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"A LIBRARY IS THE DELIVERY ROOM FOR THE BIRTH OF IDEAS, A PLACE WHERE HISTORY COMES TO LIFE." NORMAN COUSINS

THE JOURNEY OF AN AUTHOR Story Creation to Publication



Jeryl Abelman, Author

I met Jeryl Abelman on a recent trip. From the moment of meeting our friendship blossomed and grew. During one of our early conversations I discovered Jeryl is a published award-winning children's author.

Quickly: The Magic Spatula, ©2008 by New Year Publishing, LLC, came to life during a period of loss for Jeryl. A warm childhood memory of homemade pancakes on Sunday mornings blossomed when she came across the well-used spatula her mother used to flip those countless pancakes. Jeryl turned to her love of writing and *Quickly* was born.

It was fascinating to learn the process of book publication from Jeryl's experiences. Her long-time friend and colleague Miriam Kronish, joined Jeryl on the journey. The process of selling a book to a publisher was a long one. Jeryl laughingly told me how she had to learn to deal with many rejection letters before receiving the

good news from New Year Publishing. Because *Quickly* is geared toward children, having a good illustrator is critical to telling the story. Networking among fellow authors and friends in the business led Jeryl to award-winning illustrator Chason Matthams. An author has the vision for her story but working with an illustrator to develop it was another long process.

What was most surprising to me during our conversations was how long it can take to publish a book. When we pull a book off the library shelf or purchase one at a bookstore, we often take for granted that the enjoyment of reading that book came only after countless hours of hard work to get it there. It was evident to me that Jeryl reaped immeasurable healing and joy from just the process of writing of a simple childhood memory; having the memory now in print is just the "syrup on the pancake"!

Watch for Abelman's next book - *Quickly's Magical Pancake Adventures* that will be coming out soon. I was thrilled to read the proof copy of this new *Quickly* adventure and it's a fun one that features another very creative element from the hands of Abelman and Kronish. To learn more about the author, visit: www.quicklythemagicspatula.com.

- Mary Boyle



**BOOK
SALE**

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11**

**10:00 AM TO
3:00 PM**

Arroyo Grande Library

From the President



The busy holiday season is upon us, and we are working on projects, both familiar and new, to enhance our Library. Our December book sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, with our usual excellent selection of books for gift giving (or keeping!). We once again are selling the Book Lover's Desk Calendar for 2011 at

the incredible price of \$5 each – another unique gift idea, along with Friends of the AG Library book bags and coffee mugs; a great way to support your Library and get your holiday shopping done early.

The Friends Board has agreed to take on a new project providing funds for a much needed re-landscaping of the entrance to our library, to create more usable outdoor space and carry on the creative native planting design initiated by the Chamber of Commerce last year. More to come as we “dig in” to this exciting new project.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Board member, Jann Jeffries, Membership Chair, as well as a heartfelt thank you to Board members Donna Kimber and Wendy-Marie Foerster, for filling in as interim Co-Chairs, along with their regular duties; what a team! Just a gentle reminder that Friends membership renews the first of the year (especially important for those that take advantage of early entry into the February book sale).

As always, thank you for your support!

- Kim Elston, President FOTAGL

Library News



The Friends of the Library Board had an exciting presentation by Melody Mullis from Library Administration about potential plans for renewing our exterior landscaping. It was a productive discussion with lots of good ideas shared by the group. Help from Cal

Poly students in landscape architecture will be sought to develop some plans. If any community volunteers have expertise or materials that might be helpful for this project, please contact Library Branch Manager, Rosalyn Pierini. Our timeline for beginning work on the landscaping is Spring of 2011.

On this coming Book Sale Saturday, December 11 at 2 PM, the Library will have Kathy Radis presenting a program on “The Art and Craft of Soapmaking.” Kathy has been making and selling handcrafted soaps for over 10 years and will share her knowledge with those interested in this time-honored tradition.

The Library’s website is constantly evolving and changing. This month there are a couple of interesting new additions. There is now an online SLO Library newsletter for teens called FWIW or “For What It’s Worth.” The newsletter features book recommendations, library information, DVDs and video games added to the library collection and web links. It’s really attractive and relevant so please recommend this to teens, parents and educators. Secondly, related to teens and students of all ages is the new online database entitled “Tuition Funding Resources.” It contains a wealth of information on scholarships for students of every description. Check these out at www.slolibrary.org.

- Rosalyn Pierini, Arroyo Grande Library Branch Manager

Friends of the AG Library Giving Report - 10/31/2010



Year-to-date, the Friends have provided **\$27,542** in financial support to the Arroyo Grande Library:

\$7,237 in NEW Books and Periodicals

\$7,441 in NEW CD's and DVD's

\$8,934 in NEW Furniture and Equipment

\$3,930 in Library Activities

- Donna Kimber, Treasurer



**TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
FRIENDS
MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2011!**

Thank you for your membership in the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library. Your membership dollars directly go to support your local library. See page 4 of this newsletter for the renewal form.

YOUTH CORNER



The cooler weather has finally arrived and here we are ready to celebrate another year gone. We have been so busy with school classrooms and Boy Scout and Girl Scout visits; it is a pleasure to welcome the next generation to the joys of the Arroyo Grande Library.

On December 4th @ 2:00 PM we welcome the Cuesta Chamber Singers from Cuesta College. The Cuesta Chamber singers have extensively toured Europe and performed at the California Association of Music Education (CMEA) convention under the direction of John Knudsen. The group will be performing songs of the season; it will be a lively musical event so mark your calendars.

Again, many thanks to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for their continuing support for the Youth Library and all of our family events.

- Rebecca Nadel, Youth Librarian



SHOWCASING SPECIAL-PRICED BOOKS AT NEXT BOOK SALE

It always seems to us as if each group of donations is better than the last, but the inventory for the December book sale is "out of the park" great.

the form of bound Classics, vintage or antique volumes. Featured in December, due to recent deluge of donations, are art books, Civil War material and just about everything you wanted to know about baseball.

The Special Price Area will be packed with a truly fabulous selection of gently used volumes covering a wide range of interests. For those of you who have not browsed the Special Price tables, we feature primarily non-fiction material that one would typically include in their permanent library for reference purposes, its appeal to special interests or, in some cases, simply because of its rarity or beauty. Fiction finds its way into Special Pricing usually in

Also of interest to those in the holiday spirit will be a section devoted to Christmas craft, decorating and cookbooks, as well as special "Mother's Little Helper" bin of discounted holiday VHS tapes for occupying children on the long days before December 25. We hope to see you at the next sale.

- Debbie Sidenberg

FRIENDS OF THE ARROYO GRANDE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

REMINDER: Current 2010 & 2011 memberships or renewals are eligible for early entry into the December 11 book sale! Be sure to bring your copy of the newsletter to the book sale to confirm your early entry.

New Members:

Kenneth Anderson
Monette Avaregan
Sally Campbell
Kathy Chandler
Gaylene Elliott
Cathryn Helprin
Ron & Jann Jeffries
Melissa Johnson
Price Family
Carol & Lyle Rowe
Kay Shishido

Renewals:

Anita Abshire
Katy Ayer & Steve Beadle
David & Catherine Christie
Kristin Johnson
Elizabeth Miller
Ruth Monroe
Judy Nast
Kathleen Sullivan
Patricia Williams

New Life Members:

Jerry & Maureen Stanley

Generous Donation:

Anita Abshire
David & Catherine Christie
Francesca Fairbrother
Lori Gabaldon
Judy Gabriel
Ruth Monroe

LET'S SALUTE THE FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS

528.5 hours of volunteer service were posted in October at the Arroyo Grande Library!



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FRIENDS UPCOMING BOOK SALE - DECEMBER 11



Shop the December Book Sale for Your Holiday Giving

Our next Book Sale, set for Saturday, December 11 from 10-3, features great holiday gift choices. Friends Members will be able to get in at 9:30. There will be a large number of books to choose from including many special priced books. There will also be a variety of other items including CD's, Cassettes, DVDs, and some surprises. Come and find that perfect gift. See you there!

- Kent Unsworth

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION []		RENEWAL []	DUES:	
Name _____	Phone _____		Individual	\$ 10/Year
Address _____	Date _____		Family	\$ 15/Year
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			Gift	\$ _____
I'd like to help the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library with:		Please send check with application to:		
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