

# Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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## Online Homework Help and More FREE!



By Sarah LaTorra, Librarian

Did you know that Redwood City Public Library offers homework help, for **FREE**?

Are you worn out from homework arguments or late nights trying to help with lessons? For anyone with a Redwood City library card (starts with 29045), help is one short computer click away.

Send students from kindergarten through college to **Brainfuse**, an online tutoring service. Does your student need help completing an assignment, understanding a concept, writing a paper? If so, Brainfuse may be your answer.

**Brainfuse's Homework Help** offers the ability to interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests. Plus, Brainfuse offers a 24-hour writing lab to submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback. Students also can access the skill surfer to improve their grades in many different subjects.

Homework live tutoring is available 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. every day!

Brainfuse offers adult assistance too through its **Adult Learning Center!**

Are you interested in learning MS Word, Excel or PowerPoint? Do you need tips and resources to start your job search? Would you like assistance writing a resume? Perhaps you need to prepare for the high school equivalency (GED) or the U.S. citizenship tests? If so, try out the free tutoring services through **Brainfuse's Adult Learning Center.**

Visit <http://main.redwoodcity.ca.brainfuse.com> to learn more and get started.

*Brainfuse is funded by Friends of the Redwood City Public Library.*



By Jan Pedden, Librarian

Beginning Saturday, November 29, children through the age of 12 can register for the **Winter Reading Club!** The club is an excellent way to motivate children to read or listen to five books during the month of December.

Upon completion, each child will receive a new book, a free Kid's Meal from The Old Spaghetti Factory, fun additional prizes and a ticket to the library's **VIP Winter Reading Party on Sunday, January 4**, at the Downtown Library. At the party, everyone will be treated to entertainment, crafts, games and the opportunity to purchase children's books offered for sale by the Friends.

While the emphasis is on having fun, the main goal is to promote reading over the winter break to maintain skill levels. Younger children will benefit from the time spent sharing and enjoying books.

*Winter Reading Club is funded by Friends.*

## Bookstore

The Friends' Bookstore is located in the lobby of the **Main Library at 1044 Middlefield Road.** The store is the major source of funding for Redwood City libraries' programs, so every purchase is most appreciated. We offer a terrific selection of books, in lovely condition, at very low prices. Please visit us soon!

## Volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer for a shift in the Bookstore? Perhaps a shift at our Farmers Market booth on Saturday mornings? Do you love books and are interested in sorting donations? If yes, we need more volunteers. Email [friendsofrwclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrwclibrary@gmail.com).

## Bookstore Holiday Sales



In October, the Friends' Bookstore transforms into a scary space with our Halloween sale. In early November, the Bookstore transforms again – this time for our large holiday sale.

We store books for Halloween and the holidays throughout the year. For Halloween, we have lots of fun and scary books and movies for children and adults.

For the holidays, there are Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah books, movies and music. Also, we have many new or like-new items suitable for gifting.

Visit both sales early, as they are very popular with many lovely items at extremely reasonable prices.

### Friends' Board Changes

At the Friends' July and August Board meetings, Board changes were approved.

In July, Marsha Jackson assumed the Treasurer role and Reina Barragan, the Volunteer Coordinator position. In August, Friends welcomed two new Board members, Patty Holubar, Recording Secretary, and Bonnie Fiedler, Corresponding Secretary.

- Mary Scavarda, Chair
- Lee Blake, Vice-Chair
- Reina Barragan, Volunteer Coordinator
- Bonnie Fiedler, Corresponding Secretary
- Patty Holubar, Recording Secretary
- Rose Ann Hummel, Publicity Coordinator
- Marsha Jackson, Treasurer

**Welcome and Thank You to All!**

## 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

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website** [www.friendsofrwclibrary.org](http://www.friendsofrwclibrary.org).

A Membership Card will be sent.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please check the box if you prefer your name listed as Anonymous.

- I wish to remain anonymous.

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Friends of the Redwood City Public Library is a 501(c)3 organization. As such, your membership donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

### Member Benefits

- You are supporting your library, its librarians and staff and your community.
- Magnets with our library logo are sent to all Patron and above donors.
- Librarian's Circle and Benefactor donors are acknowledged in our spring newsletter.
- Librarian's Circle (\$50-\$99) donors receive one gift certificate for 50% off (one-time use) in our Bookstore.

- Benefactor (\$100 or more) donors receive two gift certificates for 50% off (one-time use each) in our Bookstore.

Your membership greatly helps to raise money to fund wonderful library and community programs including summer learning, children's author nights, online homework help, traveling story time, weekly children programs, arts and crafts, museum access, cultural events, job seeking, music & more!



**A 2014 Summer Learning Event at the Downtown Library**  
2900 children registered and 6900 attended programs over the summer!