

The February 6 Gala Open House was a Hit!

The Western Philatelic Library Gala Open House on February 6 was a tremendous success in many ways. Over 200 philatelists and supporters came from as far away as Petaluma, Fairfield and Morgan Hill to see the new library, share some time with old friends and to pick up bargains in our half-price sale. From 11 AM opening until the close of business at 5 PM, there was a steady stream of visitors.

This one-day event combined fund-raising with promotion. Volunteers worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the event, scrubbing, painting and tidying up. Through the generosity of **Siemen's Medical Solutions** of Mountain View and its **CFO Mr. Martin Klein**, we were able to furnish the work/study area with high quality work tables, and **Ed and Judy Jarvis** furnished 20 new chairs to go with the tables.



Our new work area before the Gala Open House



The new tables covered with stamps for sale Feb. 6

WESTPEX, Inc. Board provided funds for advertising, refreshments and matching funds for the sales of surplus collections and books, and a force of 20 people to help out!

The roster of people who gave their time to make this event a success:

- John Cross:** set up and take down
- Bill Dwyer:** publicity postcard design & mail
- Bob Gordon:** sales
- Clyde Homen:** sales
- Ed Jarvis:** Manager and Asst. Broom Pusher
- Judy Jarvis:** refreshments
- Marci Jarvis:** sales check out desk
- Bob Jarvis:** security
- Wally Joliff:** assembling & pricing collections
- Ed Laveroni:** sales
- Stuart Leven:** donations processing; signs
- Ken Lewetzow:** assembling & pricing collections
- David McNamee:** publicity; signs
- Jerry Mix:** sales
- Kristen Patterson:** set up and take down; book sales
- Russ Samuels:** sales
- Kathy Samuels:** Official Photographer
- Roger Skinner:** Answer Man ("do you have a book on . . .")
- Jo Skinner:** Chief Accountant; sales check out desk
- Roy Teixeira:** Chief Broom Pusher, Painter, Interior Decorator, . . .and on and on
- Sigrid Teixeira:** coffee and tea

Total sales for the day were \$3200 which was matched by the WESTPEX, Inc. Board. Additional funds were contributed to raise the total to more than \$10,000! In addition to the very useful funds, the sale of surplus duplicate books makes more room for the new books coming in every month. The success of the event was great enough to encourage us to do it again next year.

Here are some more photos, courtesy of Kathy Samuels and Roy Teixeira.



First class munchies



Judy Jarvis and Sigrid Teixeira at the coffee station

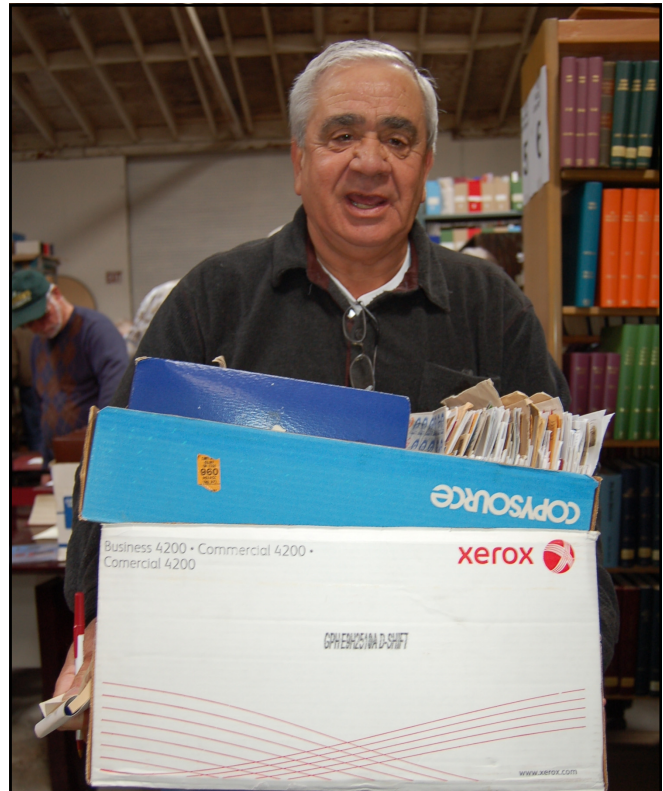


(Above) Everything is all set for the customer rush

(Right) Roy Teixeira helping customers haul their goods out to their cars



Lots of people all day long, buying and chatting





Ed Jarvis at our front door; at left is the “freebie” cart.



Roger Skinner and Stuart Leven inspecting the goods



Roger Skinner answering a zillion questions



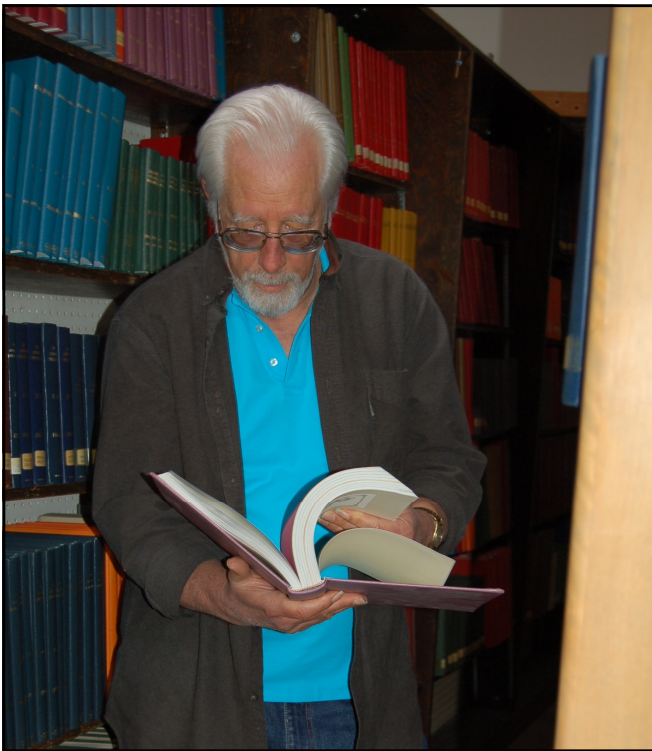
Collectors swarming the tables looking for bargains



Looking for bargains in stamps and books



Visitors were asked to sign the Guest Register



Some visitors spent time checking out the library!



Happy customers and supporters of the WPL



Taking time to catch up on the local philatelic scene



Marci Jarvis and Jo Skinner ringing up sales



Taking advantage of the new chairs to visit old friends



Gala Open House is over — time for a break