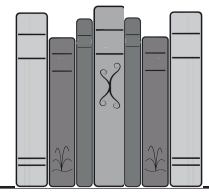


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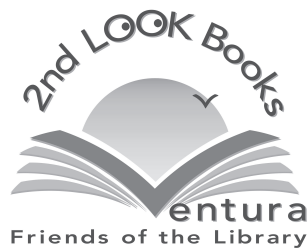
Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Fall 2023

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!

You can mail in your renewal
in the enclosed envelope
or you can renew
(and also shop) online at



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

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

2023 marks the 150th anniversary of Ventura County.

As part of this anniversary celebration, Ventura Friends of the Library welcome Deborah Holt Larkin, author of a memoir of true crime and journalism in 1950's Ventura.

Ventura County had its own version of the Trial of the Century:
The Duncan murder case.

Meet the author of

**A Lovely Girl: The Tragedy of Olga Duncan
and the Trial of One of California's Most Notorious Killers.**

Saturday, November 4

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Atrium at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street

Please park behind the City Hall
This event is free and open to the public



Deborah Holt Larkin was ten years old when her father, the court reporter for the Ventura County Star-Free Press, was immersed in the trial of Olga Duncan's killers taking place at the Ventura County Courthouse (now Ventura City Hall). Larkin's memoir tells the story of this stranger-than-fiction murder case, and the influence of her reporter father's work in her early life.

"In between the carefully researched true crime procedural chapters, the thread of the story winds back to chapters of my coming-of-age memoir about our quirky family life and my dawning realization that sometimes terrible things can happen to good girls. That evil can hide behind a mask of normalcy."

**Deborah Larkin will also be the guest speaker at our
Annual Membership Meeting on
Sunday, November 5, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Topping Room at E.P. Foster Library.**

Her talk for our meeting will concentrate on her father, Bob Holt. Some of our members will remember his deadline reporting and whimsical columns from his 34 year career with the Ventura Star-Free Press.

Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author at both events.



**Living History at the Library –
A Visit with Lucy Levy: From Paris Society to Ventura County**

History comes alive through the performance of Connie Korenstein's historical figures of Ventura County! Join us as Lucy Levy, Parisian socialite from 1882, shares with attendees her tale of love, travel, and surprise, as she adjusts to life in Hueneme, California, during the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression.

**Ray D. Prueter Library
510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA
Saturday, December 2, 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

This event is sponsored by the Ventura County Library Foundation
in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Ventura County.

For additional information, please contact Timothy Furgal, Regional Librarian, at tim.furgal@ventura.org.



Calling All Members!
Come to our Annual Membership Meeting!

Sunday, November 5
2:00 to 4:00 pm
E.P. Foster Library Topping Room

In the spirit of celebrating Ventura County's 150th anniversary, our guest speaker will be Deborah Holt Larkin.

Deborah's memoir, **A Lovely Girl: The Tragedy of Olga Duncan and the Trial of One of California's Most Notorious Killers** recalls her childhood in Ventura during this notorious trial as her father was immersed in daily reporting on the case.

Deborah's father was Bob Holt. Many of you may remember Bob Holt's deadline reporting and whimsical columns during his 34 year career with the Ventura Star-Free Press and will surely enjoy learning more about his influence on his daughter during this turbulent time.

Her book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Her presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting to receive the Treasurer's report, elect the Officers for 2024 and vote on a bylaw change.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2024

PRESIDENT: Mary Olson
 VICE PRESIDENT: Carolyn Briggs
 TREASURER: Annie Winch
 RECORDING SECRETARY: Ellen Klope
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Star Soto
 Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

*Thank you,
 Elizabeth Ammons, David Bayer,
 Steve Noll and Christine Weber
 for your generous donations.*

It seems that now every year brings another adjustment to our bylaws, often due to changes in the day to day activities of our organization. This year, our bylaw changes are recommended by the Governing Documents Committee to clarify the meaning of "in good standing", to provide consistency throughout the document and to permit notifications to be made by electronic transmission (as opposed to postal mail only).

To: Members, Ventura Friends of the Library
 From: Board of Directors, Ventura Friends of the Library
 Date: October 10, 2023
 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 November 5, 2023 General Meeting. The Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the proposed change.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 2. Eligibility. To be eligible to serve as an officer, a member must be in good standing, **having paid dues in a timely fashion and adhering to all governing documents.**

Section 4. Duties.

c. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall:

2) Preserve in a permanent file all official records of the Association; ~~other than financial records.~~

e. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall;

4) Deliver all books, records, and related papers **for the annual review** to the Financial Reviewer **immediately following his or her appointment** ~~by the end of the second month of the fiscal year for annual review.~~

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. General Membership.

a. Regular Meetings.

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

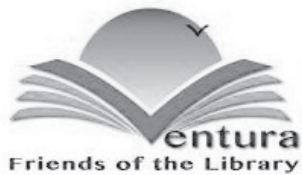
c. Special Meetings. Special general membership meetings may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or by petition of ten percent (10%) of the members upon one (1) week notice ~~mailed~~ **sent** to the members stating the purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Section 7. Financial Review. A financial reviewer shall be appointed by the Board, at its ~~first meeting of the new fiscal year~~ **meeting in the third month of the fiscal year**, to review the Treasurer's records and report to the Board at a subsequent regular meeting, but no later than the sixth meeting of the new fiscal year. Financial review details are documented in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

Section 2. Member Consideration. These bylaws may be amended or revised at a general membership meeting of this Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided notice and a copy of the proposal has been ~~mailed~~ **sent** to all members two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the proposal shall be considered.



BOOK SALE

Saturday, November 18

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

at the Vons at Victoria and Telegraph



*Fiction, Nonfiction, History, Military
Music/Art, Cooking & More
Large selection of children's books!
Puzzles, DVDs, CDs*

We even have comic books, graphic novels, and manga.



Hill Road Library Book Club

4 to 5 pm (Time change for October & November)

Tuesday, October 31

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes and Other Lessons From the Crematorium

by Caitlin Doughty

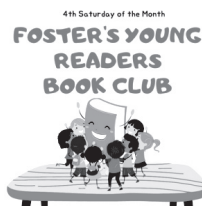
Tuesday, November 28

The Best We Could Do, an illustrated memoir by Thi Bui

No meeting in December

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

To join the mailing list for this Book Club, please email Linda.Cherry@Ventura.org



Foster's Young Reader Book Club

E.P. Foster Library

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

Saturday, October 28, 1 to 2 pm

Discuss **The Jumbies** by Tracey Baptiste and brew some "Witch's Slime."

For more information, call 805 626-READ



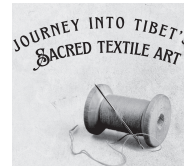
Fall Festival Avenue Library

Saturday, October 28 12:00 to 2:00. Featuring the movie Hocus Pocus, snacks, and a craft.



Still Jamming in the Topping Room

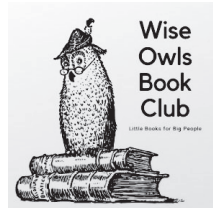
E.P. Foster Library
1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm
Hosted by Alan Ferentz.



Threads of Awakening Hill Road Library

Tuesday, November 14
5:00 pm

Ventura County author Leslie Rinchen-Wongmo discusses her recent book, **Threads of Awakening**, which details her years practicing traditional Tibetan textile art. Through her remarkable journey, she discovered that a path is made by walking it, and some of the best paths are made by walking off course. Leslie will reveal the unique stitches of an ancient needlework tradition and introduce the Buddhist deities it depicts.



Hill Road Library

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

Winter meeting:

Tuesday, January 16, 5 to 6 pm

Winter selection: **Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s & 1970s.

To join the mailing list for this Book Club please email Linda.Cherry@Ventura.org



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.

To join, contact Kappy Paulson kmpgen@sbcglobal.net



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.



Paws for Reading

Join PAWS dogs for one-on-one reading sessions. Arrive at the library early to choose a book and get in line to read to a special pooch.

E.P. Foster

Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 pm

Hill Road Library

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm



Crafty Little Fox Club

E.P. Foster Library

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Kids are welcome to drop by for self-guided arts, crafts and coloring.

A special, structured craft will be provided every 4th Wednesday.



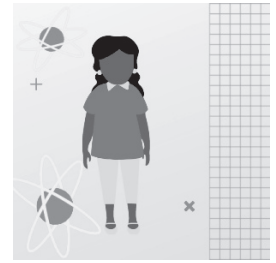
E.P. Foster Library

Fridays 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Bring your imagination and experiment with creative designs.

Children of all ages welcome!

**Little Lab
 Hill Road Library
 First Tuesdays
 10:30 am to noon**



Kids 3 to 7 explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) through sensory play, process art, and constructive play. Little Lab is an opportunity for caregivers to bond with children through side-by-side play with caregivers as co-learners. This event takes place on the patio and can often be messy, so please dress accordingly.



**Hill Road Library
 Thursdays,
 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Make stuff --

This Fall will feature lego challenges, lava lamps, paper planes, and more!



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.

The Teen Advisory Group meets at E.P. Foster Library on 2nd and 4th Mondays, 5 to 6 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Group and plan fun TEEN and CHILDREN'S events! For more information, call 805 626-READ.



Minecraft Gaming at the library

1st & 3rd Mondays at E.P. Foster Library and Hill Road Library.

An in-person Minecraft program where we play on the same server together. This program is limited to participants ages 5-17 years old.

Space is limited. First come, first served.

Questions about the event, please call 805 626-READ



**Game On!
 Hill Road Library**

Every Sunday 11 am to 1 pm.

Drop by and choose from over 35 games to play!

For all ages.

Fun for families or a great reason to meet with friends.



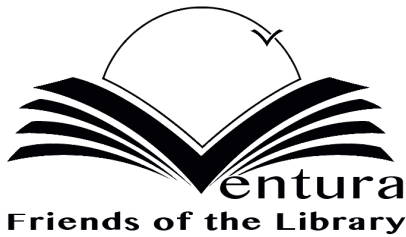
**Winter Wonderland Simple Crafts and Seasonal Films
 Hill Road Library**

Fun seasonal films and crafts, Tuesdays at Hill Road Library Beginning on December 12 with

Film: **Small Foot**

An animated adventure for all ages, with original music and an all-star cast, Smallfoot turns the Bigfoot legend upside down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist—a human.

Craft: Card Making



P.O. Box 403 Ventura, CA 93002

**Annual Membership Meeting
November 5
Book Sale November 18**

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 November 5, 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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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> I want to help save printing and mailing costs—Please email Newsletters to me.

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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<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Sorting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other