



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025



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A Message from the Presidents

Happy New Year! We await the next circuit around the sun with mixed trepidation and hope. This past year has had its share of climate calamities, disasters, terrorist threats and violence. It has also had a mix of positive progress in the economy, technology, and diplomacy. The PFOL has had a year that also included the negative like the loss of two former board members and the positives like two successful book sales, participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and generous donors. We are grateful to be a part of the award-winning San Mateo Co. Library system with all its creative talent. The opening of the self-service kiosk at Sanchez Library was a major highlight this year.

We look forward to the new year with the same mixture of hope and trepidation. Our core group is aging, and we need new people to step up to keep our forward progress. Board membership is open to all members and consists of one monthly meeting and a commitment to help with our fundraising efforts (mainly book sales). Libraries are key defenses against creeping authoritarianism such as book banning. They provide conduits for unbiased information and multiple points of view as well as serving social needs for gathering needs of parents, artists, and creators. Libraries also play a role in educating children through many interactive programs. Please consider board membership to keep the support level high for this vital institution. Our next board meeting is January 23 at 2:30 at the Sanchez Library. We are currently meeting on the

fourth Thursday of the month. We invite you to join us.

Carl Schwab co-president

Joan Putz co-president



Gung Hay Fat Choy!

This year the Chinese Lunar New Year falls on January 29, the date of the first new moon, and ends with the first full moon on February 12 with the Lantern Festival. The zodiac animal from the calendar is the snake, and it is paired with the element wood. According to Chinese Astrology, the snake is associated with transformation, renewal, and spiritual growth. As the snake sheds its skin, it symbolizes letting go of the old and embracing the new. The snake is also a symbol of wisdom, cunning, and adaptability. The library is planning several events to celebrate the new year. Check events on the back side for dates and times.

Renewal

In the theme of transformation, keep an eye out for the new blinds for the community room. The old has been let go and we await the new.

December Book Sale Update

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we made \$2,400 at our December sale. Special thanks go to our core team of Carl Schwab, Ralph Larson, and Dan Weisberg. They not only guided the set-up, but also the take down and the subsequent removal of unsold books. Our usual group of hardy set-up workers was joined by Tom Bradford and Robbie Beckmeyer who provided some extra muscle to move the boxes. Our clean-up crew was fantastic, and we were finished in record time. Special thanks go to those who showed up to haul unsold books down to the parking lot. **THANK YOU ALL!**



Kids enjoying the PFOL sponsored Winter Wonderland Dance Party with the Spindrift School of Performing Arts.

Events

Sat. 1/11 Couplet Workshop Learn to blend calligraphy and craft to create traditional Chinese couplets. Sharp Park 2:00-4:00*

Wed. 1/15 Sashiko Mending How to use Japanese embroidery technique to mend and/or decorate your clothes. Sharp Park 6:00-7:30 pm.*

Wed. 1/08 – 2/05 Introduction to Drawing Five meetings Sharp Park 12:00-1:30 pm *

Fri. 1/17 New Year, New Career: A Look into Life as an Illustrator 2:00-4:00pm Sharp Park*

Fri. 1/24 Firebird Youth Orchestra New Year's Concert 3:00-4:00 Sharp Park

Mon. 1/27 Lion Dance with Leung's White Crane. 4:15—4:30 Sharp Park. Craft program will accompany.

Tues. 1/28 Pacifica Poetry Night via Zoom Poetry reading followed by open mic. 6:00-7:30*

*Indicates that sign-up is required at www.smcl.org under Events Pacifica Sharp Park

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To A Friend of the Library,

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