

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter



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What Is Friends?



A Friend to the Redwood City Public Library

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization with the stated objective of “raising funds through such means as the sale of donated books and other materials..., membership dues, donations or endowments, to sponsor library programming or other library goods and services.”

To raise funds, we run a resale Bookstore in the lobby of the Downtown Library always staffed by a volunteer. We have gently used and sometimes brand-new books, DVDs and CDs for sale at very low prices. There is something for everyone, with a huge array of items carefully arranged by topic. Some of our notable sections are an entire wall of hardback and trade paperback fiction outside the store alphabetized by author, areas for the newest fiction and nonfiction, a rack of DVDs and a shelf of CDs. For kids, our books start at 25 cents. We feature two sale carts with topics including local history, modern classics, nonfiction, young adult, short stories and more. The carts are refreshed weekly. On the store's counter, we always have a seasonal feature sale. Right now, the feature is Summer, with books for July 4, cooking, gardening, reading fun,

sports and more.

We also raise money by selling books on Amazon. We scan books when they are donated, and high-value books are listed for sale. We arrange sales at community events such as Kidchella and the recent Pop-Up Park. In the summer, we put up a tent in front of the Downtown Library on Sundays for a 50-cent sale. Perhaps you saw us in front of the library during the July 4 parade selling books? Our membership donations also help fund the Friends. See the backside of this newsletter to donate in support of your library.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, we funded over \$98,000 in library programs with \$90,000 of that amount going to children's programs. This year, we funded \$27,800 for Redwood City's Summer Learning Challenge to encourage reading and engagement focused on the kids in our community. Other programs funded include children's programming, live homework help, teen programs, books for Traveling Storytime, refreshments for social outreach meetings, Authors in the Schools programs and more. Many of the programs we fund include a book giveaway, since books in the home are so important for families.

Summer Learning Challenge

The **2018 Summer Learning Challenge** is in full swing at our libraries. It is a crucial component in fighting the summer academic regression that results in kids losing two to three months of math and reading skills during summer vacation.

As part of the program, there are special performances each week at all four libraries and weekly prize drawings, plus the wonderful array of regular weekly library programs. Get details on the library's website.

Fair Oaks Reopening

Saturday, June 23, was the grand reopening of the newly remodeled Fair Oaks Library. The celebration lasted most of the day, and there is a terrific reason to celebrate – the library is absolutely lovely. Make plans to visit soon!



We have around 60 wonderful volunteers who perform activities ranging from sorting and scanning thousands of books to shipping Amazon sales, working in the store and staffing our special sales.

There are many ways to support the Friends:

- visit the **Bookstore**
- shop at our **special sales**
- **volunteer**
- **donate!**

Friends on Social Media

In the last few months, the Friends has focused on its social media presence. In addition to promoting our special sale events, we are using Facebook and Twitter to promote special items we have for sale, our feature sales and fun library events.

What is the best way to learn about sales, hear about the fun events we're involved in and obtain general information about the Friends? Follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter!

On Facebook we are:
[facebook.com/friendsofRWCLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofRWCLibrary)



On Twitter we are:
twitter.com/friendsRWCLib



Kidchella

Redwood City's Parks and Recreation Department is again offering its Kidchella music series this summer. The event features live music for kids to dance to and enjoy, along with an inflatable playland.

Parks and Rec generously sets up tents and tables for the Friends to hold a children's book sale during the event! It's a fun outreach to the community, and we bring loads of great books to sell.

2018 Dates (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.):

- Sunday, June 24
- Sunday, July 22
- Sunday, August 19
- Sunday, September 9

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.friendsofrcwlibrary.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.

Open Invitation

We welcome anyone interested in buying a large quantity of books, especially teachers and librarians, to email us. We happily make **appointments** for anyone to go through our backroom stock to purchase books. We have several regular buyers, including book buyers, librarians and people who ship books overseas. Reach us here: friendsofrcwlibrary@gmail.com

Discover & Go

Discover & Go is a free-museum-pass program for the whole family, funded by the Friends.

The Discover & Go program allows library cardholders to reserve **museum trips** online by date or by venue and immediately print out passes at home (or at the library).

To register, visit here:
<https://redwoodcity.discoverandgo.net/>



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Fair Oaks Grand Reopening Celebration