

Greetings,

Over the last few years I have learned a lot about the supporters of the Sacramento Public Library. Library donors are loyal and, despite all of the difficult times, you consistently demonstrated that loyalty. Friends of the Sacramento Public Library feel passionately about their community libraries and work tirelessly to sell used books and create volunteer opportunities at their branches and at the Friends' Book Den. Library staff is dedicated to making our libraries the best they can be for all of Sacramento.

These past few months, under the leadership of Sacramento Public Library Interim Director Phil Batchelor, we have all seen just how committed and strong we can be, if we work together. The Partners Working Group, formed to bring the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and the library into greater alignment, has been able to make real headway in how we work together. This great opportunity to transform all of our past ills into tomorrow's successes is an opportunity for all of us, and I really want to encourage everyone to grab it and make it yours. Join us, and take the steps to put this library into the most positive light on the path to a learning organization.

Help our elected officials see our amazing value. Tell a friend how much you love the library and invite them to visit your branch or The Sacramento Room archive or a program of interest. If we all tell one person each week how and why we have such passion for this institution, it will take us about six months to get to most of Sacramento's citizens and, in turn, that will create more support and more value. Your support matters!

April L. Butcher, *Executive Director*



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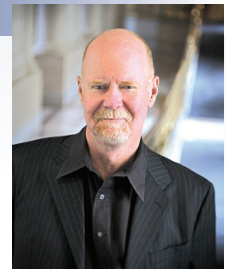
Planned Giving Bulletin

If you're over age 70½, have an IRA, and plan to give money to your favorite charity – then keep reading! The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), signed into law on October 3, 2008, offers an extension until December 31, 2009 for the charitable IRA rollover rule. This legislation, part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, enables IRA owners over age 70½ to make tax-free distribution of up to \$100,000 directly to a qualified charitable organization. Remember the Sacramento Public Library Foundation when planning your estate.

Evan Buck, *Foundation Accountant*

John Lescroart Donor Reception Thursday, August 6

John Lescroart, best-selling mystery writer and local author, will meet, greet, and have cocktails with donors of the Sacramento Public Library Foundation who have given \$500 or more in the previous 12 months. Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6, and get ready for a mysteriously delightful evening.



Branch Boosters to Boost Teen Services

On June 1, the Sacramento Public Library Foundation mailed a letter to 17,000 Sacramento Public Library supporters asking for support of local teen programming and materials in the library's 27 branches. Supporters may choose which branch or branches they would like to have their donations sent, or choose *most in need*. All proceeds will be split between the branch Friends groups and branch libraries; together, they will decide how the funds will be specifically allocated to best support teen library services.

The library is an ideal place for families to go for entertainment and education and even more so when resources are scarce. This year the greater Sacramento community has checked-out 11 percent more books and materials than last year, and program attendance is up nearly 60 percent. Visit any of our 27 branches after school, and you will see the amazing value libraries provide to the community!

Volunteer Phone Bank is Bringing Donors Back!

The Library Foundation has been busy calling and updating donors about the positive things going on at the Sacramento Public Library. Through these calls, the Foundation is seeing a much needed increase in donor renewal. The next phone bank will focus on boosting teen services in all 27 city and county library branches. Persons interested in having fun, while volunteering, should contact Cheryl Fitzgerald, community outreach manager, at (916) 264-2832.

Where will you leave your legacy?

See what the Library Foundation is doing to support our Sacramento Public Library system.

saclibraryfoundation.org

Save the Date!

John Lescroart: August 6, 2009

Pride of the Library: September 25, 2009

Authors on the Move 2010: March 6, 2010

Thank You!

Major Gifts

Roy Vavak

Director's Circle

Borders Group, Inc
Kingsley Art Club
Thea Stidum

Laureates

Peter Dolgenos
Lynn Shapiro and Mark E. Ellis
Elena Gelfand and David Rosenheimer
Robert Gorham
Norm and Dorothy Lien
Susan Westaby
Nancy C. Woodward

Bibliophiles

Jeffrey L. and Deborah R. Gualco
David W. and Deborah H. Gordon
Terry and Penny Kastanis

In Memory of

Dorothy R. Adams
Dolores Freeman Cerro
Anna Goode
Joseph A. Holdener
Helen Kachurak
Frank Kelleher
Quan Y. Luke
Michiko Nitta
Paul Oprsal
Paul W. Verigin
Dorothy M. Williams

In Honor of

Mr. and Mrs. Bauallem Bousselob
Dorothy and Robert Mali
Tom and Martha Markley



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