



# Newsletter

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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## WELCOME FALL !

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### Guest Editorial

This message is from the editor who was asked to fill in for the Co-President who is on vacation. August is in the rear-view mirror (how did that happen so quickly?), and the autumnal equinox is just around the corner. The summer that wasn't is transitioning into fall, and, we hope, some warmer weather. Just as the season is transitioning, the library is getting ready for change also. Our wonderful library manager, Julie Smith, is going to be moving to Half Moon Bay as their new manager. We wish her the best in her new position. This is a loss for us but a gain for her as she will enjoy the beautiful new library there. Read her message on the back page. Her replacement has not been named yet.

The Summer Adventure Program has been completed. On August 9<sup>th</sup> there was a grand finale with face painting and a circus performance. Reading logs were to be turned in by August 31<sup>st</sup>, and the winners of the \$1,000 scholarship and park pass will be announced in early September. Pacifica's first-time participation in the Big Lift program which provides learning experiences was also successful. Now, attention is turning to after school programs and activities.

We are living in uncertain and unprecedented times. There is no area of American life that has not been undergoing cataclysmic changes from foreign policy, education, health, financial, governance, and military. I want to remind you that we are very lucky to be served by the award-winning San Mateo County Library system. The library remains a bastion of free information, inclusion, entertainment, and access to technology. Our staff works

to serve Pacificans of all ages, and we appreciate them.

Enjoy the fall weather and Happy Reading!

C. Barba, editor



Children enjoying the Circus Performance at the end of the Summer Adventure Program.

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On August 28, the PFOL Board voted to approve the budget request for \$12,407. This includes \$8,500 for programs, \$2,500 for giveaway books, \$6,000 for the Imagination Library, \$2,000 for staff development, and \$1,000 for volunteer recognition for a total of \$20,000. There was a carryover of \$7,593 in unspent funds from last year.

## A Farewell Message From the Manager

Dear Friends of the Pacifica Library,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past two years. I have accepted the position as the Manager of the Half Moon Bay Library and will transfer there in mid-October. My time in Pacifica has been filled with many wonderful experiences, meeting new people, seeing old friends, and learning about the great things that Pacificans are doing for this beautiful community. I will continue to advocate for the Pacifica Library Modernization Project and plan to actively collaborate with Pacifica staff to provide exceptional Coastside library services. If you are in Half Moon Bay, stop by the library and say hello.

Warmly,

Julie



## Restored to Life

At the end of July, the garden at the back of Sanchez Library held an open house. Master gardeners, Pacifica Gardens, and Pacifica Historical Society all took part in celebrating the work of Larry Wuerstle, a volunteer and Friend of the Library member. Work on the garden was started as part of an Eagle Scout project, and Larry stepped in and brought the project to life through lots of hard work. The garden has already produced fresh vegetables for the Pacifica Resource Center. Well done, Larry! He could use some help with routine maintenance. Check at the desk at Sanchez for info. If you would like to help at the garden.

## Events

**9/6** Tradición Peruana Peruvian music Saturday at Sharp Park Library 12:00-1:00 pm

**9/20** Melody of China classical and modern music Saturday at Sanchez Library 3:00-3:45

**9/23** Bel Canto Flute Concert Tuesday at Sharp Park Library 6:30-7:30 pm

**9/24** Creative Software Workshop create a nameplate in Blender for 3D printing Wed. 6:00-7:30pm Sharp Park\*

**9/29-30** 2-day AARP Driver Safety Course Mon. Tues. 1:00-5:00pm\* \* Registration required at [smcl.org/events](http://smcl.org/events)

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