

Ventura Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting

took place on November 5, 2023.

We welcomed guest speaker Deborah Holt Larkin. Her appearance at our Annual Meeting was the second event we sponsored as part of the 150th Anniversary of Ventura County. Her memoir took us back to the Ventura of 1959 and life with her father, Bob Holt, reporter for the Ventura Star-Free Press during the time of the stranger-than-fiction Ma Duncan trial.



She describes her book, "A Lovely Girl: The tragedy of Olga Duncan and the Trial of one California's Most Notorious Killers", as a carefully researched true crime procedural, interspersed with chapters of a coming-of-age memoir about her quirky life in mid-century Ventura. Her talk at our meeting recounted the story of the notorious trial as well as her father's more quotidian reporting and elicited questions and reminiscences from our members who recalled Bob Holt from his 34 year career with the Star-Free Press.

In the business part of the meeting, we voted to approve Bylaw changes to define the meaning of "a member in good standing", clarify language concerning records handled by the Secretary and Treasurer and to permit certain required notifications to members to be made by email as well as by postal mail. The Governing Documents Committee continues to review our bylaws for internal consistency and compatibility with 21st century practices and methods of communication.

If you would like to receive a copy of our bylaws, please make a request by email to friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org.

And, finally, we elected Officers of the Board of Directors for 2024.

OFFICERS FOR 2024

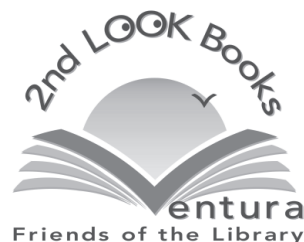
PRESIDENT	Mary Olson
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Thank you to our members who renewed at the Patron level

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HELP WANTED

Ventura Friends of the Library bookstore in E.P. Foster Library was given a new look this year as 2nd Look Books.



Store Hours

Tuesday - Saturday

11:am to 4:00 pm

Sunday

1:30 to 4:00 pm

Volunteers are needed 6 days a week for sales in our store. A shift in the store is 3 hours. Some volunteers sign up for a monthly shift and some for a weekly shift. Help is also needed during our book sales which occur 3 or 4 times a year. Help is needed setting up the book sales, during the book sales and closing the book sales. Volunteers can participate in this way for as little as 3 hours a month, or a quarter.

We would also like to add to our team for sorting and pricing books which are donated to us and organizing the book sales. Our volunteer crew is aging and we could really use some younger people with strong backs for moving those boxes of books.

The landscape for communications and publicity is constantly evolving, and volunteers with more current experience would be very helpful. An Instagram account was established for [2nd_look_books_ventura](https://www.instagram.com/2nd_look_books_ventura). More volunteers adept at posting updates of all our activities would be very welcome!

If you would be interested in volunteering for a couple of hours on the occasion of book sales or increasing your involvement with our organization, please email friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org

or call Mary Olson (805) 223-1187

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