



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2017

Labor Day Weekend Vintage Book Sale September 1st and 2nd 10AM-3PM each day

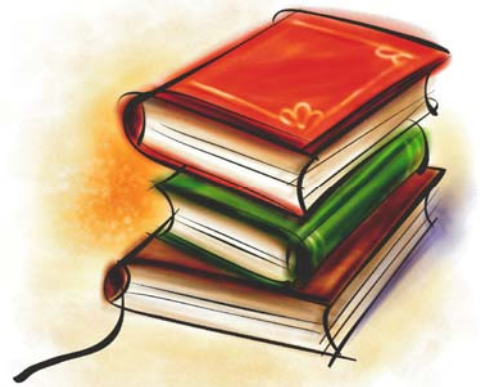
The Labor Day weekend 2017 book sale is now strictly a vintage book sale, which will be held in the Ellie Randol Reading Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library. These rare and collectible books, ranging in price from \$3 to \$19, are available on Friday and Saturday, 9/1 and 9/2, 10AM-3PM each day.

There are a variety of fiction and non-fiction books on a host of subjects: local interest, youth books, art, biographies, classics, history, sports, travel, mystery, science fiction, coffee table books, and more.

Should you be available to volunteer for a 2.5 hour shift, please contact Jo Bacon at (760) 934-4932 or vintbooks@gmail.com.

Come early to get the best selection! All proceeds support our library! We look forward to seeing you at the Labor Day Weekend book sale at the Mammoth Lakes Library!

Map to the book sale location at the Library!



Election of Officers

Tuesday, September 12th 2017

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be considering the following slate of officers and Board members for the fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, in the Ellie Randol Reading Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library, 400 Sierra Park Road. The annual meeting for the installation of officers and presentation of annual reports is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th. All meetings commence at 1:00 PM and last approximately one hour. Slate of candidates for 2017-2018 is:

President:	Edyth Irvine
Vice President:	Louise Warren
Secretary:	Cathy Foye
Treasurer:	Jo Bacon
Member at Large:	Ana Danielson

Thank you to all of our qualified nominees for consenting to stand for election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting if the nominee is present, is qualified, and consents.

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**Ten members minimum are needed to vote on this MLFOL Board of Directors slate, so please mark your calendars and come vote on 9/12/2017 at 1:00PM at the library.**

**VOTE!**

*From the desk of the President,  
Edyth Irvine*

Mammoth Lakes Library continues to have outstanding programs for the community. This newsletter edition presents to you readers: the Labor Day book sale; more information about the creative, well-attended MakerSpace programs; an endowment update; offerings of the library; current gallery wall showings; a summary of Mammoth High School Community Service at the Book Chalet; MLFOL High School scholarships awarded; and much more. How fortunate we community members are to have a vibrant community library!



**“You Are Fabulous!”  
- Ana Danielson**

Are you ready to have some fun? The You Are Fabulous party is back by popular demand! Mark your calendar for Friday, October 20, 2017 for an evening of great food, delicious desserts and wine, plus a chance to take home a variety of auction items. More information coming soon.

## **MLFOL Scholarships - Edyth Irvine, MLFOL President**

On June 9, 2017 Louise Warren and I had the pleasure of representing the Friends of Mammoth Lakes Library at the 2017 Senior Awards Breakfast at Mammoth High School. Our eight designated award recipients met our criteria including: high scholarship, active library cards, community service, and three years of attendance at Mammoth Lakes High School.

Students must provide the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library proof of enrollment at the college of their choice before our \$250 check is written to them. Pictured below are the eight students who received MLFOL’s \$250 award certificates: Maria Saveria Cameron Lampariello, planning to study Marketing; Rosaura Garcia, majoring in Business; Peter Hensley, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Erika Guzman-Rangle, studying Engineering; Edwin Matthiessen, studying to become an Anesthesiologist; McKenna Smith, studying to become an Athletic Trainer; Sydney Snelbaker, studying Biotechnology; and, Gloria Solorio, studying Nursing.

Our generous, greater community of 35 various organizations and families presented awards to graduating seniors.



*Nutrimendum spiritus (food for the soul). ~Berlin Royal Library, inscription*

## **Book Chalet – HS Volunteer Program** **- Lou Stewart, Book Chalet Volunteer**

Two Mammoth High School seniors, Anya Feeney and Gloria Oliver, have been working as supervised volunteers at Book Chalet since last December, in order to meet their Community Service requirement.

Each HS volunteer:

- works at least one hour per week, either after school from 3 - 4 or on Saturday,
- has one hour of training when the store is closed,
- has an additional two hours of training during open store hours,
- joins MLFOL.

Their tasks are:

- clean donated books
- price donated books
- shelve donated books
- cull duplicate books
- cull books by date
- check alpha order on shelves
- maintain an orderly appearance of books on the shelves
- dust shelves
- clean floors
- closing shift: bring in flags, turn off open signs, close windows, turn off fans or small heaters
- opening shift (Saturdays only): put out flags, turn on fans or small heaters, turn on open signs.
- interact with customers: greet them, help them find what they need, answer questions, etc.

The HS volunteers do not handle money nor work at the cash register. The choice is up to each adult Book Chalet Volunteer whether or not to have a HS volunteer work with him/her.

If a student wishes to participate in this program or has questions about it, please call the Book Chalet at 760-924-2593 and leave a message for Lou Stewart to contact you.



## **On The Gallery Wall ...** **- Ana Danielson**

The Gallery Wall in the Ellie Randol room features a diverse array of artists from July 26<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. This unique show has a variety of paintings (oil, watercolor, pastel, etc.), photographs, and ceramic plates with scenes from the Sierras. The ceramic plates are microwave, dishwasher and oven safe. Artists include Pat Holland, Michael Lansiti, Mary Kimmel, Joyce Kobashi, Jaime Kough, Pamela Payne, Justin Ramsey and Rodney Thompson. Stop by the Library to check out all the local talent and remember that a portion of each sale goes to the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library.



Mono Lake Plate by Joyce Kobashi

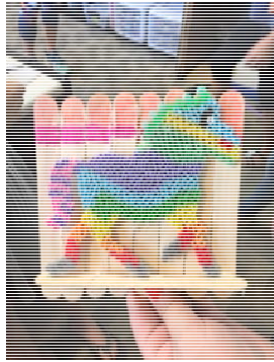
[BTW, Mono Lake has had an unprecedented rise in the lake level this summer; 1.37 feet in June alone! And, a record 22 osprey chicks have been banded at the lake. They are fledging now, so visit soon since they will be gone in a few weeks. – OJ Zeleny, MLFOL newsletter editor]

## ***MLFOL Members***

***Watch for your membership renewal information in September, as our new year begins October 1, 2017.***

*Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest. ~Lady Bird Johnson*





## MakerSpace Update

The MakerSpace has been very busy all summer! In the month of July over 450 people used this space, including young children, teens and adults, locals and visitors. Our record attendance for the summer was 53 participants in one day (72 during the school year). Ms. Taylor Kumlue has done a wonderful job of keeping the space organized, collecting donations of various items and providing challenges and guidance for all participants. Kathleen Taylor subbed regularly and helped to create “projects in a bag”. Maureena Rojas also helped create “projects in a bag” and offered a class on turning old T-shirts into grocery bags. If you are interested in volunteering or donating materials, please contact Taylor Kumlue at 760-934-4777 or [tkumlue@monocoe.org](mailto:tkumlue@monocoe.org)

## MLFOL Endowment Activities - Ana Danielson and Jo Bacon

The MLFOL Board has used portions of our Langston Facilities Endowment to complete necessary maintenance on our almost ten-years-old library. These are:

- ✓ Interior Painting was completed in June 2017 to repair and repaint most of the interior walls.
- ✓ Replacement of three windows which lost their interior weather seals and one broken screen was approved at the July 2017 meeting and should be completed soon.
- ✓ New Lighting for the atrium fixtures, which were not energy efficient, was approved at the August 2017 meeting and should be completed soon.

Additionally, local artist Laurel Stafford-Manning has begun a beautiful, fantastical mural in the children’s programming room thanks to the

generous Langston Endowment Program Funds for MLFOL. The mural is projected to be completed soon. Laurel created the artwork for the piece and is painting one entire wall from end to end and bottom to top. Everything from a mermaid to a bear on a toboggan to a castle will be included in the completed mural. Stop by to check out the progress!



Mural Treasure Chest

## Book Chalet News - OJ Zeleny, manager


On July 4<sup>th</sup> the Book Chalet conducted their annual Children’s Book Give-Away for children 10 and under on the deck outside the store from 10AM-2PM. The store was open these same hours. It is estimated that 2000 books were given away! As a result of all the generous patrons, \$576 was received that day – a new record for this event. MLFOL extends a profound thank you to these patrons!

Do you like to browse in bookstores? You will have two to two and one-half hours to do so when you volunteer at Book Chalet! The store needs volunteers who love books, like to interface with customers, and are comfortable handling money and using a cash register. You must be an MLFOL member in order to volunteer at our used book store. If you have any interest and/or questions, please contact OJ Zeleny either at the store 760-934-2593 or her mobile number 805-302-3981.

Summer hours are Tuesday-Friday Noon-5PM and Saturday 10AM-5PM Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Winter hours are Tuesday-Saturday Noon-4PM.


Labor Day Weekend \$5/Bag of Books sale is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10AM-2PM on the deck at the Book Chalet. Watch for public relations announcements should this come to fruition.

**DO YOU KNOW THE WAY... TO THE BOOK CHALET?**  
**MAMMOTH'S ONLY USED BOOK STORE that supports our Library**



645 Old Mammoth Road  
 (across from the Stove Restaurant)  
 760-924-2593

Summer Hours: Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend Tuesday-Friday 12 noon to 5 pm & Saturday 10am to 5pm  
 Rest of Year: Tuesday-Friday 12 noon to 4pm & Saturday 11am to 3pm



### The Brown Bag Book Club

The library has re-instituted the Brown Bag Book Club just for the summer months this year. The noontime gatherings focus on books that are available through the library collection and are held in the Ellie Randol Reading Room. The following books are being read and discussed this summer:

- June 29 - 'The Shadow of the Wind' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- July 27 - "'A' is for Alibi' by Sue Grafton
- August 31 - 'Hillbilly Elegy' by J. D. Vance
- September - selection not yet made, suggestions welcome

Bring your lunch and thoughts on the selected book. All are welcome to attend!



### Did You Know?

**Mammoth Lakes Library offers more than books!**

**We offer the following services and more...**

**Come visit us today!**

- Language Learning, e-Books, Audio Books & More, Interlibrary Loans through Amazon, Free Online Magazines
- Children's Spanish & Bilingual Book Collection, Children's Computers, Story Time, Play Area
- MakerSpace Tools, Jewelry Making, Sewing Machines, Die Cut Machine, 3D Printing
- Faxing, Scanning, Copies, Public Computers, Wi-Fi
- Meeting Rooms
- Adult, Young Adult and Children's Programs
- Art Displays
- Over 3,500 DVD's, More than 7,500 DVD's County Wide, Spanish & Bilingual Book Collection

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### Summer Reading Program at Mammoth Lakes Library

The Library was fortunate to have Cindy Sprague coordinate the Summer Reading Program again this year. This year’s theme was “Reading by Design” and more than 140 participants from 3 to 82 years of age participated. Many school-age children spent their entire days at the Library reading, taking comprehension tests, writing letters and creating in the MakerSpace. Mr. Todd Hensely, a Mammoth Middle School teacher, volunteered his time to read with children and help administer AR tests. Just under 700 comprehension tests were taken. This year Roberto’s Restaurant donated funding to purchase light, healthy snacks offered each day of the program. Thank you to all who made this year’s program a success!

### Not gone ... just ... gone on ahead Don Zeleny 12/31/45 – 5/12/17



Don Zeleny became a second homeowner in Mammoth Lakes in 1978 then moved here full-time in the fall of 2007 as a retired physicist/engineer/program manager for the US Navy. He earned a bachelors and masters in physics and a masters in program management. During his career he received the highest

award for a federal civil servant: the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. One of his honors that he held dear was the recognition certificate from Big

Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County. At his passing on 5/12/2017, Don and his “little brother”, Jim Diorio, had been paired together for 34 years. And, he and his wife, OJ, had been married for 50 years.

A proponent for rational thought, Don encouraged adults and children to think outside the box. He promoted Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in the local schools, was a judge for their science fairs and music competitions, helped plan and execute the annual 4H National Youth Science Day as well as institute their “Junk Drawer Robotics” program in the eighth grade science class, and organized both the First Lego League and the Junior First Lego League in Mammoth Lakes. Don was raised on a farm, but his trajectory shifted from farming to science with the advent of Sputnik in 1957. Thus, his career talk to youth was titled “Tractors to Missiles.” His message to them was “If I could do it, you can do it.” He was passionate about encouraging youth to learn and excel.

Don was also a lover of the arts, participating in choral, orchestral and theatre groups in his youth and supporting them in his retirement years. He particularly enjoyed hosting musicians and actors for the local music and theatre groups. Don took his systems management expertise and applied it to the proposed Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center, spending hours reviewing its business plan and applying his “think outside the box” view to the many suggestions he made.

Don was an avid reader, especially science fact and science fiction, participated in the local Science Book Club, and volunteered with numerous local non-profit organizations. His love for this community and the Eastside knew no bounds.



This book is a gift in memory of **DON ZELENY,** a proponent of rational thought.

### From Tractors to Missiles – 1957

That was the year Sputnik flew overhead and the year that Don’s trajectory changed from future farmer to future scientist. Memorial donations to MLFOL in Don’s name are used to purchase youth science books. Look for them with this bookplate.



JANUARY 24, 2017 12:48 PM – The Sacramento Bee

## **Libraries need a little more love; lower the level for voters to approve tax increases by Greg Lucas, Opinion, Special to The Bee**

It's a love so deep Californians are willing to pay higher taxes to improve their libraries. In Northern California, five ballot measures were approved in November that will invest tens of millions of dollars in local public libraries.

Library-specific tax increases, as opposed to a general local tax increase, don't win unless two-thirds of voters say "yes," which means to win there has to be a whole lotta bipartisan love goin' on.

Less than two years after their city emerged from bankruptcy protection, nearly 74 percent of Stockton voters said "yes" to Measure M, a 16-year, \$9 million-per-year, one-quarter percent sales tax increase to "enhance Stockton's library and recreation services, including safe after-school and summer programs for children and teens, homework centers, children's story times, increased public computer access/wireless connectivity and enhanced evening and weekend hours at libraries and recreation centers."

Because the libraries of Stockton and San Joaquin County are linked, all benefit.

By a 71 percent to 29 percent margin, Sonoma County voters approved Measure Y, a one-eighth percent sales tax increase aimed at "maintaining children's/teen books, materials/services; providing educational services, including homework help/computer labs; expanding senior/disabled services; keeping qualified librarians; (and) restoring library hours." The tax is expected to generate \$12 million annually for 10 years.

Nevada County's residents continued a quarter-cent sales tax earmarked for libraries by a similarly wide spread.

And while proponents of general tax hikes only had to secure a majority vote for passage, they were successful in a number of cities – by sizable margins – when the specific benefits to libraries were highlighted.

In the East Bay, for example, proponents of a one-half percent general tax increase in Pleasant Hill – Measure K – stressed that funds would be used primarily for "repairing neighborhood and city streets" and "replacing the aging library with a 21st century facility, including space for after-school homework and tutoring." Sixty-seven percent of voters approved the measure.

Loomis voters, whose Placer County branch library is slated for closure, followed a similar course. They passed Measure F, a quarter-cent general city sales tax increase, alongside Measure G, which asked residents if keeping the library open should get first call on the new funds. Both measures won by a nearly two-thirds to one-third margin.

Even with these investments, libraries across the state have significantly higher needs in order to meet the need of California's 21st century communities. The California Library Association recently estimated that the state's 1,100 public libraries need more than \$4 billion to cover renovations and replacement.

In November, some Northern California jurisdictions couldn't overcome the two-thirds vote threshold of a special tax. Pacifica failed in its effort to finance construction of new \$33.5 million library and El Cerrito's Measure B, a \$30 million library bond, stalled at just under 63 percent of the vote.

An effective way to help tackle the state's ever-growing local facility needs is to give local governments – and voters – more power to address them. One simple approach is to apply the 55 percent approval threshold for local school projects to libraries. This gives communities more control without increasing the state's liabilities or "wall of debt."

The idea isn't new. It has surfaced many times in the Legislature over the past 30 years. As a new Legislature begins its work this month, there will be another opportunity to help communities better chart their own destiny – and increase investment in libraries.

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*Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library's mission is to support,  
provide service to, and raise awareness of our library.*

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  New Member  Renewal

Please accept my membership in MLFOL in the following category (check one):

\$1000 Lifetime  \$100 Club 100  \$50 Patron  \$25 Family  \$10 Individual

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering time  Yes  No

I would like to receive news via email:  Yes  No

Return this form along with your check to:  
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