



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2021

Tidbits from the Mono County Library Director, Christopher Platt

Thank you for continuing to support the Mammoth Lakes Library! Like most other libraries across California, we are continuing to offer Call Ahead for Pick Up Service, which allows you to call or email the library during open hours to request items for check out. These items will then be waiting for you to pick up from the table in the Library's entrance foyer. The contact info for this increasingly popular service is mammothlakeslibrary@monocoe.org or 760-934-4777. Staff can also assist with registering or renewing library cards, printing and any informational questions. Also, remember we have a wealth of resources for you at our ONLINE LIBRARY on the website - including the new HOOPLA Streaming Video service that lets you 'check out' up to 4 movie or TV titles a month!

The Library is actively reviewing options for reopening for limited onsite service as the County trends toward leaving the Purple Tier and vaccinations continue. We hope to have news to share soon. In the meantime keep yourself busy with the next Facebook Online Book Club Pick - Lauren Groff's "Fates and Furies" (for discussion mid-February), one of our Makerspace Team's newest To-Go Kits: a soft sewn Valentine's Heart, or get a weekly book recommendation direct from Christopher each Friday in the new #BookTalkFriday series found under the Quick Links Section of the website and on our main Instagram account "@monoctylibraries". Additionally, make sure the 9-12 graders in your life know about the new Journal Boxes for the next phase of the Evolution of Storytelling afterschool program available for pick up at the library. Keep in mind to tune in to the latest episode of the Oxygen Starved Podcast - the current guest is Josh Feinberg of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center and next up will be County Supervisor Stacy Corless. Stay safe and happy reading!

From the desk of the MLFOL President, Cathy Foye

Oh, what a year it's been...

I want to thank everyone in our Friends of the Library family for your support, understanding and flexibility during this past year. Our plans for programs, a fun fundraiser, art exhibits and receptions, etc. have been put on "hold" for the foreseeable future.

We had to make the fiscally responsible decision to close our Book Chalet storefront. As a result, dozens of boxes of books and video and music media were dispersed throughout the area. The metal shelving was donated to the Mono Basin Historical Society and has been installed in their new auxiliary building adjacent to the School House Museum in Lee Vining.



A Mini Book Chalet has been established inside the Mammoth Lakes Library and will be accessible to us all, when the Library reopens.



The Library we support has done a magnificent job of adapting to our pandemic circumstances. Under the leadership of Head Librarian, Doug Oldham, and County Director, Christopher Platt, almost all Library services have continued - books, newspapers, magazines, no-contact book pick up and a book club.

Everything from MakerSpace projects; to Raising A Reader book bags; to Book Clubs; to school age reading contests / promotions; to the new Beanstack program have been organized and maintained by our wonderful, dedicated Library staff. Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

Your Friends of the Library Board has also continued to work tirelessly to maintain a semblance of normality - the details of which can be found in this newsletter.

In closing, I want to extend special thanks to Edyth Irvine, OJ Zeleny, Jan McPherson, Jo Bacon and Brigitte Berman for their support and flexibility. I look forward to the day we can meet, in person, in the Ellie Randol Room.

Have you renewed your MLFOL membership for 2021 yet?

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
- Jo Bacon

MLFOL starts 2021 with 102 members in the following categories:

Lifetime	21
Honorary	26
Club 100	21
Patron	9
Family	14
Individual	10
In Lieu (hours service)	1

The Byus Family were the winners of the Membership Renewal Raffle this year. So, their membership for FY 21-22 is free!

Bookplates will be placed in one of the books purchased this year for those in the Club 100, Lifetime and Honorary membership levels.

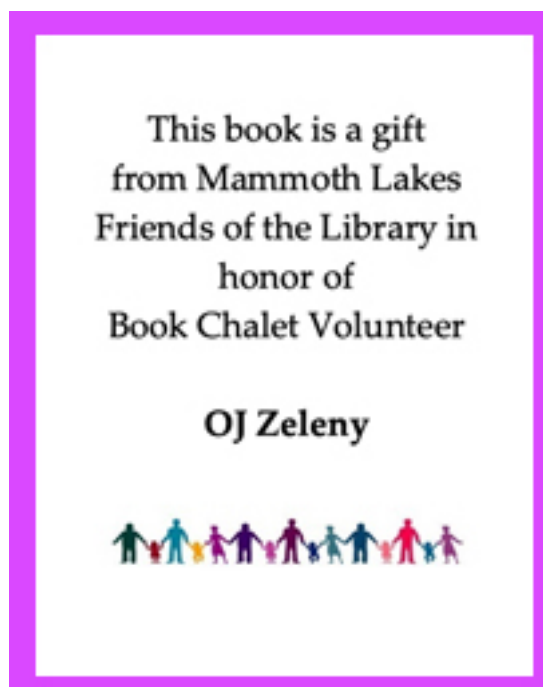
We also awarded two Honorary Memberships this year:

- Lynette Armstrong, who has retired from the Library Staff, was recognized for her outstanding service to patrons and her assistance with Book Chalet book sorting, including dropping off sorted books at the store.
- Ron Wann was recognized for his many years of auditing the daily Book Chalet cash register receipts, matching them to the amounts deposited, and keeping visitor statistics.

This year, we also recognized all of the Book Chalet Volunteers with a bookplate in their honor (see below). From our records we found 84 current and former members to recognize this way.

Finally, if you have not renewed for FY 20-21, fill out the form at the end of this newsletter or use this link for an online donation through Donate Now Lite (part of Network for Good) - <https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=%20300266319&vlrSt ratCode=ScIfc9hT%2bsrOg2LhXBas%2f84xGnrQD q2RmrUtQc9wxaUD505DAB%2bPjrzYJNV6lSx8>

The library can never have too many Friends!



The Board and Committees for 2020-2021

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

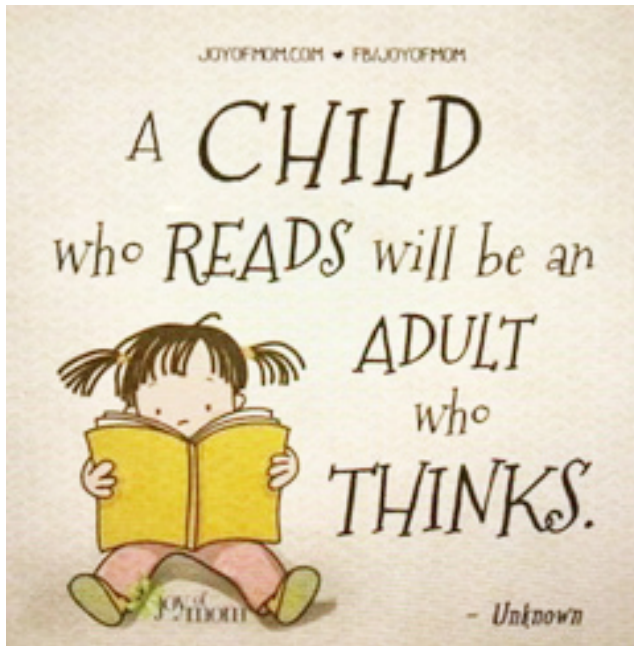
The Board: President, Cathy Foye; Vice President, Brigitte Berman; Treasurer/Secretary, Jo Bacon; Members-at-Large, Edyth Irvine and OJ Zeleny.

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

MLFOL GOALS & OBJECTIVES FY 19-20

These may be viewed at https://www.monocolibraries.org/files/MLFOLGoals_11020.pdf

LIBRARY HOURS - 2021
Monday - Friday 10AM-7PM
Saturday 10AM-5:30PM
Sunday Closed



MLFOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will offer scholarships annually to Mammoth High School graduating seniors to help purchase books for college. The total amount available to be awarded will be included in that year's approved budget. The number of grants and the dollar amount of the grants will be based on the number of eligible candidates for that same fiscal year.

The following criteria shall apply:

- Students must have an active library card and have used their card to check out materials (not for computer use) during the previous twelve months from the time of application
- Students must fill out the community scholarship request form provided by MHS counseling staff.
- Students must have attended Mammoth High School or the Independent Learning Center (ILC) for 3 out of the 4 years.
- Students will be selected using Grade Point Average (GPA) as the main criteria, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA. This may be overridden for a student who has been a library volunteer and/or a student who has been a community volunteer above and beyond the required community service requirements, or whose outstanding personal essay merits additional consideration.
- For special consideration, students may volunteer at the library, record their volunteer hours on the form available from the MHS counseling office, and submit the form with their applications.

Procedure:

Each year three members of the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be chosen as the Scholarship Selection Committee. This committee will request the community scholarship

applications from the counseling staff. They will recommend, to the Board, students to receive the book scholarships.

The award will be given by a selected Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library board member at the MHS Awards Breakfast, which usually takes place on the morning of graduation. At the breakfast, the student will receive a certificate of the award. The student will need to provide proof of registration in college to the Friends of the Library, before the check is written. The proof of registration can be mailed to the Friends of the Library or brought into any scheduled meeting.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

If you happen to pass by the Library, you'll see enclosures are being built for the outside mechanical equipment areas on the north side of the library, thanks to funding provide by the Langston Endowment.

Staff brought this proposal forward after some vandalism this fall, in that someone turned off the propane tank valve and the library had no heat. Other issues have been homeless campers spending evenings in the area and discovering that many of the mechanical connections were never secured.

MLFOL has approved a bid to enclose both areas with metal grids, gates, and a substantial lock/plate system to keep anyone from breaking into the enclosures.

Work is under way, as you can see from the photos below. We are hoping that the project will be completed after the snow melts in the spring.



East enclosure



West enclosure

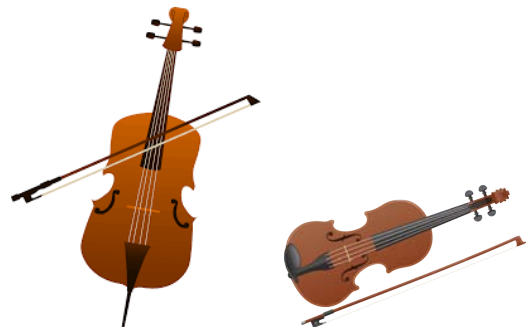


MUSICAL STORY TIMES

This year's Musical Story Times will be presented virtually! Brian Schuldt and Rebecca Hang will record the sessions since we can't count on our elementary school opening this spring.

The same four stories will be presented, however, by having them recorded, we'll be able to extend our reach to the schools in the Eastern Sierra Unified School District (Northern Mono County) and to Bishop Schools (Northern Inyo County).

Expect to hear when they are posted, hopefully, some time in the next few weeks.



BOOK CHALET & NEWSLETTER - 2020
- OJ Zeleny

For FY20, the **Book Chalet** had receipts of \$5,535.09 and 851 visitors with expenses of \$7,031.70. This significant loss of \$1,496.61 was due to the coronavirus pandemic resulting in the California Governor shutting down the state in mid-March and the lack of sufficient volunteers to staff the store upon limited re-opening in June. Thus, the MLFOL Board determined, in light of the pandemic's projected resolution, that it was not fiscally feasible to continue operations.

Over two dozen boxes of books and DVDs were given to retirement homes in Bishop, CA. The remaining large/trade fiction paperbacks and all the youth books along with the remaining MLFOL tote bags were collected by Jennifer Crittenden for the annual summer book festival. Furniture and supplies were either stored or given to the Mammoth Lakes library and local non-profits. "Built-in" bookcases remained with the store for a future tenant and the three stand-alone bookcases were moved to Mammoth Lakes library for their use. These latter bookcases along with any vintage books at the store, popular books and those published within the last three years were used to establish the Mini Book Chalet at the Mammoth Lakes library. Librarians will collect funds for books sold at the Mini Book Chalet and MLFOL volunteers will replenish the book shelves.

Names of Book Chalet volunteers since the store's inception were collected by Jo Bacon from OJ Zeleny and Carol Benefiel. These volunteers will be acknowledged via bookplates inside the library's new book arrivals.

For FY20 there were 195 printed **newsletters**; 68 of these were mailed and 136 newsletters were emailed. This is a reduction of 14 mailed and 28 emailed from last year. The newsletter was budgeted at \$235.00 and expenses were \$252.27. This exceeded budget by \$17.27 due to not budgeting prorated cost of printer ink cartridges.



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"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." ~ Emilie Buchwald





FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Jo Bacon, MLFOL Treasurer

With the library closed or at minimal attendance allowed during the pandemic, this year's budget covers just the basic operations. We anticipate expanding services and programs once we are again fully open.

For the first time in many years, we will be using some of our checking account balance to cover anticipated expenses, as is noted in the Retained Cash Flow Revenue line. We have plenty of funds available, as you can see from the Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2020.

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
FY 20-21 Budget	
	Amount
Revenue	
Donations – Cash	2,000
Dues	4,500
Endow Grants	1,000
FUNDRAISING	
Misc Fundraising Revenue	1,000
GRANTS	
Jane Deming	988
LIB INC	
Mini Book Chalet	400
Donations	1,500
RETAINED CASH FLOW	5,327
VINTAGE BKS INC	500
Total Revenue	\$17,215
Expenses	
Filing Fees	100
FUND EXP	
Membership Campaign	25
Misc. Fundraising Exps	1,000
INSURANCE	1,350
MEMBER BENEFITS	
Newsletter Postage	35
Newsletter Printing	200
OFFICE	
Office Supplies	50
Postage	55

QB Online Fees	75
PROGRAM	
Books - Movies - Audios	4,000
Magazine Subscriptions	1,200
SPECIAL PROG	
Collection Development	2,000
Endowment Grants Paid	1,000
Musical Story Hours	2,000
Scholarships	4,000
VINTAGE BOOKS EXP	125
Total Expenditures	\$17,215

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 30, 2020	
	Total
ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
Checking 2854 UBOC	20,274.97
Langs. Money Market	17,444.06
Langston CD	210,000.00
Endow CD (Princ)	100,000.00
Endow Int	8,437.54
MLFOL Money Market	27,454.49
Fixed Assets	
Art Work	4,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 388,111.06
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deming Grant	988.00
Holmes Foundation	15,501.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 16,489.00
Equity	
Endowmt Equity (Spendable Int)	8,437.54
Endowment Principal	100,000.00
Langston Equity	227,444.06
Retained Earnings	(9,259.97)
Net Revenue	45,000.43
Total Equity	\$ 371,622.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 388,111.06

WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2021
- Carissa Devine, Youth Library Program Manager

The Mono County Libraries had a successful #WinterRead2021! A total of 64 readers logged 39,525 minutes across the county. That's nearly 700 hours! In Mammoth Lakes specifically, we saw 54 new registrants using the virtual, reading tracker Beanstack, which came largely from MES. In fact, MES had the largest amount of qualifiers for the #WinterRead2021 raffle* across the county!

Branch/Age Group				Total Prizes			Qualifying Readers	Photo Release? Y/N	Winning Reader(s)
PreK	1	6		Carmer Deger					
Mammoth Lakes - K5				3	21	Y	Miles Sindell Maverick Feingold Liv Chesak		
Mammoth Lakes - 6-8				3	4	Y	Riley Nguyen Natalie Herrera Emma Anderson		
Mammoth Lakes - 9-12 <i>1 remaining prize</i>				2	1		Kayleen Garcia Rios		

Note: MHS has one remaining Visa Gift Card prize. This prize will be repurposed for a future reading challenge.
**Raffle tickets were earned for every 2 hours read (and logged on Beanstack!). Participants could earn up to 6 total raffle tickets by logging 10 hours for the month, including a bonus raffle ticket for completing the Winter Reading Challenge.*



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*Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library's mission is to support,
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:
MLFOL, PO Box 1468, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-1468