

APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

WE HAVE 197 MEMBERSHIPS!

We suspect that the positive response to memberships has something to do with the outstanding services our library staff offers -- even during the Covid closure!

Staff have come up with so many great ideas to enrich our lives and The Friends are happy to say that, through your support, we have been able to supplement what is not covered in the City's fiscally-lean budget.

The Annex in the San Jose district continues to take off like gangbusters. Look for a Children's Patio in the near future made possible through grants, private donations, and Friends contributions.

We believe in transparency. Each quarterly newsletter itemizes where your money is going. Look for the current allocations below.

NEXT MONTH, you will be mailed a membership renewal form. If you do not receive one, it is because either we do not have your address or you have already renewed your membership in 2021.

The form will state the date of your last payment and your current membership tier (Individual, Family, Supporting, Sustaining).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR FANTASTIC BEST SMALL LIBRARY IN THE COUNTRY.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS JANUARY – MARCH 2021

- \$400 2021 Southwest Books of the Year (The Bisbee Foundation's Karen Justice Endowment)
- \$600 Children's Bilingual Books as featured in the Winter StoryWalk
- \$500 Upgrade of the Criterion DVD collection of domestic and foreign films
- \$100 Covid-19 Remembrance Luminaria Display
- \$1000 Annual NY Times subscription
- \$500 Kanopy – A library streaming platform
- \$1000 Summer Reading Program
- \$400 Zoom poetry workshops

Thank You for Participating in the 2021 Chocolate Tasting



Whether you bought chocolate for yourself, or generously donated it to our front-line workers, or simply sent a check, your participation in this year's very unusual fund raiser through See's Candies pulled in \$2700. Thank you.

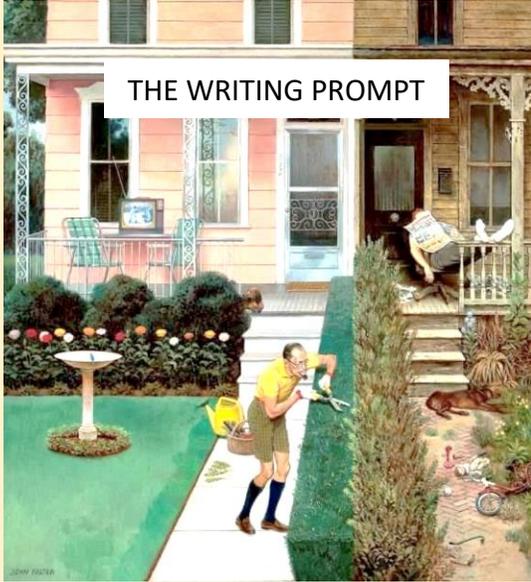


THE FRIENDS (AND PRIVATE DONATIONS) MADE POSSIBLE THE WINTER STORYWALK, AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO ENJOY READING SAFELY OUTDOORS.

STORYBOARDS WERE PLACED IN VISTA AND GARFIELD PARKS AND AT THE ANNEX.

OUTLOUD AND OFF THE PAGE

Although the FreeWrite program has continued through this past year by email and Zoom, Covid has once again shut down the annual author reading at OUTLOUD AND OFF THE PAGE. We are happy to share one of the pieces from this past year in this newsletter.



THEY WERE VERY DIFFERENT
FROM EACH OTHER
by Jesse St. John

Most days she dressed in all yellow
All the time he just wore blue
Ideas he tended to bellow
Quietly she aimed for truth
Even when he was the buffoon
In her heart for him she always had room

One wondered what they had in common
besides a long passion for ramen
and cheap wine to sip by a candle
and a tendency truly to ramble
over topics they'd chew and discuss much
Never ending an argument as such
His puns were excruciating
She found them infuriating

Their marriage lasted ten years
till one day in a rage of pure tears
She shot him and that was just that
When asked why she said right out flat
It was great but she'd had it with him
When she thought of the vigor and vim
In ignoring the worst of dear him
She laughed all the way to the jail
Never thinking of offering bail

**ALTERED
BOOKS**

The Friends will begin planning for the annual late-August Altered Books fund raiser at the next meeting in April. We will be reviewing ideas of how this event can take place in a safe environment. Stay tuned. And, if you are an artist, it's never too early to start planning your work of art.



Thank you to members who have renewed their membership since the last newsletter in December.

Sustaining: Ken and Mary Alice Budge

Jeanne McCullough

Richard and Lois Shelton

Brenda Taege

Judi Jo Williams

Supporting: Larry and Kay Lynn Cummins

Deb Van Schaack

Family: Fred Miller and Anita Fox

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Michael Kobal

Nansy Stevens

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All are welcome.

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