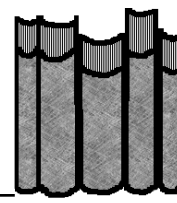


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
October 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

"I cannot live without books: but fewer will suffice where amusement, and not use, is the only future object."

— Thomas Jefferson.

As long as I can remember I have loved books and other reading material, for the new people, places and ideas I would find in them. I joined the Friends during the Save the Wright Library campaign and I am honored to have been elected President to this wonderful philanthropic organization. As summer comes to a close, we reflect on the successes of the Summer Reading Programs, which are entirely sponsored by the Friends through your donations and book purchases. On the remodeled children's floor at E.P. Foster Library, Star Soto provided the same wonderful experiences she did at the Wright Library. The Avenue Library had their own Summer Reading Program run by Laura Paine and Saticoy Library provided a program for those on the east end and unincorporated parts of Ventura led by its new librarian Russell Stevens.

Book Sales

The Friends' third book sale of the year will be held outdoors on the lawn of Wright Library on Saturday, October 9. These events have been well attended, enabling us to get many donated books back in the hands of readers and to support Ventura's libraries with the proceeds. In the future, other locations will be used for book sales, simply because parking on Saturday mornings has become increasingly challenging.

Please check our newly designed website at www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org for updates on dates, times and locations. Of course you can always find an extensive and ever changing selection of fine quality books at very reasonable prices in the Friends Bookstore at Foster Library. Please don't let the new parking meters keep you from enjoying the library. Remember, if you have a handicap license plate or placard, you can park in any spot on the street for free.

We Need You!

We are at an important crossroads for the future of libraries in our city and we need your help. Through the benevolence of E. P. Foster and Helen Power Wright, Ventura has been provided with wonderful buildings that have served us well for many years. Many have expressed the need to plan for the future of libraries in our city. That time is now and the Friends of the Library will be a key player and advocate in this process. Please join us by serving on one of our many committees.

We have needs in many areas; Membership Committee Chair, managing membership databases, website contributions, help with book sales and volunteers for the Friends Bookstore at Foster Library. You may return the form on the back of this newsletter to notify us of your area of interest. Thank you to all the members and supporters who so vibrantly support libraries, the love of reading, children's literacy and access to information. I look forward to working with you all.

Please join us for Fun at Foster Library on Sunday, October 17th between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Foster Fun at the Library Sunday, October 17 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

E.P. Foster Library
Community Open House
Join us during the Harvest Artwalk.



Enjoy an afternoon of FUN, MUSIC,
ART & LITERARY ACTIVITIES.

- Book Signing - author Don Borchert of "Free for All"
- Meet children's book author Alexis O'Neill
- Mural Workshop by MB Hanrahan
- Paws for Reading -- read aloud to a therapy dog or cat
- Art Tales
Youth winners share their art-inspired stories & poems
- Wooden Toys by Gene West

PLUS:

Arts, Crafts, Music, Storytelling & Puppet Show!
Special appearance by Lance Orozco of KCLU.

**Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of
the Library.**

**The Friends of the Library Bookstore will be
open during the event.**

*** MEMORIALS/HONORS ***

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ANNE RUBIN'S GIFT

The San Buenaventura Friends of the Library have received a generous bequest from the estate of Anne Rubin. We have learned from Anne's daughter, Esther Sorkin, that Anne intended her bequest to be used for the Avenue Library, for any need, including supplies, hardware, etc., as well as books and the summer reading programs. Anne wanted to share her good fortune with people in the community, especially children, who needed a helping hand.

Education was very high on Anne's list of priorities. For many years, Anne worked regularly at the Friends of the Library Bookstore and was aware that public libraries are one of the best places for young people to find the information and opportunities that they need. The Friends of the Library share Anne's passion for education and literacy and will, with gratitude, ensure that her generous gift will continue to serve the community.

RONALD AND MYRA BANK'S GIFT

The Friends have received a generous bequest from the estate of Ronald Bank. Mr. Bank was a 78-year Ventura resident. He started his first store in Ventura during the Great Depression in 1933. His beloved wife, Myra, was also his business partner. Mr. Bank was a founding member of the Ventura County Jewish Council — Temple Beth Torah. He was a former president of the downtown Merchants' Association. He served on the Ventura County Grand Jury and as a commissioner on the Ventura County Port District.

We are very grateful that the Banks counted the library among their many civic concerns and have chosen to make the library a part of their legacy.

E.P. Foster Bookstore News

The renovated Friends' Book Store in E.P. Foster Library is open:
 Monday through Thursday
 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday
 11:00 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.

During the Foster Fun at the Library event, the SBFOL Bookstore will be open. Special selections of First Editions, Collectibles and autographed copies will be available for sale. Those who are interested in viewing our full collection in the warehouse may leave their contact information with the volunteer in the bookstore. Of course, a wide selection of bargain books will be available, as usual.

We would love to have the store open two evenings a week: Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For this to be possible, we need additional volunteers. If you are interested, please leave your information with the volunteer in the bookstore or email: info@sbfol.org.

Ventura City Library Commission

The City of Ventura has a Library Advisory Commission - not related to the County Library Commission. The City Library Advisory Commission's purpose is to make recommendations to the Ventura City Council on issues related to libraries and library services. If you are interested in the future of libraries in our city, you may want to attend the commission's meetings.

The Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Renfrew Room at Foster Library.

Look Out for the Book Scout!

Something new is happening with our book donations. SBFOL has a "Book Scout"- Jan Douma, who, with her crew of four, can be seen at large rummage/book sales picking up all gently used books to be donated to SBFOL. Jan learned that Mound School was holding a rummage sale to raise money for a camping trip to Catalina. Our Lady of Assumption was selling books to fund new computers at their school. At the end of the day after each of these fundraising events, our book scouts gathered up large quantities of good quality books.

This is a wonderful way for us to work with other organizations in the community -- and for them to extend their good works by assisting SBFOL in our support of the local libraries.

SO... if you see a blonde with a baseball cap that says "Book Scout" offering to pick through and pack up your "leftovers" -- that's our Jan.



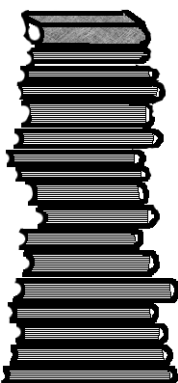
If you have a large donation for pick-up, or if you would like more information about the book scout crew, you can call Jan at 644-8143.

Thank you so much
Mound School
Our Lady of the Assumption School
The Bible Fellowship Church
for welcoming our book scouts.

Saturday October 9

*Penny-wise prices from A to Z
 Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children,
 Large Print, Classics
 Come and browse our great
 selection!*

**SBFOL
 BOOK
 SALE**



at the former H.P. Wright Library parking lot
 57 Day Road at Telegraph

10 am -
 3:00 pm

All proceeds will go to support Ventura Avenue & E.P. Foster libraries.

Need more information?
 Contact: Chuck Carlson
 (805) 642-6084 chucknsherrie@att.net

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Come out to the Fall Book Sale on October 9.

Join us for **Foster Fun @ the Library on October 17** - The Friends will be there!

Become a Friend! If you're not a member, please join us. If you are, pass this along to your friends and invite them to join. The more members we have, the more clout we have!

Lifetime Membership (\$1,000) Angel (\$100) Patron (\$75)
Family (\$30) Individual (\$20)

Make checks payable to: SBFOL Send to: P.O. Box 403, Ventura, 93002

SBFOL Supports the public libraries of the City of Ventura in their delivery of library services, including:

- Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape, bookcases
- Summer programs for children and youth
- Special programs, e.g. receptions, anniversaries, speakers
- Increase of public awareness of legislation and other activities that may affect library services

SBFOL is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization entirely directed by volunteers.

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Phone Number _____	Email _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales <input type="checkbox"/> Work at the E.P. Foster Bookstore	