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Among Friends

Spring 2021

Bibliophobia:
The fear of running out of things to read.

We hope you had a happy National Library Week! April 4-10

Spring Message from Friends President Barbara Fridley

I am overwhelmed with gratitude each spring as I welcome new and long-time members to the "Love Your Library" membership campaign. Thanks to the 200 members who have renewed or joined with generous donations enclosed in to receive your PayPal donations online. I delight in writing each of you a thank you letter and enjoy reading your comments. I want to assure you that only staff and volunteers have access to personal contact information. We have had to forgo the day-to-day needs of our library during the pandemic, but we have managed to keep our book sales and our popular Friends yearly calendar and on-the-pickers were and essential during this challenging time. Your donations have helped us keep our library open. Thank you most sincerely from the bottom of my heart.

By the way, there is still time to renew or become a 2021 Friend of the Larkspur Library! Donate online at friendsofthelarkspurlibrary.org or send your check to Friends of the Library, 400 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, CA 94939.

Before too long, we hope to welcome each of you to a membership event hosted by the Friends of the Larkspur Library board. Until we can safely meet in person, know that you are always welcome here. Take a list of 2021 Friends' to-read at the end of this newsletter.

The Palmer Method: Reading and Listening with Christine and Bill

Kentfield residents Bill and Christine Palmer are avid readers, and their reading habits have changed somewhat after the Covid lockdown and the semi-closure of the Larkspur Library.

Pre-pandemic, Bill Palmer changed his "Home" library from Corte Madera to Larkspur because he was a fan of the Marin County Free Library app. Since then, Bill and Christine Wesley does not affect his support of The Commons program based a new library.

Although Bill reads many books (40-50 per year), he estimates he spills his borrowing 50/50 between listening and reading. "I started listening when books were on tape cassettes, then CDs, and now digital audio. I love the variety of narrators." Bill of course, prefers the audio version and the possibilities include the ability to control the pace and pronounce an unfamiliar word.

Speaking of systems, Bill has records of what he has read spanning over twenty years. He prefers to borrow chronological, if possible, the same books in text and audio format. If he has to wait too long for a book copy, he will begin with the audio or vice versa. He recommends Ken Follett's "Pillars of Earth" series, Ken Follett's "Century" series, and Ken Follett's "Eye of the Needle." Bill enjoys fiction and non-fiction, and he will jump a very different take on what is being consumed.

"Discovering novelist books 20 years ago really increased my ability to read/listen to books and catch up on the classics that I always had intended to read, but never finish the time." Bill's favorite is Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." Bill's favorite movie is "Casablanca." Asked which 5-book read, "Ha big category now as contestants from Jeopardy! Jeopardy, Rachel Kushner, TC. Boyle, Mitowell by natural history ("The Soul of an Octopus), Imaginary (Educated), and Historical fiction (Ken Follett's long books).

What are the sources for bookbuds books? A lot of stuff. Amazon. The New York Times Book Review. The Wall Street Journal. Bill's Book Club (Jane Austen, Ken Follett, Cormorant, Grant Wheeler, The New Yorker, Amazon. Twenty percent of what he reads is non-fiction. "I also love recommendations from friends, so I always have many books on my to-read list."

Bill also looks beyond Marin for the books he seeks. "One of our daughters lives in Los Angeles and I visit her and her family there. I have a library card in Los Angeles. Moreover, so, we can get almost anything we want. And we love to talk and compare."

And where does he write while listening the bigger 1,200 miles trail pace? "Around the office and home and off the Transpass, or wherever I am with some time on my hands." Today, these walks "full-time kicks with one stone." I walk three to five miles per day." I listen to a book while I walk. I'm a fast walker. I'm a fast reader. I'm a fast listener. I'm also a fast cooking to audio and down, and number cooked meals a of of exercise." In fact, he found it is relaxing to listen while winding in the yard, doing house projects, and while driving."

How does he get the books? "On Libby – a free library app. Audio apps have become very easy to access and use. This Libby app is particularly user friendly, the download is easy, the app is easy to navigate, the app is easy to find books in the library. Libby also allows us your iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch or Android device. Your library card gives you access to all the audio books in the library libraries." A couple of Bill's favorite books from Libby are "Ghosts" and "Mars Hotel (Libby Kashner) The Hot Mess Express (Educated by Tara Westover).

Bill's family reads heavily. He's wife read three of Ken Follett's long library system, and his grandfather's passes and English on the college level. Bill wants to work for Health Clearance (other colleges and shared with them for 10 years, eventually managing the sales department for the entire company. Bill's grandfather was a lawyer, and Bill read his work for a few years ago." He was most recently affiliated with Fireclay Tile, the only tile company to get a certified B Corporation rating given to businesses that meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose rates.

Books mean a lot to Christine Palmer too. Now a widow with Coldwell Banker in Mill Valley, she was a Reading Specialist in the Mill Valley elementary schools for eight years, and also taught ESL and Computer Science which campaigns were that introduced to schools. Christine's favorite book is "Pride and Prejudice." Her favorite movie is "Gone with the Wind." Christine's favorite movie is "Gone with the Wind." Christine's favorite movie is "Gone with the Wind." Christine's

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The Friends are a dedicated group of members who raise money for library programs, plan events, and work as ambassadors to the community for the Larkspur Library.

The Friends of the Larkspur Library are committed to supporting the library's programs, cultural events, books, and materials. We strive to instill the love of reading and the excitement of learning in library patrons of all ages.

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