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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

As the Friends close out the fiscal year on March 31st, we will be able to provide another nice gift to the libraries within Ventura's sphere of influence as well as making a contribution to the Capital Improvement Fund. About 300 active members of SBFOL support Ventura's libraries through their dues, but most of the funds are raised by selling books at our bookstore and in our online store at Amazon.com. Our warehouse still holds thousands of books that need to find a home. These books are destined for our next outdoor periodic sale on April 27 and 28 at the Dudley House.

If you enjoy these sales and want them to continue, please attend a pre book sale meeting on April 15th, at 11:00 in the Topping Room of Foster Library. We need volunteers who would like to learn the logistics of running our sales. Volunteers are needed to help load books and tables on the Friday before the sale, set up early Saturday morning, monitor tables and cashier both days, and take down and return unsold books to the warehouse on Sunday. RSVP if you will attend and, if you cannot make the meeting, please email me at info@sbfol.org or phone 658-2248 to let me know how you would like to help.

The future of our libraries looks bright due to the time and energy provided by many. One glance at the Foster Library website reveals opportunities for everything from lecture series by CSUCI professors to computer classes to book club packs and more, all free to you and sponsored by the library and SBFOL.

Congratulations to Michael O'Kelly for his wonderful movie on the life of Ray Bradbury "Live Forever" and the success of its premiere at the downtown Century 10 theater. Thank you to Patti Channer for organizing the event and to the Downtown Ventura Organization and Partners, Ventura Film Society and City of Ventura as fellow sponsors of the event. Proceeds from the event were graciously donated to the Friends for use in the library for childrens' programming, as requested by Ray Bradbury himself.

Share your ideas for library service on Ventura's east side.

Visit the **Visioning Booth** at the **Ventura Libraries Inside Out** event at Kimball Park on May 4. Members of the Library Advisory Commission will be there to exchange ideas about both short term and long term prospects for library service on Ventura's east side. What could an east end library look like? What services should be provided? Can the library be part of a community center? A senior center? Or both? Could there be a coffee shop? What do you envision?

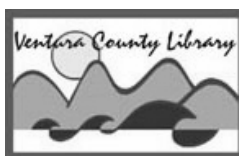


Ventura Libraries Inside Out
Saturday, May 4
11 am–2 pm
Ventura Community Park
901 S Kimball Rd

Bring the family, pack a picnic and whet your appetite for all the new and exciting things happening in and outside of Ventura's libraries during our first ever outdoor library event!

Enjoy children's storytime, music, climbing wall,
Jolly jump and food carts.

Explore an array of popular & new digital library services.
Share your vision for a future Eastside library.



The City of Ventura's Library Advisory Commission's purpose is to make recommendations to the Ventura City Council on issues related to libraries and library services. The Library Advisory Commission and the Strategic Plan Working Group, made up of representatives from the VUSD, LAC, Strategic Plan Steering Committee, city, county and community stakeholders, continue to develop a plan for a library presence on the Eastside of Ventura, and to determine what resources are necessary to implement the plan.

The LAC meets on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Conference Room in Ventura City Hall. These meetings are open to the public. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meetings.

San Buenaventura Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale



Saturday
April 27, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday
April 28, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at the historic Dudley House
corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood

Come and browse our wide selection of quality, affordable used books, including large print and children's. Movies, music. books on tape, too!
All proceeds go to support Ventura's libraries.

Linda Weaver Clarke
Author and Lecturer 

returns to E.P. Foster Library to present another
Family Legacy Workshop

Monday, April 8, 2:00 - 4:00
Call 805-648-2716

Turn your family history into a variety of interesting stories.
Make your ancestors come alive on paper.
Learn the most important elements of writing.

www.lindaweaverclarke.com

Thank you to our community partners who support SBFOL, most recently at the big library book clearance sale in January. Thanks to Ventura City Corps for providing manpower. A special thank you to Mel Sheeler Moving and Storage for loaning us 50 boxes for that sale. We also want to thank Trader Joes Midtown and Lassens for providing bags for our shoppers. We appreciate your help in our efforts to help keep libraries open and books in the hands of readers.

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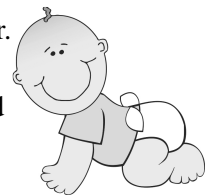


*Thanks so much,
Jane Andersen,
for your years of service as
Corresponding Secretary for the
Friends. Your gracious personal
touch in those individual
communications with members and
donors has represented us so well!*

Our Tiny Future Friends

Lap Sit Storytime for Ages 0 to 18 months is held the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at E.P. Foster. My husband and I recently took our new grandson, Jesse, and he was simply captivated. Our wonderful Childrens' Librarian, Star Soto, engaged the little ones reading, Where Is Baby? Her Grover doll performed Itsy Bitsy Spider and there was singing too! After Storytime several copies of the books were available to pass out, so the babies could re-read them with their parents, grandparents and caregivers.

Our inspiring Foster Childrens' Library is filled with giant stuffed animals and cozy reading spaces. It offers us such a wonderful resource for pre-school education, and it is so convenient to roll strollers through our colorful upper level entrance. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends lots of new books for these tiny future Friends of the Library are being ordered and additional programs are being considered. Spread the news!



-- Marianne Coffey



Thursday, April 4, 10:00 am

Basic Training Level: Beginner
Doug's five step method for navigating the internet: learn how to log onto the internet as well as the five necessary functions for doing a successful internet search.

Sign up is required for this class:
648-2716

Monday, April 8, 11:00 am

Yahoo Level: Beginner
Create a Yahoo email account, add a contact, write an email, attach a picture.

Monday, April 15, 11:00 a.m.

Please Hold! Level: Intermediate
Use World Cat to request books from other libraries.

Monday, April 22, 11:00 a.m.

Q&A Level: Any
A drop in session focused on helping with computer skills.

Monday, April 29, 11:00 a.m.

5th Monday Class Level: Any
A brief review of Apps the Library is proud to offer.

HAIKU POETRY CONTEST

Let's all celebrate National
Haiku Poetry Day, April 17!

Enter your original Haiku poem
April 9—April 16

All entries must be submitted by
April 16, 2013, at 5 pm.

Prize awarded to the winner!

Submit your poem at the library
or online tiny.cc/haikucontest

City Speakers Bureau

Learn more about the latest city happenings, programs, services and community efforts. Topics will cover a range of subjects, and will be followed by a Q&A session.

Spend your lunch hour at the E.P. Foster Library Topping Room – the second Monday of every month at 12 noon.

This event is free and open to the public. You are welcome to bring a bagged lunch if you like. For more information call 648-2176.

Monday, April 8th at noon

Come and learn about the different ways in which Ventura Water helps our community -- everything from Ocean Friendly Gardens, the Pasteurization project, to water conservation. You will hear about a variety of topics including environmental stewardship, water sustainability and how the city of Ventura has been delivering drinking water from local sources since 1923.



**E.P. FOSTER LIBRARY
PRESENTS**

**TRAVEL ADVENTURES
WITH
ROAD SCHOLAR**

Sunday, April 14
2 pm
In the Topping Room

Go where others can't, learn from inspiring instructors and make lifelong friends through Elderhostel's Road Scholar Program. The world's Leading not-for-profit organization is dedicated to providing learning opportunities for older adults across the globe. Learn about the many travel programs that are offered.

View their website at: www.road scholar.org

CSU Channel Islands Library Lecture Series

The 2013 CSU Channel Islands Lecture Series is a free, monthly event featuring speakers from the CI faculty. The public is invited to learn more about the research and work of CI professors and to engage in discussions on a variety of timely, thought-provoking and regionally relevant topics. At the conclusion of their hour-long presentations, the speakers will engage in Q&A with the audience. All lectures will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Topping Room.

Wednesday, April 24

Evolution of Surfing and the Culture Surrounding It
with Professor of Art Jack Reilly

For more information on all the new programs at the Library, call 648-2716



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Join San Buenaventura Friends of the Library, and help make our libraries BETTER!

SBFOL supports the public libraries of the City of Ventura in delivering library services, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape • Summer programs for children and youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public awareness of legislation and other events that may affect the delivery of library services • Special programs, receptions, speakers, & field trips |
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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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We need YOUR help! SBFOL is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization run entirely by VOLUNTEERS. Please consider volunteering in any of the following areas. Just check the boxes. We'll contact you.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Sorting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other