



# Friends of the Phelan Memorial Library

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### Friends Officers

President: Sharron Robinson

Vice President: Linda Guernsey

Recording Secretary: Betsy Otte

Corresponding Secretary: Stephanie Dalbeck

Treasurer: Warren Wilson

## Dates to Remember

### Monthly ~ First Tuesday

Friends of the Phelan Memorial Library Meeting

5:30 PM ~ Phelan Memorial Library Program Room

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### Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Phelan Memorial Library 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration

1 ~ 4 PM ~ Phelan Memorial Library

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### Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Medieval Chocolate Feast

7 ~ 9 PM ~ Phelan Memorial Library

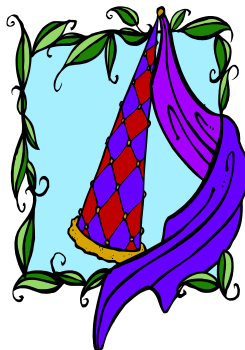
## Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Happy Birthday



Our **SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** will take place on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the branch. Festivities, beginning at 1 PM, include crafts, games, and refreshments. There will be special books with birthday themes, provided by the Friends of the Phelan Memorial Library, awarded to the first 100 children attending the party. It's possible Mother Goose and Dr. Seuss may attend as well. Help us commemorate this milestone by bringing your young readers and joining the party.

It may seem impossible that we already are celebrating our first birthday at the Phelan Memorial Library. The increases in patron visits, programs, circulation, and activity, in just one year, are clearly something worthy of a celebration. For example, the Summer Reading Program, which runs through July 27<sup>th</sup>, offers programs for ALL ages. Currently there are 465 participants, 329 children under 13, 96 teens, and 40 adults. Youngsters are enjoying programs including puppet and magic shows, special crafts, and movies. Adult programs include information on topics from high desert gardening to living on the San Andreas Fault. Tri-Community residents have taken to heart the theme **"Make a Splash ~ READ!"**

## Medieval Chocolate Feast



Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 7~9 PM is the date and time when chocolate, wine, mead, music, games of chance, costumed serving wenches and merrymaking will be the bill of faire for the **MEDIEVAL CHOCOLATE FEAST** this year. As in medieval times, feasts and festivals provided nobles and peasants alike a way to break up their daily routine and gave a reason for communities to come together and share news, celebrate successes and mark the changing months and seasons. Our Medieval Feast will give grown-ups a chance

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## Branch Hours

Mon & Tue 12-8

Wed – Fri 10-6

Sat – 9-5

Sunday – Closed

## Jefferson Collection Exhibition



to gather and celebrate our amazing growth, in just one year! This fundraiser will bring us even closer to the \$50,000 goal our Friends group established during construction of the new branch. With Supervisor Mitzelfelt's generous support and your continued help, we should reach our goal by year-end. Tickets for the chocolate feast will be just \$15 again this year and will soon be available at the branch and through our website. They will also be sold at our birthday party.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Book Club Educating & Expanding



New members are always welcome at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Book Club. August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM will be the next meeting where *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett will be the topic of discussion. Book selections for September and October are; *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom & *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey. Group leader, Kathy Feia, moderates lively conversations encouraging members to share impressions and opinions. Members are finding reading not only expands the mind, but also the heart.

## Book History Trivia

The new Phelan Memorial Library is in good company in its efforts to fill the shelves of our new branch with books and materials. On an August day 195 years ago, the British burned the U.S. Capitol in the War of 1812 and by doing so, destroyed the first Library of Congress.

When the war ended, former President Thomas Jefferson offered to sell his personal library, which at 6,487 books was the largest in America, to Congress for whatever price the legislators settled upon. After a year of partisan debate and rancor finally, on a very narrow vote, Congress agreed to pay Jefferson \$23,950. Then another fire in the Capitol on Christmas Eve of 1851 incinerated some 35,000 volumes, including two-thirds of the books that had belonged to Jefferson. Although Congress appropriated funds to replace much of the Library of Congress collection, the restoration of the Jefferson library fell by the wayside. Since 1998, Mark Dimunation, the rare-books and special collections curator for the Library of Congress, has guided a slow-moving, yet successful search for the 4,324 Jefferson titles that were destroyed. The result of his labor thus far is on view at the library in the Jefferson Collection Exhibition. The collection is contained in circular shelving containing books of all shapes and subjects. Standing in the center visitors have a sense of the scale of Jefferson's library. Many of the books have a green or yellow ribbon peeking out from their top. Those with a green ribbon were owned by Jefferson and those with a yellow ribbon are replacements. Books without a ribbon were taken from elsewhere in the library. The object of the "Jefferson Project" is to put on the shelf exactly the same book Jefferson would have owned. White boxes (297 in all) tucked in between aged books represent missing books. To read more go to: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/On-the-Hunt-for-Jeffersons-Lost-Books.html>