

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter



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Dame la Mano



by Jan Pedden, Program Coordinator

The Redwood City Public Library has embarked on an early-literacy program entitled **Dame la Mano, or Hand In Hand**. This program is offered in collaboration with Speech Goals, a pediatric speech-language pathology center. This monthly, bilingual program targets children 18 months to 3 years of age who have been diagnosed with special needs such as autism or speech delay.

Each session includes a storytime as well as music, art, movement and cooperative play. The highlight for the families is the distribution of new books to add to their home library. The families, Speech Goals staff and the library's Youth Services Department thank the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library for funding this program for the past five months.

"Some of our families do not have the resources to have books in their homes. They enjoy receiving a book and this gives them an opportunity to read to their child at home," reported one of the Speech Goals' therapists.

The therapist added, "Through this program, our hope is that the parents become more comfortable going to the library, so that they can give their children exposure to books and reading. It has impacted our families in a positive way, and we appreciate our collaboration with the Redwood City Library and the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library."

To date, five bilingual books have been purchased as giveaways for Dame la Mano:

- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? / Oso pardo, oso pardo, que ves ahí?*
- *Insects! Insects! / Insectos! Insectos!*
- *The Surprise Garden / Sorpresas en el huerto*
- *I Went Walking / Sali de paseo*
- *Bear in a Square / Oso en un cuadrado*

Dame la Mano is held the third Monday of every month from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Downtown Library.

Fun at the Bookstore

Have you seen our Book Bunny welcoming patrons to the Downtown Library and inviting you to visit our bookstore? If not, see the back of this newsletter to see her smiling face.

In addition to our Book Bunny, the Friends has fun sale events on an ongoing basis:

Feature Sale

On the counter inside the store, we always have a sale related to the season and also sometimes based on an overstock of items. Right now, our Spring sale is under way with Easter, baseball and gardening books. This was preceded by a huge CD sale and will be followed by a huge cookbook sale. We recently received massive donations of each.

Sale Carts

Outside the store, we have two sale carts. The collections on the sale carts may be topical — such as young adult, modern classics or nonfiction — or visual — for example, the all-red books for Valentine's Day or the spring-inspired pastel cart.

We post to Facebook whenever we update our feature sale or carts and when we create a Book Bunny!

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Our Bookstore has high-quality books, DVDs and CDs for unbeatable prices every day and is the primary source of our revenue to fund our library's programs.

Please visit our store soon in the lobby of the Downtown Library!

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

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Members Invited

All active Friends members are invited to our **May 2018 Board meeting** on Monday, May 21, at 4:15 p.m. in the Downtown Library's Administration Meeting Room to vote on the slate of 2018 Board members. The proposed slate follows:

Mary Scavarda, Chair
Rose Ann Hummel, Vice-Chair
Patty Holubar, Secretary
Colleen Thuener, Treasurer
Reina Barragan
Lee Blake
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Rebecca Stern

Fair Oaks Library Remodel — Update

The Fair Oaks Library closed for remodel in February. During the construction, a small library outlet in the Fair Oaks Community Center is open. The outlet has computers, a small quantity of books for checkout and books placed on hold to serve the community. Please note the Fair Oaks' Summer Learning Challenge weekly programs funded by the Friends will be held. We anticipate they will be held in the remodeled library but the Fair Oaks Community Center is available as a back-up location, if needed.

The remodel will bring wonderful updates to the Fair Oaks Library space. The Friends is excited about the library reopening celebration targeted for June. We already have funded a children's book-giveaway for the event!

New Program - Social Service Hours

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to Noon
Small Conference Room

Each Tuesday morning, representatives from various services, agencies and companies are available on a rotating basis to counsel our community on housing, mental health or any barriers to assistance. The program has met with early success, with more agencies asking to participate. The Friends has funded refreshments to support this program.



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