PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – Carole Nail

Happy Fall! I apologize for the late distribution of the October newsletter, but I was on vacation in France (poor me!).

Between book sales and DONATION SATURDAY events over the summer, the Friends of the Library has been very busy, and we look forward to an even busier fall. Our next bag sale will be on November 12, and we will have five more donation events before the end of the year (see the article on page three).

We continue to be in need of books, particularly hard bound and paperback fiction, and gently used children’s books. If you are weeding your collection, please keep the Friends in mind.

FRIENDS’ DONATION TO THE LIBRARY

At the July board meeting, the Friends Board approved the first contribution to the Benicia Library for FY 22-23 in the amount of $35,000! Book Sale Coordinator Ron Arrants presented the check on behalf of the board to Library Director Jennifer Baker at a recent library staff meeting (unfortunately, no photo).

Thanks to your continued support through donations, new and renewed memberships, and book sales, we were able to return to a pre-pandemic contribution level. As you know, Friends’ contributions fund both library programs and materials.

SOPHIE’S CORNER – HOLIDAY BOOKS

The holiday season is upon us again! Where has the time gone?! Whether you celebrate Halloween ("First Pup" Sophie is particularly fond of Dia de los Muertos!), Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or any other special day, we have a large selection of books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs for children, adults, and families to enjoy.

If you were unable to attend our October book sales, don’t worry, you can still find Halloween titles in the Friends’ book store in the library.
NANCY MAHONEY - CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - RETIRES

The Friends of the Benicia Public Library Board has sadly accepted Nancy Mahoney’s resignation from the board.

Nancy, born in Chico, is a fourth-generation native Californian on her mother’s side. When Nancy was eight years old, her family left Chico and ultimately settled in Vallejo. Nancy met Burt Mahoney in high school, and they married in 1958. In addition to their children, Nancy and Burt are proud grandparents of two grandsons and two granddaughters.

When Nancy became an empty-nester, she taught quilt making, judged quilts professionally, and was Director of the Northern California Quilt Council for 7 years.

Over 30 years ago, Nancy discovered her passion in life (besides her family, of course) in genealogy. In addition to having taught classes, Nancy enjoys using her sleuthing skills to help friends and acquaintances solve the “mystery” of their family histories. It naturally follows that mysteries are Nancy’s favorite books to read!

As everyone knows, if you need something done, ask a busy person! In addition to quilting and genealogy, Nancy found time to help with the Funding Committee of the Carquinez Village Project.

How extraordinarily lucky for the Benicia Library that Nancy is such a busy and dedicated Benician! Nancy served for five years as Volunteer Coordinator for the Benicia Public Library in a position sponsored by the Friends. She then joined the Friends Board as Vice President, and in 2018 assumed the board position of Corresponding Secretary from which she is now retiring.

Over the years as a book sale volunteer, Nancy has sorted/shelved in the Cookbooks, Gardening, Hobbies and Crafts, Large Print books, and Westerns sections. The joy of books and the interaction with other volunteers keep Nancy dedicated to the Friends and although she is retiring from the Friends Board, she will continue to support the Friends by volunteering as a sorter/shelver.

On behalf of the Friends Board, thank you Nancy for all you have contributed in the past, and all you will undoubtedly contribute in the future. Enjoy your retirement!

DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS

Thank you to all the members who have made cash donations to the Friends of the Benicia Public Library, and to those who have donated in memory of Douglas Mahoney. The Mahoney family has been notified of your generosity and is grateful for your kindness.
GREETINGS FROM LYON, FRANCE

While on a bus tour in Lyon, I spotted this huge trompe-l’oeil mural painted across the fronts of several buildings. Of course I had to return on foot in order to get some photos for the newsletter! The mural represents 30 of Lyon’s famous figures from both the past and present, including the Roman emperor Claudius, the pioneer filmmaking Lumièrè brothers, silk weaver and inventor of the Jacquard loom Joseph-Marie Jacquard, author and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (*The Little Prince*), and others.

DONATION SATURDAYS

Thank you to all of the library supporters who have donated thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles during our donation events. We continue to rely on your generosity to replenish our stock of materials for our sales.

**DONATION SATURDAYS: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  October 15, November 5 and 19, December 3 and 17

Keep up to date on DONATION SATURDAYS and book sales by reading our postings on NextDoor, and by liking the Friends of the Benicia Library Facebook page.
Proceeds from 2021 Book Sales

July: $4,105
August: $4,966
September: $4,197
Total YTD 2021: $40,838

UPCOMING BOOK SALES: Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm.; Saturdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

- October: Thursday 10/6/22 Members-Only
  Saturday 10/8/22
- November: Thursday 11/10/22 Members-Only
  Saturday 11/12/22 BAG SALE BAG SALE BAG SALE
- December: Thursday 12/8/22 Members-Only
  Saturday 12/10/22

HOORAH FOR FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS! WE’RE NOTHING WITHOUT YOU!

Book Sorters
Ellen Barrett, Sally Baumer, Brita Bautin, Ron Beffa, Judi Boyle, Virginia Cady, Gay Calhoun-Bixby, Dana Carrigan, Sara Casey, Sheila Clyatt, Diane Dooley, Michelle Douglas, Virginia Fontaine, Gwen Glick, Marlene Grindling, Meg Grumio, Janet Hankin, Denise and John Hasler, Karen Hatzigeorgiou, Pat Holcomb, Barb Holthius, Dolores Kan, June Knickerbocker-MacDonald, Euly Legro, Leslie Lessenger, Denise Lichty, Barbara Lizarraga, Nancy Mahoney, Tia McCormick, Carole Nail, Susan Neuhaus, Mike Radesky, Lorraine Remer, Dona Rose, Sue Sendeck, Julie Shelton, Kerry Walsh, Colleen Williams, Lee and Mary Wines, Tina Wynn, Marty Young.

Book Sale Cashiers
Ron Arrants, Judy Boyle, Diane Choquette, Bob Cowan, Barry Cunningham, Gina Dokko, Elaine Eger, Virginia Fontaine, Carol Hazenfield, Pat Holcomb, Judy Johnson, Euly Legro, Susan MacDonald, Carole Nail, Susan Neuhaus, Sheila Pallota, Mike Radesky, Jan Radesky, Lorraine Remer, Tina Wynn.

Donation Saturdays
Ron Arrants, Ellen Barrett, Ron Beffa, John Chiappetta, Bob Cowan, Yolanda DeVore, Jackie DuBois, Virginia Fontaine, Pat Holcomb, Judy Johnson, Jose Luis, Susan MacDonald, Mike Martinez, Carole Nail, Sheila Pallotta, Jan Radesky, Mike Radesky, Tina Wynn, Marty Young.

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We hope that you enjoy our newsletter. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to contribute a book-related article, please email us at friendsofbenicialibrary@gmail.com.