



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

From the desk of the President,
Edyth Irvine

Christopher Platt is the new Mono County Office of Education Library Director. In order for MLFOL members to become better acquainted with Christopher, I had a chat with him recently about his background and his library insights. Here is what I gathered.

Christopher was born and raised in Bishop, California. After graduate school he worked in three major libraries in the United States, most recently in New York City. He has traveled around the world visiting libraries; and after 25 years in various library roles, he has returned to the area to give back to this community.

Christopher shared with me an e-mail he wrote to the library staff recently, it included: "The most effective and important resource any public library has is the relationship between the staff member and the patron. All our best thinking in programs, strategies, collections, processes and guidelines culminates in those moments when you're checking out books, telling a story to a group of toddlers, helping them navigate technology, greeting people as they come and go. My main job is to support staff in making these moments as effective as possible, not just to help you be successful but, because to most people, you are the face of the library, not me." In my opinion, the e-mail tells much of his philosophy and style of management.

During our discussion several areas were covered:

- Libraries are an important community gathering space where people can come to hold meetings, discuss ideas and issues, get away from other distractions to focus on work or studying, and better themselves. A lesson he took away from library use skyrocketing during and after the 2009 recession is that, beyond people borrowing more materials than they would have otherwise purchased on their own, they

came in to spend time in a space that made them feel like they were accomplishing something when they were out of work. Coming in to read a book, bringing their resume up to date, learning a new computer program, etc. made them feel like they were accomplishing something rather than sitting at home staring at the walls. And doing so in a library meant that they were around others bettering themselves, and no one had known they were laid off or struggling to find employment. He knows people still use the library for that reason.

- Reading is fundamental. Christopher is a big believer in the power of reading, regardless of the format the book is in or what is read. Reading non-fiction can increase a person's knowledge or perspective on an issue and spark curiosity. We know reading novels builds empathy for others from different backgrounds and inspires creativity. We know young children reading at grade level in elementary school are more likely to be successful in school and higher education as they grow older. A Book Trust study indicates young adults who read regularly are more likely to be successful in work and content in life as they age into adulthood.
- Christopher believes in reading visibly. His email signature contains a book recommendation. He asks people what they're reading on a regular basis. Our Library Staff 2018 Top Picks, linked on the library's website, is a way to show the diversity of reading tastes and recommendations of staff across the county. Our library car now has a license plate bracket that states "Follow me to the library" and "READ!" He encourages everyone to actively and regularly talk about what they are reading - it doesn't have to be limited to book clubs and it doesn't have to happen only in the library!

- Our Mammoth Lakes staff is trying out a Facebook book discussion group around the Sarah Jessica Parker book club to encourage a new digital venue for talking about reading and books, which can include anyone from any part of the county and can play out over time rather than in just one meeting. Sarah Jessica's pick this time is "Heartland" by Sarah Smarsh. Anyone who is reading the book is invited to join. A few copies are available for the club at the library but if you bought the book or checked it out from a different library, you can still participate!
- Christopher sees an opportunity to refresh our children and young adult collections and look for opportunities to increase programs in those areas. We have a great early literacy outreach program in Raising A Reader to get the youngest children and families into the reading habit. He is actively working with his team and colleagues to explore what more they can do for older children and young adults.
- Christopher attended the Foro Latino the other night and was excited to see so many young families in attendance and encouraged them to use their library, providing card applications in English and Spanish.
- Finally, he strongly believes that any individual who wants to change something, whether it's something personal in their life or change the world, can get a good head start on it at their local library. In that sense, the local library is a visible demonstration of a strong, courageous society.
- At the time of this chat he had only been on the job two months and looks forward to connecting with more community stakeholders, garnering more feedback, and welcoming community members who would like to volunteer in library programs. Christopher said that individuals interested in volunteering should contact either Doug Oldham, the Mammoth Lakes Librarian, or himself.

The most current book Christopher has read is a novel by Sarah Perry, titled "Melmoth"; he described the book as having a compelling main character and inspiring self-reflection. He had a

book on the table that he had just chosen from the New Fiction area of the Library, titled "Big Week: The Biggest Air Battle of World War II" by James Holland.

All of Christopher's correspondence ends with a book recommendation. He believes people should share and talk about what they are reading.

I am currently reading "Crowded in the Middle of Nowhere" by Dr. Bo Brock. This book is on the Top Picks of 2018. And, I recently finished "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.

Do stop by Christopher's office upstairs at the Mammoth Lakes Library and introduce yourself.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Jo Bacon

As of December 31, 2018, MLFOL has 124 members in the following categories supporting the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library:

Lifetime	17
Honorary	19
Honorary (Deceased)	5
Club 100	21
Patron	12
Family	26
Individual	20
In Lieu (hours service)	4

Two Honorary Memberships were granted during the past year. They were awarded to:

- Jan Daigle for her time as President and at the Book Chalet and for her work to create and also sell raffle tickets for the 2018 Monster Quilt.
- Edyth Irvine for her years of service to the organization and especially for her time as President (which is still continuing).

Fred and Barbara Richter were the winners of this year's drawing of all those members who had renewed or joined by November 1st. They will be automatically renewed for our 19-20 year.

If you have not yet renewed, there's a handy form on the final page of this newsletter, or you can renew online through our **Donate Now Through Network for Good** button on the MLFOL page of the Library's website at <http://www.monocolibraries.org/friends-of-the-library/mammoth-lakes>

Have you renewed your MLFOL membership for 2019 yet?

The library can never have too many Friends!

The Board and Committees for 2018-2019

The following MLFOL members will be serving on the MLFOL Board and sub-committees. We thank them for their service.

The Board: President, Edyth Irvine; Vice President, Louise Warren/Brigitte Berman; Treasurer, Jo Bacon; Secretary, Cathy Foye; Member-at-Large, OJ Zeleny.

Sub-committees: Book Chalet & Newsletter, OJ Zeleny; Vintage Books, Jo Bacon, Carol Benefiel, Kevin Weinert, OJ Zeleny; Gallery Wall, Jo Bacon & Lori Michelin; Nominating, TBD; Membership, Jo Bacon; Publicity & Membership Volunteer Hours, Jan McPherson.

MLFOL GOALS & OBJECTIVES FY 18-19

These may be viewed at

http://www.monocolibraries.org/files/MLFOLGoals_021318.pdf

ON THE GALLERY WALL

- Jo Bacon

One of our most popular and lucrative shows is back through March 31st. This is the "Our of the Box Quilt Exhibit," fabric art featuring local flora, fauna and landscapes by members of the Calico Quilters Group from Bishop, California. This is the fourth year the group has displayed their wonders.

If you need original art to decorate your home or as a gift, this is a great opportunity to purchase unique art. As always, MLFOL receives a minimum of 30% of the sale price to support library programs.

Stop by the Ellie Randol Reading Room to check out the variety of art our local talent produces!

The library is located at the intersection of Meridian and Sierra Park Road.



Ruby Hoyng's quilt "Equilibrium"

LIBRARY HOURS - 2019

Monday - Friday 10AM-7PM

Saturday 10AM-5:30PM

Sunday Closed

AND THE MONSTER QUILT WINNER IS

Ginnie Bird, a Bishop local, won. Ginnie knows Jan Daigle, the creator of the cutest Monster quilt in the world, so this was a special treat. She purchased her tickets at a quilt retreat held in Mammoth Lakes the latter half of 2018.

MLFOL had \$2200 in sales with \$93.15 in expenses for ticket blanks, giving a net of \$2106.85. All proceeds support the library and its programs. An exuberant Thank You goes out to our MLFOL member and artist, Jan Daigle!

A circulating library in a town is as an evergreen tree of diabolical knowledge! It blossoms through the year! - Richard Brainsley Sheridan

MLFOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you know a spring graduate attending MHS who is planning to start college in the fall? MLFOL can help with book expenses. Up to 10 graduating seniors are awarded book scholarships for their freshman fall semester. The MLFOL scholarship fund has a total of \$2,000 for this purpose.

Students who qualify have:

==> An active library card they have used to check out materials (not for computer use) in the 12 months prior to their application.

==> Submitted the community scholarship request form provided by the MHS counseling staff.

==> Attended MHS or the Independent Learning Center for 3 out of 4 years.

==> A minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Students who have been library volunteers or been community volunteers beyond the MHS community service requirements will receive special consideration, as will students who submit an outstanding personal essay.

You can find more information at the Mammoth Lakes Library website, or by talking to a Library staff member or MHS counseling staff member.

AARP Tax Help

An all-volunteer Tax-Aide program will be operating during tax season in the Ellie Randol Reading Room at the Mammoth Library. The program is a partnership between the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation and the Mammoth Lakes Library. It offers free tax help, preparation, and e-filing during February, March, and April through the end of tax season on April 15th. The program operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The AARP free Tax-Aide program assists low-to-moderate income taxpayers in Mono and Inyo Counties. Sue Stavlo is the district coordinator for AARP Tax Aide in addition to being the Mammoth Lakes local coordinator. In the district are two free Tax-Aide centers; one in Mammoth at the Mammoth Lakes Library and the other in Bishop

at the Northern Inyo Hospital Birch Street Annex. Across the district are 28 volunteers. Each year in January, the volunteers are trained and certified through the IRS/AARP training program in the current year's tax laws and software.

What to bring when you visit our Tax-Aide site:

- Social security cards or ITIN documents for yourself and your dependents and a Picture ID
- Tax statements; W-2 forms, 1099-G (unemployment), SSA-1099, 1099-R, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-MISC, broker statements, etc.
- Medical insurance information for all persons on the tax return, including form 1095-A if insurance purchased through Covered California
- If direct deposit desired, bring account information (routing and account numbers)
- Copy of last year's income tax return (if available)
- Child care provider information (name, provider's SSN or EIN, address, and phone)
- If itemizing deductions, bring past 2 years property tax bills, form 1098 for mortgage interest, DMV statement or car registration, medical expenses, charitable deductions, new vehicle invoice, etc.

About AARP Tax Help:

The Mammoth Library Tax-Aide site has seven computers and fourteen volunteers (three Spanish speaking). Last year, over 500 tax returns were prepared and filed. These volunteers help people with a wide variety of tax situations, including various forms of income, unemployment, education credits, earned income credit, child tax credit, dependent care deductions, renters credit, itemized deductions, investment sales, and small businesses (that do not have a loss, depreciation, or expenses exceeding \$25,000).

We encourage all taxpayers to file early even if they potentially owe money as those payments are not due until April 15th, regardless of when they file their tax return.

For more information or an appointment, please call or email Sue Stavlo: 760 934-5674 or suestavlo@yahoo.com. Walk-ins are welcome. Priority is given to those with appointments.

BOOK CHALET & MLFOL UPDATE **- OJ Zeleny**

Three volunteers moved on to other adventures last fall. Lou and Doug Stewart covered the store on Tuesdays, organized the July 4th Kids Book Give-away as well as used book sales on the deck outside the store. They were involved in so many activities that they had to re-evaluate their commitments, and, therefore, decided to withdraw from MLFOL/Book Chalet volunteering. They remain in this community giving of themselves in a variety of other areas. Louise Warren helped schedule volunteers to cover open hours at the store as well as work some of those hours herself. She also served on the Vintage sub-committee in addition to being Vice President on the MLFOL Board of Directors, withdrawing from that position last November. Louise and her husband, David Clunn, are scouting areas of our magnificent country for their future home. All three of these folks have been reliable and generous volunteers who brought immeasurable value to Book Chalet and MLFOL. We wish them well with their future endeavors!

With Louise Warren's departure from the MLFOL Board, the search was on for her replacement. Though the holidays delayed our efforts, we found our new VP amongst the Book Chalet volunteers! Thus, we welcomed Brigitte Berman to the MLFOL Board at our February 12th meeting. Brigitte came to the United States in 1960. She has Master's degrees in geology and petroleum engineering. In 1984 she bought a condo in Mammoth Lakes and moved here full-time in 2000. Brigitte has been involved in her condo association and the Sierra Club, serving on Boards for both. She is a member in good standing of MLFOL and volunteers weekly for the Wednesday early afternoon shift at the Book Chalet. And, she is a regular participant in the Science Book Club that meets monthly at the library. She is involved in a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking and cross country skiing. Welcome aboard, Brigitte!

Lastly, we extend our thanks to the estate of Rick Jali, whose book collection has expanded both our Vintage and Book Chalet offerings. Rick had an eclectic collection that included history, aeronautics, travel, and local authors, with an extensive number of World War II related books. Come peruse them at the Book Chalet!

MONO COUNTRY FREE LIBRARY **TOP PICKS OF 2018!**

"I'm Afraid Your Teddy Is In Trouble Today" by Jancee Dunn. The kids I read this to loved the idea of their animals having a play day when they're not around. – Ann, Benton Library

"The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. This was my first Kristen Hannah book and I absolutely fell in love with her work. – Sarah, Coleville Library

"An Easy Death" by Charlaine Harris. A young gunsling mercenary must use all her skills and resolve against dark forces. – Amber, Bridgeport Library

"Let Your Mind Run" by Deena Kastor. Deena invites you into her mind, from childhood to elite athlete, with heart and a good sense of humor. – Beth, Lee Vining Library

"The Feral Detective" by Jonathan Lethem. Lethem has created a wild, unpredictable and darkly funny story ... I highly recommend it. – Abbie, Bridgeport Library

"Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain. This is a historical fiction book about the famous aviator, Beryl Markham. The Library also has her autobiography, "West With The Night." – Lynette, Mammoth Lakes Library

"Circe" by Madeline Miller. A character from Homer's Odyssey is given her own voice in this tale of longing and humanity. – Christopher, County Library Director

"The Overstory" by Richard Powers. Really nice writing and compelling stories of people and their (our) connection to trees and our environment. – Lori, Maker Space & Crowley Lake Library

"Costly Grace" by Rob Schenk. Schenk is a Jewish born evangelical minister who gets involved with extreme anti-abortion groups. A fascinating insight into "the other side." – Carole, June Lake Library

"Beneath A Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. 18-year old Pino finds himself drafted into the German Army in Italy – an ideal position to spy for the Resistance and Allies. – Dian, Crowley Lake Library

"Merry Christmas, Big Hungry Bear" by Don & Audrey Wood. A funny and warm story that can help teach about thinking of others and giving; sometimes giving is the best gift of all. – Kacee, Early Literacy Coordinator



FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Jo Bacon, MLFOL Treasurer

The "new year" fiscal budget approved at the November 13, 2018 meeting is noted below.

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
FY 17-18 Budget	
	Amount
Revenue	
BOOK CHALET SALES	12,500
COPY FEES	4,700
Donations – Cash	1,000
Dues	3,400
Endow Grants	1,000
FUNDRAISING	
Misc Fundraising Revenue	1,000
Tote Bags	100
GRANTS	
Holmes Foundation	3,735
Jane Deming	1,100
LIB INC	
Books	250
Donations	2,500
VINTAGE BKS INC	3,000
Total Revenue	\$34,285
Expenses	
BOOK CHALET	
Electric	800
Rent	6,600
Repairs	200
Supplies	200
Telephone	500
COPIER LEASE	4,200
COPIER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	500
Filing Fees	80
FUND EXP	
Membership Campaign	20
Misc. Fundraising Exps	1,000
INSURANCE	1,350

MEMBER BENEFITS	
Newsletter Postage	50
Newsletter Printing	200
OFFICE	
Office Supplies	50
Postage	85
QB Online Fees	50
PROGRAM	
Books - Movies - Audios	6,000
Magazine Subscriptions	2,000
SPECIAL PROG	
Children's Programs	800
Collection Development	2,500
Endowment Grants Paid	1,000
Holmes Grant Reserve	0
MakerSpace	1,000
Musical Story Hours	2,000
Scholarships	2,000
Speakers' Stipends	0
Summer Reading	500
VINTAGE BOOKS EXP	500
Total Expenditures	\$34,185
Other Expenditures	
Accolades	0
NON-RECUR BD APPVD	100
Total Other Expenditures	\$100
Total Expenses	\$34,285

We closed the fiscal year 17-18 with total assets of \$329,663.

Our revenue sources included:

Contributions, Gifts and Grants -- \$49,173
 Program Service Revenues -- \$34,197
 Dues -- \$3,375
 Investment Income -- \$2,418

Significant programs and projects funded by MLFOL for the year included:

Community Programs -- \$13,372
 Book Chalet and Used Book Sales -- \$8,740
 Collection Development and Patron Support -- \$7,357
 Replacement Windows/Screens -- \$5,121

All state and federal tax forms were submitted in November 2018. Copies are available for review by contacting Jo Bacon, MLFOL Treasurer.

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 30, 2018	
	Total
ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
Checking 2854 UBOC	36,068.28
On Hand Cash at Bk Chalet	200.00
Langs. Money Market	18,660.34
Langston CD	140,000.00
Endow CD (Princ)	98,000.00
Endowment (Princ)	925.00
Endow Int	3,867.46
MLFOL Money Market	26,738.44
Other current assets	
Inventory - Tote Bags	403.18
Other current assets	300.00
Fixed Assets	
Art Work	4,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 329,662.70
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deming Grant	1,100.00
Holmes Foundation	10,501.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,601.00
Equity	
Endowmt Equity (Spendable Int)	3,867.46
Endowment Principal	98,925.00
Langston Equity	156,660.34
Retained Earnings	58,608.90
Total Equity	\$ 318,061.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 329,662.70



What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles.

But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person. Maybe someone dead for thousands of years. Across millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you.

Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs.

Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic.

By Carl Sagan



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION New Member Renewal

Please accept my membership in MLFOL in the following category (check one):

\$1000 Lifetime \$100 Club 100 \$50 Patron \$25 Family \$10 Individual

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am interested in volunteering time Yes No

I would like to receive news via email: Yes No

Return this form along with your check to:
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