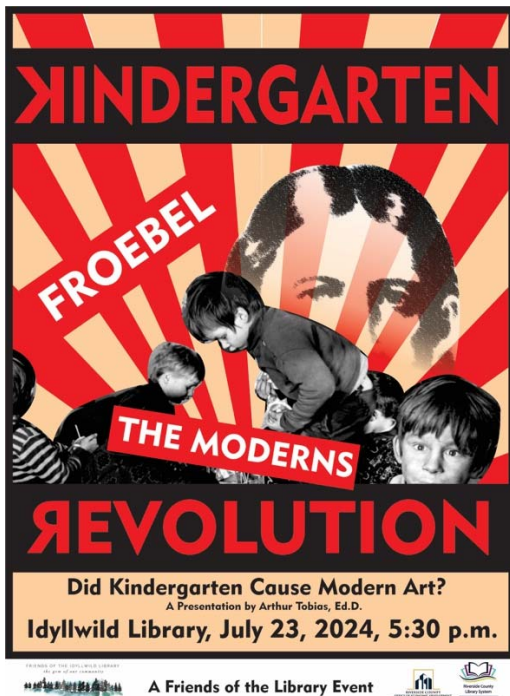




**Upcoming Events Sponsored by
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"In the first half of the 19th century Friedrich Froebel, a native of Thuringia, invented Kindergarten. In 1851 the Prussian government banned Kindergarten. In the first decades of the 20th century a diverse group of artists and architects began working in a style dubbed "Modern." In his presentation, **Kindergarten Revolution**, Arthur Tobias, Ed.D., explores the connection between these seemingly disparate events. Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

We Welcome everyone in the community to join us for these programs, and lively discussions. Come along and bring a friend or neighbor!



**President's Message
"At the Peak"**

By President, Lorie De Marco



Your Friends of the Library Board members are hard at work all year long, ardently supporting the needs (and sometimes the wishes) of the Idyllwild Library. You may be aware of some of the many things we do in providing whatever we can for this wonderful community resource, our library! Now that we're over halfway through the year, I'd like to recap a little of what has happened just this year, since January 2024.

The year kicked off with our Annual Meeting and Open House in January. Catered lunch was provided by La Casita and we enjoyed entertainment by guitarist David Jerome, along with many displays throughout the library. This is the meeting at which our 2024 Board (including myself) was voted in and began their terms. Currently, our board consists of:

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These people are vital to our organization, and each one of them does an excellent job. *Many thanks!!*

We have sponsored numerous programs over the last six months, including: The History of Photography with Art Tobias, Birds of Idyllwild with Nancy Dowling, Safety Presentation by our Sheriffs and Fire Department Personnel, author Mallory O'Meara with her book "Girly Drinks", and some beautiful artist displays in the Community Room. These are just a few of the programs that have taken place. Check the library calendar, Facebook, GoodMorningIdyllwild.com, and posted flyers in the windows of the library and the Visitors Center for upcoming programs and events. These programs are educational, entertaining, and a great way to support the presenters. We appreciate them for taking time to come out and share their expertise and knowledge, which is of an astounding variety.

If you attended the annual 4th of July Parade, you may have seen our library manager, James Wyatt, driving along with a banner on top of his car and a big bookshelf mural on the side (thank you, Miles, for sharing your talent there!). The parade was so much fun, and so neat to see pride in our library passing by!



The Friends of the Idyllwild Library (if you received this newsletter, that's YOU!) are supporting our library year-round by providing funding for books, materials, and programs, and by volunteering to help however we can. Currently, we're preparing to fund a couple of projects at the library to improve the experience of the patrons and visitors. One of these projects is to repaint the Community Room, where our programs take place, various clubs meet, and which is the face of our library to many visitors. We're very excited to be able to help with this project! Another thing we're working on is a sign for our library Book Store to differentiate it from the main library. This little space is super fun to visit and purchase inexpensive books and other library-themed merchandise. Be sure to stop by if you have not done so. This is a wonderful way to support your library and a nice place to pick up a good read, or gifts for family and friends! A couple of days ago, a visitor to the hill, who will be here for only eight weeks, asked me if you can get a library card if you don't live up here (You can. Just check with our friendly librarians inside). I told her about our bookstore, which is a great place to get books or

videos at a super affordable price (10 cents for many of them!), and you don't need a library card to shop there. She was so excited to learn this.... Just another way our library serves not only our community, but visitors as well.

As members of the Friends of the Library, you are helping to serve and give back to your community and our treasured library. We are very grateful for you, our Friends of the Library members, for your ongoing support.

A very special thanks goes out to the Idyllwild Community Fund Youth Grantmakers, an impressive group of young people who accept requests for grants from nonprofit organizations in our community. They evaluate each application they receive, and award funds to many of them. We are proud and grateful to be the recipient of \$750 to be used to help fund our Summer Reading Program. What a wonderful gift to our library. Thank you Grantmakers.



Lorie De Marco
President, Friends of the Idyllwild Library



Questions ?

Do you have questions about services that the library offers, opportunities to help with individual projects or ongoing programs, or other ways you can help? Just ask one of the libraries staff, or get in touch with board members. We want to hear from you!

Children's Programs

Although we have experienced a sizzlin-hot summer, this hasn't slowed down the summer programs. Get an iced cold drink and find a shady spot so you can learn about all the cool things that have been happening at the library this summer. The theme for this summer's reading program is **Read, Renew, Repeat**. To kick off the summer program, children were entertained by talented musician **Craig Newton**, who inspired the children with an interactive music program. He performed on various musical instruments, e.g. guitar, violin, flute, trombone, electric guitar, banjo and more.



Other special summer children's programs included the following:

Miss Rachel and the band **Space Goats** for a rockin' musical outer space story time. Children were so pleased to welcome Miss Rachel for another lively story time about our solar system.



Riverside County Department of Waste Resources presented an interactive story time that included a fun recycling game explaining to the children the importance of recycling.

Bob Greenamyre, Idyllwild Community Garden, taught the children about community gardens and read a delightful book about sunflowers. Children decorated flowerpots and planted sunflower seeds to take home. There were two **recycling craft programs**. We made woven bowls from paper bowls and yarn. The other program was how to make a CD Garden Mobile. The children have beautiful pieces of artwork that serve as reminders of different ways to recycle.

On July 17, 2024, 5:30 p.m., **Riverside County Department of Waste Resources** will present a program about how to do **composting** at home.

Summer reading will close out with a party and an amusing program by **ventriloquist Joe Gandelman and Friends**.



Top readers will be awarded prizes. All children will select a book from the book cart to take home. The top three readers in age categories – 0-5 years, 6-12 years, and teens – will each be awarded great prizes. The top adult reader receives a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card. Each week a **random drawing** takes place and the weekly winner receives a backpack full of fun prizes and a **\$10 gift card** from one of the following businesses: **Alpaca Coffee & Tea, Amelia's Donuts, Candy Cupboard, El Buen Cacao, Far East Imports, Pure Bean Coffee**. The **5-Book Challenge** recipients received a **\$5 gift card to Atomic Cow Creamery** and a free book.



Everyone who registered for summer reading received a free book, as well.

Upon completion of reading levels, participants are given Level 1, 2, and 3 awards (wooden bookmark, beverage cup, and bookbag).

On July 31, 2024, 11:00 a.m., we are pleased to have **Leya Collins** with the **Western Science Center** give a program about **Ice Age Animals** who lived in our area.

The library has once again collaborated with the **Idyllwild Nature Center** in presenting several outdoor story times as well as story walks presented by Susan for several special events at the Nature Center, which include on July 13 - **Lemon Lily Restoration Festival**, August 17 - **Butterfly Days**, and September 21 - **Bark in the Park**.



As always, a big **thank-you** to the **Friends of the Library** for their support in making all these wonderful programs and craft projects possible. Also, a thank-you to the Friends for purchasing the frozen treats for the children to enjoy following each story time; these delights were very much appreciated during our scorching summer heat wave.

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator




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