

Friends of the Almaden Library
6445 Camden Avenue; San Jose, CA 95120

October 2006 Newsletter

Dear Friends of the Almaden Library,

Our first book sale in the new building surpassed all previous book sales, bringing in the grand total of \$3,030.25. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with sorting the books from May through October as they were donated, setting up the tables in the Community Room, bringing in boxes of books from the Gymnasium storage room, the Friends Workroom, and the Lobby Sale area, and putting the boxes on top of the tables. We're guessing that it must have been a record number of book donations, too, because we have never had so many tables, and even including the count of books that we used to place in box lids on the ground under tables in previous sales, we still seemed to have many more books than ever before.

All of these books on tables, plus the ease of holding the entire sale in one large room, plus the space for buyers to walk easily between the tables without squeezing around other people,... all of these factors seemed to help. But the biggest factor, by far, was our wonderful volunteers: members of the Friends of the Almaden Library, in sorting, setup, and selling shifts; Community Center helpers who brought in tables, even some from the second floor classrooms; Library Branch Manager, Pam Crider, who ensured that all of the little details were handled to make our first sale in the new building such a success; librarian Ed Koetitz and his teenage Community Service Volunteers without whom we could not have gotten all of the tables set up, cleaned, and loaded with boxes, and then, at the end of the sale, all left-over books boxed up to go to the King Library for sale there. Big thanks to Friends members Anne Bauer, Nancy Behrman, Monica Bellizzi, Barbara Beswetherick, Mary Chea, Jeanette Chin, Marion Dadisman, Penny Decker, Sharon Dunn, Bob Durbeck, Linda Farr, Norma Faulkner, Amy Griffith, Mary Lee Holland, Don House, Phyllis House, Margaret Inglese, Valerie Kong, Ann Marcolini, Lisa Maxson, Gerri Osborn, Rex Osborn, Diane Perovich, Sabina Reich, Lois Rivers, Millie Rosin, Paty Sayre, Clifford Sciba, Mera Seifert, Edna Sewill, Linda Spencer, Glenda Strong, Judith Tarpey, Vince Tarpey, Leela Viswanathan, Joan Wagner, Liesel Wilson, Tom Wilson, and Marie Louise Yengoyan. If we missed listing anyone's name, we are truly sorry; we really do appreciate your help, also.

Thanks also to the librarians who baked and brought in snacks for the volunteer workers to enjoy during the setup and sale. Thanks to the Jazzercise class for letting us use the Community Room in which they normally work out every Saturday morning. They graciously agreed to use the Gymnasium on the day of our book sale. Thanks to the generous manager, Ron Jensen, at PW Super, who donated an entire bundle of brown grocery bags for patrons to use carrying out their purchases and also during the "Bag of Books" sale; these were the PW Super bags that many customers filled to the brim during the last, exciting sale hour!

The next Friends occasion is lots of fun. At this Post-Sale meeting, on the evening of Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 PM in the library Program Room, we will hear how Pam Crider and the other Almaden librarians would like to make use of these new funds. They usually have a "Wish List" of what they would like to offer the community: enrich the Almaden Branch Library's offerings with programs for both children and adults; purchase more books and other materials that the library could not obtain with the money supplied by the city; and other ideas that we will hear on the 14th. We hope that many of our Friends members will be able to join us at this meeting.

Our Web Site

Don't forget to check out our Web site from time to time.

<http://amselcon.com/friendsofthealmadenlibrary/>

If you don't have a computer at home, you can use one in the Tech Center at the library. If you don't know how to look at a Web Site, please ask one of the librarians or else call one of our officers and ask for a little assistance. You can find information on our Web site about our Book Sale dates and meeting dates, our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and even some photos of Friends activities. Take a look at photos of our recent Book Sale there!

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November 14th, 6:30 PM: Post-Sale Meeting: BYLAWS – Please Come and Vote!

We need to add a few more sections to our Bylaws in order to submit them and additional paperwork to obtain nonprofit status. The current and the proposed Bylaws will be at the library Information Desk and on our Web site as of Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

<http://amselcon.com/friendsofthealmadenlibrary/bylawsforvote.html>

Please take a little time during these next two weeks and look over the proposed updates. There are no big changes... just details that are required in order to apply for IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

There will also be a presentation at the meeting about a project to add historical Almaden materials to our new building. Come and hear all about it.

Next Book Sale: Spring 2007 and two meetings

Pre-Sale Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007-- 6:30-8:00 PM

BOOK SALE: Saturday, April 21, 2007-- 9:00-3:00

Post-Sale Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2007 --- 6:30-8:00 PM