THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR
David Slivken—Executive Director, Poudre River Public Library District

The Poudre River Public Library District has retained Group 4 Architecture, Research, and Planning to develop a 10 year Master Plan to guide the service directions over the next decade. Located in South San Francisco, CA, Group 4 has recently completed master plans for the Jefferson County, CO Public Library, and the Multnomah County Public Library in Portland, OR. Goals for the Master Plan include, but are not limited to:

- Confirming the Library’s role as a relevant, responsive, and effective service provider today and in the future.
- Ensuring the Library’s long-term vitality and sustainability; and
- Create a clear, transparent, and implementable vision for services and facilities that elected leadership, community stakeholders, and Poudre River Public Library District citizens will support.

Throughout the master planning process, community members will have an opportunity to consider how the Library can align its services and facilities to support the community’s vision. The process will include:

- Project Advisory Committee (PAC)—a stakeholder-based committee who will bring valuable perspectives into the project and help ensure that the plan will “ring true” to stakeholder groups and the community.
- Community Engagement—both formal and informal. Using social media channels, as well as participating in festivals, farmers markets, and other popular local events to engage thousands of voices into library planning projects. Group 4 will also facilitate two formal community engagement events. These events will focus on community interests, needs, and priorities for library service.

Dates, locations and times are still being worked out, but I will be keeping the Poudre River Friends of the Library board in the loop. If you have any questions or comments, you are welcome to contact me at 970-221-6670 or dslivken@poudrelibraries.org.

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT
Julie Lechtanski, President—Poudre River Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library has been given a 1 year extension on our United Way Space lease. This is good news because we have not been able to find a suitable space to move our Sorting operation into. Robin Gard, Dorothy Brenkle, and I have looked at several options. None was a good fit based on size, no bathroom, stairs, lack of parking, not accessible with a 2 wheel dolly, and price. We still need to find somewhere to move our Sorting Operation. We are working with Jim Palmer of Cushman & Wakefield. If you happen to know of space that is available or coming available: We MUST HAVE 1000 sq. ft. that includes a restroom (preferably with janitorial service); parking for 4-5 vehicles; NO STAIRS. If you know, or hear, of a suitable space for up to $15000 per year in rent with utilities etc. included, please call 970 412 8480 (my cell) or send an email to quiltanski.j@gmail.com.

Our new Webster space is working nicely. Our donations pile fills up faster – no carport to expand into. A good tradeoff for shelter and ease of access.

OPEN INVITATION
All Members of the Friends of the Library in good standing are welcome at any Board Meeting. If you have something you wish the Board to know about; discuss; work on; or just want to see how a meeting works – you are welcome to come. If you would like to speak to the Board – email me at the email above and your concern can be added to the Agenda. We meet every 3rd Tuesday at 3pm. We are usually in the Community Room at Harmony Library at Shields & Harmony. Meetings are posted on our Website – prfol.org

Book Sale JULY 13-15 at Harmony. Hope you all are enjoying the great weather and the fun summer reading and other programs at your Libraries. See you at the Sale.

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PINOT’S PALETTE FUNDRAISER

Who knew fund-raising could be so much fun?

Thanks to the generosity of Pinot’s Palette, we raised nearly $300 for Poudre River Friends of the Library at a June event and came away with some inspired paintings.

The premise of Pinot’s is appealing: you spend some time under the instruction of an artist creating your version of a painting, all while surrounded by friends and music and imbibing the adult beverage of your choice.

We chose an aspen/birch themed painting and their staff did all the work – setting up ready-to-paint canvases, palettes and brushes with all the required colors, and easels. Our instructor took us through the whole process of creating a painting from background to finishing touches. The whole experience was relaxing, entertaining, and fun.

At the Pinot’s event:
FOL Board members, Joyce Little, Georgia Ray, Bill Cobb; Annie Fox, Executive Director David Slivken, former Director Holly Carroll and FOL President Julie Lechtanski

A huge thank you to Pinot’s Palette for their donation and for a terrific evening! And we truly appreciate the participation of Friends board members, family, friends and library lovers.

It’s June and moths are busting out all over

On a totally unrelated subject...what’s with all the moths this year? I had 6-7 flying around my house a few nights ago. I chased them down with a short mop and my hands and finally ushered all of them back outside. Yes, I leave several windows open at night to capture the cool for next day. But, they are all equipped with screens and I can’t find an access point.

Since then; there has been one or two each night that sneak back in after I go to bed and secret themselves in the hollows of my front window shade. I don’t leave as many windows open; maybe that’s why less moths. I really prefer no moths in the house.

Any suggestions to eliminate these visitors? Closing all the windows is not really what I want to do.

Other options for donating books

donatebooksfortcollins.org is a for-profit organization. They will pick up a house full, or any size donation. One must go to their website and arrange a pickup. They have various methods of selling the books - Online, Craig’s List, sales around town. Proceeds go to support classrooms in Fort Collins and specific schools or teachers can be named. Accounting for each donation is not possible to make sure every penny goes to whomever the donor requests. A donation to this organization is NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Another option is pickupplease.org. They support Vietnam Vets. They don’t want anything we don’t want. They will only pickup 10 small bags that are set out for them.
FONDLY REMEMBERING SHARI

Long-time Friend and Harmony Shop Manager Shari Bosler died April 21st after a long and valiant fight against cancer. Shari and her husband Gene, former Friends president, have contributed hundreds if not thousands of hours to our Friends organization. Shari was an active volunteer in several other groups as well, including the Cancer Center.

We will miss her enthusiasm, her smiles, and her boundless energy and optimism. Our condolences to Gene and the Bosler family.

The editor of your newsletter is the daughter of the editor of a small town weekly newspaper. It is not necessary, however, to have printer’s ink in your bloodstream in order to put together a newsletter for Friends of the Library four times a year!

Here is what this opportunity does require:
- Ability to do basic editing of submitted material
- Calendar management in order to assure that your contributors know when to submit articles
- Basic skill with a word processing program such as Microsoft Word

If you possess these attributes and are interested in taking on a small, periodic task in support of the Friends, give me a call. I would love to talk with you. The plan is to have someone appointed in time to work with me on the last newsletter of 2018.

Nancy Mendenhall
(970) 229-1947

Here’s another great way to support the Friends:

The next time you shop for any household items at Amazon, log on to smile.amazon.com. Then log on to your existing Amazon account.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Just look for and select Poudre River Friends of the Library. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Spread the word!
Bargains Galore!
BOOK SALE!
Stock up today!

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