

**Calling all Members! Come to our Annual Membership Meeting!
 Sunday, October 5, 1:00 to 3:00 pm E.P. Foster Library Topping Room**

Please, bring a friend -- Our annual meetings are always open to guests who are interested in our organization or our guest speakers!

Our guest speaker will be Elisabeth Haggblade. Her book will be available for purchase, (cash only) for \$18, and signing at the event.

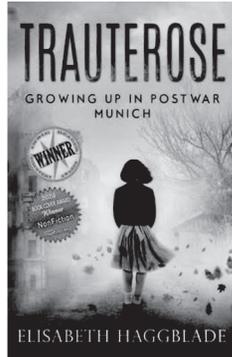
Her presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting to receive the Treasurer's report and elect the Officers for 2026.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2026

- PRESIDENT: Mary Olson
- VICE PRESIDENT: Carolyn Briggs
- TREASURER: VALERIE MAGRO
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Charlotte Anthony
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Star Soto

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

**Featuring Elisabeth Haggblade
 discussing her memoir
 Trauterose: Growing Up in Postwar Munich**



About the Book

Trauterose: Growing Up in Postwar Munich is a memoir of her childhood in Germany after World War II. Orphaned at birth during WWII, she was fostered by a former S.S. officer and his family. Negotiating daily life postwar was challenging living in a garden hut located several miles from school. After her foster mother passed, she was accepted into the Sisters of St. Anna Heim boarding school. This education led to her immigration to the U.S. and teaching.

About the Author

Elisabeth Haggblade was born in 1942 in Munich, Germany. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1961 and became a naturalized citizen. She holds a Masters in Linguistics from CSU Fresno and Ph.D. in English Philology from Freie Universitat Berlin. Academic publications include articles, book reviews and short nonfiction stories. Now retired from academic teaching, she lives in Santa Barbara.

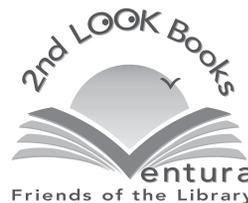


Are You Interested in Chatting about Books?



If you have a passion for books (literary fiction & non, graphic novels, etc.) consider joining our Zoom Book Group, which meets at 2:00 PM on the 4th Thursday afternoon of each month.

We chat about the books we read, including those we adore and those we rate a meh! Occasionally, we also exchange books. Membership in Friends of the Library is not a requirement to join this group of book enthusiasts, and perhaps we will inspire you to become a member. Like the library, it's free. For further information, please reach out to Kappy Paulson at Paulson.Kappy@gmail.com



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

Did you know that Ventura Friends of the Library operates an Ebay store, and we just marked our first anniversary?

Volunteers research books from our donations, list items for sale, maintain customer service, shelve, pack and ship them at the post office three days a week. We need your help as our business is growing and holiday season is approaching!

If you are interested in joining our team (time commitment of one to two hours once a week) please email our Ebay Chairperson, **Leslie Bellmore at 2ndlookbooks@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org**. She will answer all your questions and get you started. You will be surprised how much fun it is, and you'll help VFOL earn much needed funds. In August, our Ebay store brought in \$4,000 for our local libraries.



*In Memory of Genny Hinkle
 from Thomas Hinkle*

*In Memory of Constance M. Casavan
 from Alison Hecker, Havre, Montana*

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