

## Celebrating the Birth of Baby Bay

On October 3, 2015, the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) California chapters of Beta Rho and Gamma Omega jointly toured and evaluated the brand-new Baby Bay and Early Childhood

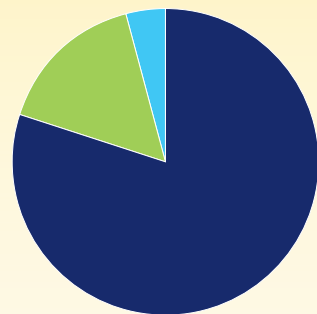
Learning Center structures in Redwood City's Downtown Library. DKG is an organization of women educators that promotes professional and personal growth and excellence in education. Teachers met with Children's Librarian Jacky Averill to discuss the Library's award-winning programs and provide feedback on future steps to enhance the literacy of all Redwood City children. Jacky explained the background of these early learning structures, and the thought processes children develop through their use. Rouslana Yaroslavsky, Executive Director of the Redwood City Library Foundation, and Elaine Stern, DKG member, led brainstorming groups to develop strategies for expansion, using the positive response and momentum from the newly launched learning structures.

## Our Current Programs

Your gifts promote literacy in our community through these programs:

- Early Childhood Learning Centers in the Fair Oaks Library and Schaberg Library
- Early Literacy programs for families with young children
- Books for families
- Writing Cats and Dogs – a creative writing program for children that builds awareness about homeless animals

## What Your Donations Supported in 2014-15



- Early Childhood Learning Structures, Downtown & Redwood Shores Libraries = **\$101,768**
  - Laptops & iPads for Children, Fair Oaks Library = **\$20,102**
  - Early Childhood Outreach/Free Books for Families = **\$4,500**
- TOTAL = \$126,370**

## Save the Dates Upcoming Events

### KinderCard Super Saturday

March 12, 2016, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Downtown Library

### Kermes & Dia del Niño

Sunday, April 24, 2016, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Fair Oaks Library

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Wild, Wild West" Spring Fundraiser

Saturday, April 30, 2016  
Stay tuned for details on our new surprise venue!

You can donate on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Redwood City Library Foundation through SV Gives. On this day, your donation may be matched by corporate donors: <http://svgives.razoo.com/story/Redwood-City-Library>

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## Message from the Library Director New Initiatives, Partnerships & Expansion: Making a Difference in our Community



Derek Wolfgram, Director  
Redwood City Public Libraries

After almost a year in my position, I am delighted to report that the Library continues to implement innovative projects to benefit people of all ages in our community. The Baby Bay installation at the Downtown Library is complete, thanks to the tremendous support of the Foundation. We're not done building early literacy environments yet – we plan to incorporate early literacy development into the upcoming renovation of the Fair Oaks Library in 2016.

We are partnering with the California State Library to offer Career Online High School, an online program through which participants get an accredited high school diploma by taking courses and working with online support staff. We're doubling our investment in eBooks this year to expand our online collections in response to over 57,000 eBook checkouts last year, a 34% increase. We are hiring new staff to expand service hours at the Schaberg and Fair Oaks branches, as well as a new children's librarian to enhance family programming throughout RCPL and a new division manager to oversee Customer Experience, which includes both front-line customer service and technology initiatives. Both Library staff and support groups like the Foundation have been actively focused on community outreach to be everywhere in the community and make sure everyone is aware of our services that connect our community through literacy and learning. I am incredibly grateful for the leadership and support of the Library Foundation, and I look forward to ongoing collaboration to really make a difference in enhancing this incredible community.

The mission of the Redwood City Library Foundation is to increase financial support for the library's services, collections and programs.

Help us raise money to install  
Early Childhood Learning Centers in  
Fair Oaks and Schaberg Libraries

We need you to help us reach  
our \$500,000 campaign goal!

We have already raised \$269,000, and **you** can put this campaign over the top. Your end-of-year donation will make a difference in improving literacy rates in our community.

Please send your donation in the envelope included, or donate online at [www.redwoodcitylibraryfoundation.org](http://www.redwoodcitylibraryfoundation.org)

## Dive in to Baby Bay! Play, Read, Talk & Sing: Learning for Little Ones

Families love the newly created Baby Bay – a welcoming learning playground for our youngest patrons. Located in the Downtown Library, Baby Bay offers a wealth of interactive and imaginative play options, with bilingual prompts parents can use to keep their child engaged. Baby Bay provides a space where babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can safely learn by exploration and discovery using all of their senses.