

**FOL PRESIDENTS MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTION ITEMS
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

- **Foundation fund-raising campaign.** The Foundation is initiating a fund-raising campaign this fall to raise funds for the 2009 summer reading program reward books.
Action: Horace Morana (from the Foundation) will notify me when the information and contribution forms are on the Foundation web site www.slolibraryfoundation.org.
- **Library Historian:** Joe Carotenuti is compiling historical information for all SLO libraries. He needs volunteers to help him organize and mount newspaper articles. His contact information is jacjs@sbcglobal.net and 805-545-0628.
Action: Joe will 1) send me the documents he handed out via e-mail (done), and 2) write a volunteer recruitment paragraph for distribution to the FOL Presidents for inclusion in their newsletters.
- **Grover Beach Library** now has a FOL group, President Nan Fowler. Carol Roberts and Claire Gates attended our meeting and gave a summary of how their “all volunteer” library is managed.
Action: Pat to find out more about their Valentine’s Day Fund Raiser
- **Library Budget:** Judy Rohr told us that the library will be cutting back on their materials budget by \$200K but retaining library hours and staff. Employment will be downsized only by attrition.
Action: FOL groups may want to begin planning for this material budget shortfall within their own libraries.
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP):** Joyce Shearer gave a presentation on this program. All libraries and FOL groups, including the Foundation are covered by an umbrella Memo of Understanding with the RSVP program. Benefits of belonging include insurance coverage and \$0.14 a mile for car travel. RSVP also offers a course on Investment Fraud for groups of 20 or more. For further information and application forms contact Joyce at rsvpcoordinator@srvolunteer.org or 805-544-8740.
- **Central Coast Book and Author Festival (CCBAF):** Maryellen Simkins, the Chair of the 2009 CCBAF, gave an overview of the 2009 CCBAF. Her contact information is MRSimkins@charter.net or 805-528-8260.
Action:
 1. Input from each FOL president regarding how the Friends and the CCBAF can work together to best help the Friends groups?
 2. Each FOL President to send suggestions (thinking outside the box is encouraged) regarding improvements to the CCBAF.
 3. She asked that each FOL President include in their newsletters a notice about the CCBAF needing volunteers for the steering committee.
 4. She asked that each FOL group be represented at the ’09 CCBAF.
 5. Pat to include the CCBAF as a future agenda item.
- **Volunteers:** Judy Rohr led a discussion on recruiting volunteers and emphasized that volunteers cannot replace paid positions (volunteers can supplement not

substitute). Keep in mind that retirees are not the only volunteers that are available to not ignore teenagers and other age groups..

Action: 1. Check out the volunteer application form on the Morro Bay website, www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org

2. Pat will send a copy of the Santa Margarita Volunteer Guidelines to everyone.

3. Pat to include “volunteers” as a future agenda item

4. Linda Thompson to send Pat a copy of the SLO FOL newsletter article about volunteers for distribution.

- **Vision Document:** Judy Rohr distributed a handout containing the top three goals for each library for the next 12 months.

Action: 1. Pat will get an electronic copy to distribute

2. FOL Presidents were asked to talk with their librarians about how the Friends can best help in accomplishing these goals