Daly City retrospects ...
... our heritage of library services

by Bunny Gillespie

In consideration of the recent passing of retired Daly City librarian Samuel Chandler, it might be well to remember the heritage of library services offered over the years to Daly City residents.

Sam Chandler was not the first Daly City Librarian, nor was he the most recent. Sam was the Daly City Librarian from 1958 until 1983. In 1973, at the request of the City Council, Sam created Daly City’s first comprehensive publication about the history of the city. Titled “Gateway to the Peninsula”, the book is still Daly City’s premier reference tool for professional and amateur historical researchers.

“The purpose of this book was,” Sam wrote in his preface, “to make clear to the people who live in...”

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Daly City Libraries
... a full range of state-of-the-art services.

The Daly City Public Library is your one-stop-shop for entertainment and lifelong learning. With four locations to serve you, free access to books, media, events and programs, and the internet are always nearby.

We have the usual books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for borrowing, of course, and we’ve added e-books and downloadable audiobooks you can access from the convenience of your home or office. Other resources offered by the Library online include:

- Live one-on-one expert tutoring and homework help,
- Interactive test preparation and practice,
- Magazine, newspaper, and journal articles,
- Encyclopedias of biographies, literature, science, and politics, and
- Health information.

Visit us at www.dalycitylibrary.org to check out these resources.

The Daly City Public Library is a member of the Peninsula Library System consortium so your Daly City Public Library card gives you access not just to the over 200,000 items in our collections, but also to the over three million items in the collections of all the public and community college libraries in San Mateo County. Items borrowed from one library in the system may be returned to any other and for just 75¢, items may be shipped to the library of your choice and held for you.

Storytimes for children are offered several times a week at each Daly City library location. Storytimes instill a lifelong love of exploration and learning and are a great way for kids to develop the skills they will need for success in school including logical reasoning aptitudes, social skills, heightened verbal and written awareness, and small motor dexterity. With stories, songs and interactive activities, they are also fun.

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Recognizing the past ... looking to the future.

Be a part of our history ...
... order a Daly City Centennial Brick!

Daly City’s Historic Top of the Hill will soon feature a new plaza that will include 100 custom inscribed bricks surrounding a circular bronze medallion commemorating the City’s centennial. This is a one-time offer. Bricks are available on a first-come basis — only 100 bricks will be sold with a one brick per customer limit.

The cost is $100 per brick. Engraving is limited to three lines of no more than 18 characters. Inscriptions will be in all capital letters for uniformity and readability.

To reserve your brick, complete the order form and return it with your payment no later than October 1, 2012. Checks should be made payable to City of Daly City, and mailed or delivered in person to:

Bricks c/o City Manager’s Office,
333 90th Street, Daly City, CA 94015

Place your order today. The bricks are expected to sell out. To download an order form, please go to:

www.dalycity.org/bricks

Deadline: October 1, 2012

Polystyrene foodware ban ...
... Daly City joins many other cities

Citing environmental concerns, the City Council unanimously voted for an ordinance to ban the use of expanded polystyrene foam take-out food containers in Daly City. The ordinance takes effect January 1, 2013 and will apply to all restaurants, delicatessens, cafes, markets, fast food establishments, and food trucks that serve prepared food. Daly City joins a growing list of cities in San Mateo that have taken similar action, including Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, Pacifica, San Bruno, San Carlos, and South San Francisco.

Expanded polystyrene foam, commonly referred to as Styrofoam™ (a Dow Chemical Company trademark), is one of the most widely used plastics in take-out food and beverage containers. Unfortunately, polystyrene is not easily recycled and often enters storm water systems. In Daly City, most storm water is not treated, and flows to either the San Francisco Bay or the Pacific Ocean. When bits of Styrofoam wash out to sea, they present a potential hazard to marine life. As more and more cities address this issue, the ubiquitous white Styrofoam coffee cup will likely disappear from environmentally sensitive coastal communities.

Daly City is required to reduce storm water pollution by 40% over the next two years under the terms of a regional storm water discharge permit. Eliminating polystyrene take-out food and beverage containers is a small step toward meeting this ambitious goal. Styrofoam from food and beverage containers have been identified as a significant source of litter that accumulates on streets and sidewalks. A year after San Francisco adopted a similar ordinance, a litter audit showed a 36% decrease in expanded polystyrene foam litter.

The San Mateo County Department of Environmental Health will enforce the ordinance and provide outreach assistance to Daly City businesses that will be affected by the polystyrene ban. Local businesses that serve food to-go have already received a letter from the County explaining that routine inspections will include a compliance review. Restaurants that continue to use polystyrene food and beverage containers after January 1, 2013 will be subject to a fine.
Discover and Go is a unique and innovative new program designed to provide library card holders with exciting opportunities to expand their informational knowledge and horizons. Discover and Go is a ticket in the form of free passes to local museums and cultural institutions. Library users can make reservations on-line, selecting the venue and date they want, and then print out the passes they request.

For more information, please go to http://discover.dalycity.org/

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Drop by your neighborhood Daly City library today, meet our friendly staff, use the free wireless internet, check-out some books or DVDs, or join a storytime.

Daly City Libraries ... now easier to use and with expanded services

Daly City and Colma...that they live in an area that has had an exciting past and is slated for an equally exciting future.”

A branch of the San Mateo County free library was established in Daly City in 1916, utilizing the county collection. Bookshelves were placed in a local meat market, thanks to the generosity of butcher James Casey, county representative for Daly City and Colma’s district one. Within a year localites had donated enough books to warrant moving the library to Pettingill’s Merchantile. Mrs. Frank Woodhouse became the third custodian of the collection. While her husband was Mayor (1916-18), she moved the books into her living room on Wellington Avenue, welcoming visitors at posted hours. In 1919, Luella Fine, a somewhat ominous name for a librarian, became Daly City’s first appointed Librarian.

On property donated by entrepreneurs John Daly and John Marchbank, the first city-owned library building opened on April 25, 1920, at 6351 Mission Street. In 1938, that building was enlarged to its present size at a cost of $5,000. In 2009, the building became the home of the Daly City History Museum. Library services were moved to the remodeled War Memorial Building, 6655 Mission Street.

Bunny Gillespie has been Daly City’s official historian since 1987.

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All libraries are closed on Sundays.
10th Annual National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Many backgrounds. Many stories. One American Spirit.

Daly City will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, September 20, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Community Center, 6655 Mission Street. This marks the tenth consecutive year the City has celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, a tradition that started at the Marchbank Park Clubhouse in 2002. The goal of the celebration is to highlight the culture, music, cuisine, family values and entrepreneurial spirit of Hispanic Americans, and to bring awareness of their contributions to the greater Daly City community. The event will feature:

- Latin-American inspired music and dance with interactive demonstrations
- Fun activities for youth including bilingual story time, crafts and piñatas
- Culturally-centered mini-workshops and information booths
- Latin food booths.

A 1968, joint resolution of Congress requested the President annually issue a proclamation designating the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1989, following a request to the President, the law was amended and National Hispanic Heritage Month was established. The Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversary of their independence on September 15. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and 18, respectively. For more information about the National Hispanic Heritage Month, call (650) 991-8001.