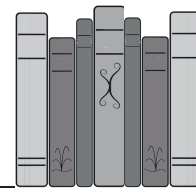


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Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Fall 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Olson

Our biggest challenge this year has been adjusting to the closure of E.P. Foster Library for much needed renovations. The closure is expected to continue into the Fall of 2027, and, so far, seems to be on track. Nancy Schram has reported that an important infrastructure milestone has been reached in August: new sewer lines have been installed to serve the library's downstairs restrooms.

As with any excavation project, the work has followed proper Cultural Resource Management (CRM) protocols. A tribal monitor was on site throughout the digging process to help protect any cultural resources that might be encountered. No exciting finds were unearthed. With this phase complete, renovation work continues to move forward.

At our Annual Membership Meeting, Nancy Schram will be our guest speaker, so come and hear the latest about the renovations. Our Annual Meeting is usually held on a Sunday. However, with the Topping Room being unavailable this year, it will be held on Saturday, October 3, at the Hill Road Library at 2:00 pm.

Our volunteers have been very busy, all working out of the warehouse at the Public Works yard in Saticoy. They are patiently awaiting the arrival of the Tuff Shed that the County has ordered to be placed next to the warehouse to provide some additional storage.

So far this year, we have held 3 large book sales at the Vons at Telegraph and Victoria, generating almost \$10,000 in income. The sale shelves at Hill Road Library have generated over \$2,000. We are working on installing similar sales shelves at Saticoy Library. We now have a booth at the downtown Farmers Market on the second Saturday of each month, across from the Mission. In addition to selling some books, this has given us an opportunity to share information with shoppers about the library and the Friends. We expect to have some new customers when our bookstore reopens!

With the closure of the bookstore, greater effort has shifted to the sale of books (and DVDs) on eBay. The eBay crew consists of about 15 people working about 30 hours a week. There are volunteers who evaluate incoming books for suitability for sale on eBay, some who do further research on those items and some who pack and take items to the post office. This effort has generated over \$30,000 in income so far this year. We now have over 2500 items listed on eBay. You can check out our Ebay store at <https://www.ebay.com/str/venturafriendsofthelibrary>

Our greatest need for volunteers is for those who have trucks and those capable of heavy lifting to transport boxes of books to our large sales and pop-up sales!

It's Time for our
Annual Membership Meeting
October 3 at Hill Road Library
with guest speaker Nancy Schram,
Ventura County Library Director
discussing library renovations
and other updates to Ventura libraries.
See page 3 for details

If it's time for the Annual Meeting,
It's time to renew your membership for
2027

Please send in your renewal
in the enclosed envelope or renew online



<https://venturafol-107753.square.site/s/shop>

Bylaw Changes Proposed for Approval at Annual Membership Meeting

Our Governing Documents Committee has been busy this year scouring the bylaws to bring them up to date with current practice. There are quite a few bylaw changes to present for approval by the membership at our annual meeting.

Pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter consist of your invitation to the annual meeting and a statement of the proposed bylaw changes.

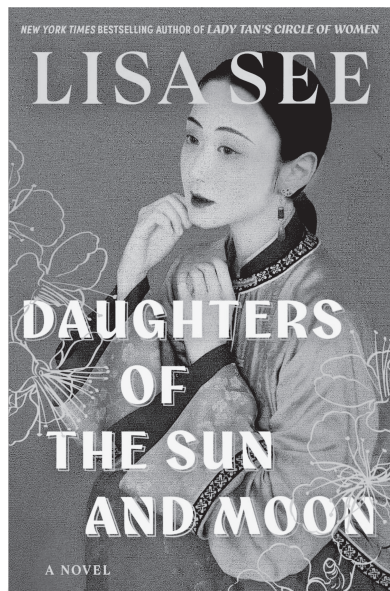
This statement is excerpted from the complete bylaws, due to the space which would be required to include the complete document. To see the complete bylaws with the proposed bylaw changes in red print for easier reading, please go to https://venturafriendsofthelibrary.org/?page_id=11832

Thanks **Marcie Youtz**
for your generous donation!

One County One Book 2026

One County One Book is a program of Ventura County Library which aims to engage the community around a common narrative to spark conversation and foster connection. The 2026 One County, One Book program is generously sponsored by the Ventura County Library Foundation. This year's community reading selection is:

Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See.



From the official description --

In 1870, three Chinese women arrive in the small, dusty, and violent pueblo of Los Angeles. . . . Each woman has her own desires. Dove wants to love and be loved, Petal desires freedom, and Moon seeks justice. . . . Set during a period of rampant anti-Chinese sentiment in Los Angeles, *Daughters of the Sun and Moon* is a gripping tale of an exhilarating but tumultuous society in a fever pitch, and three women who must navigate its unique challenges.

Print editions will be available to borrow at Ventura County Library branches. Digital eBook and eAudio editions will also be available.

The **Hill Road Book Club** will discuss the book on **Tuesday, September 29, 4:00 to 5:00 pm.**

This year's program will conclude with a special event featuring author Lisa See in the Pavilion at the Museum of Ventura County Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 pm

No reservations are required, and the event is free and open to the public.

BOOK SALE

Saturday
November 7
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

at the Vons grocery
at Telegraph & Victoria
(6040 Telegraph Road)

Look for our Pop-Up Sales.

2nd Saturdays, 8:30 am to Noon
at Ventura Certified Farmers' Market
Look for us on Main Street, near the Mission

Book donations

may be made at these locations:
Avenue, Saticoy and Hill Road libraries.
(check www.library.venturacounty.gov for library hours)

We also accept donations at our warehouse
(map available at venturafriendsofthelibrary.org)
Monday & Tuesday and Thursday & Friday
9:00 to 11:00 am.
Volunteers will help remove book donations from donor's car.

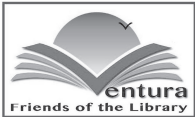
Fiction, non-fiction, Classics, Vintage & Collectibles
Seasonal Books
Graphic Novels & Manga, DVDs & CDs, Puzzles
Children's books, Fiction & Non-fiction
Board Books & Picture Books

Please check out
our Ebay store:
<https://www.ebay.com/str/venturafriendsofthelibrary>



Calling all Members! Come to our Annual Membership Meeting!
Saturday, October 3, 2:00 to 4:00 pm Hill Road Library

You're Invited to the Annual Membership Meeting



Saturday, October 3, 2026
 2pm-4pm
 Hill Road Library
 1070 S. Hill Road, Ventura

Featuring Nancy Schram
 Ventura County Library
 Director
 discussing library
 renovations and
 other updates to the
 Ventura libraries.



Agenda
 2-3pm Featured Speaker
 3-4pm Business Meeting

Featuring Ventura County Library Director Nancy Schram
 bringing us all the latest
 on library renovations and more!

Please, bring a friend -- Our annual meetings are always open to guests who are interested in our organization or our guest speakers! Have all your questions about the renovations to E.P. Foster Library answered!

The presentation will be followed by a business meeting to receive the Treasurer's report, elect the Officers for 2027 and vote on changes to the Bylaws. The board approved the slate of officers and the proposed bylaw changes at the August board meeting. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

There are quite a number of bylaw changes you can read on this page and the following one --Additions are in ***Bold Italic***. Deletions are marked by a ~~strike through~~.

The changes are largely being made to reflect the current practices of the committees as this has changed over time. The text below is excerpted from the complete bylaws, due to the space required to include the complete document. To see the full bylaws with the proposed bylaw changes in red print for easier reading, please go to https://venturafriendsofthelibrary.org/?page_id=11832

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2027

PRESIDENT: Danny Carrillo
 VICE PRESIDENT: Mary Olson
 TREASURER: Valerie Magro
 RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Braitman
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Star Soto

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SAN BUENAVENTURA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BYLAWS
 SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 FOR VOTE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT OCTOBER 3, 2026 ANNUAL MEETING**

Additions in bold italics. Deletions in strikethrough.
 BYLAWS

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- ***Supporting acquisition of*** ~~Supplying~~ library materials and equipment;

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 4. Duties.

- b. **Vice President.** The Vice President shall:
 - 3) Chair a ***the Governing Documents*** standing committee.
- c. **Recording Secretary.** The Recording Secretary shall:
 - 1) . . . and send the meeting call to the ***Board members*** ~~General Membership~~.
- e. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:
 - 5) ***Assure the preparation and submission of*** ~~Prepare and submit all~~ tax returns required by law for the Association.

ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS and VACANCIES

Section 1. Nominations

- a. **Nominating Committee.** A nominating committee of three (3) members shall:
 - 2) Choose its own chairman.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The Board shall consist of:

b. The chairs of the following standing committees; Book Sales/***Volunteer Coordinator***, Communications, ***Marketing, Technology***, Education, Fund Development, ***and*** Membership, ~~Volunteer Goordinator.~~

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. General Membership.

a. **Regular Meetings.**

2) Calls to the meetings shall be sent to all members ***at least*** two (2) weeks prior to meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee.

b. **Duties.** The EC shall:

3) Declare a committee chairmanship vacant if the chairman ceases to fulfill his/her duties.

Section 2. Standing Committees.

a. The President shall appoint the committee chairs, subject to ***Board*** ~~EG~~ approval.

b. ***The President shall be kept informed of all standing committee activities.***

c. The committee ***chairs*** ~~chairmen~~ shall select the committee members.

d. The standing committees of the Association shall be:

1) ***Book Sales/Volunteer Coordinator.*** Plan, promote, and coordinate book ~~sale inventory~~ ~~collection- warehouse management~~ and sale activities. ***Oversee and support managers of Warehouse, Foster Bookstore, Hill Road and Saticoy Library sales inventory, and online sales. Develop and coordinate the activities of the volunteer workforce.***

2) ***Communications.*** ***Serves to focus public interest on the resources, services, facilities, and needs of the libraries. In collaboration with Marketing,*** publicize the activities and accomplishments of the Association through ~~promotional materials such as a~~ newsletter, press releases, ~~brochures,~~ ***emails,*** and website, etc.

3) ***Marketing.*** ***In collaboration with Communications, responsible for logo, promotional materials, book sale flyers, signage, brochures, and materials to be posted to online sites by Marketing Chair or designee.***

4) ***Technology.*** ***Collaborate with and support Board members and standing committee chairs in all technological matters.*** ~~Databases. Manage the Association's databases, coordinating with the Treasurer and the Membership Communications Chairs.~~

5) ***Education.*** . . . ***Support President at public meetings and public speaking engagements.***

10) ***Membership.*** . . . ***Send, or arrange to send, call to annual meeting to membership. Arrange and host annual membership meeting.***

~~12) ***Volunteer Coordinator.*** Develop and coordinate the activities of the volunteer workforce.~~



IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF VENTURA COUNTY

Imagination Library of Ventura County announced a new partnership with the Ventura County Library Foundation and the Ventura County Library to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Ventura County. The program will offer high-quality, age-appropriate books — available in bilingual English/Spanish or English-only — at no cost, delivered monthly to any child in Ventura County from birth to age five.

Under the partnership agreement, the foundation will provide overall management support for Imagination Library of Ventura County enabling county residents and institutions to make tax-deductible contributions

The Ventura County Library System will help with registration of Ventura County's children. Because the Ventura County Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID 46-2770894), monetary contributions that it receives for Imagination Library of Ventura County are tax-deductible under law.

"We are currently working to raise at least \$100,000 from individuals, companies, and other institutions across Ventura County," said Kathleen Turner, Program Director of Imagination Library of Ventura County. "Once we demonstrate local support by achieving our initial fund-raising target, we can begin registering children for the program," she said, adding that "we'll also receive matching funds from the State of California, as well as support on multiple levels from the Dollywood Foundation to implement this program in Ventura County."

To learn more about Imagination Library of Ventura County, visit the program's website at www.imaginationlibraryventura.com or contact the Library Foundation at (805) 677-7165 or at info@vclibraryfoundation.org. To learn more about California's expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, visit <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-public/imagination-library/>

Master Gardeners Learning Series & Garden to Table Series



Ditch The Grass! Creating Drought-Tolerant Landscapes **Hill Road Library Tuesday, October 20, 5:00 to 6:00 pm**

Learn how to safely remove your water-hungry lawn and replace it with a beautiful, drought-tolerant garden! This class covers turf removal, soil preparation, plant selection for your climate, and installation methods that reduce maintenance and water consumption while creating habitats for pollinators and wildlife. Presented by Master Gardener Gary Barsley. You may pre-register at this link <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=49657>, walk-ins also welcome!

Master Gardeners Learning Series: Winterizing Your Garden **Hill Road Library Tuesday, November 17, 4:30 to 5:30 pm**

Even though Ventura County gardens can thrive year-round, winter is the perfect time to prepare for Spring's bounty! Our class will cover winter soil preparation, strategic planning for planting and crop rotation, seedling timing, and winter tool maintenance. Learn great ways to make the most of this quieter season and set the stage for a beautiful spring garden! Presented by Master Gardener Terry Garman

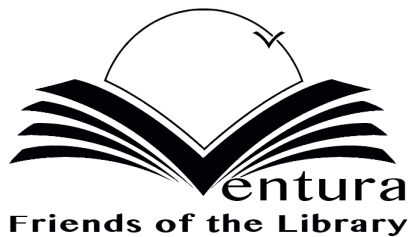
Garden to Table Series – Growing Greens Year-Round **Avenue Library Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

In this tips-filled session, you'll learn when to plant various greens suited for the local Ventura climate, season extension methods, soil preparation, growing tips, what to do about common disease and pests, and harvesting tips for continual production. Use this link to register: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=49685> Walk-ins also welcome!

Garden to Table Series – Winter Vegetable Gardening **Avenue Library Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

Certified Master Gardener Terry Garman will speak about how to prepare for your winter vegetable garden. You will learn what to plant, when to plant, how to prepare your soil, fertilizing and irrigating, as well as vegetable garden pests. Use this Link to Register: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=49659> Walk ins welcome!

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Annual Membership Meeting
October 3
One County One Book
Author Lisa See October 10
BOOK SALE November 7

Join **Ventura Friends of the Library** and help make our libraries even **BETTER!**

Mail: Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403 Ventura CA 93002

Annual Meeting October 3, Current Members, TIME to RENEW!

We support the public libraries of the City of Ventura in delivering library services, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape • Summer programs for children and youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public awareness of legislation and other events that may affect the delivery of library services • Special programs, receptions, speakers, & field trips |
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Your membership at any of the levels below helps make all this possible.

Lifetime \$1000	Business \$250	Patron \$100	Family \$35	Individual \$25	Student \$10
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☐	Book Sales	☐	Book Sorting	☐	Fundraising	☐	Newsletter	☐	Programs	☐	Other