



## **Alpine Library Friends Association**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

2018-19 has been another excellent year for ALFA. Our mission to provide support for library programs and materials has continued and expanded, thanks to ALFA volunteers who contributed nearly 5000 hours to support the Alpine Library. Our donation of over \$5,000, matched by San Diego County Library, resulted in the purchase of many new books especially “Hot Right Now” titles as well as non-fiction, STEAM titles for our children’s section, and some Spanish language materials for the community. An additional \$1700, also matched by the County, purchased yearly subscriptions for periodicals and newspapers that patrons enjoy every day. Almost \$6,000 provided programs and materials for all ages and interest.

We continue to see babies, toddlers, kids, youths, adults and seniors flock to the library to use the many facilities. Alpine kids love reading to our service dogs, and the dogs love the attention. Many children begin their love for books and reading in the library and are then ready for school activities, and lifelong learning. Crochet and knitting, Gardening, Backyard chickens, Vermicomposting, and many talks by authors and artists are all examples of the many varied programs available.

ALFA was again a sponsor of the Summer Concerts in the Park organized by the Library and the Community Center – hosting the Navy Jazz ensemble to dinner ahead of their wonderful uplifting patriotic music presentation. Five other concerts were also very well received concluding with over 700 Alpine people enjoying the music of “Whiskey Ridge” as summer came to a close.

The Bookstore ventured into online sales again this year. We scan books as they are donated and valuable books are sold online so we make more profit to support the Alpine Library’s activities. This year we have made over \$1,100 as of the end of July on books that would not normally be bought by our customers. This has been a trial program and we are still refining details of how we operate. We are fortunate to have many new Bookstore volunteers this year and it’s not clear who enjoys our store more, the customers or the ALFA Bookstore sellers.

While the Bookstore is our main source of revenue, we also rely on our Members’ dues and donations. Almost 200 members join ALFA yearly and enjoy the weekly emails telling of special donations we have received and notices of the ½ price sale for members only on the second weekend of each month.

Together, the Alpine Library Staff and ALFA members can look forward to continued success in operating a wonderful resource for our community.

Christine Connell, ALFA President, on behalf of the current 2018-2019 ALFA Board

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