**Read Up**

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“Read Up” rolls off the press just in time for National Library week, April 9 – 15. This year’s theme is “Libraries Transform.” Preschoolers at STEM Storytime, teens in Writing Club and adults at the Poetry Workshop agree. Established in 1849, Monterey Public Library, California’s first public library, has transformed lives for 168 years. I’d love to hear your library story.—Inga Waite, Library Director

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**READING BY DESIGN**

This year’s Summer Reading Program (SRP) will provide reading as well as creative learning experiences over the summer weeks. Research shows that children who don’t read over the summer break start back to school with significant reading loss. The SRP provides books and reading-rich programs to stimulate each child’s reading potential and creativity. This year, many of our activities will engage children and teens in hands-on exploration of architecture, fashion, computer coding and other science, technology, art and math topics, also known as “STEAM.” Through partnerships with local businesses and organizations, we will draw from our community’s wealth of expertise to help local kids maintain and improve reading skills and provide them with rewarding learning experiences throughout the summer break.

**ETTA’S EATS**

The library’s long-awaited snack bar is now open for business! A cooperative effort, the design and construction of the building addition was paid for by the Neighborhood Improvement Program. The kitchen equipment was purchased by the Friends of the Library and the ongoing service expenses is funded by the Library Trust Fund. Etta’s was named for Etta Eckhardt, Monterey’s first City Librarian, who served from 1907 to 1937. Snack bars have become an amenity at a growing number of libraries over the past two decades, providing refreshments for library programs and events, and making drinks and healthy snacks available to customers.
FRIENDS OF THE MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY

In December, the Friends held their annual Giant Book Sale, raising over $3,800.


In January, the Friends and the Endowment Committee presented an 1849 Society event featuring William Ricketts of Australia, who spoke about his journey across America learning about his famous ancestor, marine biologist Ed “Doc” Ricketts.

The Friends teamed up with the Library’s Endowment Committee to present *Health Benefits of Olive Oil and Dark Chocolate*, a lecture and tasting with Stephen Brabeck, MD and Brian Ellinoy, PharmD.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Friends are looking for volunteers to help with online book sales. For information, contact Inga Waite at (831) 646-5602.

THE 12TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE & WINE TASTING BENEFIT
ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS!

Like many of the Friends, Marilyn & Richard Ruccello have helped make the Friends’ largest fund raiser a big success for the past 12 years!

FRIENDS’ BUSINESS MEMBER

426 Alvarado Street, Monterey
www.alvaradostreetbrewery.com

On the last Wednesday of each month, Alvarado Street Brewery donates $1 to the Library from every draft beer purchased. The funds go to purchase new books. So far, “Brews for Books” has raised almost $10,000, including in-kind donations. Thank you for your support!
The new sign recently installed above the library’s front entrance proudly identifies Monterey Public Library as “California’s First Public Library.” As a community of many “firsts,” this distinction seems worthy of a little historic background.

The original Articles of Incorporation was dated 1849, and once officialized and typeset a few years later, proclaimed the purpose of the library: “To afford amusements, entertainment, and profit to a large class of people, who without its aid, would waste their time in the frivolities and questionable pastimes so prevalent in our State. If it sounds as though the founders were somewhat paternalistic, we might conclude that, indeed, they were. They brought their well-meaning ways to Monterey, and recognized that libraries can transform lives.

Monterey’s first American Alcalde (mayor) Walter Colton had by now returned to the East, but worked with Reverend Willey and Milton Little to arrange for the purchase and delivery of a library collection. Some 900 books covering a wide variety of subjects – about one quarter of them written in Spanish – were shipped around Cape Horn to Monterey. Thus California’s first public library was established right here in Monterey in 1849.

Where was the first library located? What did the building look like? What were the borrowing rules? What happens next in this story? Read answers to these questions and more in the next issue.
Unless you are lucky enough to win the lottery or receive a substantial inheritance, very few people can really attain and maintain financial security without forethought and a strategy—a financial plan.

The process of financial planning doesn’t have to be intimidating or a difficult task. In simple terms, a financial, estate, and gift plan is whatever strategy you set up for yourself and your family to meet your financial goals, needs and obligations.

The most successful financial plans are personal in nature. They’re based on your own goals, values and lifestyle choices; they even reflect your personality.

6 Easy Steps to Your Financial Planning

To simplify and clarify your process, use the following six-step system for analyzing and planning each area of your financial life. This approach will guide you in a logical progression toward establishing, understanding and meeting your goals:

• **Step 1. Define Your Goals:** State your financial goals in writing as concisely and specifically as you can.

• **Step 2. Gather & Organize Your Data:** Make sure your financial information is organized so that your current financial positions clear.

• **Step 3. Analyze Your Situation:** Look at your current financial position. Are you meeting your goals, or are you falling short?

• **Step 4. Develop Your Strategies:** Identify plans that will help you achieve your goals in the most efficient manner, including your risk tolerance.

• **Step 5. Implement Your Plan:** This is your action step. Take definitive measures to achieve and maintain your goals.

• **Step 6. Track & Monitor Your Progress:** Check your progress on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis, depending on which of the areas of your personal finances you are addressing.

Using this six-step approach to financial planning gives you a systematic process to effectively address your personal finances.
APRIL

Poetry Writing Workshop with Patrice Vecchione
Saturday, April 1, 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Develop your poetry writing skills with an accomplished poet and teacher. The workshop includes writing exercises, inspiration and feedback. This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation and The Hearst Foundation. For adults. Pre-registration required. (831) 646-3933.

Pizza My Heart Fundraiser
Dine In • Take Out • Delivery
Wednesday, April 12, 4:00 – 9:00 PM
Del Monte Center, Monterey
Mention the Monterey Public Library when you pay and 30% will be donated to the Library. (831) 656-9400.

Dia De Los Ninos / Dia De Los Libros
Wednesday, April 26, 4:45 – 6:00 PM
At the Montecito Park Bookmobile Stop
Celebrate this special day with the Bookmobile. Family entertainment, refreshments and each child will receive a free book.

MAY

Teen Chef
Thursday, May 4, 3:15 - 5:15 PM
Middle and High Schoolers are invited to create and consume the yummy recipe of the month.

Adult Craft Club
Sunday, May 7, 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Join us for crafty fun with painted and decoupaged flower pots. Space is limited, so please sign up in advance. (831) 646-3933.

Introduction to Intuitive Energy Healing with Denise Warfield
Monday, May 15, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Dr. Brian Ellinoy will interview Denise Warfield to discuss the health benefits of IEH. Sign up required. (831) 646-3933.

The Literary Circle
Monday, May 22, 6:30 PM
Read The Turner House by Angela Flournoy and join the lively, congenial discussion facilitated by staff. For adults.

JUNE

Summer Reading Kick-off Party
Saturday, June 3, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Join us on the Colton Hall Lawn to sign up for a summer of fun with “Reading by Design,” presented in partnership with the City of Monterey’s Recreation division.

Technology 101
Saturday, June 17, 10:30 AM
Learn a new computer skill, such as how to use various social media and databases. Check to see what’s being offered each week and sign up to attend. (831) 646-3933.

Preschool Songs & Stories
Thursdays, 10:15 AM or 11:00 AM
Play and learn with your children ages 2-5 through stories, songs, puppets and fun activities designed to build early literacy skills. Programs at both times are identical, so please attend either one or the other.

This is a selected list of Library programs and activities. Please check monterey.org/library for full details and more listings.
GOOD TO KNOW

APRIL 2017
National Library Week
April 9 – 15
Visit your library

National Bookmobile Day
Wednesday, April 12
The book stops here

National Volunteer Week
April 23 – 15
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who donated over 3,400 hours to us last year alone

MAY 2017
National Salad Month
Check our cookbook collection for cool salad ideas, and eat your greens!!

Happy Mother’s Day
To Moms and Moms-to-Be
Sunday, May 14

Library Closed for Memorial Day
Monday, May 29
Remember those who served

JUNE 2017
Summer Reading Kick-Off Party
Saturday, June 3
1:00 – 4:00 PM

National Monkey Around Day
Wednesday, June 14
You know what to do!

Happy Father’s Day
To Dads and Dads-to-Be
Sunday, May 14