

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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Summer Reading – A Huge RWC Success



Andy Z performing at the Library - one of many terrific programs.

By Jacky Averill, Librarian

The Friends of the Redwood City Public Library want to see kids and families using our libraries all year long and especially in the summer when reading can help kids prevent summer loss of learning.

To make sure families come to the library often, Friends provide the funds each summer to hire weekly professional children's performers and fund reading prizes. This year's **summer reading programs brought record crowds** into each of our four libraries, week after week.

What made the difference in attendance this year?

Maybe it was Cristina Thorson's end-of-the-school year visits dressed

as a carrot to promote the Reading is So-o-o-o Delicious theme. Or perhaps it was the huge kick-off event at the Downtown Library. This event brought over 1,200 people to the library to enjoy games, music, entertainment, a Friends' book sale and, of course, the opportunity to register for the Summer Reading Club!

Readers, listeners and parents receive fun prizes for reading at least 10 hours. When asked what was their favorite summer reading club prize, several kids had trouble choosing between the free ice cream cone provided by The Melt or the free book provided by Friends.

Friends' Bookstore

The **bookstore is located in the lobby of the Main Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**. The store is the major source of funding for all the RWC library's programs so every purchase is most appreciated.

Our store is always staffed by a volunteer and contains a feature sale, sale carts, gift books and a wide array of lovely, low priced books. Please visit!

Quotes from the Summer Reading Survey

"Mis hijos practicaron mas la lectura y escritura, ademas también están aprendiendo a leer en español. Y les encanta ir a la biblioteca. Gracias por todos los programas y ayuda que nos ofrecen." (My kids practice reading and writing more, and they are learning to read in Spanish. **And they love to go to the library**. Thank you for all of the programs and the help you offer.)

"Mi hijo les dice a todos sus amigos y tios que deberían leer porque en la libreria de Redwood City dan muchos premios por leer!" (My son told all of his friends, aunts and uncles that they should read in the Redwood City Public Library because they give many prizes for reading!)

"We discovered Captain Underpants and A to Z Mysteries which made a huge difference for us. My 7 year old spent hours reading to himself or to his sister. All summer shows were just awesome and we are looking forward to next year."

Email List

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Programs at Fair Oaks

By Maria Diaz-Slocum, Fair Oaks Director

Over 4,000 participants enjoyed a variety of programs and activities at the **Fair Oaks Library** during the past year.

The Teen Spa series started with makeup tips and techniques by MAC makeup artist Ashley Jahns, who demonstrated special looks and provided interested participants with personal consultations.

The next series was Cooking Together! with over 200 children decorating cupcakes and 300 making pizza. Parents also learned how to create yummy healthy snacks and incorporate vegetables into their meals.

The children really enjoyed the Art Series programs. 244 children agreed they would like the program on a weekly basis. All participants had a great time drawing, creating lanyards and making banners.

We also have initiated a new origami program and continue with the popular Wii Gaming. Our cultural efforts like Sugar Skull, Cinco de Mayo, Halloween and Santa continue to be very popular and hugely attended.

Both children and parents have told us that they look forward to attending the Fair Oaks programs during the year.

We see the joy and spark of creativity from the children. We all hate to see a child cry. But I must say, it touches all of the staff at Fair Oaks when children, learning and having fun, cry because they just don't want to leave when the program is over.

Thanks to the Friends, we are making a difference and building community!

Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- Junior member, under 18 years old \$10
- Friends \$15
- Patrons \$25
- Librarian's Circle \$50
- Benefactors \$100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in remembrance of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our Spring newsletter. Please check the box if you prefer your name listed as Anonymous.

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Supply Drive for Library Programs

Through October, we will collect supplies for the teen center and the library's craft programs in the bookstore.

If you have any surplus, please donate!

Teen Center

Pens, Pencils, Colored Pencils, Binder Dividers, Binder Paper, Tape, Markers

Craft Programs

Yarn, Fabric, Ribbon, Felt, Construction Paper, Glue, Scissors, any Craft Supplies



Baby and Me
one of many wonderful library programs