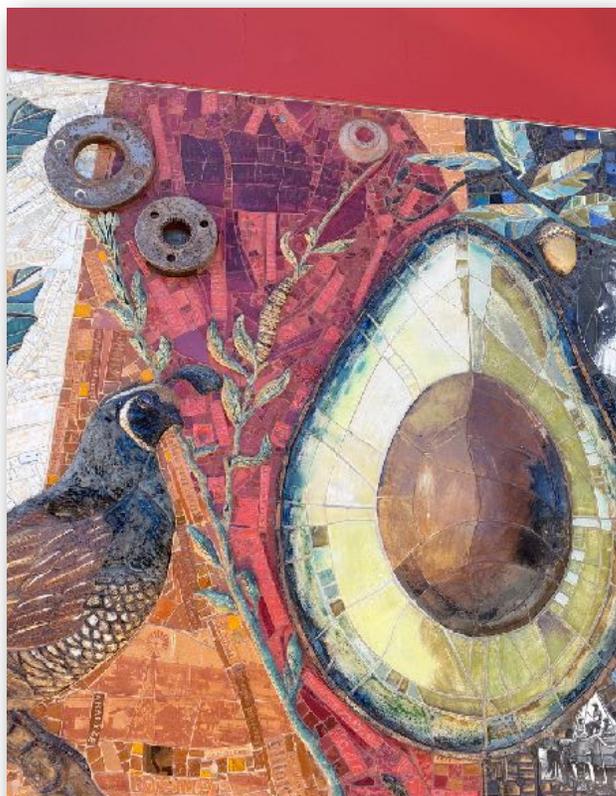


Friends of the *Fallbrook Library*



Tenth Anniversary Edition

Dear Friend of the Fallbrook Library,

It's hard to believe that it's been ten years since the grand opening of our library. The culmination of years of work, it was a great day with a ribbon cutting, color guard, official speeches and an eager crowd waiting to experience the library for the first time.

Once the pandemic is over, a celebration of the anniversary will take place. Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy the photos inside.

While we've been closed, we haven't been idle. Friends funding has provided for on-going maintenance on landscaping, fountains and patio furniture. Several ladies from the Bottom Shelf have managed donations and continued to make on-line sales in their own homes, to continue the online book business and earn money for the future.

And we have exciting news about the beautiful donor wall on the front of the building. For only the second time in ten years, we are now able to add new tiles to the donor wall. Details about this can be found on the following page.

As always, we appreciate your support and even though we've waived membership fees, we are still gratefully accepting donations which will become part of our operations support budget or used in an area of your interest. If you have a special request, we're flexible and always wish to add our support to the program you enjoy most.

-Tom Mintun, President

Dear Friend

Because of the Covid situation, closure of the library, and temporary cancellation of all library programs, we are waiving membership fees for the 2021 season. **You will not have to renew until April 2022.** In the interim and when the library re-opens, you will enjoy all the benefits of membership with our compliments.

Meanwhile, please help us keep current. Let us know if your phone or email address has changed by phone (760) 451-9606.

We look forward to having you with us for many years to come!
-The FOFL Board of Directors

Visit our website at fallbrooklibraryfriends.org for information on memberships, programs, the Bottom Shelf Bookstore, a monthly calendar of events and much MORE!

Act Now! Donor Wall Ready!

Your donation could be recognized on the Fallbrook Library Donor Wall



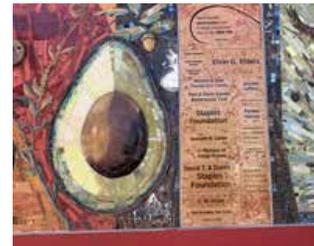
Don't miss this rare window of opportunity!

The original donor wall is filled with names of people and organizations that played a role in the building of our library. And now, in celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the library opening, we have the opportunity to add additional names of ongoing major supporters.



Friends of the Fallbrook Library provides the library with programs for our community all year every year - music concerts, art exhibits, lectures, community and writers' reads, kids' programs, book talks, and of course, expanding the collection, be it books, ebooks, audio books, dvds, etc. Visit our website for details.

Your donation sustains the library in so many different ways. It will become part of an endowment/legacy that will continue to fund programs and needs for many years to come.



Approximate Size

\$1500	1" x 4.5"
\$2500	1" x 9" or 2" x 4.5"
\$5000	2" x 9" or 4" x 4.5"
\$10000	4" x 9" or 8" x 4.5"

The unveiling ceremony will be held when it is safe to congregate.

Deadline for submitting your donation:

March 31

Please make checks payable to:

Friends of the Fallbrook Library

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Remembering Library Opening Day



It was a perfect sunny day in January 2011 for the Grand Opening of our new 19,000 square foot state-of-the-art library. Ribbons were cut, speeches made and the Marine Corps color guard provided pomp and ceremony. The doors were opened and a decade of service to the community began, not only as a center of learning but as a de facto community center.

The snazzy modern design earned the library architectural design awards and a silver LEED rating for environmentally friendly building practises. The building, to this day, is an art-filled showcase created by local artists.



Check out more photos and videos on the Fallbrook Library website at : fallbrooklibraryfriends.org



During this pandemic, please check out donation instructions on the Bottom Shelf door. Once back to normal the shop will accept donations of books, CDs, DVDs and audio books from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Mon-Sat.

Remembering The Grand Opening Gala



The Community Room



County Supervisor Bill Horn, Guest, Jerri Patchett, Heather Patchett, Ann Patchett, Frank Patchett

View the Grand Opening of the Fallbrook Library:
<https://youtu.be/ynejr3oA5mc>



Marlo Miller, Mary Jo Bacik, Karen Sorry

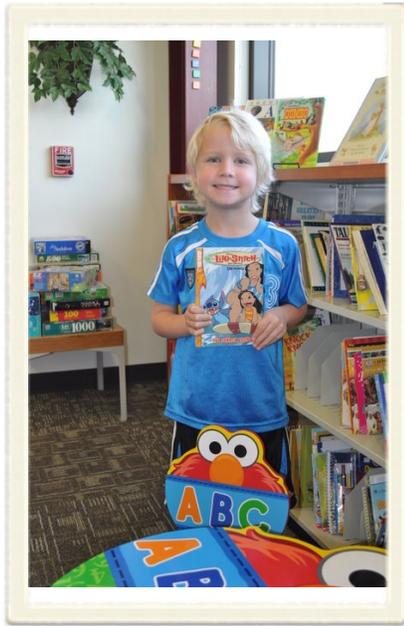
“So many people labored over so many years to make the reality of a new state-of-the-art library come to life. On Jan 15, the night prior to the library’s official opening, artists and architects, donors and workers came together to celebrate in the finished space. Guests wore hand-painted ties, as their ticket to the event, which was titled "Tie One On." Most men displayed their "ticket" in the usual manner, with many of the ladies inventing creative ways to wear their tie as a scarf, purse strap or other formal accessory. The following morning, the glamorous ballroom was transformed into the Fallbrook Library’s first community room, which has held an array of Fallbrook events and celebrations ever since. In the last ten years our library has hosted authors and exercise classes, musicians and clowns and perhaps even an occasional visit from Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny, but it is hard to imagine a night when the library was filled with such excitement, for all that had been accomplished and the anticipation of what was yet to come. And we were just getting started.”

Tie One On!

-Mary Jo Bacik, Vice-President
Friends of Fallbrook Library

All library events are free. To learn more, stop by the library and see a complete list of events or check out the San Diego County Library website: www.sdcl.org.

Opening day at The Bottom Shelf



First customer in The Bottom Shelf. He would be seventeen or eighteen years old today.

The Bottom Shelf, after decades residing in the basement of the old building, opened its new doors to an eager crowd and has rarely been without a customer since. From comic books to antiques, donations flow in from Fallbrook's residents keeping the shelves stocked and the business brisk. Year after year, dime after dime, the Bottom Shelf breaks its own sales records. FOFL contributed almost \$3,000,000 toward the construction of the new library, much of the funds generated from Bottom Shelf sales.

Hispanic Family Literacy Program

Although the library has been closed or partially closed for ten months, some programs have continued via Zoom with unexpected positive results! One such program is the Hispanic Family Literacy Program, where the kids got involved.

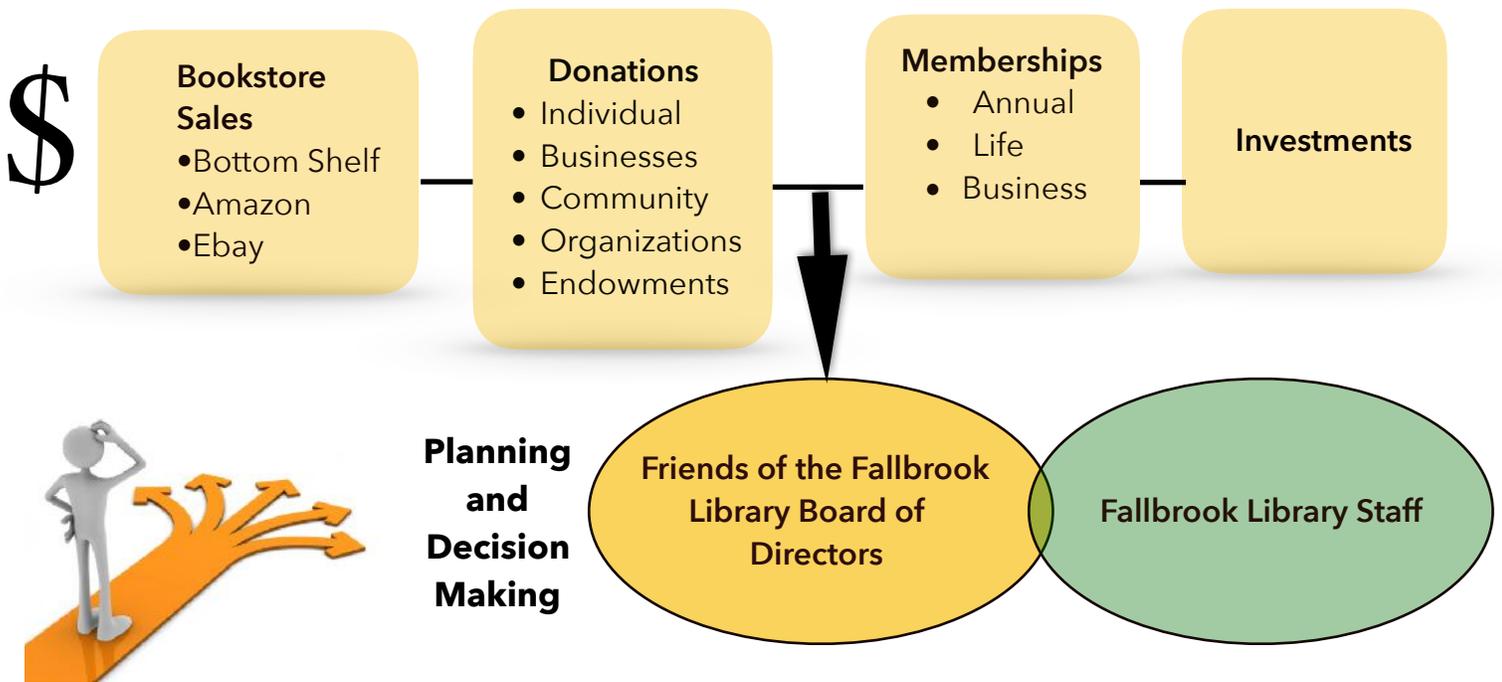
“Just wanted to let you know that we had our first virtual parent class last night and it was wonderfully chaotic. We gave a couple of parents a quick training on how to use Zoom and their children were a great help with practicing in preparation to participate. Kids joined in, which was an unexpected but delightful surprise. We have never had the kids participate in the in-person classes over the years. That's what made it a little crazy last night but it really was terrific.”

-Leticia Maldonado Stamos



On the FOFL website home page you will find links to the Fallbrook Library Facebook page with more information about upcoming events.

How do the Friends Support the Library?



Program Funding: 95% from Friends of the Fallbrook Library to supplement 5% from San Diego County Library.

Music Programs

Acoustic Showcase
 Concert Series
 Freaney & Friends

Art Displays

Permanent Art
 Visiting Art

Entertainment/ Informational

Cinema Nights
 Lecture Series
 Writer's Programs

Adult Programs

Book Clubs
 Writing Programs
 Author Appearances

Children's Programs

Toddlers and Tunes
 Kindergarten Gear-Up
 First Grade at the Library
 Book Clubs
 Computers

Tween Programs

Crafts
 Tech

Teen Programs

Crafts
 Tech

Health/Fitness

Yoga
 Zumba

Facility Maintenance

Patio Furniture
 Fountains
 Landscaping
 Security Cameras
 AV Equipment
 Permanent Art
 Equipment Preservation/
 Improvement

Books and Materials

"Hot Right Now" Books
 Book Club Books
 DVDs

Publicity

Newsletter
 Posters
 Web Site

How you can support the Friends



Gifts up to \$100,000 per year are not reported as taxable income. Such gifts not only support library projects and programs but may offer valuable estate planning and tax benefits by reducing your tax exposure. We encourage you to discuss these options with your financial, investment or estate planning professional.

**How would you like to be remembered?
What will your legacy be?**

Consider a gift to the Friends of the Fallbrook Library when making retirement and estate plans.

A planned gift is a contribution arranged in the present and allocated at a future date. This type of giving makes an enduring statement about your commitment to the Fallbrook Library and our community. Commonly donated through a will or trust, planned gifts are most often granted once the donor has passed away, or as a bequest to honor someone special to you and the Fallbrook Library.

Planned gift options

- Life insurance
- Direct contributions through your IRA
- IRA charitable roll-over gifts
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- Retirement plan assets

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The power of your gift will expand over time and can have influence on lives in our community far beyond your lifetime.

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Add your name to the donor list, engraved in stone, behind the beautiful gate of the peaceful Poet's Patio. Call us to find out how!

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- Individual \$250.00
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+ Consider adding a donation to your membership. 100% of funds go to library programs and services.