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Message from the President

Dear Crowell Public Library Supporter:

Greetings and best wishes as we round the corner on a year that has brought many challenges and required us to think outside the box. We are excited to share with you what the library and the Foundation have been engaged in during these extraordinary times.

The last two years have been a time of learning and adapting. We've learned a lot about the world, ourselves and what the future may hold. We had to make needed adjustments and be ready to meet the challenges our communities faced. We thank those first line responders and the many people who served their communities every day, from the grocers, teachers and to our wonderful librarians.

Although closed to the public during the pandemic lockdown, the Crowell Public Library adapted and implemented the following services with the goal to provide library access as best as possible:

- Curbside pickup of books
- Issuing new library cards
- Online creative challenges for teens
- An online summer reading club
- Virtual children's programming as well as live Storytime readings
- Chinese social chat sessions and Chinese cooking lessons

With much anticipation and relief, in June 2021, the library welcomed the public inside again. Programs and offerings abound for everyone and the "hustle and bustle" of children and adults fill our library once more.

To further support our library in its efforts to serve the community, the San Marino Public Library Foundation has provided funding for greater access to e-books, funds to grow the existing collection and replacement of the aging public internet computers. The Foundation thanks the many donors who have supported our Delicious Destinations and Trivia Night Fever events. You helped make all of this possible.

The Library Foundation has learned the importance of building for the future. In that vein, we partnered with the Pasadena Community Foundation to establish an endowment fund that will benefit the Crowell Public Library. (See *San Marino Public Library Foundation Partners with Pasadena Community Foundation.*)

Our Library Foundation will continue to fund the modernization of library systems, replace outdated technology, and expand the library collection. We hope you can help continue our efforts by making a donation to our library foundation. It is due to the kind support such as yours that the library serves the community today and will continue to serve for many years to come.

Wishing all of you a healthy and happy holiday season,

Hal Suetsugu

President

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Beloved City Librarian Irene McDermott Retires!

After being with the Crowell Public Library for nearly 24 years of service, City Librarian Irene McDermott retired on September 21, 2021. The San Marino Public Library Foundation offers her best wishes as she embarks on the next chapter of her life! We understand she plans to garden, take more frequent trips to her favorite town of Carlsbad and perhaps explore her theater roots once again.

Since 2013, Irene served as the City Librarian/Library Manager for the Crowell Public Library enriching the atmosphere with her exuberance and practicality. She began her career here as the Adult Reference Librarian which included management of the library's then new computer system due to her knowledge of technology and outstanding technology skills.

Some of Irene's accomplishments include publishing two books, [The Internet Book of Life – Use the Web to Grow Richer, Smarter, Healthier and Happier](#), and [The Librarian's Internet Survival Guide – Strategies for the High-tech Reference Desk](#) as well as being a regular columnist for [Searcher Magazine](#).



We will miss her greatly!

The San Marino Public Library Foundation will be honoring Irene for her dedication and hard work with a \$1,000 donation toward the library collection. Each new addition to the collection will have a custom bookplate honoring Irene for her library service to the San Marino community.

We invite you to join us with your donation. If you would like to make a donation, please go to our website at sanmarinopl.org or use the enclosed response envelope to make a donation.

2022 Bookmark Design Contest This year's theme is:



It's Bookmark Contest Time!

The Crowell Public Library in San Marino is looking for six new designs to hand out in 2022. Designs will be printed on limited edition bookmarks to be distributed throughout 2022. Will your design be one of them?

Entrants need to be 18 and under and have a Crowell Public Library card. There will be six (6) winners chosen from three different age groups. The age groups are: 8 and under, ages 9-13 and ages 14-18.

Each winning designer will be awarded a \$100 gift card.

Entries for the Crowell Public Library Bookmark Design Contest will be accepted from November 15, 2021- December 20, 2021.

This year's theme: KINDNESS

Winners will be notified January 14, 2022.

Entry forms available at crowellpubliclibrary.org on November 15, 2021.

The **San Marino Public Library Foundation** is a tax exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization organized in 1995. The Foundation conducted the Brand New Library capital campaign which raised over \$10 million to help build the current Crowell Public Library. Since the opening of the building in 2008, the Foundation has funded several projects including the replacement of all the public and staff computers, replacement of the audio visual equipment in the Barth Community Room, access to the Dakim Memory software for seniors, purchase of collection management software and most recently funding toward the RFID transition. The Foundation endeavors to fulfill its mission to raise funds to support and enrich the Crowell Public Library.

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San Marino Public Library Foundation Partners with Pasadena Community Foundation

"The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

Albert Einstein

San Marino Public Library Foundation is pleased to share the news of our new partnership with the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF). Leveraging the expertise of PCF, the Foundation has established an endowment fund, which is professionally invested for the long term, benefiting from investment expertise and being part of a larger portfolio. This new endowment fund allows the Foundation to receive current and legacy gifts to help provide for the future needs of the Crowell Public Library.

Why is a Library Endowment Important?

Stability: Endowment funds can provide ongoing income in support of the work of the library and provide a steady annual flow of financial support, which is essential to providing this community service. The principal of the endowment remains untouched while only the earned income from the endowment is used for projects and collection enhancements.

Legacy: The endowment fund provides a lasting legacy for both the donor and the San Marino Public Library Foundation. Giving to an endowment is a gift that keeps on giving. Since an endowment gift is invested, it will extend the life of the donation and hopefully grow it as well. It also makes sure that the donor's money aligns with their core values and priorities.

Long Term Support: The endowment fund furnishes a means for donors to provide assured long-term support for the library. Endowment funds will not replace, but will supplement, traditional income from local taxes, state and federal sources. The endowment offers individuals an opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation, if applicable, to the library that will provide a perpetual source of income.

How Gifts Can Be Made to the Endowment

There are a variety of ways to give that provide you with maximum tax and financial benefits. These include:

- A gift made in your will or trust
- A gift that pays you income for life
- A gift of life insurance or retirement plan assets
- Gifts of property (such as stocks, bonds or land)
- Matching Gifts
- Gifts in Memory or in Honor of Friends or Relatives
- Corporate Gifts
- Gifts of cash



We hope you will participate in your library's future. You may contact Cindy Chan, by calling 626-300-0777 x544 or emailing her at cchan@cityofsanmarino.org.

The San Marino Public Library Foundation was founded and incorporated in 1995 by a small group of community volunteers to create a supplemental funding source for the public library of the City of San Marino and improve the quality of library and information services to the citizens of San Marino.

The Foundation is one of three support groups to the Crowell Public Library along with the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Crowell Public Library. The mission of the San Marino Public Library Foundation is to raise funds to support and enrich the library.

Coming soon to the Crowell Public Library!



**WINTER
WARMER
TAKE & MAKE
KIT
(AGES 3-11)**

Brrr! It's cold outside and the holidays are over! Why not beat the winter blues with a fun kit of wintery crafts and activities? No snow necessary! Supplies are limited; registration required.

****Register early at
cityofsanmarino.org/registration
(required). Space will fill.****

**January 8, 2022 - January 10, 2022:
Priority registration for San Marino
residents**

**January 11, 2022 – January 14, 2022:
Non-resident registration.**

Kit pickup starting January 24, 2022

***A Night of Carols
and Cocoa***

Featuring the SMHS Chorale

Location: Schow Patio

December 10, 2021 7:00pm

Join us for a holly jolly night of carols and cocoa in the library patio. Carols will be provided by the esteemed SMHS Chorale. Guaranteed to put you in a festive mood!



Brain Aerobics:

Location: Barth Community Room

When: Weekly on

Mondays 12:30- 2:30 pm and

Tuesdays 9 – 11 am

Beginning January 24, 2022

Brain Aerobics & Lip Reading is BACK! This popular weekly class aimed at seniors is led by Francine Katz, (MA, SLP& CCC). Francine concentrates on lip reading and memory, and she provides a fun way to fight the common problems of diminished hearing and memory as people age.



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