



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly newsletter

September – October 2026

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**WELCOME
FALL!**



A Message From the Co-Presidents

Summer is fast ending, and school has already been in session. The days are noticeably shorter and pumpkin spice is appearing on menus. The tempo picks up and many events and activities resume.

The San Mateo County Library is participating in a partnership with Grammy-award winning musician, Laufey. Laufey has been a strong advocate for libraries and has her own global book club. The goal is to increase library card holders, and since September is Library Card month, people can sign up for a special limited-edition Laufey inspired design library card. Check it out at the front desk.

September also means Fog Fest for Pacifica. Come to the parade on Palmetto Ave. Saturday morning September 26 and get a preview of the County's new electric Book Mobile.

As usual, PFOL needs more volunteers; on the board, working at the book sales, and the book nook. One of our long-time volunteers, Caroline Barba, is retiring, and this underscores the need for even more volunteers to step up and fill the void she leaves. Contact Carl Schwab or Joan Putz at pfol94044@gmail.org.

We close with the sad news that Dolly Parton passed away on August 25, 2026. She contributed so much to our world with her music and philanthropy. We especially want to acknowledge her Imagination Library program which gives free age-appropriate books to children aged from birth to five years who register. We at PFOL are proud to support this program (\$5,000 this year) that helped millions of children including many in Pacifica, to learn to read and enjoy books.

Check out the SMCL website, www.smcl.org for updates and events

Carl Schwab and Joan Putz Co-Presidents PFOL



New Donation Policy

At the July executive board meeting, the board decided to experiment with a new policy for donations. The book bin will still be available, but larger donations will be received on the first and third Friday of the month from 2:30 to 4:00 in the Community Room starting September 4 and 18. Please confirm your donation via email at pfol94044@gmail.com so someone will be available to accept your donation. We happily accept books in good condition. No smelly or mildewed books are accepted, and we prefer fiction books younger than 10 years unless they are classics. Thanks for your patience as we work out how best to handle space and time constraints.

Summer Adventure Program Wraps Up

This year the library Summer Adventure program was a big success. It kicked off in late May with the distribution of free books for all Pacifica school children pre-school through high school. All through the summer the library provided a variety of programs to engage and encourage people of all ages. Summer logs were provided to record adventures and reading and were turned in by Aug. 31. This year the participation was up 30% over last year.

Events

9/19 Sat. 12:00-2:00 Sharp Park Sit and Stitch, Bring your craft crochet, knitting or needlework to work on in community

9/26 Sat. 11:15-11:45 Sharp Park Malinky Music Music and movement for young children

10/3 Sat. 10:00-2:00 Sharp Park Guided Nature Hike at Mori Point A guided hike with the GGNP Conservancy

10/3 Sat. 3:30-4:30 Sharp Park Light of the Moon Mid-Autumn Calligraphy Lantern Registration opens 10/3 at 10:00am.

10/20 Tues. 12:00-1:30 Sharp Park Mexika/Azteca Dancer Painting, Create a painting on canvas with step-by-step guidance Registration opens 9/20 10:00 am.

10/27 Tues. 1:00-2:30 Sharp Park Day of the Dead-Mini Ofrendas, Make your own mini-altar Registration opens 9/27 at 6:00 pm

10/29 Thurs. 3:30-5:00 pm Sharp Park Sugar Skull Decoration for Dia de los Muertos



Don't forget to vote Nov. 3. October is a good time to check your registration status and study the Voters' Guide and Sample ballot. Our California ballot is lengthy and there are local elections on it.



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