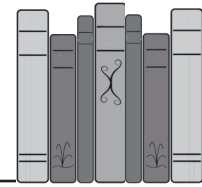


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Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
Spring/Summer 2023

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Mary Olson

Recently, Ventura Friends of the Library received a mysterious email from Marin Community Foundation informing us that we would be receiving a donation. It turned out that the ultimate source of the grant, for \$1,000.00, was the Holdfast Collective, Patagonia's new non-profit shareholder.

In September 2022, Patagonia had announced: "The Earth is now our only shareholder. Nearly 50 years after Yvon Chouinard began his experiment in responsible business, ownership of Patagonia is transferred to two new entities: Patagonia Purpose Trust and the nonprofit Holdfast Collective. Every dollar that is not reinvested into Patagonia will be distributed as dividends to protect the planet. "Instead of extracting value from nature and transforming it into wealth, we are using the wealth Patagonia creates to protect the source," said Chouinard. "I am dead serious about saving this planet."

So, this donation, in addition to being quite useful, can be taken as a recognition that the work we do "recycling" books and supporting the institution of the free public library, makes some small contribution to protecting the planet.

This summer, for the first time since 2019, the Summer Reading Program will offer a full roster of live events at Avenue, E.P. Foster, Hill Road and Saticoy libraries. Favorite performers will return to all four branches and themed bi-weekly STEAM activities and challenges will be offered each week. See pages 3 & 4 for the summer schedules.

Avenue and Saticoy libraries will also be participating again in the California State Library's "Lunch at the Library" program June 20 through August 10 (Monday – Friday) from 12 – 2 pm. In addition to providing free lunches for children and teens 18 years and under, the program includes farm/gardening related STEAM activities for the youth in the community.

This year, a new book club for children ages 9 to 12 was initiated at E.P. Foster Library. Foster's Young Readers Book Club continues through the summer. See page 5 for dates and titles. The Hill Road Library Book Club and the Wise Owls book club schedules can also be found on page 5.

See you at the library this summer!



## The Summer Reading Program Find Your Voice

is underway at Ventura County Library. While there are many things to do at the library -- see pages 3 & 4 -- you may record your reading for opportunities to win prizes online at [vencolibrary.beanstack.org](http://vencolibrary.beanstack.org). There you can register for Reading Challenges specially designed for Kids, Teens and Adults.

You may not have noticed, but Reading Challenges are not just for summer, anymore. The library has offered them in other seasons as well. And, in addition to the Summer Reading challenges, there are currently two other reading challenges available.

Ventura County Library's **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Challenge** is designed to cultivate a love for reading in your little one. The **Growing Readers Challenge** for expectant parents encourages bonding with your baby and encouraging a love of reading from the very start.

So, in any season, find your reading challenge at [vencolibrary.beanstack.org](http://vencolibrary.beanstack.org).

**BOOK SALE !**  
**Saturday, July 8**  
**10 am to 3 pm**  
**at the Vons**  
**at Telegraph & Victoria**



Are you interested in a different kind of book group where you get to choose what books you want to read? The FOL 4th Thursday Book Group meets at 2 PM via Zoom. We have members who love mysteries, historical fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, local writers, etc. We each talk about our favorites read that month. Sometimes we exchange books. Contact Kappy Paulson at 805-795-1601 and leave a message or email [kmpgen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmpgen@sbcglobal.net).

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Looking for a beach book?  
 Or an audiobook for that long drive  
 Or a jigsaw puzzle for your staycation?

**Ventura Friends of the Library Bookstore  
 in E.P. Foster Library**

**is open**  
**Tuesday through Saturday**  
**11:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Sunday 1:30 to 4:00 pm**

Look for new arrivals of art books in the store, as well.

The Friends' Sale Shelves in Hill Road Library offer some great buys, as well. Just take a look whenever you visit Hill Road, make your selection and drop your payment in the box.

You can still browse anytime at our Online Bookstore for local sales. We are in the process of remodeling our online store. Just order and pick up at E.P. Foster in as little as two days.  
<https://venturafol107753.square.site/s/shop>

If you are interested in joining the bookstore crew, please ask at the store or email [bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](mailto:bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org)

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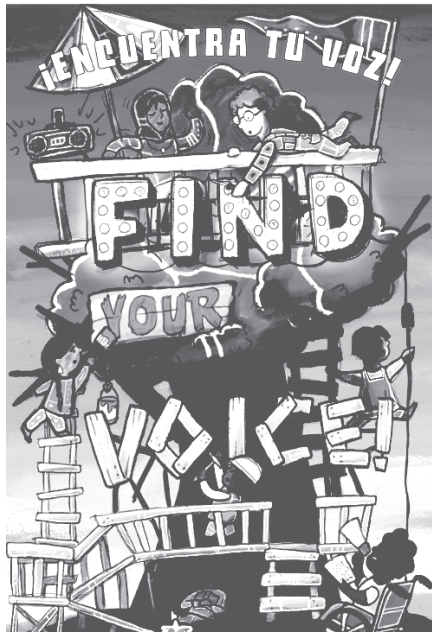
**NEXT BOOK SALE**  
**Saturday, July 8**  
**10 am to 3 pm**  
**at the Vons at Telegraph & Victoria**

Keep updated at [www.venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](http://www.venturafriendsofthelibrary.org)

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**2023 Summer Reading Program: May 15 - August 4**



Pre-Readers, Kids, Teens & Adults, get ready to read!  
 From May 15 – August 4, Ventura County Library encourages families to “Find Your Voice” and participate in Summer Reading!

Participants may register at [vencolibrary.beanstack.org](http://vencolibrary.beanstack.org) and record their reading with opportunities to win prizes for reaching reading goals. Once again VCL will give away 13 Nintendo Switch Grand Prizes as well as other STEAM prizes throughout the summer to readers who reach various reading challenge goals. Youth may visit their local branch to choose a free new book to add to their personal collections, once they log 500 minutes of reading.

There are a wide range of themed events scheduled at the VCL branches, in addition to the regular Storytime and special events programs. Families are encouraged to stop by their local VCL branch to participate in themed bi-weekly STEAM activities and challenges and other subjects related to this year’s theme “Find Your Voice”.

	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Arts, Crafts &amp; Coloring</b> <b>E.P. Foster Library</b> 10:30 am to noon Display your art on the Arts, Crafts, & Coloring Display Wall.
	
	<b>E.P. Foster Library</b> <b>Summer Reading</b> <b>Crafternoon</b> Wednesdays 2 pm – 4 pm June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2
	
	<b>Avenue Library</b> Family Coloring available everyday throughout the summer (ends on August 4)



**STORYTIME**  
**E.P. Foster**  
 Mondays, 10:30 am  
**Hill Road Library**  
 Wednesdays, 10:30 am



**PAWS for Reading**  
**E.P. Foster**  
 Thursdays, 4:00 pm  
**Hill Road**  
 Wednesdays, 3:30 pm

**MAKER LAB**

**E.P. Foster Library**  
**Maker Lab**  
 Tuesdays @ 2 pm – 4 pm  
 July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8  
**STEAM Lab**  
 Wednesdays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
 June 28, July 12, July 26  
**LEGO Play**  
 Fridays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

**Hill Road Library**  
**Little Lab**  
 Science and Sensory Play  
 Tuesdays in June and July (except July 4) at 10:30 AM  
**Maker Lab**  
 Thursdays @ 3:30 pm  
 (most Thursdays, a different activity such as slime making, draw-a-circuit, lego challenge, etc. each week)

**Minecraft Club**  
**Hill Road & Foster Library**

Mondays: June 12 & 26  
 July 10 & 24, August 7, 14 & 21  
 3:30 - 5 pm  
 This program is limited to participants ages 5-17 years old. Space is limited. First come, first served.



**Find Your Voice! Family Musicals Film Fest and Coloring**  
**Hill Road Library**

Fun family musicals, drawing, and coloring for all ages.

- Tuesday, June 6, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: **Encanto**
- Tuesday, June 13, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: **Sing II**
- Tuesday, June 20, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: **The Lego Movie Part 2: The Second Part**
- Tuesday, July 11, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: **Soul**
- Tuesday, July 18, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: **Trolls World Tour**



# Summer READING 2023

## SUMMER READING PERFORMANCES

### ☆ EP FOSTER LIBRARY ☆

ZANY ZOE ★ June 16 ★ 2 PM  
 CHAZZ ★ June 27 ★ 11 AM  
 CRAIG NEWTON ★ July 10 ★ 3 PM  
 SAVING WILDLIFE INTL ★ July 25 ★ 11 AM  
 KYLE TIERNAN ★ AUGUST 4 ★ 3 PM  
 KONA ICE PARTY ★ AUGUST 15 ★ 4 PM

### ☆ HILL ROAD LIBRARY ☆

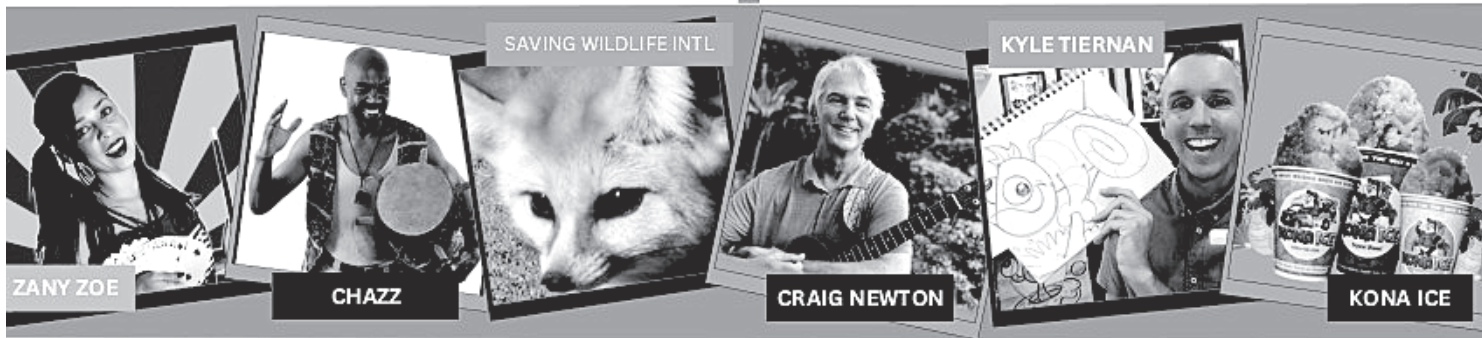
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 KONA ICE PARTY ★ AUGUST 3 ★ 3 PM  
 KYLE TIERNAN ★ AUGUST 4 ★ 11 AM

### ☆ AVENUE LIBRARY ☆

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 CHAZZ ★ June 26 ★ 4 PM  
 SAVING WILDLIFE INTL ★ July 13 ★ 4 PM  
 CRAIG NEWTON ★ July 24 ★ 3:30 PM  
 KONA ICE PARTY ★ AUGUST 2 ★ 3 PM  
 KYLE TIERNAN ★ AUGUST 3 ★ 4 PM

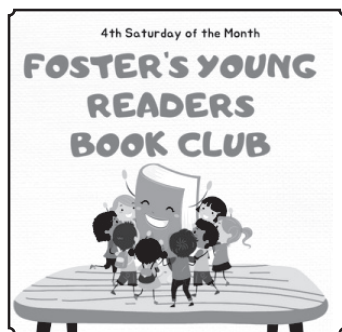
### ☆ SATICOY LIBRARY ☆

ZANY ZOE ★ June 10 ★ 11 AM  
 CHAZZ ★ June 26 ★ 1:30 PM  
 SAVING WILDLIFE INTL ★ July 13 ★ 1:30 PM  
 CRAIG NEWTON ★ July 27 ★ 1:30 PM  
 KYLE TIERNAN ★ AUGUST 3 ★ 1:30 PM  
 KONA ICE PARTY ★ AUGUST 8 ★ 3 PM



SUMMER ACTIVITIES | ACTIVIDADES DE VERANO  
<https://www.vencolibrary.org/library-events>





### Foster Library's Young Readers Book Club

meets monthly to explore and discuss books. For children 9-12 (4th or 5th grade reading level).

Saturday, June 24, 1 pm – 2 pm: **One Crazy Summer** By Rita Williams-Garcia & create a summer journal

Saturday, July 22, 1 pm – 2 pm: **Amulet: The Stonekeeper** by Kazu Kibuishi & create a graphic novel character

Saturday, August 26, 1 pm – 2 pm: **The Human Kaboom** by Adam Rubin & create a character sheet (DND style)

### Hill Road Book Club

Join a lively discussion of great books.

Print and audio copies of the selected book are held for checkout at the Hill Road branch, and digital versions are available on cloudLibrary. Book club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.

For additional information, contact Linda Cherry, Hill Road Librarian, 805-677-7180.

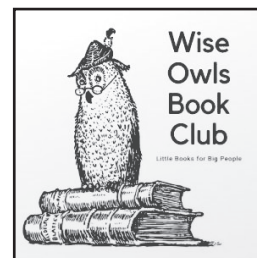


### Wise Owls Book Club Hill Road Library

**Wise Owls** is a quarterly Book Club for adults who enjoy reading children's literature.

Visit the Hill Road Library to pick up the latest selection.

To join the mailing list for this Book Club please email [Linda.Cherry@Ventura.org](mailto:Linda.Cherry@Ventura.org)



**June Meeting:** Tuesday, June 27, 5:00 to 6:00 pm  
**The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict

Upcoming Selections :

July 25: **The Unlikely Adventures Of The Shergill Sisters**  
by Balli Kaur Jaswal

August 29: **The Death And Life Of Great American Cities**  
by Jane Jacob

September 26: **Smoke Gets In Your Eyes and Other Lessons From the Crematorium** by Caitlin Doughty

### Summer Selection:

**Frankie & Bug** by Gayle Forman  
Tuesday, July 11, 5 to 6 pm

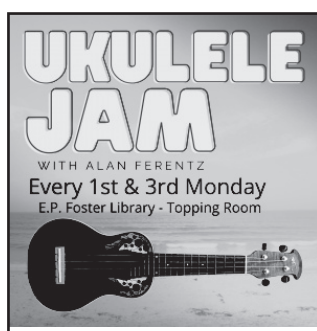
### Fall Selection:

**Percy Jackson and The Olympians Book 1:  
The Lightning Thief**  
by Rick Riordan  
Tuesday, October 10, 5 to 6pm

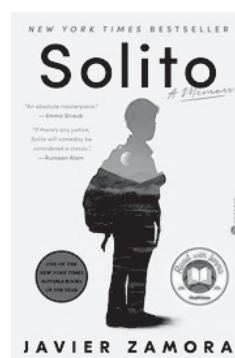


### Open Mic Poetry E.P. Foster Topping Room

Thursday night poetry, in house & virtual. Hosted by Phil Taggart. Enjoy a featured poet, then share your own work with the group. All are welcome. Free & open to the public. Every Thursday night 6:30 to 10 pm  
Zoom meeting ID 960-750-1600  
Zoom opens at 7PM



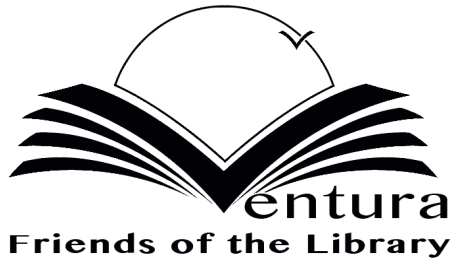
### Ukuleles Still Jammin' with Alan Ferenz at E.P. Foster Topping Room 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 pm



### One County One Book

**Solito**  
by Javier Zamora  
**Solito** is the memoir of a young poet, recounting his harrowing migration from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine.

Ventura County Library and Ventura County Library Foundation have selected **Solito** by Javier Zamora for One County One Book for 2023. The author talk will take place earlier than in past years, on Saturday, September 30. This event, VIP Reception with the author, and booths featuring vendors, non-profits, local authors and children's story time will take place on the campus of CSU Channel Islands. Other related events will take place throughout the Fall at various library branches.



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Ventura FOL supports the public libraries of the City of Ventura in delivering library services, including:

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