



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2022

Tidbits from the Mono County Library Director, Christopher Platt

Hello to all our Friends of the Mammoth Lakes Library! As we move carefully through this winter season, the Mammoth Lakes Library team and I express our gratitude and appreciation for your support, be it your financial contribution, your volunteer time, or even just your help keeping our morale up during this pandemic. Being a civic institution that prides itself on being open and welcoming to everyone in the most democratic sense, the necessary pandemic precautions have been a challenge but so many times along the way, members of the public have let us know they are grateful we're open for service. On that note, I have a few exciting developments to share with you.

The state funded **Zip Books** program is back up and running! If you find a book or audiobook that we do not own and you wish to read, provide the Amazon link and your mailing address to monozipbooks@gmail.com and we'll order it to be sent directly to your home. You get to read it first and then return it to the library for entering into our collection. Please read the specific parameters on our Zip Books page on our website under the PROGRAMS menu or ask a staff member. The reason this grant was brought back was because our state elected officials saw the value of it reaching so many people during the height of the pandemic, as well as serving rural areas where trips to the local library may be less frequent.

While on our website, I encourage each of you to explore the new state funded skill-building databases on our Jobs and Career Resources page, also under the PROGRAMS menu. These online tools, which include some normally expensive resources such as Learning Express, LinkedIn Learning, and Coursera are FREE to access via our website and include not just training resources for learning new job skills, but also basic resources on learning technology, pathways to citizenship, and

my favorite – GetSetUp!, an online arena of live classes and meetups for seniors 50+ on a wide variety of topics, all led by other seniors. Many of these resources have Spanish language components.

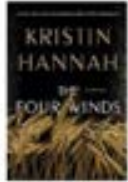
You will have likely seen ads for the final phase of our Teen Evolution of Storytelling Project, which includes iPads and podcast recording equipment at the Mammoth Lakes Library for teens to explore digital and oral storytelling available for use in the library. Tell your teen friends! As we look forward to the Summer programs, we are also looking forward to some new online options which you will hear more about, including a state-funded collection of thousands of K-12 age e-books via a new Palace Project app as well as live streamed bestselling author talks 2-4 times a month via a new consortial agreement with the Professional Book Club (pbc.guru) slated to start in the Summer.

We do also look forward to resuming in person programming in a careful manner in the upcoming weeks and months, including storytimes, MakerSpace hours, and more. The Library's air filtration system has been upgraded. We may need to do advanced registration to control for numbers, but we are eager to offer popular onsite programs again.

Finally, if you just want to hear me talk about some good reads on a regular basis, remember to subscribe the bi-weekly Oxygen Starved Podcast (or listen at oxygenstarvedpodcast.com) and my regular Book Talk Friday series on Instagram (@monoctylibraries) and YouTube via the Quick Links section of the website. I started the latter as a year-long experiment during the pandemic to remind people the library is open and full of great reads, new and old, and it has become a favorite activity of mine with quite a few regular watchers so I'm going to keep it going for a bit despite hitting the year mark already!

Have a wonderful and safe winter, and we look forward to seeing you in the library!

TOP COUNTYWIDE CHECKOUTS OF 2021



**#1 - Better Luck
Next Time** by Julia
Claiborne Johnson



**#2 - The Four
Winds** by Kristin
Hannah



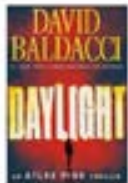
#3 - Dark Sky by
C.J. Box



#4 - The Sentinel
by Lee Child



**#5 - Dog Man 9:
Grime and
Punishment** by Dav
Pilkey



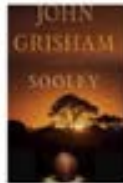
#6 - Daylight by
David Baldacci



**#7 - Miracle
Country** by
Kendra Atleework



**#8 - News of the
World (Film)**



#9 - Sooley by John
Grisham



#10 - The Searcher
by Tana French

*Have you renewed your MLFOL
membership for 2022 yet?*

From the desk of the MLFOL President, Cathy Foye

Many thanks for your continued support.

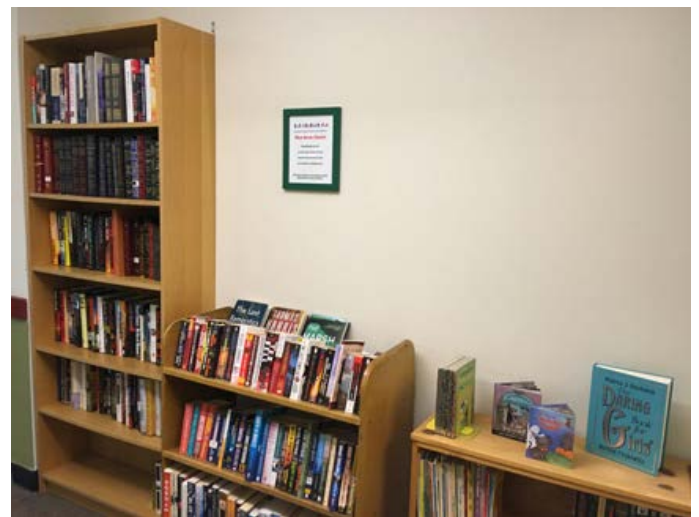
Your Friends of the Library Board has spent a second year meeting on Zoom and, primarily, working from home. Thank you to OJ Zeleny for continuing to amass and compile information into these newsletters!

2020 - 2021 was a year marked by several generous donations, excellent in-library Mini Book Chalet book sales and continued online Vintage Book Sales.

As for Library improvements the bulk of expenses went toward: Youth collection book purchases (both English and Spanish), continued support for music and story programs, upgrades and additions to the Children's Library space, and nine very nice Book Scholarships for 2021 graduating Mammoth High School Seniors.

If you have not visited the Library and/or the Library's website lately, please do. There are an impressive number of opportunities to interact with Library assets: Zip Books, Podcasts, a Book Club - activities for people of all ages. Book Boxes and MakerSpace projects are available for school age patrons. The shelves of recently released books are full.

All is well at the Mammoth Lakes Library! We are really looking forward to being able to meet in person soon and, eventually, to be able to present programs at the Library!



The Mini Book Chalet opposite the copier

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Jo Bacon

MLFOL starts 2022 with 96 members in the following categories:

Lifetime	26
Honorary	19
Club 100	22
Patron	12
Family	8
Individual	8
In Lieu (hours service)	1

Nina Dyson is the winner of the Membership Renewal Raffle this year. She also won in 2020! Now her membership for FY 22-23 is free!

Bookplates will be placed in one of the books purchased this year for those in the Club 100, Lifetime and Honorary membership levels. Our Branch Librarian, Doug Oldham, carefully chooses which bookplate to put into which book for the new books we fund. So, take a moment next time you check out a book to see if it has a bookplate, and whose name is on it.

Finally, if you have not renewed for FY 21-22, fill out the form at the end of this newsletter or use this link for an online donation through Donate Now Lite (part of Network for Good) - <https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=%20300266319&vlrStratCode=ScIfc9hT%2bsrQg2LhXBas%2f84xGnrQDq2RmrUtQc9wxaUD505DAB%2bPjrzYJNV6lSx8>

The library can never have too many Friends!

“Librarian is a service occupation. Gas station attendant of the mind.”

~Richard Powers

MLFOL GOALS & OBJECTIVES FY 21-22

These remain the same as the prior fiscal year and may be viewed at https://www.monocolibraries.org/files/MLFOLGoals_11020.pdf

The Board and Committees for 2021-2022

The following MLFOL members will be serving on the MLFOL Board and sub-committees. We thank them for their service.

The Board: President, Cathy Foye; Vice President, Brigitte Berman; Treasurer/Secretary, Jo Bacon; Members-at-Large, Edyth Irvine and OJ Zeleny.

Sub-committees: Newsletter, OJ Zeleny; Vintage Books, Jo Bacon, Carol Benefiel, Kevin Weinert, OJ Zeleny; Gallery Wall, Jo Bacon; Nominating, Edyth Irvine, Brigitte Berman & Cathy Foye; Membership, Jo Bacon; Publicity & Membership Volunteer Hours, Jan McPherson.



MLFOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will offer scholarships annually to Mammoth High School graduating seniors to help purchase books for college. The total amount available to be awarded will be included in that year's approved budget. The number of grants and the dollar amount of the grants will be based on the number of eligible candidates for that same fiscal year.

The following criteria shall apply:

- Students must have an active library card and have used their card to check out materials (not for computer use) during the previous twelve months from the time of application.
- Students must fill out the community scholarship request form provided by MHS counseling staff.
- Students must have attended Mammoth High School or the Independent Learning Center (ILC) for 3 out of the 4 years.

- Students will be selected using Grade Point Average (GPA) as the main criteria, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA. This may be overridden for a student who has been a library volunteer and/or a student who has been a community volunteer above and beyond the required community service requirements, or whose outstanding personal essay merits additional consideration.
- For special consideration, students may volunteer at the library, record their volunteer hours on the form available from the MHS counseling office, and submit the form with their applications.

Procedure:

Each year three members of the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be chosen as the Scholarship Selection Committee. This committee will request the community scholarship applications from the counseling staff. They will recommend, to the Board, students to receive the book scholarships.

The awards will be given by a selected Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library board member at the MHS Awards Breakfast, which usually takes place on the morning of graduation. At the breakfast, the student will receive a certificate of the award. The student will need to provide proof of registration in college to the Friends of the Library, before the check is written. The proof of registration can be mailed to the Friends of the Library or brought into any scheduled meeting.

LIBRARY HOURS - 2022
Monday - Friday 10AM-7PM
Saturday 10AM-5:30PM
Sunday Closed

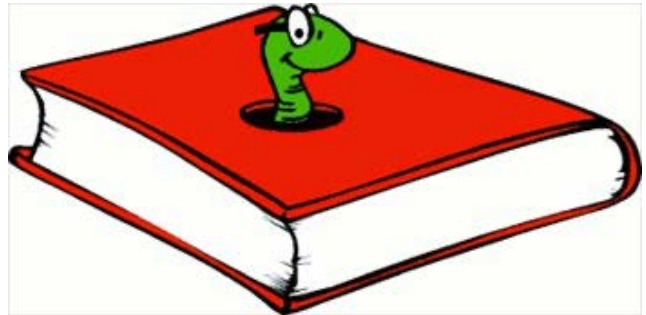


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on INSTAGRAM at

<https://www.instagram.com/mammothlakeslibrary/?hl=en>

and on FACEBOOK at

<https://www.facebook.com/mammothlakeslibrary>



USED BOOK SALES

Both the Mini Book Chalet and online Vintage Books sales are continuing, although our sales are always smaller during the winter months. Circulation and patronage at the Mammoth Lakes Branch is increasing, though both are still impacted by the COVID restrictions.

Since starting to take donations of saleable books again this past fall, we have increased the inventories for all of our projects. Many of the vintage/collectible books are being held for an in-person Vintage Book Sale.

As always, all proceeds from these sales benefit library programs.





FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Jo Bacon, MLFOL Treasurer

We start again with a “bare bones” budget, as we are uncertain when we will be able to offer more in-person programming.

Although we have included a Retained Cash Flow line in order to balance the budget, generous year-end donations have greatly exceeded the Donations-Cash amount and we do not expect to have to pull dollars from Retained Cash Flow in order to meet all expenditures planned for FY 21-22.

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
FY 21-22 Budget	
	Amount
Revenue	
Donations – Cash	2,000
Dues	4,500
Endow Grants	1,000
FUNDRAISING	
Misc Fundraising Revenue	1,000
GRANTS	
Jane Deming	992
LIB INC	
Mini Book Chalet	1,000
Donations	700
RETAINED CASH FLOW	6,791
VINTAGE BKS INC	500
Total Revenue	\$18,483
Expenses	
Filing Fees	150
FUND EXP	
Membership Campaign	25
Misc. Fundraising Exps	1,000
INSURANCE	1,350
MEMBER BENEFITS	
Newsletter Postage	50
Newsletter Printing	100
OFFICE	
Office Supplies	50
Postage	58
QB Online Fees	75
PROGRAM	

Books - Movies - Audios	5,000
Magazine Subscriptions	1,000
SPECIAL PROG	
Collection Development	2,500
Endowment Grants Paid	1,000
Musical Story Hours	2,000
Scholarships	4,000
VINTAGE BOOKS EXP	125
Total Expenditures	\$18,483

Our major expenditures for FY 20-21 included:

Mechanical Enclosures -- \$19,831

Scholarships -- \$9,000

Collection Development -- \$7,146

Special Programs -- \$3,210

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 30, 2021	
	Total
ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
Checking 2854 UBOC	24,736.00
Langs. Money Market	7,046.68
Langston CD	250,000.00
Endow CD (Princ)	100,000.00
Endow Int	9,385.91
MLFOL Money Market	11,955.73
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 403,124.31
Fixed Assets	
Art Work	4,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 407,624.32
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deming Grant	992.00
Holmes Foundation	6,651.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,643.00
Equity	
Endowmt Equity (Spendable Int)	9,385.91
Endowment Principal	100,000.00
Langston Equity	257,046.68
Retained Earnings	5,189.47
Net Revenue	28,359.26
Total Equity	\$ 399,981.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 407,624.32



Take home projects and “zines” — short for magazines — that are activity-oriented have been created by MakerSpace staff. Maker Checkout Kits include a book and supplies to complete one of the projects in the book.



Also, here is a close-up of the STEM/STEAM titles in the MakerSpace Library. You’ll find an entire shelving unit of books on crafts, painting, science, technology and other subjects on the second floor of the library.



CHILDREN’S ROOM UPDATE

The Wall Activity Panels that MLFOL purchased before COVID have been brought out from under wraps! This one deals with mechanical actions and textures.



Just a sampling of the new books added to the Children’s Collection through MLFOL funds.



*“Libraries are not made; they grow.”
... Augustine Birrell*

The Washington Post Editorial Board

January 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. EST

As the world enters 2022, public libraries are emerging as one of the bright spots — literally.

An abundance of new and newly renovated libraries have opened their doors in the past two years. In addition to being breathtakingly beautiful, many are exemplars of what great community spaces can and should be.

Indoors, they are filled with natural light. Books once packed together in dark corners are now on display on bright, welcoming shelves that could rival those in an Apple store. Some libraries have added outdoor patios and roof decks.

Though printed volumes remain their focal point, the best new libraries offer so much more: computer labs, conference rooms of different sizes, studios for recording podcasts and editing videos; event spaces, hands-on experiences for kids, a cafe, and kitchens where people can learn to cook foods from different cultures.

Call it a new golden era for public libraries worldwide. Some of what are already being dubbed “cultural masterpieces” include:

- The “Wormhole Library” in Haikou, China, which has made numerous top architectural design lists. Overlooking a river, its stunning mix of windows and concrete resemble a wormhole or cloud.
- The Stanley A. Milner Library in Edmonton, Alberta, which has 3-D printers, a sewing center, recording studios, and vinyl and laser cutters for special projects. The bright new interior of stairs and ramps beckons visitors to explore.
- The Deichman Bjørvika in Oslo, which won public library of the year in 2021. In addition to stunning reading rooms, it has a cinema, a 200-seat auditorium, cafes, recording studios, rehearsal spaces and game rooms.

The United States also has plenty of laudatory new libraries, including the recently expanded Fayetteville Public Library in Arkansas, which offers an “art and movement” room, an event center and a teaching kitchen, among other amenities. In the heart of Manhattan, the renovated Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library provides not only ample places to read but also a business center, a podcasting studio, a floor dedicated to children and teens, and a rooftop terrace.

D.C.'s newly transformed Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library includes a large auditorium, conference center, rooftop terrace, cafe and music production facilities. A colorful ceiling with hanging mobiles adds to the delight.

Branch libraries are also getting makeovers. The new Southwest D.C. library aims to become a neighborhood gathering place, with a meeting room that can fit 100 people and an outdoor porch area.

Many notable renovations in recent years were funded by a combination of taxpayer money and private donations. Now is an ideal time for local governments in the United States to tap into American Rescue Plan funding to jumpstart a library project.

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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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