to Book Store Manager John Williams, the time was finally right. "We have successfully operated the Book Store for more than twenty years on a strictly cash basis, but as fewer and fewer people carry cash, it has become an inconvenience for our customers," said Williams. "It also helps that credit card processors have become so much easier for our volunteers to use."

There is a 35 cent-per-transaction fee to help defray the cost of processing credit card charges.

Funds raised in the Friends' Book Store support the Poway Community Library in the purchase of books, DVDs and other materials for the Library collection, plus funding a wide range of Library programming for children, teens and adults.

Please stop by the Book Store soon and buy lots of books. You can put them on your credit card!



## Got muscles? We need you!

Moving boxes (and boxes . . . and *more* boxes ) of books can be a real work-out. Setting up our Courtyard Sales requires moving literally hundreds of boxes of books from storage to the Library Meeting Room, and then, on the morning of the sale, moving them again from the Meeting Room to the Courtyard.

### WE NEED HELP!

If you are able to lift library book boxes, which weigh around 30 pounds each, we could certainly use your help at our November 19 sale, either during the day on Friday, November 18, to move the boxes from storage to the Library, or from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday to move the boxes to the Courtyard.

For insurance purposes, volunteers must be cleared by the County ahead of time. To apply to be a Friends' volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharron Watson at [bswatson@cox.net](mailto:bswatson@cox.net) as soon as possible. THANKS!

**"Volunteers don't get paid,  
not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."  
Sherry Anderson**

## Friends of the Poway Library Summer Courtyard Sale



Long-time members of the Friends will remember when our big book sales took place in the Library Community (Meeting) Room. It could get stuffy and very crowded. If there is a silver lining to the whole Covid situation, it is that it has pushed us to be creative in finding ways to get together without too much togetherness. We are so pleased that everyone seems to enjoy browsing for books in the shaded Courtyard.

Some of us were actually worried that after the quarantine book donations would drop off. Happily, that has not happened. We have more books than ever and now we have so much more room for you to browse.

See you at our Courtyard Sale on November 19!

# Friends of the Poway Library Members

The Friends of the Poway Library would like to thank you, our members, for your continuing support. We also want to give recognition our original founding members. In 1989, this handful of people got together to begin what has become a vibrant organization. To all of our members, we say a heartfelt THANK YOU!!!

## Founders

(names as shown on commemorative plaque)

Harry "Bud" Barber	Stephen & Katherine Marsh & family
Wayne & Linda Brannon	Nancee & Ron Prast
Kris & Joe Coxsey	Randy & Joey Prast
Jan & Christine Goldsmith	Samuel & Evelyn Robinson & family
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Gaudette Family	Jan & Vivian Meermans	Katie Somsel-Longmore
Michael Hadlow	Roger Pearce	Elaine Stark
Philip Headley	Abby Polin	Ronald & Rachelle Stenger
Kayli Hedgecock		Wendy Wickenden

This list reflects our membership records as of October 1, 2022, with the exception of those members who requested to remain anonymous. If you believe your name has been erroneously omitted, please contact our Membership Chair, Donna Findley, at [pdfindley@hotmail.com](mailto:pdfindley@hotmail.com).

## 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

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

**Courtyard Book  
Sale dates for 2023  
will be in the next  
issue of your  
Friends newsletter,  
*The Open Book!***



***JOIN US AND BE A PART OF IT ALL!***

## *Friends of the Poway Library*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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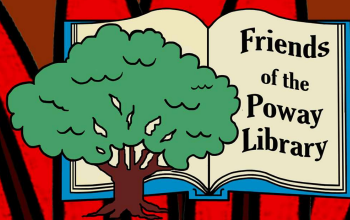
**Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Poway Library*, P. O. Box 1333, Poway, CA 92074-1333**

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!***



# THANKSGIVING BOOK SALE



**NOVEMBER 19, 2022**

**Poway Library Courtyard**

**10 AM - 4:00 PM**

**FOPL Members Only Pre-Sale 9:00 - 10:00 AM**