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## AFTER HOURS @ THE LIBRARY TASTINGS IN THE STACKS

*Appetizers, Beer, Cider, Wine - Adults 21 & up*

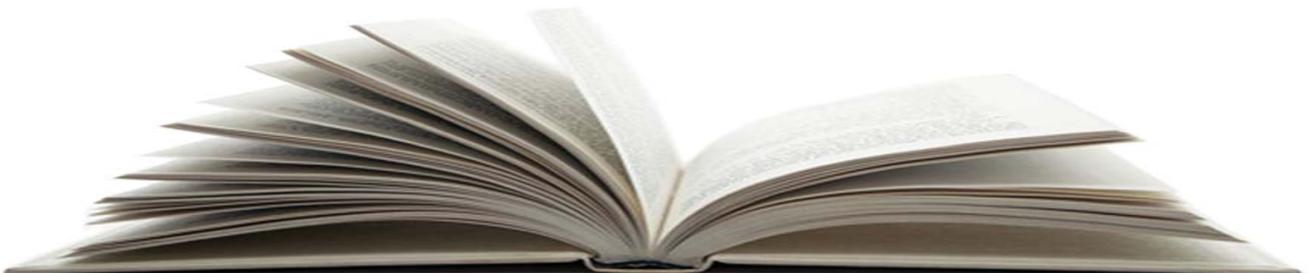
THE FRIENDS OF THE JULIAN LIBRARY ARE EXCITED TO BE HOSTING SANDRA DIJKSTRA AS THE SPEAKER FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, AT 5 P.M.

**TOPIC: THE SHORTEST  
DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU  
AND A PUBLISHED BOOK**



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# JOSH MITCHELL, LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

My life-long dream of moving to Julian came true last spring when I had the opportunity to become the Branch Manager of the Julian Library. I came to Julian with over 17 years of experience with San Diego County Library, having originally been hired to shelve books for 20 hours a week at the El Cajon branch. I quickly fell in love with library service and earned a master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University while working my way up through the ranks at various branch libraries throughout the county. Thankfully, my wife and daughter shared my dream of living "on the hill," and shortly after I accepted the position in Julian, we bought a home here and haven't looked back.



Libraries are truly a community institution, and one thing that has made a deep impression on me throughout my library career is the dedication of library volunteers and how integral they are to a library's success. This is especially true of the Friends of the Library groups that support our branches. It takes a special kind of person to be a Friend: one who is passionate about literature, education and community service. Without the support and generosity of the Friends of the Julian Library, many of the programs and services that we offer simply wouldn't be possible. Concerts, lectures, author visits, live animal presentations, after school STEM programs, yoga classes, community outreach initiatives, additional books and movies for our collection, arts & crafts supplies, snacks and refreshments for program attendees—the list goes on and on, all made possible by our Friends, and becoming a volunteer isn't the only way to support our Friends' efforts. Donated books, movies & music are sold in the Friends' bookstore and the proceeds used to fund library programs and services. Even your annual membership dues benefit the library, and therefore, the community as a whole.

San Diego County Library is thriving right now, providing opportunities for people from all walks of life to learn, energize, read and create, and people are taking advantage of these opportunities and improving their quality of life. Library staff is conducting a branch & community assessment to help us identify the needs of those in our service area and learn how we can better address those needs. We are planning for the installation of a long-awaited permanent generator at our branch which will be equipped with an automatic transfer switch, enabling backup power within seconds of a power outage and ensuring that the library will remain open and able to provide service during times of greatest need (estimated completion Summer 2020). Plans are also in the works for the expansion of our branch's Community Room from 552 to 2000 square feet, which will allow us to accommodate much larger audiences for concerts and other popular programs which currently must be held in the branch's great room, but before this project can move forward, additional funding must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors. We are optimistic that this will be approved next fiscal year.



As proud as I am to serve the community as your Librarian and to work with such an amazing and talented library staff, I have an even deeper sense of pride in how the residents of our community work together and help one another through good times and bad, and no matter what the future brings, I know we'll get by with a little help from our Friends.

*Josh Mitchell, Branch Manager*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since becoming president last March, it has been a whirlwind of activities and learning experiences. Thank you to Melanie Klika for her 4 years of service as a Board member, president, and Bookstore manager. She remains on the Board and is in charge of Operation Book Support.

A new brochure and logo were created giving Friends a visible pop. The Bookstore has been rearranged to create spaciousness, made ADA compliant, and the changes have elicited many positive comments from patrons.

We welcomed Josh Mitchell and his family, and we were delighted to have Tonya Gadbois back in Julian. We thank each staff member and substitutes for their work.

Library Staff have planned many activities and programs. Music on the Mountain continues to bring professional musicians to us each month. Critter Encounters was very popular with the younger set, parents, and grandparents. Staff participated with Friends at the Julian Natural Wonderfest, and we walked in the July 4th Parade!

An adult craft class was added, the Card Making class continued, an American Mahjong class was started, a youth Comic group started, as well as crafts led by library staff, and the Halloween Bash was monster-terrific. We learned librarian Josh could do the Monster Mash! His storytime for toddlers is not to be missed.

A wooden Quilt Block project to honor benefactor Jan Cornell has been initiated with the Julian Woman's Club. A block would become part of the Julian Backcountry Quilt Trail. We hope to see an installation this year.

Friends asked and encouraged the Julian Arts Guild (JAG) to provide artwork in the Community Room, and it is now on a 4 month rotating basis. All works are for sale.

Friends strives to get information out about activities and programs. How do you learn what is going on? Let me count the ways: library fliers and calendar, posters on community bulletin boards, The Julian News, Julian Journal, Facebook posts by Friends and the library, plus a direct email blast. The Julian News runs our ads, events are listed in the calendar, and a Friends library column is published. The monthly Julian Journal publishes the Friends column and lists calendar items.

Thank you to our Board members who continue to serve diligently, the Book Buying Committee that selects extra Friends materials, our Bookstore volunteers (ladies and a gentleman) who sell books, our dedicated volunteer who scans and shelves books, our ladies who make the Bookstore inviting, and more. This year we have seen more volunteers take an interest in what is happening – sharing the work and the satisfaction. Anyone can volunteer – request an application.

Thank you to our Members – who give financially – showing support for literacy, materials, and programs.

We are still waiting for a generator (this summer) and the new community room. It is at the top of the project list.

*Jonna Waite, FOJL President*

## NOTICE OF FOJL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Saturday, February 29, 2019 at the Julian Library, 5-7 p.m. The annual financial report will be presented. Elections will be held for four directors for two-year terms to begin February 2020 and end in February 2022.

Board members whose terms are ending: Brian Kramer, Jonna Waite, Arlene Smith (Treasurer). These three incumbents are willing to continue and are nominees to be elected/re-elected.

There is one vacancy on the board. At the time of printing, there is one new nominee: Brenda Campbell.

Board members whose terms continue until 2021: Melanie Klika, Kristi Holt, Carol Pike, Dana Pettersen, and Eileen Lightbody.

Eligible members may place their name in nomination for board director by informing a board member prior to the annual meeting or members may announce their candidacy at the meeting during the call for nominations from the floor.

Nominees must have been members for at least 3 months. Only dues-paying members may vote. Dues may be paid at the meeting prior to the vote.

The four nominees with the most votes will be elected for two-year terms.

For more information, contact president Jonna Waite, [jonnawaite@gmail.com](mailto:jonnawaite@gmail.com)

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### ONLINE BOOK SALES BENEFIT THE JULIAN LIBRARY

The Friends receive thousands of donated books each year. Although the majority of them are sold in the bookstore, from 2010 through 2018 we also sold selected books online with our own Amazon.com account. (Probably less than 1% of books received.) These books were researched by our volunteers online to find ones with potentially higher value, then were listed on our account by a dedicated volunteer. She stored a limited number of books at her house and responded quickly to any customers, then packaged and mailed the books to the customers. During those nine years our Amazon online sales net profit averaged \$781 per year.

In 2019 we decided to try something new for online sales. Operation Book Support (OBS) is a veteran-owned business that partners with several library Friends groups, colleges, military bases, and thrift stores. We scan our donated books, and now DVDs, and CDs too, using the OBS scanner and set aside any that are indicated as “buys” for them. About 5%-10% of items scanned are wanted by OBS. We call them to pick up the items and they do all the rest of the work. Amazon stores all the items as our inventory increases. We get quarterly sales and inventory reports, and checks. Our first year with OBS we will make a net profit of an estimated \$1,340 (pending the 4th quarter final report).

Our 2020 profit may increase as our inventory of online items continues to grow. OBS is a high-volume seller and gets discounted rates on shipping and supplies, and preferential treatment from Amazon like 1-2 day free shipping. They can sell items faster and at higher prices. They can also access Amazon’s global network of retailers and reach billions of customers. We will monitor the online sales going forward in order to get the most money possible to benefit the Julian Library.

*Melanie Klika, OBS Coordinator*

## BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS

One of the well-known benefits of volunteering is the positive impact that it brings to community, making it a better place. The FOJL bookstore is just that sort of place. I am pleased to report that we currently have 23 active volunteers donating 2 hours or more every week who keep our doors open.

Do come in and browse our ever updating titles of books, CDs, DVDs, etc. And you might look into the pleasure of becoming a volunteer yourself. It's a friendly and positive way of contributing to our community of Julian.

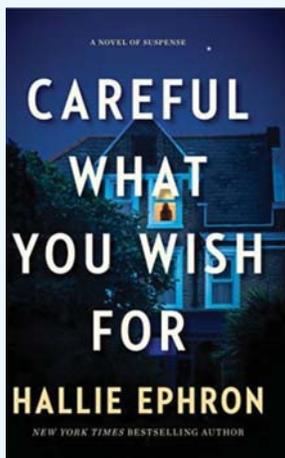
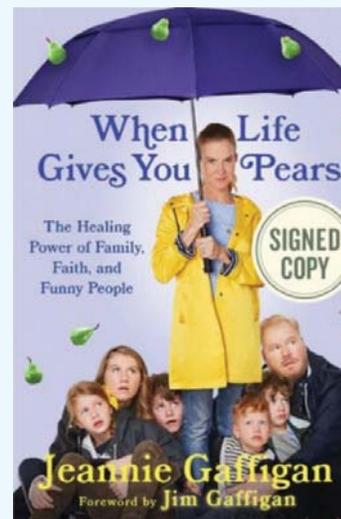
*Carol Pike, Volunteer Coordinator*



## FRIENDS BOOK-BUYING COMMITTEE

The Friends Book-Buying Committee recently surveyed local patrons to determine how our library is used. A questionnaire asked how books are selected, and the number one answer was “browsing the shelves” followed by “recommendations from friends” and “reading/hearing reviews”. Although it is always an option to request print and e-book titles through the on-line system, many patrons do not do so. This makes it important for us to have well-stocked shelves with a wide variety of titles.

Look for these new titles; **When Life Gives You Pears** by Jeannie Gaffigan, a humorous and heartfelt account of a pear-sized brain tumor she had removed, the toll it took on her family and lessons learned along the way.



**Careful What You Wish For: a Novel of Suspense** by Hallie Ephron (sister of Nora) is a timely, classic murder mystery with a clever and enjoyable twist. The newest title by our local author Richard Louv is **Our Wild Calling** which examines human-animal communications in both ancient and new ways. Our excellent DVD section will be enhanced with two new titles; **King of Thieves** and **The Man Who Killed Don Quixote**.

*Our committee welcomes comments and suggestions at any time!*

**Music on the Mountain**  
CONCERT SERIES

### Music on the Mountain Schedule:

Feb. 11 @ 6 pm – Sean Gaskell (plays West African kora, a 21-string harp)

Mar 3 @ 6 pm – The Spiritual Motels (indie-folk, duo)

April 21 @ 6 pm - Mari Black (multistyle violinist & fiddle champion)

July 7 @ 6 pm - The Sea Monks (rockabilly/blues/country, family band)



# JAG



## FOUR-MONTH EXHIBIT BY JULIAN ARTS GUILD OPENS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

In collaboration with Julian Library and Friends of the Julian Library, a new exhibition of nine local artists opened December 13 and runs through April 30, 2020, in the Community Room.

This first exhibition's theme is "Winter Scenes," which features nine local artists' original work and are available for sale. Prices for each piece, a short bio about each artist with contact information and website addresses to view more works by them are located in a notebook in the room. At the end of this show, another group of artists' paintings and works will replace the existing exhibit and hang for another four months in a continuing, rotating year-round exhibition of 18 to 20 original works.

The public is invited to view the free exhibition at the library, which is open during library hours. Other events may periodically occur in the Community Room, so check at the library counter to make sure the exhibit is available for viewing.

"We're grateful to the library and their volunteers for the opportunity to promote culture through art and other library events in our community," said Bonnie Gendron, president of the Julian Arts Guild.



**Friends of the Julian Library  
Income/Expense Report  
January 1 - December 31, 2019**

**INCOME:**

Book/Online Sales	\$	9,899
Membership Dues	\$	2,280
Donations	\$	3,412
Memoriums	\$	16,639
Interest Income	\$	1,006
Other Income	\$	809
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,045</b>

**EXPENSES:**

**Library**

Advertising	\$	2,814
Books Purchased	\$	5,779
Media Purchased	\$	2,426
Arts and Letters Programs	\$	5,733
Library Requested	\$	3,025
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,777</b>

**Other Expenses**

Dues and Subscriptions	\$	188
Printing and Postage	\$	977
Office Expense and Supplies	\$	813
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expense	\$	373
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,351</b>

**Total Expenses**

\$ 22,128

**NET INCOME**

\$ 11,917

Cash Balance 1/1/19	\$	109,079
Income	\$	34,045
Expense	\$	22,128
Cash Balance 12/31/19	\$	120,996

## FRIENDS OF THE JULIAN LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2020

Please take this opportunity to renew your annual membership or to become a new member for 2020. Memberships and donations are the key to providing hundreds of additional books, magazines, movies, and CDs to the library. They also make possible amazing activities, speakers, and musical performances. You will find a membership application inside this newsletter. Include your email address so we can keep you informed of upcoming events, and your receipt can be sent to you postage-free.

Membership for an Individual is a mere \$10 and for a Family \$25. See more categories available as a supporter. Remember, this supports EXTRA materials and programs that are not funded by the county.

FOJL is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Dues and donations are tax-deductible.

3 ways to return:

- Mail included envelope
- Bring to the Bookstore
- Bring to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 29, at 5 p.m.



### AmazonSmile and Friends

Want to donate to Friends of the Julian Library without it costing you a cent? Amazon donates money to charities through their AmazonSmile program.

It is an automatic way for you to support Friends of the Julian Library every time you shop. Instead of logging directly into Amazon.com, log into smile.amazon.com and select "Friends of the Julian Library" as the charity you want to support. Amazon will send 0.5% of your purchases directly to the Friends.

[www.FriendsoftheJulianLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheJulianLibrary.org)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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