



LIBRARYTALK

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Facts about Friends

In the spring of 1953 a small group of people came together to discuss and consider creating a group of library associates. As a basis for the discussion, there had been a report that stated the library had been in need of additional library space for 40 years. In addition, the Grand Jury recommended for several years in their annual report, improving library facilities. It was noted that there were many lay organizations to help agencies reach their goals.

A Steering Committee was formed to set up the organization. The group went on record as favoring Kern County Library Associates as the name for the organization. In 1961, the Constitution of the Kern County Library Associates listed the purpose of the group: to maintain an association of persons interested in the Kern County library system; to focus public attention on library services and needs; to interpret to the citizens' needs and services of the library and, to stimulate use of the library to the fullest extent.

In 1961 the group became the Friends of Kern County Library and in August 1965 became an incorporated non-profit organization

The group continues today as the Friends of the Kern County Library, Incorporated and now has affiliated groups at almost every branch library in Kern County. (For branches that do not have a group of Friends, they receive some programs from the parent Friends group and we will help them organize their own group.)

The Friends of the Kern County Library provides funding support for summer programs at the branches, books, magazine subscriptions, special projects and general support through book sales held three times a year, internet book sales and ongoing sales of surplus books. Volunteers help sort, clean, and prepare thousands of donated books each year.

Each week a dedicated group of book lovers (aka volunteers) comes to the Beale Library and go to the basement to spend time sorting, cleaning, packing, pricing and generally preparing books and AV items that have been donated for the sales. The sales simply would not be possible without these individuals! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING



Yvette Davis, Kathleen Geyer, Georgia Bailey, Jackie Appel, Steve Martin, Sherry Kelley, Theresa Borkvich, Marty Davis, Darleen Jehnsen, Ann Williams, Ginger Smith, Bob Smith and Gary Frazier. Not pictured: Joe Bugni, Marilyn Patterson, and Bob Patterson.



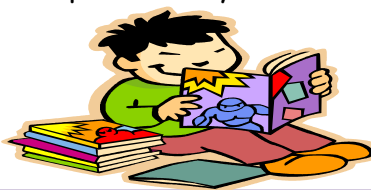
News, Notes and Information At the Beale

The summer programs at Beale and the branches have started. These programs are for children and young adults and are funded by the Friends of the Library each year. There are MANY activities that are free and engage patrons from toddler to teen. Visit the website for your branch through kerncountylibrary.org for a schedule of the events at each branch,

During the summer, the Kern County Library offers over 300 FREE events for children, teens and adults countywide featuring reptiles, puppets, magic shows, theatre, food demos, music, story times and much more!

Keep kids and teens reading all summer long with the incentive of a free paperback book provided by the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc. Ask library staff for more details.

Visit the kerncountylibrary.org website and click on *news and events* for a reading log, book suggestions, schedule of events, and to download a reading record for children, teens or adults. Summer reading programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Comments from the President

By Darleen M. Jensen

What happens to books that are too damaged or too out of date to be sold?

This is a question we often receive from patrons at the library or from new Friends' volunteers. Initially donations are received from many sources - individuals as well as organizations and agencies, and from the library. As the donations come to the library, they are reviewed for several things: Are they in good condition? Are they dusty and can they be cleaned? Or have they been wet? have spilled food on or in them? are they dirty? are they moldy, torn, written in or have pages or pictures cut out? Are they current if they would be considered a non-fiction book - such as medical, health, textbooks reference books?

Books that are out of date, damaged or unsuitable for either collection development or sale by the Friends must be discarded. Since we are all book lovers, this is not a decision made easily, but individuals who use the library for research or reference, need the most current, appropriate information available. Those who enjoy fiction need books that have all the pages, have not been written in and have not become so dirty that it is not possible to use them without concern. We discard books in such a way that others benefit from the recycling process. And, popular books/authors that are donated in multiples are shared with other Friends groups in the County that get few donations. And this sale, please note the new area - pages and covers that can be used for scrapbooking or crafts!

Here is the summer activity schedule for the next few weeks just at the Beale:

Saturday, June 22
2:00pm Beale - Omnipresent Puppet Theater

Tuesday, June 25
11:00am Beale - Family Storytime: Foods from Faraway Lands

Wednesday, June 26
1:00pm Beale - Free Play for Children Ages 0-6 (Parent & Registration Required)

Thursday, June 27
11:00am Beale - Movie Time: Stop That Pickle! (for ages 3-7)

Friday, June 28
10:30am Beale - Toddler Time: Foods from Faraway Lands
11:30am Beale - Cooking Demo & Taste Test: Food, Family & Fun!

Saturday, June 29
1:00pm Beale - An Afternoon of Music: Youth Recital

Tuesday, July 2
11:00am Beale - Family Storytime: Bug Bites

Wednesday, July 3
5:30pm Beale - Activities & Games: Lego Club 8+

Friday, July 5
10:30am Beale - Toddler Time: Bug Bites

Tuesday, July 9
11:00am Beale - Family Storytime: Fabulous Fairy Tales

Wednesday, July 10
11:00am Beale - Stories & Crafts for Ages 7-11: Moo-vin' On

Friday, July 12
10:30am Beale - Toddler Time: Fabulous Fairy Tales

"At one magical instant in your early childhood, the page of a book--that string of confused, alien ciphers--shivered into meaning. Words spoke to you, gave up their secrets; at that moment, whole universes opened. You became, irrevocably, a reader."

— Alberto Manguel

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Friends' Board Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month at 5:00 in the Lake Room at Beale Memorial Library except in July and August. Any member is welcome to attend.

Friends is a non-profit organization under 501(c) (3). All monetary and other donations are tax deductible.

The Friends' Newsletter, *LibraryTalk*, is published three times each year and is sent to all members. Email copies may be requested by members.

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Friends of the Library Branch Affiliates

A Branch Affiliate is a group of interested individuals in the community that want to support their Library Branch.

The sharing program that is being used by the groups is proving beneficial to everyone. Fewer books go "un-owned" and more books are made available to adults and children at the branches through their ongoing sales.

The Boron Branch was the recipient of a \$1400 grant from the RioTinto-Borax Foundation last month. While they do not have a local Friends group, the parent group accepted the funds that will be used for items and materials at the Branch. We are so grateful to the local businesses and organizations that support the library branches. Funding continues to be short and the need great.

The total funding for 2012 as the result of the Friends efforts at the all the branches from Beale to Ridgecrest provided \$144,000 for books, materials, programs and items as the result of sales and grants. The hours and hours of volunteer time has not been counted, but we could not put a value on that time if we knew the total! It is priceless!

Summer programs at all the branches have started as the result of the Friends funding, so check them out. Take your son or daughter or grandchild or nieces and nephews to the many activities and events. Remember, if you are interested in the activities of the branches or the Friends groups, use the library website and you will find the event newsletter - News and Events. It is updated frequently.

Something new at the sale??

Book Craft Pieces and Parts

Perhaps you have wanted to try some of the items made from books but were reluctant to "ruin" a book. At the next sale, we are going to try something new - a box of books and book pages that would usually be discarded. We are suggesting that you can recycle with your scrapbooking, looking for pictures or plates for framing, pages for printing, and all the other things that creative individuals can think of doing with them. There are many types of paper and some beautiful covers - both children's and adults. On the pinterest.com site, there are hundreds of pins of items created from books and book pages - a board called **books and book crafts** has over 900 pins of book based creative items!



They are back! Bundled Romance!

For those that have asked, there will be bundles of "romance" paperbacks at this sale - 11 books for a dollar deals. These will be Harlequin and Silhouette or other favorite series/authors. Look for the BIG basket in the foyer and enjoy.

And one more thing. . .

We receive many donations of coloring books, workbooks, activity pads, fun books, flash card sets, drawing tablets, seasonal activity books, etc. Since the July sale comes when school is out for a lengthy break, all of these items have been saved and will be in this sale. These are items for children to "play school", moms to use as skills reinforcement, teachers to use to create fun extra practice work pages, or crafters to use for patterns. Look in the children's section for fun.

Much of what the Friends do is a process of recycling - books of all genres - both those for fun and those to educate, CDs, records, VHS, magazines, gift books, DVDs, children's magazines, teacher texts, coffee table books, textbooks, etc. We accept donations of any type of gently used books and audio visual items.



Another recycling method is for you to bring your own book bags to fill. We will help you, of course. And while we will provide plastic or paper, your own bag may be bigger and easier to carry. It is even okay to bring your own box or small wheeled cart.

Donations may be brought to the Beale Library and left at the Information Desk (Tuesday through Saturday) or at the back of the building at the loading dock (Monday through Friday). Tax deductible receipts are provided when requested. When items are donated, those in very good condition are given to the library to consider adding them to the collections. Our sales and funding depends on your generosity and support. Thank you!



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