

# Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter



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## library TAKEOVER

Our Library has launched a new, exciting programming initiative – **Library Takeover**. This program provides small grants, up to \$1000, to 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 do not see themselves well-represented in existing programs.

This concept fits into the library's community aspiration to be welcoming and inclusive and to celebrate the diversity of our population. The idea is to engage those diverse populations directly in designing fresh and unique programs.

Potential proposers were required to attend a two-hour workshop in order to have their program proposals considered. These workshops, four in total, were held in June and were attended by 43 community representatives curious or interested in the concept. The flyer for the workshops explained the intent really well:

"Whether you have a specific event or not, join us to learn more about what's happening at the library and to connect with others. Your library already provides many activities for learning together, but we're looking for fresh ideas to help everyone in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks feel welcome and included in the library."

In the application, respondents had to explain their program's goal for inclusion, outline who they hoped would attend and how to promote the concept, include a budget outline and detail what support would be needed from the library to make the program a success.

Twenty-two proposals were received by the filing deadline. A selection committee will be reviewing the proposals and selecting several grantees.

After selection, the grantees will be attending a training session on the various aspects of library programming – identifying target audience, budget, designing programs, marketing programs, logistics, evaluation, and so on.

We are thrilled by the community's response to the Library Takeover idea and are looking forward to the inaugural takeover sessions in 2019 and 2020.

Library Takeover is funded by Friends and the SAGA Foundation.

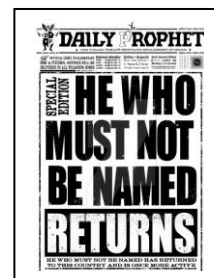


## Super Readers Are Super Heroes!

The **2019 Summer Learning Challenge** theme is Super Readers, Super Heroes. And **over 15,700** super heroes registered for the program this year. As usual, a special children's program was held each week in all four libraries for fun and learning!

The summer program comes to a Wham! Bam! Pow! conclusion with a Superhero Party on Sunday, August 18, in the Downtown Library's Community Room from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Don't miss the fun!

## Harry Potter Celebration



The week of July 22 was **Harry Potter Birthday Week in the Teen Center**. There were special events every day, including movie viewing, potions making and butter beer tasting.

All the fun was capped off with a Harry Potter-themed Escape Room. The Resurrection Stone was missing, and it was up to each group to find clues in Hogwarts Castle and locate the stone before time ran out. *Editor's Note: The room was super; the care and effort really showed!*

## Bookstore in Lobby at Downtown Library

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

**Please visit our store soon!**

## Social Media

The Friends continues to expand its social media presence. In addition to promoting our special sale events, we are using **Facebook, Instagram 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 your favorite social media platform!



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## 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 2019 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2020 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.friendsofrcwclibrary.org](http://www.friendsofrcwclibrary.org)

A Membership Card will be sent.

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### Storytimes in Many Languages

Did you know that storytimes are offered in our libraries in a variety of languages?

#### Downtown Library

- English/Spanish – Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.
- Spanish Cuentos y Canciones – Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- English/Spanish – Fridays at 11 a.m.

- Música, Cuentos y Juegos con Valeria – First Saturday at 11:30 a.m.
- Mandarin – Second Saturday at 11:45 a.m.
- Persian – Third Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

#### Fair Oaks

- English/Spanish – Mondays at 11 a.m.

All storytimes are sponsored by the Friends.



**July 4 Parade – Library and Friends Super Readers, Super Heroes Mini-Library Float by Casa Círculo Cultural**