



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020

VOTE!

Ten members minimum are needed to vote on this MLFOL Bylaws Change and the Board of Directors slate below, so please mark your calendars and vote via Zoom:

**9/8/2020 at 1:00PM Zoom meeting
(vote will occur in first 10 minutes)**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, September 8th 2020

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be considering the following slate of Board members for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, via Zoom. Zoom access: Meeting ID is 472 105 9983 Password is 161548, or Phone number is 408-638-0968. The annual meeting for the installation of officers and presentation of annual reports is scheduled for the October meeting. All meetings commence at 1:00 PM, voting will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Slate of candidates, alphabetical surname order, for 2020-2021 is:

- Jo Bacon,
- Brigitte Berman,
- Cathy Foye,
- Edyth Irvine,
- OJ Zeleny

Thank you to all of our qualified nominees for consenting to stand for election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting if the nominee is present, is qualified, and consents.

Zoom Meeting Tutorial

The instructions below are for using a PC or Mac to connect.

Overview

In this article, we will discuss how to join an instant meeting through an email invite, an instant messaging invite, from the browser, from the Zoom desktop and mobile application, from a landline or mobile phone, and with a H.323 or SIP device.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from our [Download Center](#). Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.

You can also [join a test meeting](#) to familiarize yourself with Zoom.

Prerequisites

- Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a [meeting ID](#) that will be required to join a Zoom meeting
- If you are joining via telephone, you will need the [teleconferencing number](#) provided in the invite.

 [Windows](#) |  [Mac](#)

1. Open the Zoom desktop client.
2. Join a meeting using one of these methods:
 - Click [Join a Meeting](#) if you want to join without signing in.



[Join a Meeting](#)

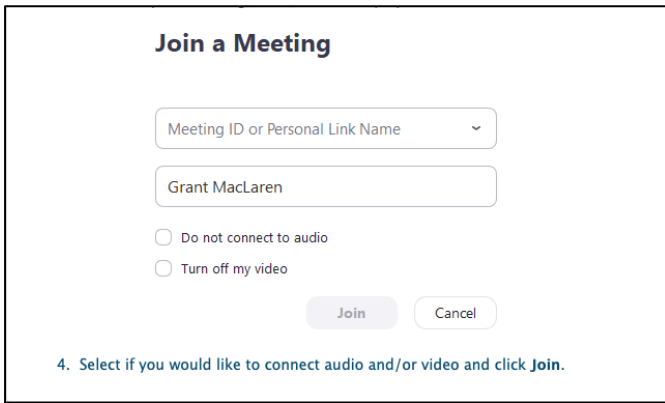
[Sign In](#)

- Sign in to Zoom then click [Join](#).



Join

3. Enter the [meeting ID](#) number and your display name.
 - If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your [default name](#) to appear.
 - If you're not signed in, enter a display name.



Additional options are available online at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

Zoom Telephone Instructions

1. Dial 1-408-638-0968
2. Enter meeting ID 472 105 9983, followed by #.
3. Press # again
4. Enter the password 161548 and wait for the meeting to start.

Phone controls for participants

- *6 - Toggle mute/unmute
- *9 - Raise hand (that means if you want to ask a question)

Hang up when the meeting is over.

From the desk of the County Library Director, Christopher Platt

Greetings Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library and thank you for your continued support! I know that there is not a household among us that has not been affected by the COVID pandemic so I sincerely hope each of you is staying safe and healthy and finding ways to stay sane during this unique season. Of course, one way is to read books and your Mammoth Lakes Library and its wonderful staff are open to serve you, albeit with some limitations which include wearing masks, using the provided hand sanitizer prior to browsing books, and following the physical distancing guidelines provided by staff. Furthermore, we adhere to the guidelines that other libraries follow in regards to asking patrons to return books and other materials into the book

drop only, after which we quarantine them for 4 days before cleaning and reshelving.

We are very pleased that despite the impact of the pandemic, 25 students from Mammoth Lakes participated in this year’s Summer Reading Program “Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover”. Unable to provide the usual round of onsite programs, Cindy Sprague nevertheless offered individualized ‘tutoring’ style support for 14 local children. We incorporated 2 special virtual programs: a workshop with Children’s author Sarah Scheerger and a virtual interpretive hike of the Long Valley Caldera with the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association.

We are also pleased that the Makerspace team have shifted much of their programming effort to ‘grab & go’ kits and Instagram/Youtube posts. Available for use by anyone regardless of their age, 37 kits have been given out to Mammoth participants to date with projects ranging from Pom Pom Catapults to Wonders of Waste Creek Boats to Embroidery Backstitch. Additionally, we are a pick up point for the to-go art kits created by Behavioral Health.

We are grateful to the MLFOL for providing matching grant funding to renovate a portion of the Children’s Room into an early learning space complete with inviting moveable furniture, a storytelling rug and interactive learning toys and wall-mounted activities. Due to COVID we cannot yet properly welcome groups of our youngest users into the space at once but families with children aged 0-5 are encouraged to pop in and spend time on their own in the new space!

Because a rolling stone gathers no moss, we do have new programs on the near horizon:

The “Evolution of Storytelling Project”, our new grant-funded out-of-school program is going to begin in September. Providing high school aged teens with the opportunities to develop and share stories through sequential 2-month modules for spoken word, written, graphic and audio mediums over the course 18 months, registration is now live on the library’s website.

Our next Facebook Online Book Club pick has been announced for discussion at the beginning of September, this time including a live Zoom conversation – anyone can join, no library card required. This month’s pick is “*To Shake the*

Sleeping Self by Jedidiah Jenkins. The publisher description is compelling: “On the eve of turning thirty, terrified of being funneled into a life he didn’t choose, Jedidiah Jenkins quit his dream job and spent sixteen months cycling from Oregon to Patagonia. He chronicled the trip on Instagram, where his photos and reflections drew hundreds of thousands of followers, all gathered around the question: What makes a life worth living?”

Finally, *The Oxygen Starved Podcast: Adventure, Books & Conversation from 11,000 Feet* is successfully soldiering into its second year. The average life of a podcast is 7 episodes, ours is passing 30! Recent guests have included Kendra Atlework, John Urdi, Jennifer Crittenden and Ohanas395’s Rena McCullough. Upcoming episodes will welcome Steve and Amy Miller from Rock Creek Lake Resort, running coach Andrew Kastor, and Mark Brownlie of Mammoth Resorts.



The Gallery Wall

The popular Eastern Sierra Photography exhibit, featuring fifteen local photographers, is our current exhibit which will be displayed through Labor Day weekend. Many beautifully framed original photographs still remain to grace one of your walls.

The watercolor artists exhibit will show subsequently through November.

The exhibit in the Ellie Randol Reading Room during regular library hours.

Endowment Update

So far in 2020, MLFOL has provided \$5,768.59 in support of the Children’s Area.

The following are excerpts from the Performance Report submitted by library staff:

“We removed 2 large underutilized shelving units to free up the south space of the Children’s collection room to bring in grant funded moveable furniture and interactive learning toy stations as well as matching grant funded fixed wall-mounted learning stations and toys to create a welcoming space for parents and caregivers of very young children to come spend time reading and interacting with the collections and activities. In the future it will serve as a storytime space. All outlined work was completed.

Various wall-mounted early learning activity stations (currently covered due to COVID) were added.”

Photos of two of the wall-mounted activity station





MLFOL Book Scholarships Awarded

Two Mammoth High School students in the graduating class of 2020 were eligible for scholarships by the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library to help cover their first semester book purchases in the upcoming college year. Those students are:

Hardi Patel and Keely Podosin

Although \$200 per student is usually awarded, given the scholarship budget is \$2000, the MLFOL Board voted to expend the entire budget and award each student \$1000.

If you are a Mammoth High School student graduating in 2021, or if you know someone who is, keep in mind that the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library provides a book award to college-bound graduating seniors. Students who qualify have an active library card and have used it in the past year, have attended MHS for at least 3 years, and have a 3.0 GPA or have substantially volunteered at the library or in the local community.

For more information visit the MLFOL web site (monocountylibraries.org/friends-of-the-library/mammoth-lakes) or contact us at 760-934-4777. Our email address is mlfol@monocoe.org. You can also use this contact information to donate to MLFOL, become a member, or to begin participating as a volunteer.



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Vintage Books

This subcommittee has undergone a number of changes during calendar year 2020.

First, we have changed our criteria for online listings to books with a minimum value of \$30.00. This is due to increasing shipping costs.

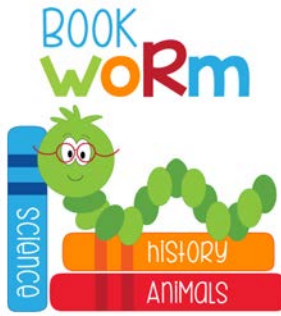
Second, all the existing inventory was screened against this criterion. Our inventory was thereby reduced to around 80 offerings.

Lastly, with the state-wide lockdown due to coronavirus, we temporarily closed our online offerings as we were not able to access to the inventory at the closed library plus concerns over visits to a potentially crowded Post Office.

Although the library has re-opened in June, they are not accepting new donations. And, the vintage books offered at the Book Chalet have been unavailable while the store remains closed due to a coronavirus age-vulnerable staff of volunteers.

As of this writing, all vintage book sales are on hold. Our greatest hope is to celebrate the end of this pandemic with a large Vintage Books Sale.





BOOK CHALET TRANSFORMS!

- OJ Zeleny, Manager

The coronavirus has taken its toll on our small town. And now it has forced a transformation for the Book Chalet. Run by an all-volunteer staff with a median age in the mid-70s, who are also members of MLFOL, the book store was not able to re-open even though meeting the Public Health certification process.

Due to the current pandemic, the feasibility of re-opening the store before next summer is unlikely. Financial calculations on the store's expenses and projected income, based on the summer of 2019, shows that the store needs \$6000 in income just to break even. The book store usually generates an additional \$4000 of profit annually for the MLFOL in support of the Mammoth Lakes Library programs, above and beyond its annual operating costs of \$7800.

Each year around this time, the MLFOL Board reviews the projected income for the Book Chalet. If there is no profit, then the store must close. When the challenge of finding younger (50 and 60 something) volunteers to continue staffing the store was factored in, the MLFOL Board voted at the August 11th meeting to close the Book Chalet at its current location across from The Stove Restaurant at the end of our fiscal year, September 30th.

Do not be dismayed, my friends, for the Book Chalet will transform into the Mini Book Chalet in October inside the Mammoth Lakes library! The Mini Book Chalet will continue the mission of the Book Chalet which is to provide a year-round outlet for selling books that have been donated to

the MLFOL with the proceeds going to support the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library and its programs.

The Mini Book Chalet will be located on the wall across from the copier. Yes, there will be fewer books, though a variety of the most popular categories will still be available. The prices will be lower than the current Book Chalet, but a tad higher than those used books currently for sale at the library.

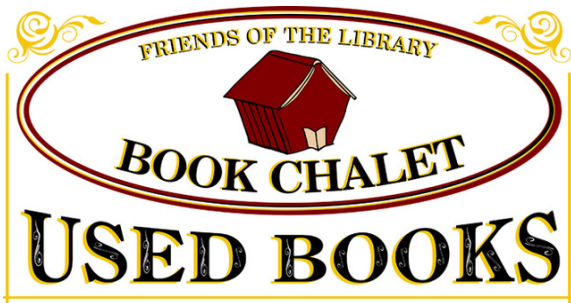
The Mini Book Chalet will have no dedicated overhead! No more rent, no more utilities, no more supplies, etc. Thus, all funds collected for used books will go directly to library programs! The books currently shelved at the book store and stored at the old library are pre-Covid-19 books which will be used to stock the 'mini' shelves initially.

In order to reduce the volume of books to be moved to the Mini Book Chalet and storage by the end of our fiscal year, there will be a sale. This will be a 'donation only' book sale with a free MLFOL tote bag to the first 300 customers. All customers must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before entering the store. A limit of five (5) customers in the store at one time will be mandated. There will be two sales, both on Saturdays, 9AM-5PM, on August 29th and September 5th (Labor Day Saturday).

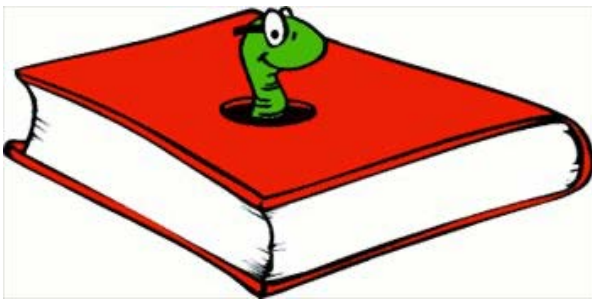
The MLFOL extends profound thanks to the numerous volunteers that gave of their time and talent to make the Book Chalet possible since its founding in May 1999. Additionally, MLFOL is extraordinarily grateful to all the wonderful customers who have graced the Book Chalet with their presence and donated their gently used books over the years. The MLFOL and Library staff look forward to seeing the regulars – locals throughout the year as well as holiday and summer annual visitors – at the Mini Book Chalet. May good health and the wonder of books be with you all!



"Second hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack." - Virginia Woolf



BOOK "SALE" ALERT!



WHERE: The Book Chalet

(across from The Stove Restaurant)

WHEN: Saturday, August 29 and September 5

TIME: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

COST: Donate \$\$ for books

INCENTIVE:

Free MLFOL tote bag to first 300 customers

Help MLFOL defray moving costs

REQUIREMENTS:

Five (5) customers maximum in store

Must wear a Public Health approved mask

Must sanitize hands before entering



Musical Story Times 2020

We have again received a grant from the Jane Deming Fund to provide musical story times to Mammoth Elementary School kindergarten, first and second grade classes. We have usually presented these in September or October.

Because schools will be virtual for a while, we'll hold off on setting dates for 2020. The other option that we will consider is having the presentations recorded. The decision will be made sometime in the next few months.



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- Norman Cousins*

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