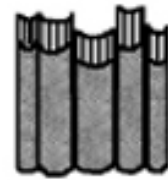


# Ex Libris



Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
Spring 2012

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

The Friends' volunteers have been extremely busy the past few months processing, managing and displaying hundreds of book donations. While we plan for our next periodic book sale to be held in the spring, the bookstore at Foster Library has seen steady business.

Our Amazon.com online sales have gone through the roof! Practically a one woman show, Teddy Wood has become an expert in scouting out valuable and collectible titles from our donations for that buyer looking for a one of kind book. We have been able to recirculate dozens of books to readers all over the country while creating a great return for our libraries. Donations of collectible, as well as popular titles, in good resale condition, are always welcome. Look for the donation boxes at Foster and Saticoy Libraries.

Currently, volunteers are needed for:

- Book Warehouse Manager
- Book Pricing and Sorting at the Warehouse
  - Friday morning
- Book delivery and pick up
- Board positions - Vice President and Treasurer

Library developments within the city of Ventura include the appointment of a working group to oversee the implementation of recommendations from the Library Strategic Plan. The nine recommendations can be found on the Friends' website and include prioritizing the creation of a plan to establish a library presence on the east end of Ventura and determining resources necessary to implement that plan. Updates on implementation of the recommendations are presented during the monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Committee, every 4th Tuesday at 5:30 in the City Hall Santa Cruz Room. All are encouraged to attend and be involved. Watch the Friends' website and Facebook page for pertinent information.

Members, volunteers and prospective members are invited to attend our annual meeting and catch up in person with the doings of the Friends of the Library!

*Our annual membership meeting is coming up -- a little earlier in March than usual this year. On March 18 we will meet at the Museum of Ventura County. Bring a friend to hear tales of local legends Theodosia Burr Shepherd and Erle Stanley Gardner and enjoy some wine and hors d'oeuvres. See details inside.*

## Shopping for Books?

Our next periodic book sale will be held at Pacific View Mall again on Saturday, March 31 -- details as available will be posted at the Friends of the Library website and Facebook page.

The collection available in the Friends' bookstore is constantly changing, reflecting the generous donations by our supporters. Look for an expanded new selection of science fiction and fantasy novels at the best prices in town. We also have a great selection of fitness and diet-related books to keep you on target for your new year's fitness resolutions.

If you shop on-line on Amazon.com, look for great deals offered by SBFOL and have your choice of books shipped directly to you. Remember to feel good about your purchases -- they support the library's reading programs and collection growth!

## Interested in preserving your family history?

Turn your family history into a variety of interesting stories.

**A Family Legacy Writing Workshop** will be offered at the E.P. Foster Library.

Wednesday, March 14  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Make your ancestors come alive on paper!

For updates on our activities, check in often at our website:  
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**IN MEMORIAM**

William Eugene "Gene" Simmons, a former Treasurer for San Buenaventura Friends of the Library, passed away in December. Gene served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. He graduated with Honors from UC Berkeley with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and went on to a thirty year career with Shell Oil as a well-respected petroleum engineer. He and his wife, Esther, were accomplished competitive bridge players. Gene was an avid reader and a crossword enthusiast. One of his many contributions to SBFOL is his documentation of "DUTIES OF THE TREASURER" as a guide to those who followed him in that office. He also worked in the warehouse, specializing in children's books. His volunteer work extended beyond SBFOL to include tutoring children in reading, Food Share, and helping senior citizens with their income tax. He was a truly gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor. It is with appreciation that we acknowledge Gene's contribution to Ventura, and to SBFOL, in particular.


**San Buenaventura Friends of the Library  
Annual Membership Meeting**

Local historians Glenda Jackson and Richard Senate will open our annual meeting with tales of local legends Theodosia Burr Shepherd and Erle Stanley Gardner. In the late 19th century, Theodosia Burr Shepherd developed some ground-breaking plants in her garden, located where the parking lot of the E.P. Foster Library is now located, and was instrumental in developing the flower seed industry in California. Erle Stanley Gardner practiced law and literature in downtown Ventura where he created his most famous character, Perry Mason.

*Refreshments will be served.*

*Richard Senate and Glenda Jackson will have books available for sale.*

*Please invite your friends and colleagues to join us, enjoy the program and learn about the Friends of the Library.*

*Sunday, March 18, 2012, 2:00 p.m*

*Museum of Ventura County, Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion*

*100 E. Main Street*

*Admission is free.*

At 4:00, the business meeting, open to members only, will be convened. The business meeting will consist of a vote on a change to the bylaws (see the document enclosed with this newsletter), election of 2012-2013 Officers of the Board of Directors, and election of Nominating Committee Members.

Proposed Slate of Officers:

President: Kathy Thomson

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Recording Secretary: Joanne Fields

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Andersen

Additional officer nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

**Thank you**

*Our sincere thanks to Erik Vasquez and Vaquero Energy for their very generous donation. Vaquero Energy Inc. has instituted a charitable program under which each employee has the ability to select a charity to which they may direct a donation from Vaquero. Erik Vasquez made SBFOL a beneficiary of this program.*

*The Friends of the Library would like to thank the estate of Berdean Eaton for her thoughtful and generous gift to Avenue Library.*

**Thanks to our generous donors**

Dr. Moustapha Abou-Samra  
Mr. Lauren Alexander  
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(Memorial to Gene Simmons)  
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## Volunteer Spotlight

In this edition of Ex Libris we want to honor the dedicated army of volunteers who are so instrumental to the success of San Buenaventura Friends of the Library. We appreciate every ounce of energy and minute of time you dedicate to enhance our libraries.



Don Belless, Colleen Gallo, bookstore manager & Jean Nickel



Diane Powers, Barbara Niles, Colleen Gallo & Teddy Wood



Merle Oberg & Woody Bretz  
warehouse manager & chief book wrangler



Debra Renick, Pons Tanner, Thelma Piercy, Barbara Paarmann, Art Marshall, Dotty Gragg & Alberta Word at the warehouse



Book wranglers Peter Lourito, Peter Thomson, John Cole, Chuck Carlson & Don Belless

Our book wranglers transport books from the donation bins to the warehouse to our periodic sales. Our bookstore is staffed by a full-time volunteer manager, experts in pricing and sorting, and over 40 volunteers who keep the store open whenever the library is. We are deeply grateful for the valuable expertise and experience each volunteer brings to the Friends. If you have expertise you can share with us, please consider one of the many places you can serve, such as accounting, finance, marketing, fund development, literature, education and communication, to name just a few.

### Book Wranglers:

Bill Aulich, Dave Bayer, Don Belless, Woody Bretz, George Brummer, Chuck Carlson, John Cole, Keith Gordon, Tingley Lew, Bill McNamara, Joe Niederst, Doug Singletary, Bob Stockman, Frank Toms, Ed Wohlenberg

### Bookstore Volunteers

Annette Clark, Marilyn Batelaan, Phyllis Beck, Marianna Blackstock, Kay Bradfield, Loma Buck, Joann Cunningham, Jean Didier, Jeanne Ellis, Lenora Engeldrum, Jerry Fletcher, Jean Forsyth, Edie Fowkes, Ruth Gallegher, Colleen Gallo, India Gonzales, Dottie Gragg, Kathy Harlan, Tom Hashbarger, Debbie Hill, Pat Hoffman, Doris Jones, Eunice Koch, Isabell Levitt, Nicole Martin, Gayley McConica, Mary Ann Memmer, Jean Nickel, Barbara Niles, Marietta O'Farrell, Rachel Okum, Linda Palace, Donna Polan, Mary Ann Powers, Elizabeth Rinnander, Shelba Robison, Sandra Sanders, Mary Alice Schaltinat, Gene Schroeder, Bob & Barbara Swanson, Marge Towery, Louise Vien, Edie Wald, Dotty Whiteman, Connie Wiens, Robert Wilson, Janet Whiteley, Teddy Wood

### Tributes



Members at times make a donation to the Friends of the Library in honor of another member or friend. Jesus & Virginia Camarillo wish to honor **Dixie Adeniran**, our current recording secretary, with a donation to SBFOL. Dixie Adeniran and Jack Ellison wish to honor long-time volunteer **Betty Black** with a donation to SBFOL on the occasion of her move to New Mexico.



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**Calling all Members of San Buenaventura Friends of the Library!**

April begins our new fiscal year -- and dues are due.

**Check your mailing label for membership renewal date.**

**Bring a friend to the Annual Membership Meeting on March 18 and invite them to join!**

Lifetime Membership (\$1,000)    Business (\$250)    Sponsor (\$100)  
 Family (\$30)    Individual (\$20)    Student (\$10)

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 public awareness of legislation and other activities that may affect the delivery of library services

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