



## Service by the Numbers

And the Winner Is... Summer Reading!

**K**ids signed up in record numbers for our Summer Reading Program—over 500 on the first day! The theme, “Read for the Win!” focused on sports and games to coincide with the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro. Locally, we partnered with the City of Monterey’s Recreation Division and others to create programs that helped participants exercise both mind and body. The program was funded by the Monterey County Weekly’s Monterey Gives! campaign, which helped us provide books and reading-rich programs for kids, ‘tweens and teens.

- ▶ 437,407 items borrowed
- ▶ 337,622 visits to the Library and Bookmobile
- ▶ 179,886 visits to the Web site and Facebook page
- ▶ 16,297 attended 616 cultural and informational programs
- ▶ 37,541 Database searches were made
- ▶ 70,987 Customer questions were answered
- ▶ 3,438 volunteer hours were donated

# Director's Message



In April, I was appointed Library Director of the Monterey Public Library by our Board of Trustees. I have worked for MPL for 14 years, and am honored to take this leadership role. In 1849, Monterey's civic leaders persuaded citizens to purchase shares to create California's first public library. The result? 167 years of promoting literacy, providing access to knowledge for all and preserving Monterey's history for future generations.

Today, staff, Friends, Board, Endowment Committee, and community members work together to continue this proud tradition. Their investment of time and funds support:

- Childhood and family literacy.
- Technology access for job seekers, students, seniors, small business start-ups.
- Bookmobile access for the isolated or homebound.
- A website offering 24/7 ebooks and services.
- A welcoming community place for residents, teens, military families, nearby employees, business owners, visitors and more to discover, learn and enjoy.

Our annual report gives you a snapshot of the many projects and offerings we've been engaged in since June of 2015. Yet there is so much more to do. A lot of projects were put on hold while we were waiting for a new director. I kept thinking, "What will the new director think?" Then one day I realized, "Hey, that's me. Let's do it!" In January the Library Board set strategic priorities through 2017. You can find them on our web site. Our top priorities are funding to sustain library services into the future, and space—adequate room for learning, for dialogue and to preserve the documents that tell Monterey's story. We are very lucky to have started an endowment fund with the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Now we must build it. We are also lucky to be housed in an award-winning building designed in 1951 by architect William Wurster, but we are bursting at the seams. Can we grow, or remodel? These are the challenges we will be tackling in the next year. Your support is essential to the Library; your ideas, time and dollars are always welcome. Please contact me to discuss ways to continue our legacy of learning.

Inga Waite, Library Director  
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# Highlights & Achievements

## Preserving Community Heritage

We completed the *Voices & Images: Monterey Remembered* grant project which involved conducting on-camera interviews and collecting family photographs from members of Monterey's Japanese-American community. The interviews with sixteen individuals were copied onto DVDs and are now available for viewing in the California History Room. In addition, professional transcriptions of the interviews have been created and may be read in the California History Room. These contributions to the collective memory of Monterey are invaluable in preserving and illuminating the stories of our community.

In October, we displayed photographs donated by Japanese-American families as part of this project. The exhibit was enjoyed by hundreds of people, including the Japanese American families who participated in the project.

This grant was funded by the Thomas Doud the Sr. and Anita M. Doud Fund 1 and the Marcia F. DeVoe Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

## Programs & Collections

We introduced a new monthly program called Storyteller's Studio which provides a practice lab for adult storytellers, most of whom have been working to polish their personal and family stories.

Historic Monterey newspapers on microfilm, dating from 1846–1930 were digitized, and are now accessible and easily searchable from anywhere with an Internet connection.

Teens asked for it; they got it! The Teen Writing Club welcomes middle and high school students who write fiction, poetry, comic book scripts, or who are just interested in the writing process. During summer, teen writers began submitting entries for an anthology, which will be published in the coming year.





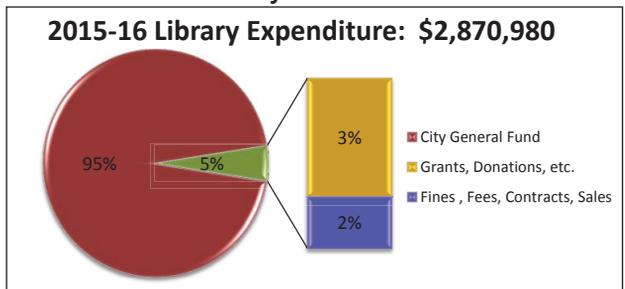
## Fund Development

The MPL Endowment Committee achieved our initial membership goal of forty 1849 Society memberships, surpassing the thirty-nine original shareholders who established the Library in 1849. 1849 Society donors designated gifts of \$1,849 or more to the Endowment Fund during the year through one-time or monthly gifts of cash, or by designating the Fund in their will, living trust or retirement account. We plan to increase our momentum for endowment building to allow California's first public library to continue to preserve Monterey's memory and ensure a literate, engaged community for generations to come.

A unique series of programs were held in cooperation with the Friends of the MPL and the MPL Endowment Committee that included:

- The 2nd annual "Books in Bloom" Luncheon and Artisans' Marketplace fundraiser featuring NY Times bestselling author Vanessa Diffenbaugh's talk about her latest publication, *We Never Asked for Wings*, attended by guests from throughout Northern California.
- A donor breakfast at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa featuring Jo Mora Trust Collection Curator Peter Hiller's talk titled, "Jo Mora in Monterey County and Beyond."
- Alvarado Street Brewery & Grill's "Brews for Books" monthly promotion on the last Wednesday of each month where the Brewery donates \$1 to the Library for every draft beer served.
- An 1849 Society program and reception at The Martine Inn, Pacific Grove, featuring a lecture, "Zena Holman and the Promise of Asilomar" by California Historian Michael Meloy, Ph.D., and an exhibition of rare books from the Holman Collection by California State Parks District Curator Kris Quist.

## Financial Summary



## Facilities

We juggled around staff work areas to make more meeting space. Many of the chairs in the reading areas were replaced with attractive, easy-to-clean seating and colorful, kid-friendly chairs were added to the children's area.

With much gratitude for funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program, we realized a long-standing dream of adding a kitchen and snack bar to the Library. "Etta's Eats," named in honor of Monterey's first librarian, Etta Eckhardt, will be open soon for library customers when they need to refuel with a cup of tea, a bottle of water, a juice box, an energy bar or other healthy pick-me-up. The kitchen will also provide much-needed space for launching fundraising activities such as the annual Chocolate & Wine Tasting Benefit. We especially thank Richard Ruccello, who sponsored the project and guided it through the NIP process.

New window treatments in the California History Room, eliminates glare and helps protect materials from exposure to harmful elements.



## Bookmobile

Outreach is the name of the game when it comes to the Bookmobile. This year has been an exceptional one for extending our reach to hundreds of additional young people who were not already regular library users. We created, "Summer Reading to Go" bins, stocked with books that could be borrowed, read, and returned on the "honor system" by children attending summer programs at City community centers and the YMCA, which the Bookmobile visited on a weekly basis. We thank *Monterey County Weekly's* MC Gives! campaign for funding for the summer reading program.



## Technology

Use of computers is one of the most in-demand services at the Library, but we lacked space to hold computer classes. This year, we converted a former office into a Learning Lab. Access to free computer training is vitally important for digital literacy. We plan to use the new Learning Lab to hold classes for adults, teens, and children on topics such as basic computer skills, electronic library resources, resume writing, social media basics, essay and creative writing, ebook help and coding. Watch for these new learning opportunities on our upcoming calendar!





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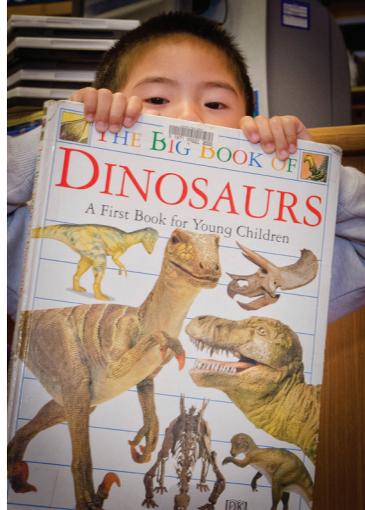
Inspire, Delight, and Educate All: the Library IDEA!

## Friends of the Monterey Public Library

The Friends raised almost \$30,000 from its two largest fund raisers, the 11th annual Chocolate & Wine Tasting Benefit and the sale of used books.

Additional activities included:

- Allocating funds to open a “Little Library” in Montecito Park.
- Providing fiscal management for the “Voices & Images” grant.
- Accepted over \$6,000 from the “Brews for Books” partnership with the Alvarado Street Brewery and Grill.
- Donated \$20,000 for books and other library materials.
- Provided funds to install new window treatment in the California History Room.
- Purchased a large screen TV/DVD player to create a scrolling message monitor in the Library to announce upcoming activities and to showcase historic photos from the California History Room collections.
- Raised funds by providing staffing for the Big Sur International Marathon Expo.
- Hosted the “Books in Bloom” benefit with best-selling author Vanessa Diffenbaugh, chaired by Esther Rodriguez.
- Staffed the one-month long gallery show of historic photos collected in the “Voices & Images” grant project, which was exhibited in historic Casa Gutierrez
- Funded the award-winning Stories for Adults programs, poetry writing workshops, local history lectures, summer reading activities, enhanced youth programs and author events.
- Provided awards for the Robert Campbell Monterey County-wide High School Poetry Awards.





# Grants, Gifts, & Special Funding

We thank these generous grantors and donors:

- *Monterey County Weekly's* Monterey County Gives! campaign for supporting the Summer Reading Program, Read for the Win! by providing funds for materials, books, performers and prizes.
- Poets & Writers, Inc. grant from the James Irvine Foundation for two Poetry Writing Workshops.
- The Stuart Day Fund which provided for a sixth year of the Library Partners program working with local schools. This year it funded a workshop on building a balanced library and sponsored two author visits to schools.
- Thomas Doud the Sr. and Anita M. Doud Fund I and the Marcia F. DeVoe Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County for the Voices & Images: Monterey Remembered community heritage grant.
- The Ruth Vreeland Memorial Fund sponsored a program with author and renowned Rumsien-Ohlonne native culture keeper, Linda Yamane.
- City of Monterey's Neighborhood Improvement program for funds to complete the kitchen addition and install lighting on the terrace and patio.
- Monterey History & Art Association for donation of historical collections including the 1857 incorporation documents of the Monterey Library Association for addition to the Library's historical records collection dating back to 1849, when the Library was founded as the first public library in California.
- Jeff McBride for historical mementos, pamphlets, photographs and maps.
- Tim Thomas for historic photographs.
- Alvarado Street Brewery & Grill for donating \$1.00 for any draft beer purchased on the last Wednesday of each month. The program has raised over \$6,000.

## The Future

It's simple to leave a bequest to the Monterey Public Library. Please contact Sirie Thongchua at (831) 646-5632 or [thongchu@monterey.org](mailto:thongchu@monterey.org).



# Give to the Monterey Public Library Endowment Fund

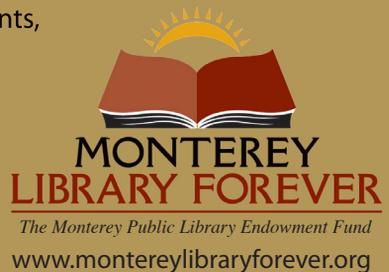
The Monterey Public Library relies on public support to insure that this historic and dynamic institution can continue its long and proud service into the future.

Your contribution will create a lasting legacy and make sure that Library programs and services are there for future generations, regardless of economic circumstances—FOREVER.

There are many ways to make a gift:

- ▶ Cash or monthly installments
- ▶ Becoming a member of the 1849 Society Giving Club
- ▶ Gifts from wills and living trusts
- ▶ Gifts of assets that return lifetime income such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts
- ▶ Beneficiary designations in retirement accounts, savings accounts and insurance policies
- ▶ Gifts of real estate

For more information about giving to the Monterey Public Library, contact Sirie Thongchua at (831) 646-5632 or [thongchu@monterey.org](mailto:thongchu@monterey.org).



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*“Thanks MPL, you all rock!!!” — Robert on Facebook*

*“Superb library with terrific staff. Thank you!” — Library customer*

*“I am thankful for the Monterey Public Library,” Hope wrote on the Gratitude Tree. “Here’s to knowledge!”*

*“The library truly makes a difference in my days.” — Library Customer*

*“It was so great to see so many kids of such diversity creating a place so electric and positive . . . at the Public Library of all places! Also, I should mention that the staff was fantastic!” — Richard from the Suggestion Box*

*“I love to read. I just devour books.” — 9 year old customer*

*“ . . . the California History Room is a treasure. I love the clippings files, and photocopies are only 10 cents a piece. Anyone who thinks that all the useful info in the world is online has a thing or two to learn.” — J.R. on Yelp*

*“The Monterey Public Library is like the Super Friends’ Hall of Justice – a place where many come together to become more powerful in the world.”  
— Monterey County Weekly*

*“My best memories are of hearing Donald Davis and his wonderful stories.”  
— Lois, ‘Stories for Adults’ supporter and donor*



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