

## NEWSLETTER Summer 2017 VOLUME 6 ISSUE 3

Library and Bottom Shelf Bookstore Closures Monday, September 4

Saturday, November 11

BOTTOM SHELF Half-Price Sale Saturday, July 15 Saturday, October 21

#### **Fine Free Fridays**

July 28 August 25 September 29 October 27

Current Art Exhibits Pat Rogondino, Graphic Artist for the Library

"Whimsical Inclinations"

Back to School Resource Fair July 27 10-1pm

Summer Concerts Anthony Cullins "The Fallbrook Kid" July 13 6pm

> Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind July 20 7pm

All library events are FREE. To learn more stop by the library and see a complete list of events or go on the county website: www.sdcl.org



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual signature event, the Community Read, was held on Saturday, the 6th of May in the library's Community Room. In spite of unseasonable weather, Program Director Mary Jo Bacik, ably assisted by a number of committee members, turned the library into a very festive location. Featuring renowned author, Ann Patchett and her recent bestseller, *Commonwealth*, the Friends were able to raise over \$7,000 toward the purchase of new patio furniture for the Reading Garden. The goal was to raise enough money to also replace the furniture in the Poet's Patio as well but that did not happen. The new furniture for the Reading Garden should be arriving soon and its furniture, in better shape than the furniture in the Poet's Patio, will be moved there to replace as many pieces as possible until sufficient funds are allocated in the future to replace it as well.

The \$7,000+ that was raised via the Community Read came as a result of donations, book sales and a raffle which featured beautifully crafted quilts made by Board members, Linda

Flynn and Diana Rash. The big winner was Connie Fish, seen here with Ann Patchett.

Hopefully, you all were able to attend the art exhibition on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 P.M. and lasting until 8:00 P.M. The exhibit will

feature and honor an individual who has been so instrumental in promoting events at the library both for the Friends and the Fallbrook Library, Pat Rogondino. Knowing from the past exhibitions that Carol Zaleski, Fine Art Director for the Friends, stages for the benefit of the public, I am sure this one was a smashing success.

Sincerely, Tom Mintun

### SUMMER EVENTS IN THE LIBRARY

Back to School Resource Fair July 27<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm

This is our summer reading finale. Animal show by Wild Wonders at 10:30 followed by face painting, balloon animals, and refreshments prepared by the San Diego County Sherriff's volunteers. 16 local community groups will be in the library providing information on health and safety services for families in the Fallbrook area. Screenings for BMI, Dental, and blood pressure done on site. All our welcome and this fun free event.

Two Special summer Concerts

July 13<sup>th</sup> local guitarist Anthony Cullins aka "The Fallbrook Kid" will be rocking in the library at 6:00pm.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind will be playing at 7:00. Global music played on traditional flutes for a dynamic entertainment experience.





#### **COMMUNITY READ 2017**



Approximately 185 enjoyed the sold out 14th Annual Community Read evening with Ann Patchett.

Held for the first time in the evening and inside the Fallbrook Library, the event was catered by Caterer's Kitchen and include finger foods and desserts. Wine was available for a donation, and tickets could be purchased for a drawing for a beautiful hand crafted reading lap quilt, first edition Ann Patchett Books, an Orange Tree donated by Durling Nursery and commemorative bookmarks.

Barnes and Noble partnered with Friends of the Fallbrook Library to sell *Commonwealth*, along with other Ann Patchett Books, which the author was happy to autograph. Used Ann Patchett Books provided by the Bottom

Shelf were also available for purchase.

Due to the threat of rain, the food and wine were moved inside the library, but the evening was lovely and guests were free to wander both inside and out. In the reading garden, local artist Peter Mitten's sculptures were on display next to giant pots of succulents, cared for by the Fallbrook Garden Club. Inside guests enjoyed the warmth from the rarely lit fireplace, mingled with the author, dined and had the pleasure of enjoying an "after hours" look at our much loved library.



After 1st hour (social hour), guests moved into the Community Room. Mary Jo Bacik, Program Chair introduced Ann as well as other special guests. Ann Patchett proved to be as entertaining as a speaker as a writer sharing insights and jokes, and some of her favorite book picks. She ended her talk by answering questions.

The evening concluded with FOFL Board Members and local quilters, Linda Flynn and Diana Rash presenting Ann with her own hand made lap quilt (which they had made) designed to match the cover of her latest best seller, and Fallbrook's Community Read selection *Commonwealth*.

Ann stayed until all books were autographed and pictures taken. The money raised at this years Community Read and Fundraiser will be used to replace deteriorating patio furniture.

#### ART IN THE LIBRARY



The Fallbrook Library will host two new exhibitions from June 25 to August 25, with a reception for the artists from 6-8 pm on Friday, June 30. "Pat Rogondino, Graphic Artist for the Library" features her

contributions to the Fallbrook Library over the past six years. Pat has produced several hundred posters announcing programs in music, lectures, art, dance and other events. This exhibition contains 50 colorful and complex examples of her work.

On the Reading Patio Gina Lawson Egan will

show her witty ceramic sculptures in "Whimsical Inclinations". Gina teaches Ceramics at California Polytechnic University, Pomona. Her works are in prestigious collections throughout the United States.



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#### The Fallbrook Garden Club Assists the Fallbrook Library with Programs & Plants

The Fallbrook Garden Club is helping out at the Fallbrook Library. Club members volunteered to maintain the potted plants located in the Patio Reading Garden using talents and expertise to help the plants thrive. Additionally members helped kick off the Summer Reading Program assisting over 120 Fallbrook youngsters design and plant their own fairy garden. The following day, volunteers dressed up in Garden attire to read books to a room full of youngsters. The books all had a garden theme.

Fallbrook Garden Club Board of Directors and Members volunteer to care for potted plants in the Fallbrook Library Outdoor Reading Garden.



Fallbrook Garden Club members help kick off the Fallbrook Library Summer Reading Program by assisting children create fairy gardens. Materials provided by the Friends of Fallbrook Library.

Fallbrook Garden Club Volunteers dress up up to read to children at the Fallbrook Library.



