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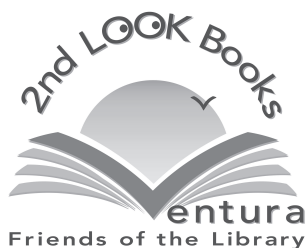
Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Fall 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Olson

Summer 2023 was the first time since 2019 that the Summer Reading Program offered a full schedule of activities at E.P. Foster, Hill Road, Avenue and Saticoy libraries. The Friends were delighted to fund interactive music programs, wildlife presentations and drawing workshops at all those venues. Funds provided by the Friends have also been used for children and teen events at the library all throughout the year, including providing supplies for storytime, craftnoons, STEAM kits, Young Readers Books and support of the Teen Advisory Group.

Ventura Friends of the Library are giving our book selling activities a new look under the banner of 2nd Look Books Ventura. You can follow us on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/2nd_look_books_ventura/



We used our new Instagram account to highlight our participation in the Artwalk in September. Our bookstore volunteers literally put the Topping Room on the map -- as a stop on the Artwalk -- where we sold donated art works and art books, hosted two artists and took the opportunity to reintroduce Main Street shoppers to our bookstore in E.P Foster and to our online offerings.

In addition to raising funds through the sale of donated books, the Friends may pass some of our bounty along to others. During the Summer Reading Program, gift certificates to the Friends bookstore in E.P. Foster Library are used as prizes for kids accomplishing some of their reading goals. We also have on occasion made available some of our inventory to school librarians in Ventura to add to their schools' collections. And we contributed to the bookdrive project of the Girl Up Club of Foothill Tech High, helping them to reach their goal of sending 1,000 books to Malawi. On October 28, we are providing books to be given away as treats at E.P. Foster Library during Ventura Downtown merchants' Trick-or-Treat!

In November, as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Ventura County, the Friends are sponsoring 2 appearances of Deborah Holt Larkin, author of **A Lovely Girl: The Tragedy of Olga Duncan and the Trial of One of California's Most Notorious Killers**. On November 4, she will appear at City Hall to discuss and sign her book and on November 5, she will be the guest speaker at our Annual Membership Meeting in the Topping Room. See all the details on pages 2 & 3!

It's Time for our
Annual Membership Meeting
November 5 in the Topping Room
with special guest Deborah Holt Larkin,
author of "A Lovely Girl: The Tragedy of
Olga Duncan and the Trial of One of
California's Most Notorious Killers"
See pages 2 & 3 for details

Thanks for your support for the Friends of
the Library Bookstore in E.P. Foster Library

2nd Look Books Ventura

Open

Tuesday through Saturday

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Book Sale

Saturday, November 18
10 am to 3 pm

at the Vons
at Telegraph & Victoria

Time to renew your membership for 2024!

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in the enclosed envelope
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