



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755

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WILPF FRESNO DONATES GREAT BOOKS TO LOCAL LIBRARIES

Outstanding and engaging, recently published children's books have arrived at our Fresno libraries, courtesy of WILPF Fresno. The Jane Addams Children's Book Award donations made to six local libraries are part of WILPF's 40-year ongoing support of literacy and reading, plus its promotion of values such as peace, social justice, world community and equality of the sexes and all races.

At this particular time in our world, it's so important that all children see themselves in books as well as learn about those who are different from them. These donated books open our children's worlds, minds and hearts. These books are where children can feel seen, celebrated, valued and empowered to discuss, question and act.

In November 2022, Cheryl Caldera, chair of the WILPF Library Committee, presented sets of 2022 Jane Addams Children's Book Awards to six libraries: Downtown Central, Betty Rodriguez, Mosqueda, West Fresno, Gillis and Sunnyside.

In addition, a privately donated copy of *Light for All* by Margarita Engle, a local author, was included.

For younger children, you can now request from any Fresno library *Shirley Chisholm Dared* by Alicia D. Williams, and for older children, you can request *How to Find What You're Not Looking For* by Veera Hiranandani.

Also honored for younger children: *Runaway: The Daring Escape of Ona Judge* by Ray A. Shepard and *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre* by Carole Boston Weatherford

Also honored for older children: *Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame* by Supriya Kelkar and *Rez Dogs* by Bruce Bruchac

—Ann Carruthers, Library Chair Emerita



Giving and receiving the Jane Addams Children's Book Award Winners for 2022 at the Doris Gates Children's Room, Fresno County Public Library, Central Branch, are Clarisa Bernabe, Collection Development & Special Collections Supervisor; Cheryl Caldera, Nancy Hatcher and Sandra Iyall, members of Fresno WILPF; Sally Gomez, Associate County Librarian; and Joy Sentman-Paz, Central, Mosqueda and West Fresno Branch Supervisor. Photo by Jill Potter, Fresno County Public Library Photographer

UPDATE ON THE DAKOTA ECOGARDEN— PART 2

Continuing last month's update on the Dakota EcoGarden (DEG):

Owned by the nonprofit EcoVillage Project of Fresno, DEG's Board strives to continue the goal to provide "safe and dignified living spaces in an environmentally sustainable manner, giving each resident the educational, emotional and physical tools, caring support and training to escape the cycle of homelessness.

"The Dakota EcoGarden represents Nancy [Waidtlow]'s version of Architect Arthur Dyson's original vision for an eco village... Dakota EcoGarden provides a place and resources for residents to learn new skills or further their existing skills. (DEG) provides computer access that residents can use to seek educational opportunities or find employment."

The above excerpts are from the EcoVillage Project of Fresno website, ecovillagefresno.org/.

Plan to visit DEG to see and learn how a communal living property can exist in Fresno. This is a truly unique property, with a traditional house and unique single bedroom properties.

Located behind the main Dakota EcoGarden house are nine individual shelters. Architect Arthur "Art" Dyson designed three unique permanent eco-structures and six semi-permanent "tent" homes. All are run on individual solar power. The EcoVillage Project plans to eventually replace the six tents with permanent eco structures.

Donations and volunteers are always needed to continue the success of this project. An open invitation stands for volunteers to join the second Saturday work party plus enjoy the treat of a vegan blueberry pancake breakfast, cooked by Gerry Bill, as a thank you for your help. Check Facebook for updates.

To learn more about Art Dyson, please view his retrospective exhibition at the Fresno Art Museum (FAM), Feb. 11-June 25. A visionary architect inspired by his own social consciousness, Dyson was a student of both Frank Lloyd Wright and Bruce Goff. In this show, FAM's executive director and chief curator, Michele Ellis Pracy, highlights Dyson's 56 years of both private and public work.

—Teresa Castillo, Branch Chair and Treasurer of Fresno WILPF



Second Saturday Work Party at Dakota EcoGarden—Volunteers Welcome!

At the EcoVillage Project/Dakota EcoGarden at 2231 W. Dakota Ave. in Fresno on the second Saturday of every month there is a garden work party with vegan/blueberry pancakes and fresh-squeezed orange juice. Volunteers are always welcome, so join us! Or you can volunteer for other EcoGarden work. Contact Gerry Bill at 559-341-2254 for information.

Photo by Gerry Bill



Cuba delivers healthcare at home and around the world. Photo by Yoamaris Neptuno Dominguez

WE CAN RIGHT THIS WRONG— CUBA OFF THE U.S. "TERRORIST LIST"

The National Network on Cuba—of which WILPF-US is a member organization—is getting ready for a major new campaign: to get the Biden administration to remove Cuba from the U.S. list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.

- Trump placed Cuba on this list just before reluctantly leaving office.
- Cuba does not belong on the U.S. list of State Sponsors of Terrorism: There is absolutely no evidence of any kind for Cuba having carried out, planned, supported or sponsored any acts of terrorism.
- Cuba has repeatedly been the victim of U.S.-sponsored acts of terrorism, including bombings and sabotage.
- For many years, Cuba's international role has been marked by providing medical aid to other countries, free for poor countries or in disaster situations.

We need to share the facts so that people in the United States know the truth about Cuba. We also need to build overwhelming public opinion so that unfair and damaging policies against Cuba are no longer politically expedient.

- These U.S. lists might be arbitrary, totally political and false, but the economic consequences are real. The United States pressures other governments, banking institutions and companies throughout the world, as well as obsessively pursuing any sources of hard currency transactions for Cuba. The intention is to cause an economic collapse. This is considered an act of war by international law.
- The State Sponsors of Terrorism list creates still more difficulties for even the simplest transactions, as well as for financing.

One means is to pass resolutions, initially designed for city councils, but applicable to all organizations—unions, churches, others—to show what is in fact true: that large numbers of people oppose the current U.S. policy of attacking Cuba and wish to normalize relations. We need to create a constituency for positive change.

Join us! It's going to be a creative and passionate campaign to do the right thing.

Get in touch with me for a sample resolution and/or to join the WILPF Cuba and Bolivarian Alliance Committee. You might even get a chance to go to Cuba and see for yourself.

—Leni Villagomez Reeves

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WILPF MEETING

Feb. 9, Thursday, 7 p.m., online for sure, and maybe also in person at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Watch your e-mail for an announcement with a link and a call-in number. For more information, contact Teresa at taca_03@ymail.com or Leni at lenivreeves@gmail.com.

STIR IT UP—WILPF KFCF 88.1 FM

Feb. 22, 3 p.m. (fourth Wednesday of each month). Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

UNPACKING RACISM

Feb. 26, Sunday, 6:30 p.m. With Dr. Jean Kennedy. RSVP with your e-mail address to drjeankennedy@yahoo.com or text 559-270-1023.

WOMEN IN BLACK

Feb. 1, noon, Courthouse (first Wednesday of each month). Check first with Sue Kern at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.

YES! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! HERE'S HOW:

Send dues to WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755.

WILPF-US membership is \$35/year. WILPF-Fresno sponsors a low-income rate of \$20.

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