

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter



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For the 2019 fiscal year, the Friends' Board has approved funding of \$86,380 to date.

Funding Summary

Children's Programs	\$30,000
Summer Learning	\$23,000
Young Adult Author	\$5,000
Fair Oaks	\$3,000
Teen Programs	\$3,600
Live Homework Help	\$6,000
Hand in Hand	\$1,000
Library Takeover	\$5,080
Adult Programs	\$7,000
Outreach	\$2,200
RSH Anniversary Party	\$500

The vast majority of the money (\$71,600) funds programs for children and teens at our libraries. For children, this includes storytimes, crafts, performance artists, animal visits, yoga, book clubs and special events for the holidays, such as the recent Halloween parade. The Summer Learning Challenge includes reading in the summer to win prizes, weekly performances at each of our libraries and challenges to keep children engaged and learning in the summer. The money for teen programs creates a safe and fun environment each weekday after school in the teen room on the second floor of the Downtown Library.

The Friends has funded Live Homework Help for several years. This program allows anyone with a Redwood City library card to use a free online service

for homework help or review of a report. The service also offers an extensive database of materials for research.

This year, our author in the schools program will focus on a young adult author to visit our local high schools in association with the county's young adult author program.

Adult programs include music and author programs and the very popular Discover & Go (free museum passes for the entire family). Added for this year – a summer reading program for adults with prizes and challenges!

New this year will be a **Library Takeover** program. The concept originated in the United Kingdom in 2015 and was brought to the United States in 2017 by the Madison, Wisconsin, Public Library. Library Takeover is a program that provides small grants to groups of community members who are interested in collaborating with library staff to design, develop and deliver library programs, particularly those developed by and for members of a community who don't see themselves well-represented in existing programs. This is a program focused on the library's community aspiration to be welcoming and inclusive. The library will celebrate the diversity of our population and work to have it represented by engaging those diverse populations directly in designing our programs.

Thank you to our volunteers, members and shoppers who make this funding possible.

Bookstore Holiday Sale



The **Friends' Bookstore** is located in the lobby of the **Downtown 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 and other materials, in lovely condition, at very low prices.

In November and December, the Friends' Bookstore features our **annual, large holiday sale**. We stockpile holiday materials throughout the year for this sale. It includes Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah books, movies and music. Also, we have many new, like-new and collectible items suitable for gifting.

Visit the holiday sale early, as it is very popular, with many wonderful items!



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Why Libraries Still Matter

An article by Eric Klinenberg speaks to today's library very accurately. Below, we share a couple of paragraphs of its content. We encourage you to seek out the full article. It's worth the read.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/08/opinion/sunday/civil-society-library.html>

An excerpt from the September 8, 2018, New York Times piece:

"Libraries are an example of what I call 'social infrastructure': the physical spaces and organizations that shape the way people interact. Libraries don't just provide free access to books and other cultural materials, they also offer things like companionship for older adults, de facto child care for busy parents, language instruction for immigrants and welcoming public spaces for the poor, the homeless and young people...."

Libraries are the kinds of places where people with different backgrounds, passions and interests can take part in a living democratic culture. They are the kinds of places where the public, private and philanthropic sectors can work together to reach for something higher than the bottom line."



In December, **Santa will be landing his sleigh** at all four of the Redwood City libraries:

- Redwood Shores, Sunday, December 9, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Downtown, Saturday, December 15, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Schaberg, Tuesday, December 18, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Fair Oaks, Thursday, December 20, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The **Friends will be selling children's books at each Santa visit**. Chat with Santa, and buy a few books for all the very good (and the naughty) children you know!

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 honor of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge 2018 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2019 Newsletter.

- Check this box if you wish for your donation to be listed as Anonymous.

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

A Membership Card will be sent.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Email _____

**Please return to:
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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.

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**Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library
September 2018**