



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017

From the desk of the President, Edyth Irvine

First, thank you to all of you who are members of MLFOL. *You Recognize The Critical Need For Our High Quality Public Library In Our Community.* Our library has programs for all ages.

You are in for a treat with this Winter News Letter. Articles include: information on the creative Maker Space program; an article on the new Early Literacy Coordinator; our financial update; Labor Day 2016 book sale results; free tax aide via AARP; and, the Genny Smith visit to the Book Chalet.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank the Mammoth Lakes Library staff who are professional, knowledgeable, helpful, and kind.

Many heartfelt thanks to our volunteers at the Book Chalet, the Vintage book sales committee, other committee volunteers, and to the board members of MLFOL.

Yes, we have beautiful white, deep, powdered snow which will probably be with us until July!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE - Jo Bacon

MLFOL is a group of 145 members, in the following categories, supporting the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library:

Lifetime Members	16
Honorary Members	21
Club 100 Members	37
Patron Members	14
Family Members	33
Individual Members	20
In Lieu (volunteer hours)	4

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of you who have renewed for 2017 and welcome to our new

members! Ron and Annette Larson won the raffle for a free 2017-18 membership. Congratulations!

If you haven't yet renewed, please take a minute and fill out the Membership Application form on the final page of this newsletter or renew online at www.monocolibraries.org.

The library can never have too many Friends!

Have you renewed your MLFOL membership for 2017 yet?

The Board and Committees for 2016-2017

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, Shannon Clark; Treasurer, Jo Bacon; Secretary, Cathy Foye; Members-at-Large, Ana Danielson

Sub-committees: Book Chalet & Newsletter, OJ Zeleny; Vintage Books, Jo Bacon, Carol Benefiel, Kevin Weinert, OJ Zeleny; Book Sales, Mary Jo Bauer; Gallery Wall, Ana Danielson & Jo Bacon; Historian & Nominating, Shannon Clark; Membership, Jo Bacon; Publicity & Membership Volunteer Hours, Jan McPherson.

MLFOL GOALS & OBJECTIVES FY 16-17

These may be viewed at

<http://www.monocolibraries.org/files/MLFOLGoals1617.pdf>

ON THE GALLERY WALL ...Textile Art - Ana Danielson

Our current Gallery Wall exhibit is Textile Art. The artists describe themselves as:

"... a small group of quilters from the Calico Quilters Guild of Bishop that love to explore beyond the traditional quilting methods by experimenting with new techniques and materials to create works of art. These quilts are often created using our own hand dyed, printed and painted fabrics. Beads, embroidery, and found objects might be added into a piece as well as machine quilting using a variety of decorative threads.

We are inspired by our surroundings and personal experiences and want to reflect these in our works, be it a beautiful landscape, an interpretation from a cherished memory or an experiment with color, form and texture, we hope that others will view them and take something away for themselves."

The quilts have been so well received that 12 have sold so far! Get in to see them before February 10th and one might also go home with you as well.

Thank you to all those who contributed to and attended the artists' reception at the library on the evening of 16 December 2016. The turnout was amazing in the middle of a winter storm!

The next exhibit will be photographs from the Eastern Sierra Photographers Group. This exhibit will be on display from February 11, 2017 through April 29, 2017. All pieces are for sale and at least 30% of the sale price goes to the Friends of the Library.

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

LIBRARY HOURS - 2017

Monday - Friday 10AM-7PM

Saturday 10AM-5:30PM

Sunday Closed



Serena Johnson's quilt



Artists' reception night

MAKERSPACE HAS MOVED!
(within the library) – Ana Danielson

The MakerSpace has moved...we outgrew the small office space and now have more room for storage and workspace. Stop by to check out the new location, formerly the young adult non-fiction room, and learn about all the exciting opportunities the MakerSpace has to offer.

Participants have been busy learning to sew with our fabulous, new volunteer Dale, making jewelry and creating amazing towers and ships with corks among many other activities. We also have new hours:

- Tuesdays from 2:00 to 6:00 PM for elementary age children,
- Wednesdays from 2:00 to 6:00 PM for middle school students,
- Thursdays from 1:00 to 6:00 PM for all ages, and
- Fridays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for adults.

Check the Library calendar for upcoming special programs including beginner sewing classes with Cindy Sprague (ages 10 and up), a grand re-opening (held Feb 7th), art classes with MAC and much more.



Elise and Jude Howell working on a project at the MakerSpace

“To love reading is to have the world within your reach.” ~ Unknown

GENNY SMITH VISITS THE BOOK CHALET
– OJ Zeleny



Genny Smith is an author, naturalist and activist who first visited this area in the 1930s. At 93, she returned to visit for a month at her cabin in the Twin Falls Tract after a 3-year absence. In 1954, she and her husband had not thought of buying property here, when they visited the Twin Falls Tract and fell in love with the views, that all changed.

Genny used her activist skills and networking connections to foil the Trans-Sierra Minaret Summit Highway, a road from Fresno to Mammoth Lakes, in the late '50s. She has authored numerous guidebooks of the area and kindly posed with one, “Mammoth Lakes Sierra”, when she visited the Book Chalet. Thank you, Genny, for honoring us with your presence!



Genny Smith with Book Chalet volunteers Carol Benefiel, Ruby Hoyng, Shannon Clark and OJ Zeleny at The Book Chalet

MEET KACEE MAHLER, new Early Literacy Coordinator by Edyth Irvine

I began my conversation with Kacee in the usual manner and learned that she moved to Mammoth when only 2 years old with her parents who had worked for the Mountain. After she completed the second grade, they moved to Colorado, then moved back to Mammoth when she was in high school. She has lived here ever since. She and her husband, Roger, have 3 children: Jacob a senior in high school, Jared a sophomore, and Elcee, a 4th grader.

When asked how she became interested in this new position, Kacee said she was ready for a change after spending 14 years as an in-home child care provider. Her home-based program included play and school experiences; it included hands on learning for children. She indicated that she is completely familiar with the Raising A Reader literacy program through being a program recipient, so it was an easy step for her to assume the responsibilities as the Early Literacy Coordinator in Mono County based at Mammoth Library. Along the way, she has taken many Early Childhood Development classes.

I was amazed when I asked about her responsibilities and she replied she has 20 sites she visits every other week. They include child care sites ranging from in-homes, to pre-schools, state pre-schools, and the Coleville Marine Base which has four different classes, including: infant, toddler, pre-school, and pre-kindergarten. She reads stories, sings songs, and interacts with the children. When asked how many children she sees each month, she surprisingly calculated approximately 280 children, not including on alternate weeks when she does the Mammoth Library story time, songs, and crafts with from 10 to 26 children.

Kacee oversees the Raising A Reader Program. Providers rotate weekly red bags which contain four colorful books in each bag. A red bag is sent home with each child, books are read by parents at home and returned at the end of the week. The books are in either Spanish or English as appropriate to the home language of the child.

Raising A Reader Program is a National non-profit program that helps families develop, practice, and maintain home literacy routines. Implementing programs to encourage literacy is important to Kacee. One new event that happened

on January 25th was a Family Literacy Night for families with children 0-5, siblings welcome. Experiences were introduced in English and Spanish. This first Literacy Night introduced the values of early experiences.

Stacy Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools, works with bi-literate students at the high school. Among other things, she teaches her students child development. Some of her students will work as assistants at the Family Literacy Nights. The agenda includes: fine motor skills, matching, pre-reading, pre-math, take-home crafts, as well as stories, fun, and songs. Parents will also receive helpful information.

Another program, which Kacee is planning for March, is a training for providers who belong to the First 5 Program and IMACA. It will be an in-service on the Raising A Reader Program.

It was noted that Kacee appreciates and enjoys the opportunity of working in an environment with many cooperative programs. She voiced a thank you to the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library for their help and support. She expressed gratitude to Taylor Kumlue for guiding her with learning her new job saying "not only is Taylor full of unconditional assistance, my play school kiddos and I loved when she implemented the program for us too as well!".

Kacee's capable enthusiasm comes through for her new position while describing what she does as an Early Literacy Coordinator. She had a twinkle in her eyes and a bright smile when I asked what her favorite part of her job was, and she replied "the children."

AARP® Tax Help

An all-volunteer tax aide program will be operating during tax season in the Ellie Randol Reading Room at the Mammoth Lakes 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 18th. The program operates on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The AARP free tax-aid 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-aid centers: one in Mammoth Lakes at the Mammoth Lakes Library and the other in Bishop at the Northern Inyo Hospital Birch Street Annex. Across the district are 25 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 acct no)
- Copy of last year's income tax return (if available)
- Child care provider information (name, employer's SSN or EIN, address and phone number)
- 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.

The Mammoth Library tax aide site has six computers and eleven volunteers (two 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).

For more information or an appointment, please call or email Sue Stavlo: 760 934-5674 or suestavlo@yahoo.com. Walk-ins are welcome.



Labor Day 2016 Bag of Books Sale



LABOR DAY BOOK SALE 2016 RESULTS

This past Labor Day Weekend, we put more focus on our Vintage Book Sales with a three-day sale that netted us \$2,127.00. We were able to have plenty of time to set up the books in the Ellie Randol Room the day before the sale, so that everything was nicely displayed for the customers.

On Saturday, we also held a separate old-style bag of books sale in the Library Parking Lot. We sold 116 of our \$5 tote bags and purchasers filled the bags with whatever books they wanted.

In 2017, the Labor Day Book Sale will be vintage books *only* and span two days: Friday and Saturday.

Labor Day 2016 Vintage Books Sale



“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”
 ~ Charles William Eliot



FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Jo Bacon, MLFOL Treasurer

MLFOL is again putting more emphasis on special programs at the library, by increasing support for the MakerSpace and the minimum-day Snacks and Science programs.

We continue to support the library collection, provide photocopies for patrons at a reasonable cost, and sell used books at The Book Chalet.

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
FY 16-17 Budget	
	Amount
Income	
BOOK CHALET SALES	14,500
COPY FEES	5,000
Donations – Cash	1,700
Dues	6,000
Endow Grants	2,000
FUNDRAISING	
Misc Fundraising Revenue	1,000
Tote Bags	100
GRANTS	
Jane Deming	1,250
LIB INC	
Books	400
Donations	2,000
MakerSpace Donations	450
VINTAGE BKS INC	4,500
Total Income	\$38,900
Expenses	
BK CHALET	
Electric	900
Rent	6,600
Repairs	200
Supplies	300
Telephone	400
COPIER LEASE	2,500
COPIER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	2,500
Filing Fees	75
FUND EXP	
Membership Campaign	50
Misc. Fundraising Exps	1,000

INSURANCE	2100
MEMBER BENEFITS	
Newsletter Postage	100
Newsletter Printing	400
OFFICE	
Office Supplies	200
Postage	75
QB Online Fees	275
PROGRAM	
Books - Movies - Audios	6,700
Magazine Subscriptions	3,000
SPECIAL PROG	
Children's Programs	1,000
Collection Development	2,500
Endowment Grants Paid	2,000
MakerSpace	1,000
Musical Story Hours	2,000
Scholarships	2,000
Summer Reading	300
VINTAGE BOOKS EXP	700
Total Expenses	\$38,875
Other Expenses	
Contingency	25
Total Other Expenses	\$25
NET	0

MLFOL completed the 2015-2016 fiscal year with just over \$242,000 in assets.

Major expenditures were:

- Support for the Library Collection and Programs \$26,208
- Library Construction Loan Debt Service \$20,000
- Support for the Book Chalet \$8,208.55 (which had a net return to MLFOL of \$6,614.57 due to \$14,823.12 in book sales)

Our very successful You Are Fabulous fundraising event allowed us to put \$10,000 to the support of the MakerSpace, which is reflected in the support total above.

The complete FY 15-16 expenditure reports and tax forms are available on request.

.Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 30, 2016	
	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking 2854 UBOC	34,082.83
On Hand Cash at Bk Chalet	200.00
LANGSTON ENDOWMENT	
Langs. Money Market	29,035.40
Langston CD	70,000.00
MLFOL Endowment	
Endow CD (Princ)	98,000.00
Endowment (Princ)	925.00
Endow Int	1,409.39
MLFOL WELLS FARGO	
MLFOL Money Market	3,694.03
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 237,346.65
Other current assets	
Inventory - Tote Bags	686.80
Total Other current assets	\$ 686.80
Fixed Assets	
Art Work	4,500.00
Total Fixed Assets	4,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 242,533.45
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Bldg Maint / Loan Pmts	1,200.00
Deming Grant	1,250.00
Holmes Fdn	5,000.00
Langston Liabilities	2,000.00
MakerSpace Donations	440.53
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,890.53
Equity	
Endowmt Equity (Spendable Int)	1,409.39
Endowment Principal	98,925.00
Langston Equity	99,035.40
Retained Earnings	1,644.28
Net Income	31,628.85
Total Equity	\$ 232,642.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 242,533.45

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provide service to, and raise awareness of our library.*

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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