

# Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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## Greetings from Derek Wolfgram, Library Director



It's hard to believe that I've been the Library Director for almost three months now. It's been an absolute whirlwind of connecting with people at dozens of community events and meetings, getting to know library staff and establishing new communication channels with them and digging into the library's strategic plan to ensure we're meeting the community's needs in the best way possible.

I have also had the opportunity to meet a number of active volunteers in the Friends by attending Board meetings and stopping by the Bookstore, and I am mightily impressed by the dedication and passion of our Friends group. The work that you do produces many tens of thousands of dollars of year to support absolutely essential and beloved library programs for children, teens and adults. Thank you – it's important for you to hear just how valuable the

partnership between the Library and the Friends is.

Our library is an innovative, community-focused organization that strives to provide outstanding programs, collections and services that address real needs of residents: early learning and literacy development; meaningful access to technology; community gathering spaces and educational, cultural and recreational programs for all ages. As Library Director, I will continue the great tradition of service and community engagement reflected in our Five-Star rating from *Library Journal*, while also engaging in more partnerships to make the Library even more integral to the lives of the people of Redwood City. And I am incredibly grateful that we will have the support of the Friends to help make that happen!

**Thanks again for all you do.**

## Redwood City Library Rated #1 in the Nation!

The Redwood City Public Library announced on January 28 that it has again – **for the fourth consecutive year** – received the coveted Five-Star rating from the *Library Journal* Index of Public Library Service, the premier public library national rating system.

On the basis of the 2014 score received from the Index, **the Redwood City Public Library is top rated among all midsized and large library systems in the entire country.**

## Read to Kids!

*Excerpted from "The Mail" section in the February 2, 2015, **New Yorker**:*

UC Santa Cruz recently replicated a classic study and "found that the variety of words in picture books was more extensive than that of parents talking to their children. Picture books were three times as likely as child-directed speech to use a word that isn't among the most common English words; ... Given the fact that word mastery in adulthood is correlated with early acquisition of words, a potentially powerful leveler of family wealth and class may be as **simple as engaging in picture-book reading with babies.**"

## Bookstore

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 the Redwood City libraries' programs, so every purchase is most appreciated.

**Many Thanks to Those Listed  
and All Our Members  
for Their Generous Support**

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We will acknowledge 2015 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our Spring 2016 newsletter.

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

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**Legos!**

**Legos Are Awesome!** Our Downtown and Fair Oaks libraries are expanding the use of Legos **for fun and learning**. If you have some Legos around the house ready to be donated, please bring them to the Bookstore. There will be a bin in the store to collect them through April.

**Members Invited**

All active Friends members are invited to our **May 2015 Board meeting** on Tuesday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Downtown Library's Administration Meeting Room to vote on the slate of 2015 Board members. The proposed slate is:

- Mary Scavarda, Chair
- Lee Blake, Vice-Chair
- Reina Barragan, Volunteer Coordinator
- Bonnie Fiedler, Corresponding Secretary
- Patty Holubar, Recording Secretary
- Rose Ann Hummel, Publicity Coordinator
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**Maya Christina Gonzalez**  
2015 Children's Author at Fair Oaks School Assembly Program on February 2