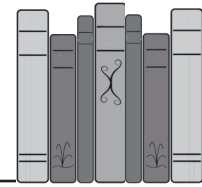


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Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Spring/Summer 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Mary Olson

The Summer Reading Program returns with a full roster of live events at Avenue, E.P. Foster, Hill Road and Saticoy libraries. Favorite performers will visit all four branches and STEAM activities will be offered each week. E.P. Foster Library has initiated a new Graphic Novel book club for 3rd to 6th graders. See pages 3 & 4 for the summer schedules.

Avenue Library will again participate in the California State Library's "Lunch at the Library" program (Monday – Thursday) from 11am – 12 pm. The Farm to Summer program will include daily activities, book giveaways, performers, and speakers to encourage children to come to the library and eat lunch while learning about planting, composting, and the science behind growing food. Call 805 626-READ for start date.

This summer will also see a new School Mobile Library. This second mobile library in the growing library fleet will serve schools through a partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education, bringing a full range of library services, particularly to those in the underserved areas of Ventura County. The School Mobile Library is possible by a generous donation of \$50,000 from the Ventura County Library Foundation and Primary Sponsors: Premier America Credit Union, CBC Federal Credit Union, County Schools Federal Credit Union, and Ventura County Credit Union. This funding is in addition to a \$250,000 Stronger together: Improving Library Access Grant received by the library through the California State Library.

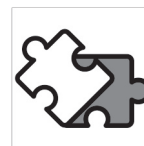
The Library is also offering a Vehicle Day Use Pass for California State Parks. In partnership with California State Parks and the California State Library, free State Parks vehicle-day use passes are available for circulation to help Californians access beautiful parks, lakes, beaches, and monuments in the State Parks system. The Library Parks Pass is valid for vehicle day use at 200+ participating state park units of the California State Park System operated by State Parks. The pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, group use or sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees. Passes circulate for 21 days and are renewable if no other customers are waiting. For more information, go to <https://www.vencolibrary.org/library-things/parks-pass> or call 805 626-READ.



The Summer Reading Program Read, Renew, Repeat!

is underway at Ventura County Library. Kids, Teens and Adults can record their reading online at vencolibrary.beanstack.org for opportunities to win prizes. **E.P. Foster Library also has paper forms for adults to record their reading the old-fashioned way.**

The 2024 Summer theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat". Designed for all ages, the summer reading program features the idea of conservation. Conservation as a movement focuses on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. Read, Renew, Repeat makes for a wonderfully diversified summer reading program that encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation.



**Extremely Puzzled
@ EP Foster Library
Attention, adults!**

There's a fantastic new event just for you at EP Foster Library. Introducing Extremely Puzzled—a daily jigsaw puzzle extravaganza! Swing by every day to dive into the fun and challenge of puzzle making.

**Keep updated at venturafriendsofthelibrary.org
Newsletter editor: Mary Olson
Email: friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org**



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 kmpgen@sbcglobal.net.

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*Patagonia, for your donation in
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from
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Volunteers are always welcome in any of our many bookselling endeavors!
If you are interested in joining the team, talk to a volunteer at our bookstore or book sale or email bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org

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



**2nd Look Books
Ventura Friends of the Library
Bookstore
in E.P. Foster Library**

**open Monday through
Saturday
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

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. Just order and pick up at E.P. Foster in as little as two days.

<https://venturafol107753.square.site/s/shop>

The Friends have also re-established a presence on eBay, seller name friendsventura -- in order to offer collectible and antiquarian books to a larger audience.
<https://www.ebay.com/usr/friendsventura>



BOOK SALE

**Saturday, July 13
10am-3pm**

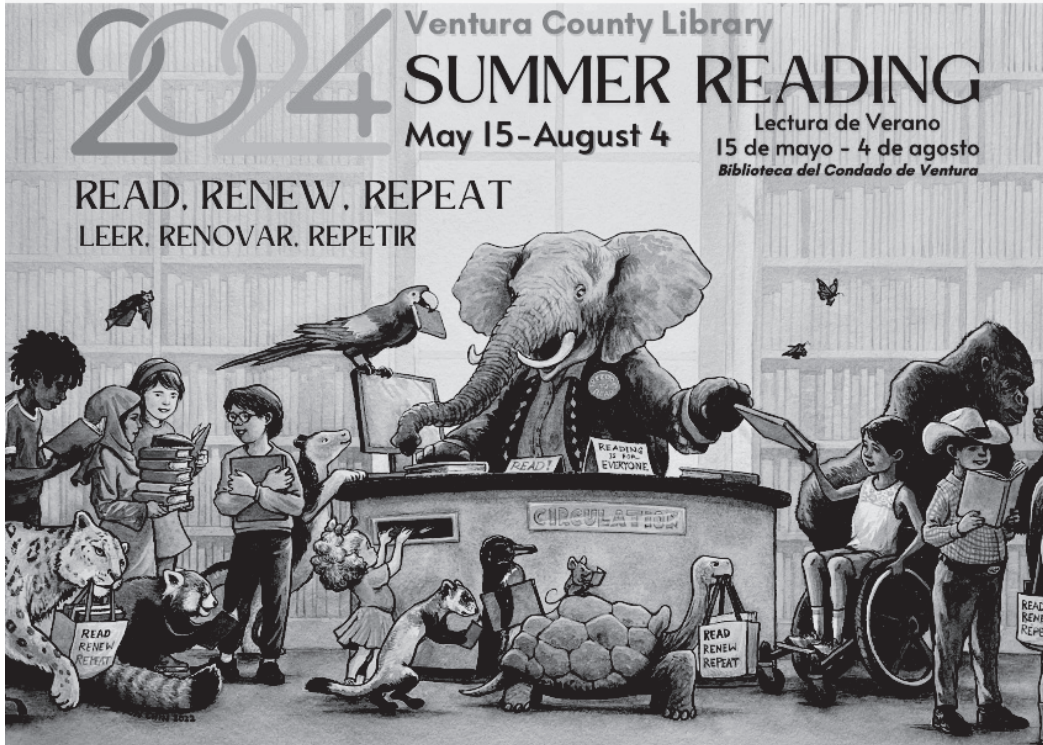
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**Children's books
DVDs & CDs \$1 each
Books on CD \$1.50-2 each
Puzzles**

We have a nice collection of well cared for CDs:

**Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clampton, John Haitt, Joni Hendrix
Herbie Hancock, Wynton Marsalis, Van Morrison, to name a few.**

2024 Summer Reading Program: May 15 - August 4



Pre-Readers, Kids, Teens & Adults, get ready to Read, Renew, Repeat!

From May 15 – August 4, Ventura County Library encourages families to participate in Summer Reading! Participants -- kids, teens and adults – may register at vencolibrary.beanstack.org and record their reading with opportunities to win prizes for reaching reading goals.

Each branch has a set of 4 Disneyland tickets to give away as a grand prize. Youth may visit their local branch to choose a free new book to add to their personal collection when signing up, a special sustainable prize for completing 500 minutes of reading and another free book for completing 1000 minutes.

During the next few months, the library will host a range of free activities for children and teens to support a love of reading.

REGISTER ONLINE: INSCRÍBASE EN LÍNEA: vencolibrary.beanstack.org

Enter to Win Grand Prize Drawing: Participa para ganar el premio mayor: 4 TICKETS* to Disneyland Theme Park

JOIN US FOR OUR FEATURED PROGRAM WITH ACOMPÁÑENOS EN NUESTRO EVENTO ESPECIAL CON SAVING WILDLIFE INTERNATIONAL

Don't Miss Our End of Summer Party WITH MISTER SOFTEE!

COUNTY of VENTURA Library LIBRARY EVENTS | EVENTOS DE LA BIBLIOTECA https://www.vencolibrary.org/library-events

Saving Wildlife International is the featured performer this summer, showcasing a commitment to wildlife conservation, exemplifying the Summer Reading theme: Read, Renew, Repeat.

Science Heroes "Adventure of the Lost Treasure" reveals secrets of chemical reactions, the transfer of energy, physical explosions, and more!



Foster Library: Tuesday, June 25, 11 am to noon Saticoy Library: Tuesday, June 25, 3 to 4 pm Avenue Library: Wednesday, June 26, 3 to 4 pm Hill Road Library: Thursday, June 27, 3 to 4 pm

Christopher T. Magician Magic Show performs magical feats inspired by and based upon popular children's books, bringing each book to life with wacky, interactive, and hysterical magic.



Foster Library: Tuesday, July 9, 11:00 am Saticoy Library: Tuesday, July 9, 3:00 pm Avenue Library: Monday, July 15, 3:00 pm Hill Road Library: Friday, August 2, 10:30 am

The Party Puppet Show: Laugh, sing and dance as you are introduced to a fun assortment of music genres and characters.



Foster Library: Wednesday, July 24, 11:00 am **Saticoy Library:** Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 pm

Avenue Library: Monday, July 22, 3:00 pm **Hill Road Library:** Tuesday, August 6, 3:00 pm

Ventura Bee Rescue -- all about bees!



Foster Library: Thursday, July 11, 11:00 am **Saticoy Library:** Monday, July 1, 4:00 pm

Avenue Library: Monday, July 1, 1:00 pm **Hill Road Library:** Thursday, July 11, 3:00 pm

End of Summer Party - Mister Softee! Celebrate your summer reading accomplishments with a favorite treat -- Free for kids and teens!



Foster Library: Monday, July 29, 3:00 pm **Saticoy Library:** Saturday, July 27, 12:00 pm

Avenue Library: Friday, August 2, 2:00 pm **Hill Road Library:** Thursday, July 25, 2:30 pm

Summer Teen Volunteers

Looking for a rewarding way to spend your summer?

Become a Summer Teen Volunteer! Whether you're passionate about helping others, looking to build your resume, or just want to stay busy during the break, we have opportunities for you!

What You'll Do:

Assist with children's library events and programs. Gain leadership skills. Requirements: Teens aged 13-17 who are enthusiastic, reliable, and eager to make a difference. Be able to commit and complete 14 hours of service between June 26 - August 16. Stop by the library and pick up a volunteer application.

Contact: sienna.sydlaske@ventura.org

</> Coder Dojo

Dive into the world of coding in E.P. Foster's 6 session summer Coding Dojo.

In each interactive session, you'll learn the basics of coding, create your own games, and explore the world of technology.

Recommended for 3rd - 6th graders. Registration required, space is limited. Wednesdays @ 3:30 - 5 pm

1st Meeting: June 26

Coder Dojo runs 6 sessions
June 26 - July 31

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://forms.gle/4t62Xhf2RAn5iSrY9>



E.P. Foster Library Innovations Lab

TUESDAYS, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

June 18 & 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Unleash your imagination in a world of hands-on exploration, where science, technology, engineering, art, and math collide to spark innovation and creativity.

Hill Road Library Little Lab

Science and Sensory Play
Tuesdays in June and July at 10:30 AM
designed for children 3-7

Hill Road Maker Lab

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm
June 13: Slime Time arrive no later than 3:35 pm (space limited to 30 participants).
June 20, July 18 & Aug 8: Lego Challenge

LEGO Play

E.P. Foster Library

Fridays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Avenue Library

Wednesdays, 12:00 to 6:00 pm



Minecraft Club Hill Road & E.P. Foster Library

Mondays: June 3 & 17
July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19
3:30 - 5 pm

Minecraft Gaming at the library
This program is limited
to participants ages 5 -17 years old.
Space is limited. First come, first served.



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



Graphic Novel Guild

Do you love exciting stories with amazing artwork?

Join E.P. Foster Library's new graphic novel book club,
Graphic Novel Guild!

Each month, we'll explore a different graphic novel, discuss our favorite parts, and participate in a fun, creative activity related to the story. Recommended for 3rd - 6th graders. Space is limited.

Sign up at the 2nd floor desk and pick up a copy of the first read!

MEETING DATES:

JUNE 25 @ 4 - 5 PM

WINGS OF FIRE: THE DRAGONET PROPHECY

JULY 23 @ 4 - 5 PM

INK GIRLS

AUGUST 27 @ 4 - 5 PM

NEW KID



E.P. Foster Library Crafty Little Fox Club Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Dive into a world of DIY crafting. Let your creativity soar as you explore and create unique masterpieces.

Avenue Library Family Coloring All summer, during open branch hours, families are welcome to free coloring pages for all ages. Crayons and colored pencils are provided for in-house use. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



Hill Road Library --Game On! 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.

Avenue Library Family Stay and Play. All are welcome to "stay and play" at the Avenue Library. Board games, card games, puzzles and more are available during open hours.

Hill Road Library Movie Mondays! Family Film Fest & Coloring



Cool off, color, have a snack, and watch movies, for all ages.

Monday, June 24, 3:30 to 5:00 pm: **Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken**

Monday, July 8, 3:30 to 5:00 pm: **Dora and the Lost City of Gold**

Monday, July 22, 3:30 to 5:00 pm: **The Little Mermaid (1989)**

Monday, July 29, 3:30 to 5:00 pm: **Big Hero 6**

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

Summer Selection:

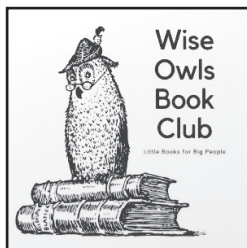
Odder by Katherine Applegate

Tuesday, August 20, 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Fall Selection:

Wings Of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui Sutherland

Tuesday, November 19, 5:00 to 6:00 pm



Hill Road Book Club

Join a lively discussion of great books.

New earlier time this year -- 4:00 pm.

Print and audio copies of the selected book are held for checkout at the Hill Road branch, and digital versions are available.

Book club meets on the **last Tuesday of each month.**

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



June Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

The Keeper Of Happy Endings by Barbara Davis

Upcoming Selections :

July 30: **The Music of Bees** by Eileen Garvin

August 27: **The Dictionary of Lost Words** by Pip Williams

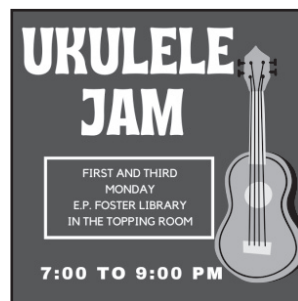


Poetry at the Library
E.P. Foster Topping Room

First Sunday each month
3:00 to 5:00 pm

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. Zoom meeting ID 960-750-1600



Ukuleles
Still Jammin'
with Alan Ferez
at E.P. Foster
Topping Room
1st & 3rd Mondays
7:00 - 9:00 pm

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Join us for this year's

Ventura County CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

On the beautiful campus of
CSU Channel Islands

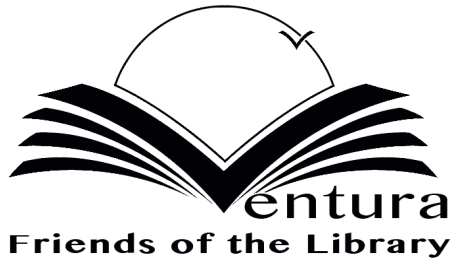
Saturday, October 12, 2024
1 University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

Come hear Dr. Jim O'Connell speak at 2pm!
Dr. O'Connell is the subject of the 2024 One
County, One Book title selection,
Rough Sleepers by Tracy Kidder

Featuring food trucks, family activities, and
additional lectures by CSUCI faculty

Are you a local author, vendor, or non-profit
who would like to participate?
Please contact: email@vclibraryfoundation.org

save the date



P.O. Box 403 Ventura, CA 93002

Book Sale July 13
Summer Reading: Read,
Renew, Repeat!

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Your membership at any of the levels below helps make all this possible.

(Make checks payable to: Ventura Friends of the Library and mail to P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002)

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