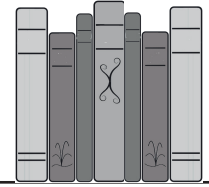


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Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
Fall 2022

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Olson

2022 has been another year of adjustments and improvisations. In-person programs returned to the library -- at first outdoors on library patios, and, eventually, in the actual library. The Thursday night poetry group has mastered the art of the hybrid meeting so well that they are still holding their meetings virtually and in-house. The very popular Paws for Reading program has returned to E.P. Foster and Hill Road libraries, as well as indoor storytimes, STEAM Labs and Lego play.

The Friends' fundraising through memberships, donations and book sales, in person and online, has enabled us to contribute funding for small projects like tuning a piano for the first music event in the Topping Room in 2 years to helping to sponsor the One County One Book program to \$12, 000 for Fall programming. That \$12,000 is designated as \$4,000.00 for Youth Programming at E.P. Foster Library, \$4,000.00 for Youth and Adult Programming at Hill Road Library and \$2,000.00 each for Youth Programming at Avenue Library and Saticoy Library. Our end of year gift to the library is generally used for the purchase of books.

Thanks to all our volunteers who sort and price donated books; staff our bookstore in E.P.Foster Library; list books online for sale on Amazon, eBay and our square store and make periodic book sales possible!

It's a long journey from the arrival of bags and boxes on our doorsteps to these donated books and other media getting into the hands of shoppers. We are always looking for volunteers with a discerning eye to categorize the incoming books and direct them to the appropriate outlet. We are able to offer vinyl records at our upcoming sale thanks to a new volunteer with experience in this area.

Currently, we are holding a donated collection of more than 700 volumes concerning the Civil War. These include documents from the Union and the Confederacy, memoirs of generals and published academic and popular histories. We are in the process of researching the items in an effort to assure that they are appropriately offered for sale or donated to libraries or academic institutions. If anyone with expertise in vintage or antiquarian books would like to assist in this project, please email [bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](mailto:bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org).

It's Time for

**Annual Membership Meeting**  
October 30 in the Topping Room  
with special guest from SpiceTopia  
See page 3 for details

which means it's Time to Renew!

You can mail in renewal in enclosed envelope or  
You can renew your membership at  
<https://venturafol-107753.square.site/s/shop>

Thanks for your support for  
**Friends of the Library Bookstore**  
in E.P. Foster Library  
Open  
Tuesday through Saturday  
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lots of great books are still listed at  
our online bookstore!

## Book Sale

**Saturday, October 22**  
**10 am to 3 pm**

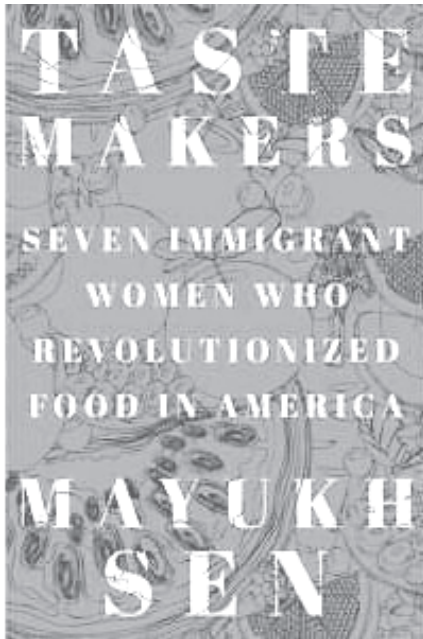
**at the Vons**  
**at Telegraph & Victoria**

Keep up with all the news at  
<https://venturafriendsofthelibrary.org>  
Email: [friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](mailto:friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org)  
Newsletter Editor: Mary Olson

## One County, One Book

unites people across Ventura County in reading the same book and attending related events, such as book discussions and related talks. This year's selection is **Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America** by Mayukh Sen.

Taste Makers is Sen's book debut and was published in November of 2021. In it he explores America's modern culinary history through the lives of seven pathbreaking chefs and food writers. Stretching from World War II to the present, the deeply researched stories of China's Chao Yang Buwei, Mexico's Elena Zelayeta, France's Madeleine Kamman, Italy's Marcella Hazan, India's Julie Sahni, Iran's Najmieh Batmanglij, Jamaica's Norma Shirley, and an interlude about Julia Child, weave together histories of food, immigration and gender.



Pick up a copy from any library branch or Mobile Library. In addition to regular holdings, each library will have an Honor Book Shelf set up with additional copies. You can take one of these special copies to read and return it when you are done—or pass it on to a friend. You can even donate a new copy for others!

### Author Event November 12

Author Talk with Mayukh Sen, followed by Q&A and book signing.

2 to 4 pm on Saturday, November 12 at

California State University, Channel Islands' Grand Salon.

Registration for the author talk is free but required.

To offset the travel and venue expenses of the free author event, the Ventura County Library Foundation is hosting **Passports**, a lively discussion with local food influencers followed by small bites representative of the food cultures in Ventura County. **Passports** will begin at noon in the Grand Salon.

**Tickets for both events are available at [www.vclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org), free for the author event and \$75 for Passports.**

**Passports** will present topics ranging from County food trends to local and worldwide food issues moderated by CAPS Media Executive Director Patrick Davidson. Guests will include local restaurateur Chef Tim Kilcoyne, recently returned from Lviv, Ukraine where he served as Director of Chef Operations for World Central Kitchen and Monica White, CEO and Executive Director of Ventura's Food Share. Tami Chu, editor of Edible Ojai & Ventura County and Chef Adam Hart of Oxnard College's culinary program will weigh in on local farm-to-table practices. Ukraine-raised Masha Rumer will round out the discussion on how family traditions are shared through generations of recipes and how they morph from country to country.

Sponsors of the One County, One Book program are Premier America Credit Union, the Ventura County Community College District, the Ventura County Star, Conejo Valley Lifestyle Magazine, Mustang Marketing, Montecito Bank & Trust, the Ventura Friends of the Library, and the Ventura County Library Foundation.

### One County, One Book - Cal Lutheran Faculty/Alum Panel

Cal Lutheran will present a panel of professors and alums to talk about the role of food (like chocolate) in American history and culture with Dr. Sam Claussen, Chef Antonio Sessa ('15), and Dr. Michaela Reaves at Cal Lutheran's Lundryng Event Center (130 Overton Ct, Thousand Oaks) on Thursday, October 20, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For more information about the panel, contact Michaela Reaves at [reaves@CalLutheran.edu](mailto:reaves@CalLutheran.edu)

**The Hill Road Library Book Club** will discuss the One County One Book selection at their October meeting, Tuesday, October 25 at 5 pm.

### Fall 2022 CSUCI Library Lecture Series

Hill Road Library Saturday, November 5, 11:30 am to 1pm

#### Chumash presence past and present, including the ecology of Mugu Lagoon and the Oxnard Plain

This archaeology focused presentation covers the unique history and culture of mitsqanaqan (Ventureño) Chumash over 15,000 years. Learn about their adaptations to the natural environment of the Santa Monica Mountains, the ocean, Mugu Lagoon, and the Oxnard Plain and Chumash activities in Ventura County today.

Calling All Members!

Come to our Annual Membership Meeting!

In keeping with the theme of One County One Book, Emily Tan from SpiceTopia will spice up our meeting with a flavorful tale.

Her presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting to receive the Treasurer's report, elect the Officers for 2023 and vote on a bylaw change.

Sunday, October 30  
2:00 to 4:00 pm  
E.P. Foster Library Topping Room

#### Proposed Slate of Officers for 2023

PRESIDENT: Mary Olson

VICE PRESIDENT: Carolyn Briggs

TREASURER: Annie Winch

RECORDING SECRETARY:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Star Soto

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

To: Members, Ventura Friends of the Library  
From: Board of Directors, Ventura Friends of the Library  
Date: October 1, 2022  
Subject: BYLAWS - PROPOSED CHANGE

Please review the proposed change to the Association's Bylaws. Proposed **deletion** is in ~~strikeout~~.  
Proposed addition is in **bold underscore italic**.

We will vote on the proposed change at our October 30, 2022 General Membership meeting. The Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the proposed change.

#### ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The Board shall consist of:

- a. The officers.
- b. The chairs of the following standing committees: Book Sales, Communications, Education, Finance, Fund Development, Membership, Volunteer Coordinator.
- ~~c. Up to five (5) members-at-large, appointed by the President.~~
- c. The Manager of the Friends of the Library Bookstore.**
- d. Up to five (5) members-at-large, appointed by the President.**

At our Annual Meeting, we'll continue the One County, One Book celebration of food culture.



SpiceTopia, a purveyor of the tastes of Ventura and the world, is a neighbor of E.P. Foster Library on Main Street.

Emily Tan from SpiceTopia will drop in to our Annual Meeting with a tale of flavor.

As a sponsor of One County. One Book, we have 2 tickets to the **Passport** event on November 12. Two lucky attendees at our meeting will receive those tickets. And two others will receive tasty packages from Spicetopia.

At our Annual Meeting, we also have to take care of some business. There is another bylaw change to vote on. It seems that every year brings another adjustment to the bylaws. This has a lot to do with the changes in the day to day activities of our organization.

This time, we propose making the manager of the bookstore in E.P. Foster a member of the board. In the committee structure described in our bylaws from 1969, the chair of the Book Sales Committee is a board member. The duties of the Book Sales Committee are described as to "Plan, promote, and coordinate book collection, warehouse management, and sale activities." At that time, there was no bookstore requiring daily supervision. This job, in itself, constitutes such a huge responsibility that it warrants a position on the board in addition to the position held by the Chair of the Book Sales Committee.

Another committee described in our bylaws is the Governing Documents Committee. This committee has been unstaffed for several years. For this coming year, we expect to reactivate this committee to review the bylaws for other changes that would reflect the actual procedures of the organization at the current time.

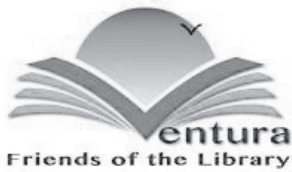


Do you know about the **FOL Book Group** that discusses any or even all the books they read in the past month?

This long term group is seeking new members. Right now we meet on Zoom. In the past, we rotated hosts, meeting at each other's homes or a meeting room. We may or may not go back to in person meetings. Contact Kappy Paulson at [kmpgen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmpgen@sbcglobal.net) to join.

*Thank you, Virginia Clayborn, Carol Frazier and Berta Steele for your generous donations.*

*And thank you, Mary Braitman and Bob Delaney, our newest Lifetime Members.*



# BOOK SALE

Saturday, October 22

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

at the Vons at Victoria and Telegraph



Quality used books at bargain prices!



Music on Vinyl & CD  
DVDs, Audiobooks!



Connected California is now offering help from Digital Navigators.

### Connected California

A team of Digital Navigators who are here to help you get connected to the internet and online resources

California Residents can get free one-on-one help by phone to find free or low-cost internet service, free or low-cost devices such as computers, tablets, and smartphones and learn basic computer skills like how to use the internet or set up an email account, take classes, apply for jobs and more.

Contact the Digital Navigators by voicemail, text, email, or through their website and a navigator will respond within 24 hours, Monday through Friday.

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or through the web: <https://connectedca.org/>  
Email: [help@connectedca.libanswers.com](mailto:help@connectedca.libanswers.com)

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**Hill Road Library Book Club**  
Hill Road Library  
Tuesdays, 5 to 6 pm

Selection for October 25: The One County One Book selection: **Taste Makers** by Marukh Sen  
Selection for November 29: **The Night Watchman** by Louise Erdrich



Virtual and in-house at the Topping Room  
**Thursday Night Poetry**  
Every Thursday  
6:30 to 10 pm

Enjoy a featured poet, then share you own work with the group. All are welcome to just sit and listen as well.  
Zoom meeting ID 960-750-1600 Zoom opens at 7pm



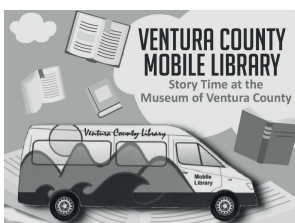
**Ukulele Jam** in the Topping Room  
E.P. Foster Library  
Topping Room  
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm  
Hosted by Alan Ferentz.



**Dia De Los Muertos**  
at the Hill Road Library

Hill Road Library  
Tuesday, November 1  
3:30 to 5:00 pm

Screening of the Disney film **Coco**  
DIY altar-making kits for the kiddos while supplies last.



The Museum of Ventura County has been partnering with the Ventura County Library to bring bilingual (in English and Spanish) in-person Story Time every first Friday of the month at 3 pm. Join us for stories, then play and learn in the Evelyn and Howard Boroughs Chumash Children's Garden, a fabulous and FREE outing for ALL!



With kids going back to school, now might be a good time to check out the Homework Help section of the Ventura County Library website.

<https://www.vencolib.org/homework-help>

There you will find a list of library branches offering homework centers. You will also find a resource called HelpNow!



Homework Help - Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies. Live online tutoring is available every day from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM PST.

24-Hour Writing Lab - Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.

Adult Learning Center - Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, MS Office Essential Skills Series, and more!

Live Chess Tutoring - Learn chess strategies and improve your cognitive thinking with an expert chess coach.

Go to [vencolib.org](http://vencolib.org), select the eLibrary, then go to HELP NOW-BRAINFUSE



### Arts, Crafts & Coloring

Wednesdays at E.P. Foster  
Two sessions, one from 10:30 am- noon and a second one from 3:30 - 5 pm.  
Craft supplies, coloring sheets, and other supplies available. Make what you want and display your art on the Arts, Crafts, & Coloring Display Wall.



### Teen Volunteers

Ventura County Library offers volunteer opportunities for students needing school community service credit and teens 13-17 who want to help the library in a virtual and/or in-person environment.

To begin the volunteer application process, fill out a Ventura County Library Volunteer Application. Turn it in at the library branch location where you wish to volunteer. Or, email the completed volunteer application to [VCL.volunteer@ventura.org](mailto:VCL.volunteer@ventura.org). For more info, call 805 648-2716

Teen volunteers research and recommend books for the library to purchase, find missing volumes (gaps) in library book series, research and recommend websites for Teens Boredom Busters and Steam Resources web pages and develop Summer Reading Challenge, STEAM, and Makerspace activity ideas.



### Minecraft Gaming at the library

1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays at E.P. Foster Library.

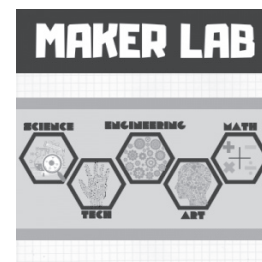
1st Monday at Hill Road Library.

This program is limited to participants ages 5-17 years old.

Space is limited. First come, first served.

Please fill out the Minecraft Gameplay Agreement at the [vencolib.org](http://vencolib.org) website.

Questions about the event, please contact the Minecraft Librarian: [vencolib.minecraft@gmail.com](mailto:vencolib.minecraft@gmail.com).



### Maker Lab

will open again at E.P. Foster Library

**Lego Play** at E.P. Foster  
Fridays 2 to 4 pm

### Maker Lab

at Hill Road Library

Thursdays 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Oct. 20: Squishy Circuit Monster

Nov. 3: Lego Challenge

### Little Lab

First Tuesdays 10:30 am to noon  
Kids 3 to 7 explore STEAM through with their caregivers. Takes place outside on the patio and can be messy!



### Storytime

**E.P. Foster Library**, Mondays at 10:30 am, indoors on the 2nd Floor  
**Hill Road Library**, Wednesdays at 10:30 am, indoors in the Children's area

**Virtual Storytimes** continue  
Saturday mornings at 10:30 am.  
Virtual bi-lingual bedtime stories continue on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.  
[VCL's Facebook page](https://www.vencolib.org).

### Paws for Reading

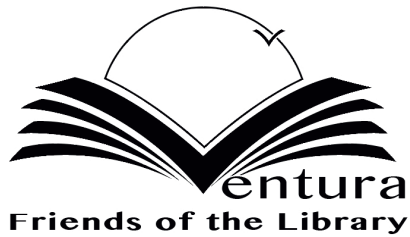
#### E.P. Foster

Thursdays, 4 to 6 pm



#### Hill Road Library

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm



P.O. Box 403 Ventura, CA 93002

**Annual Membership Meeting  
October 30**  
**Book Sale October 22**

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 30, 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"> <li>• Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape</li> <li>• Summer programs for children and youth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public awareness of legislation and other events that may affect the delivery of library services</li> <li>• Special programs, receptions, speakers, &amp; field trips</li> </ul> |
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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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We need **YOUR** help! FOL is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization run entirely by **VOLUNTEERS**. Please consider volunteering in any of the following areas. Just check the boxes. We'll contact you.

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