

October 2015

FOPL GIVES

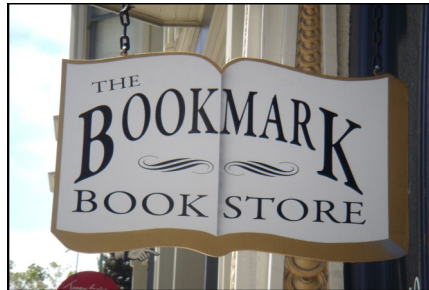
Board Approves Grants to the Library

Thanks to over 900 members and donors and FOPL's thriving The Bookmark Bookstore, the board approved \$170,000 in grants during 2015. Library Director Gerry Garzón and Associate Director Jamie Turbak presented the Library's proposed requests to the FOPL board. The Library's "wish list" was developed with input from every branch and unit at OPL. FOPL grants will support:

- Collections, Outreach, Support for Staff and Volunteers
- Services to Youth
- Branches and Main - Special Programs and Equipment

Major support for Children's Programs was made possible by gifts from the Herman Auerbach Memorial Fund Trust II, Wells Fargo, Fentons Creamery, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Stocker Foundation, and East Bay Gives 2015. In addition, a generous bequest from Helen L. Knopp is designated for the Oakland History Room.

"We appreciate the hard work of the Friends Board and volunteers who support the library so generously," says Library Director Garzon.



Editor's note: A complete list of grants is on the FOPL website: fopl.org/wordpress/library-grants.

(Photo: Philip Morales)

ANNUAL MEETING

FOPL's annual meeting of members will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 5:15 p.m., at the Main Library, 125 14th Street. All FOPL members are invited! The main item of business is the election of directors for the upcoming two-year term.

The following individuals have been nominated to serve as FOPL Directors:

Cristal Fiel
Susana Morales Konishi
Ronile Lahti
Ellen Moyer
Sophie Souroujon
Judy Toll
Julie Waldman
Winifred Walters

Fall Sale at The Bookmark!!! **October 15-18 (Thursday - Sunday)**

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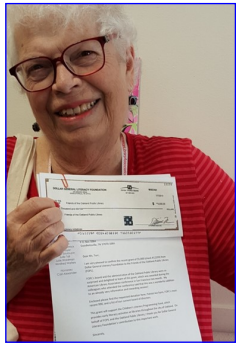
Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. each day during the sale

Thursday - 10/15 - Members' Preview - 50% off
Join on Members' Preview Day and get the discount!

And for all book lovers:

30% OFF - Friday, October 16
40% OFF - Saturday, October 17
50% OFF - Sunday, October 18

SPECIAL DONATIONS



FOPL member **Ruby Bernstein** won a \$5,000 grant to FOPL from the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** at the American Library Association conference in San Francisco.

(Photo: Kathryn Sterbenc)



FOPL Board Members & the Piedmont Avenue Children's Librarian accept donation from Fentons Creamery, representing the proceeds from Fentons recent month-long sundae event benefiting FOPL. (l-r: Ronile Lahti, FOPL; Jose Gonzalez, Fentons; Annabelle Blackman, OPL, and Ellen Moyer, FOPL - Photo: Jarrod Rodgers)

THANK YOUS

Thanks to long-time volunteers at The Bookmark

Betty Perez and Edith Williams recently retired from their volunteer jobs at The Bookmark. Betty worked there since 1994, and Edith estimates that she was there since ~2000. They both worked on Fridays, Betty in the morning and Edith in the afternoon. The FOPL board, The Bookmark Managers, and all their customers thank them for their knowledgeable help and their remarkably long tenure.

AmeriCorps Volunteers help out at The Bookmark



As part of the National Day of Service on Sept. 11, The Bookmark was delighted to have the help of AmeriCorps Volunteers, via the Reading Partners SF Bay Area (readingpartners.org/). They diligently unshelved, dusted, and reshelved about half of the store. Thanks! (Photo: C. Corino)

BRANCH NEWS

Dimond Branch Celebrated its 100th Anniversary!

On August 8th, the Dimond Branch hosted neighbors, friends, and library patrons at a festive birthday party. The celebration included a talk about the history of the Dimond Branch, as well as games and refreshments! The branch is looking forward to the next 100 years.

Temescal Memoir Writers Publish Book

Last winter, on Saturday afternoons, neighbors gathered in the Temescal branch basement to write and share their life stories. In July, their book "SUBJECT TO CHANGE: TRUE STORIES FROM THE TEMESCAL MEMOIR WRITERS" was celebrated at the Temescal Branch, with readings by the authors, book signing, socializing, and refreshments. The Temescal project is part of the

THE BOARD

FOPL Welcomes New Board Members

The FOPL Board is delighted to add to our roster Cristal Fiel, a new board member, and Susana Konishi, a returning board member.

Cristal Fiel is an aspiring library and information science professional, arts administrator, and writer. She has a BA in Ethnic Studies and Sociology from UC-Berkeley, and



just started a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington's Information School. As an undergraduate, Cristal served as circulation supervisor for the U.C. Berkeley Ethnic Studies Library. She was the administrative coordinator and later a board member of the Asian American Women Artists Association (AAWAA). She is a program associate with the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC). In her spare time, Cristal enjoys writing and being part of the creative community in the Bay Area. She has participated in Bindlestiff Studio's Stories High theater production as a playwright and stage manager, and was a fellow in the prestigious VONA/Voices multi-genre writing workshop for emerging writers of color. Her mixed media artwork has been exhibited with AAWAA, including their ongoing project, "A Place of Her Own." Cristal also dabbles in radio broadcasting and had the honor to work with local public radio station KALW 91.7FM as a producer on the Sights and Sounds of Bayview, a joint project with KALW and the SFAC.

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Susana Morales Konishi has extensive experience in workforce development, health and education policy, health and financial literacy, cultural competency, community engagement, economic development, and youth development. She is currently the Co-Founder and Principal at Communities in Collaboration | Comunidades en Colaboración, a woman, minority - owned consulting firm in the Bay Area. She has always believed in community activism and since she was young has volunteered for several community boards that illustrate her interests. She was a FOPL Board member 2001-2003. She describes her work as a continuum in the life course, as she has worked with older adults, led initiatives focusing on eliminating infant mortality and improving early childhood education, and has worked extensively with young people and their families. All in all, she believes her work contributes to the merger of community health and equitable economic opportunity for all. Susana has been a proud Oakland resident for over 20 years. Susana is native Spanish speaker, born in Jalisco, Mexico. She received her undergraduate degrees in Anthropology and Psychology from UC Berkeley and received her Masters degree in Gerontology from San Francisco State University.



TREASURES

Found at the Bookmark

By Sheila McCormick, FOPL Board Member

This book, published in 1992, has lots of interesting facts about birds



that are cleverly illustrated with beautiful watercolors. As one example, on p. 9 and 10, we see a kiwi bird standing on an old style map of New Zealand. We learn that the kiwi takes several days to lay an egg, which can be up to 25% of the weight of the mother, and the drawing shows that this is equivalent to 1 pound of uncooked egg noodles. A beautiful book and educational too!

Temescal Memoir continued from Page 2

Community Memoir Project, which brings free memoir-writing workshops to public libraries, then publishes those stories as a portrait of the neighborhood. The Temescal project was supported by CalHumanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, receiving a Community Stories grant called "Race, Class, and Real Estate," preserving the voices of a Bay Area neighborhood in transition. For more information, see CommunityMemoir.org

GIVING

In honor of **Dr. Kenneth Childers** from John Mooney

In honor of **Trish Elliott's birthday** from Lynn Greenberg and Michael Rothschild

In honor of **Julien & Suzie** from Anonymous

In memory of **Joan Gardner** from Dr. Allen Gardner

In memory of **Chin-Pao Yang-Looker** from Richard Looker

In memory of **Gary Pete Encinas** from James Wright

In memory of **Peter Pedrotti** from Virginia M. Zwetzig and Ann Friend

In memory of **Eric C. Sinn** from
William and Chris Sinn
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Brian Sinn
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