



February
**2023 MEMBERSHIP
NEWSLETTER**

Update—A Year of Books, Activities and Commitment

Pollock Pines Public Library appreciates and depends on your membership dollars. Friends of the Library use donations to support several programs and purchases. At only \$10 for an individual, \$20 for a family or \$250 for a Lifetime membership, donations go a long way toward sustaining the vitality of our local library. (Lifetime members are even acknowledged on a special plaque displayed at the library).

Among many programs are children's arts and crafts, the summer reading challenge program, holiday celebrations and book giveaways with a visit from Santa. The summer challenge program is designed to keep students on track with their reading skills throughout summer, reducing catch-up time once the school year starts. And of course, book purchases for the library for all to enjoy.

Josie Wales, a companion dog, visits the library and helps build confidence for the shy reader. Josie is a very good listener!

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

A few Skills we'd love you to share with FOL:

Marketing/Advertising/PR

Fundraiser support

Website Design/Maintenance

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Building Trades/Construction

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Memberships also allow the F.O.L. to bring summer speakers, local authors and special programs such as "Wild Things", a popular animal presentation that's FREE to the public.

As you see, memberships and contributions are the backbone of the Friends of the Library. We thank you for your participation and support!

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Your Pollock Pines Library (FOL)

Renew or start your FOL membership TODAY—while we're on your mind! It's an affordable way to support your community!

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

Lea Snowden, FOL Volunteer

Lea Snowden has served on the Pollock Pines Library Board since 2019, serving as secretary. Interestingly, Lea didn't come to her post due to a lifelong love of books. In fact, she recalls being a "slow reader" as a child and, consequently, turned her attention to films instead.

"In 1949, I knocked on the stage door and asked Sonya Henie, an Olympian figure skater, for her autograph. She was in San Francisco performing with the Ice Follies," Lea recalls. "Another favorite movie star of mine was Esther Williams. She was also an Olympian. I set my sights on being as graceful as she was when swimming."

But eventually, Lea discovered a book that matched her fascination with Hollywood. "A book I thoroughly enjoyed was called "Marlene Dietrich," says Lea. "The book was written by the star's daughter, Maria Riva, and, in it, Maria complains about the extravagant flower arrangements her mother would send her when she was away at school." Today, Lea admits to having her own generous budget for flowers at her home in Pollock Pines.

Among her memories is skating in New York's famed Rockefeller Center in December 1980, the same day that John Lennon was shot and killed. She also logged some hours jumping out of airplanes at 13,000 feet.

During her career as a senior systems analyst at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Lea volunteered for a program in Martinez, CA., working with teens in need of guidance, and also became a docent at the Benjamin Lyford House in Tiburon. Lea explains the historic home of the Civil War doctor was moved by barge from Strawberry Point when it was set to be demolished. It's now owned by the National Audubon Society.

But she considers her position as secretary for the Pollock Pines library board among her most meaningful volunteer commitments. "Taking the minutes and being the secretary on the board for the Pollock Pines Friends of the Library is what I brag about the most," she says. "Our small but outstanding library truly is a community treasure I'm proud to support."



Community Resources

- ◆ Computers / 24/7 WiFi
- ◆ Special Presentations on science, nature and more
- ◆ Early Literacy Play for children Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- ◆ STEAM Kits & online activities for kids
- ◆ eBooks and Audiobooks
- ◆ EDC HUB Assist program to help connect to county support and services
- ◆ Seasonal craft sessions for teens and adults, and another hour for children
- ◆ Special events & more

Don't Miss This:

FOL Twice-Yearly Book Sales—

Scheduled during Memorial and Labor Day Weekends

Great Bargains
on Great books

All sales benefit your
Pollock Pines Library



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FOL, Closing the Book on 2022



Pollock Pines Library attracted lots of merriment and enthusiasm at the annual Winter Party with activities and treats for local fans.

In 2022, after two years of Covid, we were excited to resume normal activities at the Pollock Pines Library. Librarian Kris Spiegelberg joyously welcomed visitors back and created opportunities for the community to access an abundance of local resources. The summer reading program resumed, as well as craft programs for both children and adults, in addition to the very popular Wild Things presentations. We also featured a presentation by local author Lexa Mack who's now working on her second mystery novel.

Each year, Pollock Pines Friends of the Library funds the purchase of new books. In 2022 we spent \$3000 on this important annual investment in our local library. All of these programs and purchases that enhance our local library are funded by FOL membership dues and donations in addition to our bi-annual book sales.

We're looking forward to 2023, when FOL, with the support of the community, will make new purchases and contributions to our historic library in the pines.

Librarian Welcomes 2023 with Programs & Plans

Pollock Pines Librarian Kris Spiegelberg offers a positive performance assessment of her local branch. She reports that Pollock Pines had a robust sign-up and follow-through participation in last year's Summer reading program. It was developed to encourage school children to read during the summer months so that when they returned to school in the Fall, they'd retain the skills they'd developed over the previous year.

Other popular programs, such as the Live Animal Presentation, the Magician, and Science Lab Experiments, will also be offered in 2023. Our biggest need of all is always books. We aim to provide current titles and the ever-changing non-fiction materials updated. Supplies are needed for our children's craft programs, Take It & Make It kits, and in-house programs for teens and adults. Prizes for the end of Summer Reading when we award larger items to kids, teens and adults who have participated all summer long through a raffle ticket process.

I am always thrilled to help our guests find what they're looking for. Make sure to say "Hello" when you visit!

Visit Our Website!

www.pollockpineslibrary.org

Wrap-Up FOL Report for 2022

It Takes a Village of Volunteers & Friends

Friends of the Library members were busy throughout 2022. Here's an accounting of a few activities and accomplishments. We hope that you consider joining us – at any participation level you may choose.

In January '22, we welcomed three new board members - Cindy Ward as Vice President; Karen Duncan, Member at Large, and Ellen Raco, Member at Large. Each brings new expertise to our board. In addition, member Darby Patterson redesigned our annual newsletter as well as the FOL Website.

In the spring of last year, we participated in Pollock Pines Earth Day Event with a mini book sale headed up by Marilyn Johnson. In May, we submitted an article to the *Mountain Democrat* about our first regular book sale in over two years, one that resulted in our most successful sale ever. We had accumulated over 90 boxes of books which (lacking storage at the library) FOL member Amy Rath allowed us to store in her boat garage.

We also sponsored events for the community, including the always popular Wild Things presentation, which over 100 parents and children attended. We continued our tradition of hosting local authors, with Lexa Mack talking about her first mystery novel, "*Legacy of Lies*."

We held our last book sale of the year on Labor Day Friday, extending our hours to accommodate parents with school children. It was another success.



Wild Things—a favorite annual Library presentation

With the help of a grant, we will purchase a new reception desk for our library – a major and welcome addition. And also, in October, we elected a new board for 2023, led by Karen Duncan who will serve as FOL's new board president.

As always, FOL looks forward to serving the best interests of the treasured Pollock Pines Library and the communities it serves.

Please consider joining us—at whatever level you find comfortable—volunteer, participate, support! We belong to you!

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