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What is the Summer Slide?

You may have heard the term, but what does it mean?

“Summer Slide” is what happens when the skills students learn during the school year are lost or forgotten over the summer.

A great way to stop the “Summer Slide” is by participating in a **Summer Reading Program**.

A study by Dominican University found:

“Students who participated in the public library summer reading program **scored higher on reading achievement tests** at the beginning of the next school year than those students who did not participate and they gained in other ways as well.

“Teachers and public school librarians observed that students who participated in the public library summer reading program **returned to school ready to learn, improved their reading achievement and skills**, increased their enjoyment of reading, were more motivated to read, were **more confident** in participating in classroom reading activities, read beyond what was required in their free time, and perceived reading to be important.”*

Don't fall down the Summer Slide!

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Crowell Public Library. This year's program runs June 4 – July 14.

- ◆ The Summer Reading Program is for all ages—babies to adults!
- ◆ Contests and prizes given away each week.

Sign-up begins June 4!

*Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University's study:

“Do Public Library Summer Reading Programs Impact Student Achievement?”



Lora O. Smith: Giving Forward



I was encouraged to serve on the Foundation board by the late City Librarian Carolyn Crain. The Foundation had just been established and I was a donor to the first campaign, Empty-A-Drawer. The Foundation was looking to expand its board with new members so I joined in 1997.

Q: Why do you think the San Marino Public Library Foundation's work is important?

The Foundation is important because it does more than fundraise. It plays an important public relations and advocacy role for the library to the residents and neighbors.

Q: What do you hope your gift will accomplish?

Through my will, I have designated an endowment to provide funding for materials, projects and programs as well as scholarships for library employees seeking advanced degrees in library technology and library related studies.

The capital project to build the current library building was a joint private and public endeavor. The City provided about a third of the total construction cost and took the responsibility to maintain the building going forward.

I hope the administrators of the endowment, who I envision to be the Foundation, will choose programs and projects that enhance library offerings outside of what the City will provide.

Q: Why did you include the San Marino Public Library Foundation in your estate plan?

At the time I made my will, I saw my family members were comfortable so I looked for a recipient that could use the help and know who I am. I made this decision prior to the capital campaign to build the current library building.

Q. How do you feel about your gift?

I am very pleased with my gift. The library draws from surrounding areas and serves multiple ethnicities.

While the community has changed over the years, the children are all the same no matter their family backgrounds. The involvement of the children in Storytime will help all the family to love the library.

Q: Would you encourage others to include the San Marino Public Library Foundation in their estate plans?

Absolutely. These funds will be used to support the library. A larger endowment will only mean more programs and opportunities at the library. I don't think there will ever be too much money in the endowment. The greater the endowment, the more it can do.

I am privileged to live in San Marino. I love my home and have no intention of leaving. Thanks to Dr. Sam Smith I am here.

If you would like to include the San Marino Public Library Foundation in your gift planning, please contact Cindy Chan at (626) 300-0777 x544 or at cchan@cityofsanmarino.org.

We recently had the opportunity to sit down with Lora O. Smith, San Marino resident, Crowell Public Library employee, library donor, library user and friend to ask a few questions about her generosity to include the San Marino Public Library Foundation in her gift planning.

Q: How did you first become involved with the Crowell Public Library?

I moved to San Marino in 1971 and in the early 1970's I obtained my library card to the San Marino Public Library. In the late 1980's, the library was looking for volunteers to insert security patches for the first security system, and I decided to volunteer. I was newly widowed and trying to decide what I wanted to do. A part time clerk position soon opened at the library and I was encouraged to apply for the position. I got the job and 29 years later I am still at the library. Today, I handle the library's acquisitions.

Q: Why did you become involved in the San Marino Public Library Foundation?

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THE POWER OF 10

This is a year of celebration for the Crowell Public Library and the San Marino Public Library Foundation! It was 10 years ago that the new building opened its doors to the community. Today, the library offers over 400 programs for all ages -- from preschoolers to seniors -- and has over 220,000 visits per year!

As part of our 10th year celebration, we invite you to join our sustaining gift program with a commitment of \$10 per month. That's the **Power of 10!**

Each sustaining gift will:

- Create a reliable source of gift support
- Help make long-term commitments to projects and priorities
- Turn small donations into large gifts over time



To show our gratitude for your commitment, we will send you a **limited edition 10th Anniversary tote bag.**

Be a part of **The Power of 10**--it's simple and one of the best ways that you can show your support!

Please complete and return the form below, or go to www.sanmarinopl.org and click on the "Donate" button.

The Power of 10 - Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Crowell Public Library Building

I commit to a sustaining gift of: \$10 _____ Other amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____

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Coming Soon to the Crowell Public Library!

Children

6/5-7/10 (Tuesdays)

Family Movie Matinee

(3 and up)

6/21

Luce Puppet Company

6/28

Flights of Fantasy:

From Page to the Stage

Teens

6/6, 6/20, 7/11

Summer Movies

6/27

Slime, What Is It?

8/25-10/27

Java & CS Principle==You

(Registration is required)

Adults

6/29, 7/27

Coffee, Tea & Chat

(Conducted in Mandarin)

6/18, 6/25

Braille Institute:

Coping Skills for Sight Loss

7/19

Movie Classics: "Moneyball"

8/16

Movie Classics: "The Theory of Everything"

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