

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.

