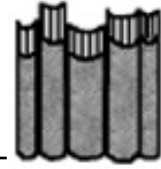


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
*Winter 2013*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

Looking back on an eventful year, we would like to thank our many generous donors and volunteers. The Friends' Book Store in E.P. Foster Library is enjoying great success thanks to the many hours contributed by our dedicated volunteers, as is our storefront on Amazon.com. Special thanks to our warehouse staff and periodic sales volunteers for their heroic efforts to bring our book sales to the Pacific View Mall and the Dudley House. All this effort funds additions to the collections at our libraries and programs for library patrons of all ages. The Summer Reading Program was, as usual, well attended and greatly appreciated by the community. The Friends also support the Youth Activity Council at E.P. Foster Library and sponsored a Family Legacy Writing Workshop.

Thank you to our membership chair, Marcia Ortiz, for organizing our lively annual member meeting highlighted by lectures from local historians, Richard Senate on Earl Stanley Gardner and Glenda Jackson on Theodosia Burr Shepherd, Ventura's flower lady. Marcia brought Mr. Senate back for a series of well attended talks in the Topping Room on our county's colorful history. Members also took an excursion to the Cleopatra exhibit at the California Science Center in LA and attended the Hollywood style premiere of LIVE FOREVER: The Ray Bradbury Odyssey at the Century 10 Theatre in Ventura.

This coming year proves to be just as eventful. Inside, you'll find an invitation to the annual member meeting in March. In April, join us in a trip to the LA Times Festival of Books and at the book sale at the Dudley House. Keep in touch through our website, [www.sbfol.org](http://www.sbfol.org) and Facebook page for the latest on these events and more coming attractions, including visits by well known authors, writing workshops, and technology and computer training.

What you do for libraries means a lot. Your time, energy and resources have enriched our libraries. Please let us know how we can better assist you, our members and our libraries, by sending a note to P.O. Box 403, Ventura, CA 93002 or email at [info@sbfol.org](mailto:info@sbfol.org).



*Greetings  
from  
our new librarian,  
Sara Roberts*

Hello Friends!

I am so happy to be here and to have such a wonderful and supportive group of community members. I hope to meet you all and hear what the library has done for you in the past and what you would like to see in the future. I absolutely love Foster library and Ventura. I couldn't have found a better home. Many have asked about my vision for the library, and it is simply this: to serve the community and become the venue where the conversation is taking place. We can all find and learn lots of information, but until we share it, what is it doing for us? We have so much talent and diversity here in Ventura and I want to celebrate that with a regular schedule of programs in the Topping Room and in the library itself. I want to see us reach the next level of service by providing the space and the knowledge to truly grow as a community. I need your help with this and I have already seen what the Friends of the Library do for us through hours of volunteering. I appreciate it! My door is always open, please stop in!

A brief bio: I earned my bachelor's degree in English from Georgia College and State University (same hometown as Flannery O'Connor!). I went on to teach high school and completed my first master's degree in Teaching. I then decided I wanted to follow my heart and become a librarian. I graduated with my second master's degree from the University of Alabama (Roll Tide!) and have worked in several different libraries since. I have experience in public and academic libraries and am finding this position to be a nice mix of all of them. I grew up in the library and am passionate about our services.

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

**Sunday, March 10, 2013  
2:00 p.m  
Community Room, City Hall**

The business part of the meeting will consist of the election of 2013-2014 Officers of the Board of Directors. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates at the meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

**Program**

We're in for a great treat at our Annual Meeting. Shelley Savren, writer of poetry and prose, will lead a special workshop called "Mining Our Memories". Everyone has a story to tell. Although you may not think of yourselves as writers, by the end of this workshop, you will find that story on paper.

Ms. Savren, award winning and published poet (*The Common Fire*, Red Hen Press) is an English Professor at Oxnard College. She has led many exciting workshops for children, young adults, and adults in writing both prose and poetry.



**Refreshments will be served.  
Come to the annual meeting --  
bring a notebook or journal and pen or pencil  
and be prepared to be astounded at how easy it is to tell your story.**

Please check your mailing label to see the date your membership expires. Memberships always expire on March 31, the end of SBFOL's fiscal year.

**Starting with memberships and renewals for 2013, you will receive a membership card in the mail with acknowledgement of your new or renewed membership.**

Show your membership card when you shop at our Bookstore to receive a discount of \$1.00 on purchases of \$5.00 or more.

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**Thank you, Ventura County Credit Union!**  
*The Friends are grateful to be the beneficiary of a relationship with Ventura County Credit Union. By seeking a loan with VCCU, borrowers can choose to become a member of San Buenaventura Friends of the Library during the application process. We appreciate the support and recognition for the Friends that this partnership provides.*

**Our sincere thanks to Erik Vasquez and Vaquero Energy for their very generous donation. Mr. Vasquez has again made SBFOL a beneficiary of Vaquero Energy Inc.'s program through which employees select a charity to which they may direct a donation.**



Save the date!

**March 1, 2013**

**Entry deadline for:**

***Art Tales: A Unique Contest for Creative Writers***

The City of Ventura, in partnership with E.P. Foster Library,  
is hosting a free contest.

Submit a short story or poem inspired by one of the Municipal Art Collection works of  
art currently on loan to E.P. Foster Library.

Prizes will be awarded in three age divisions.

Details available at E.P. Foster Library and at [www.cityofventura.net/arttales](http://www.cityofventura.net/arttales)

**Sunday, March 10**

**2:00 p.m**

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

Our special guest, Shelley Savern, will help us to  
"mine our memories" and put our stories on paper.

**Monday, April 8**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

***Family Legacy Workshop***

Linda Weaver returns to E.P. Foster Library  
to help you create a lively recounting of your family's history.

**Saturday, April 20**

***Excursion to the L.A. Times Festival of Books***

\$50.00 for members, \$60.00 for non-members

Details to follow as arranged.

**Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28**

***Spring Book Sale***

***at the historic Dudley House***



Members, we need your help.

Book sales require many volunteers. To help at the Spring Book Sale, Please email [info@sbfol.org](mailto:info@sbfol.org)

**Ventura Readers Book Group**

**First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - noon**

This group reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction. All are welcome.  
The group meets at E.P.Foster Library, Topping Room on the

The selection for February is **Devil in a Blue Dress** by Walter Mosley.

The selection for March is **The Penelopiad** by Margaret Atwood.

For more information contact Marcia at 643-4281 or [mrortiz@earthlink.net](mailto:mrortiz@earthlink.net)



**Jane Austen Reading Circle of Ventura**

**Third Saturday of the month, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,** E.P.Foster Library, Renfrow Room

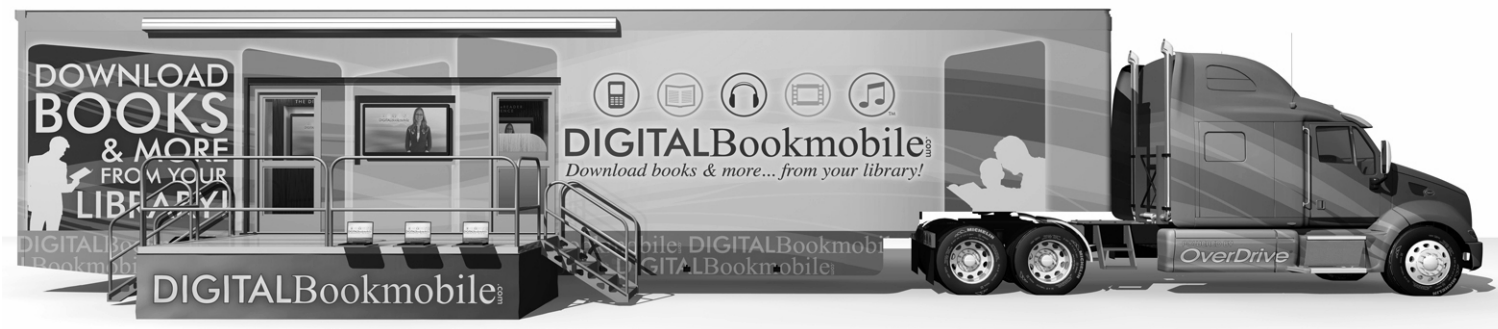
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**Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**On the corner of Fir Street and Main Street, Ventura**

Did you know that you can download free eBooks and audiobooks from your public library?  
Learn how when E.P. Foster Library hosts the Digital Bookmobile.  
Inside the Digital Bookmobile, you will find interactive computer stations, instructional videos, and a Gadget Gallery with Kindle, iPad touch, Android, NOOK and more devices.

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<http://vencolibrary.lib.overdrive.com>  
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## **E.P. Foster Library**

### **February Computer Classes**

Computer classes take place  
on the second floor of the library  
every Monday at 11:00 a.m.  
For more information call 648-2716.

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| February 4:  | Basic Training<br>Level: Beginner | Doug's five step method for navigating the internet:<br>In this class you will learn how to log onto the internet<br>as well as the five necessary functions for doing a<br>successful internet search. |
| February 11: | Gmail<br>Level: Beginner          | Getting the most out of your Google mail account.<br>In this session we will create a Google account, add a contact,<br>Write an email and attach a picture to it.                                      |
| February 18  | No class — Library closed         |   |
| February 25  | Q&A<br>Level: Any                 | A drop in session focused on helping with computer skills.  |



Our dedicated volunteers sort all book donations to offer them for sale in the most appropriate venue. They select with a critical eye books to offer through our Amazon storefront, periodic sales and at the bookstore in E.P. Foster Library.

The Friends' Bookstore is open:  
 Monday through Thursday  
 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday & Saturday  
 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Donations may be left in the bin adjacent to the store any time E.P. Foster library is open. Books must be clean and in good condition. Classics, history, war, travel, westerns, biographies and current hard-bound fiction all sell well. Volunteers are always needed to fill regular shifts at the bookstore and to fill in for an occasional shift. If you can help, please call Colleen Gallo at 641-3704.

Remember, you can shop any time for collectibles and other unique titles at our online store:  
[www.amazon.com/shops/A2JYAHUHFNMH6](http://www.amazon.com/shops/A2JYAHUHFNMH6)

**Storytime**

**Stretching**

Starting in February, E.P. Foster will offer a yoga class for parents while their children, four years and older, attend the 3:30 p.m. storytimes on Wednesdays.



**Happy Anniversary, Paws for Reading**

On Saturday, February 23, Paws for Reading celebrates another grrreat year!

The Paws for Reading Program brings together young readers and affectionate, nonjudgmental canine listeners. Since 2006, these therapy dogs have helped boost the confidence of more than 600 beginning readers.

All are invited to celebrate their success at 12:00 p.m. upstairs in E.P. Foster Library for cake and cookies (dog cookies, of course)



**Youth Activity Council with SBFOL Vice-Pres. Berta Steele and Pres. Kathy Thomson**

The Youth Activity Council (YAC) is now meeting twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. They are planning an ice cream social in the near future. Please check the new E.P. Foster Library facebook page for further details. Participation in YAC earns school Community Service Hours.



Teens teach Tech at E.P. Foster Library on every third Saturday of the month between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. If you have a new Kindle, Nook or iPad, bring them to the library to learn how to download our electronic books. Other gizmos and gadgets welcome as well! Teens Teach Tech is a project of the Youth Activity Council.

For more information on storytimes, Paws for Reading and the Youth Activity Council, call (805) 648-2716 and ask for Star Soto ([star.soto@ventura.org](mailto:star.soto@ventura.org)) or Jane Middleton ([jane.middleton@ventura.org](mailto:jane.middleton@ventura.org))



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape</li> <li>• Summer programs for children and youth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public awareness of legislation and other events that may affect the delivery of library services</li> <li>• Special programs, receptions, speakers, &amp; field trips</li> </ul> |
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*Your membership at any of the levels below helps make all this possible.*

(Make checks payable to: SBFOL, and mail to P.O. Box 403, Ventura, CA 93002.)

Lifetime \$1000	Business \$250	Sponsor \$100	Family \$30	Individual \$20	Student \$10
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