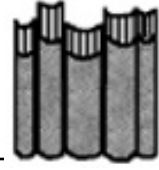


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Summer 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

As the Friends look forward to a summer of fun and informative events planned by the library staff at Foster, Avenue and Saticoy libraries, we recap an eventful spring.

The Friends' Board and volunteers were kept very busy planning the annual meeting in March and preparing for the April book sale at the Dudley House.

Attendees at the annual meeting enjoyed a workshop on "Mining Your Memories" with Shelley Savren, local author and writing professor. After writing short essays on personal experiences, many were delighted to read and hear each others' recollections. After the annual meeting, the Board remained relatively unchanged.

All Board members are returning except Jane Andersen, who left the board after performing a beautiful job as Corresponding Secretary. Dixie Adeniran was elected to take over her responsibilities and we are grateful that she has agreed to return to the Board.

The 2 day spring periodic sale at the Dudley House was well attended. Warehouse staff expertly prepared over 200 boxes of salable materials while the sale logistics staff, headed by Chuck Carlson, carefully and efficiently transported and set up the inventory for the event. Shoppers purchased over 2,000 books and other recorded media. We are very grateful to everyone who helped with this event. An army of adult and student volunteers with muscle power provided by the heavy lifters make this type of sale possible.

Thank you all for your continued support. If you receive our newsletter but are not currently a dues paying member, please consider joining. We are happy to keep as many citizens as possible informed about the Friends and library happenings, but if you are able to take the extra step and become a dues paying member (starting at just \$20 for an individual), we can assure you that will be greatly appreciated.

Through your generous donations, dues and book purchases, the Friends were able to give a total of \$70,241.79 during fiscal year 2012-13 for use at Foster, Avenue and Saticoy libraries. In addition, due to favorable market conditions, \$20,000 was added to the Library Capital Improvement Fund held for the Friends by the VCCF.

This month we acknowledge the passing of three of the Friends' longtime members and volunteers: past president Bill Hendren, 2001-2004; Octavio Sifuentes, long time board member and book transport volunteer and Mary Johnston, founding member, past president and Membership Chair. Their dedication to the Friends and to Ventura's libraries have left a deep and lasting legacy.

We welcome your children and grandchildren to the Summer Reading programs. Don't forget about Second Sunday Music in the Topping Room, computer classes on Mondays, Friends' Bookstore open every day except Sunday and mini periodic booksales at Foster starting with the July 4th Street Fair in front of the library.



Summer Reading Program!

Two showings at Foster of the Nifty Balloon Show!

Wednesday, June 12
11:00 am & 3:00 pm
Details Inside

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In Memoriam Octavio Sifuentes

Octavio's life is an inspiring story. After the death of his father, he immigrated to the United States with his mother and siblings. Despite these humble beginnings his life was filled with accomplishments and he enriched the lives of all who knew him. He served in the U. S. Army, earned a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Library Science. Working at Ventura College from 1974 until his retirement in 2004, he was instrumental in building the library's collection in Latino studies and culture. Octavio's knowledge of those resources resulted in a collection of depth and scope which remains his legacy. As reference librarian and faculty advisor for Ventura College MEChA, he helped thousands of students fulfill their academic research.

Octavio was President of the local America Federation of Teachers and also served as Academic Senate President, an unusual combination of skills and perspectives. He was an active supporter of the formation of the UFW and worked with the organizers in the founding of Clinicas del Camino Real. He was an assistant leader with the Girl Scouts from 1976 to 1982 and a leader with the Boy Scouts from 2009-13.

Upon his retirement Octavio served on the City of Ventura Library Advisory Commission and worked tirelessly as a

Friends of the Library volunteer. Octavio made an enormous contribution to the success of our book sales helping us to raise funds to enrich Ventura's libraries.

Octavio is fondly remembered by the Ventura College staff and faculty as a gentle soul who was generous of spirit, quietly determined and one who willingly shared his time and unique cultural perspective. He made lasting contributions to Ventura's libraries and to the Friends of the Library and it is with the utmost pride that we commemorate and honor him as a solid and beloved friend.

In Memoriam Bill Hendren

Ventura lost a wonderful person and community resource in Bill Hendren (The Reverend William F. Hendren), who passed away on May 3, 2013. Bill was active in many community organizations, including Friends of the Library.

Soon after his retirement as the long-serving pastor of the Church of the Foothills, he answered the call of the Friends to fill a leadership post. He served as President from April 2001-March 2004. During a time of uncertainty and budget upheaval, he held the organization steady, with his calm demeanor and organized approach.

In Memoriam Mary Johnston

Mary Johnston will be greatly missed. She was a beautiful and gracious presence at the core of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library for many years. Mary was a founding member of the Friends when the organization was formed in 1969, and important in getting the organization off the ground and active in the community. She brought her husband, attorney Bruce Johnston, into the organization where he also made great contributions.

Mary served as our second president. Then, for many years she was the much loved Chairperson of our Membership Committee. She carried membership applications with her everywhere and made sure her wide circle of friends and contacts were given every opportunity to join. She never forgot to put membership reminders into the newsletter and was famous for her follow-up telephone calls reminding members to re-join for the upcoming year. Those phone calls became a tradition that old-timers remember fondly. Her effectiveness was reflected in a membership that exceeded 800.

Her many years of service on the Friends Board of Directors are gratefully acknowledged, as they were filled with her wise counsel and gracious hospitality.

* MEMORIALS *

in memory of **Mary Johnston**

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Dixie Adeniran
& Jack Ellison
Hazel Clymer
Dottie Gragg
Janet L. Parrone
Yvonne Seabold

in memory of **Octavio Sifuentes**

from

Dixie Adeniran
& Jack Ellison
Ellen (Roth) Askam
Gayley McConica

in memory of **Loretta Jeffries**

from

Dixie Adeniran & Jack Ellison
Isabel Leavitt

in memory of **Fritz and Elizabeth Budworth**

from

Charles & Sherry Carlson
Larry & Joyce Kirkpatrick

Ventura County Library Summer Reading Program

June 2 - August 31



Hungry to read?

*Bring your reading appetite to Ventura County Libraries
and join the Summer Reading Program*

*Starting June 2, pick up a reading log at any Ventura County Library.
All children & teens up through grade 12 may participate.*

*Color a strawberry for every hour that you read or someone reads to you.
Complete 5 hours of reading, return your log to any Ventura County Library
and pick up a small prize from the prize board.*

*Turn in 1 log per week, for a maximum of 12 logs.
All logs will be entered into an end-of-summer drawing for a Nook HD.*

*Kick off this tasty program with
Mr. Nifty, Balloon Artist*

E.P. Foster Library
Wednesday, June 12
11:00 am and 3:00 pm

Saticoy Library
Wednesday, June 26, 3:00 pm

Summer Reading Events at Avenue Library

Wednesday, June 12, 3:00 pm
Strawberry Shortcake Shindig

Wednesday, June 19, 3:00 pm
Decorate your own apron
(Limited to 12 children, ages 5-12)

Wednesday, June 26, 3:00 pm
LeBak the Magician - Delicious Magic

Wednesday, July 3, 3:00 pm
Make healthy snacks with Jackie Pearce

Wednesday, July 10, 3:00 pm
Japanese Tea Ceremony (ages 8 & up)

Wednesday, July 17, 3:00 pm
Play with your food: Peanut butter Play Dough!

E.P. Foster Library

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Nifty Balloon Show

2
SHOWS



Thursday, June 12th

1st Show @ 11:00 am & 2nd Show @ 3:00 pm

Sponsored by the
San Buenaventura Friends of the Library

2
SHOWS

Summer Reading Events at E.P. Foster Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

June 19: **Rick Morton, The Science Guy**
June 26: **Labak, the Magician**

July 3: **Pulse drumming**
July 10: **Ojai Raptors**
July 17: **Magic with Shawn McMasters**
July 24: **Reptile Family**
July 31: **Fairy Queen Flutterby**

August 7: **Music with Miss Jessica**
August 14: **End of Summer Party**



Why should kids have all the fun?

**E.P. Foster Library
Avenue Library
Adult Reading Program
June 9 through July 20**



How do you participate? Register at the library. Read!
Enter the contest once a week, in the library or online.
Keep reading!

One entry per week, just tell us the name of the book you read.
Weekly prize drawing.
Grand Prize: A Kindle



More fun for all ages!

**Sound of Second Sunday Music Series
2 - 4 pm
In the Topping Room**

**June 9: Ventucky String Band
July 14: Bill McPherson
August 11: Chase Cristen
September 8: Cowboy surfer**



More Music for all ages!

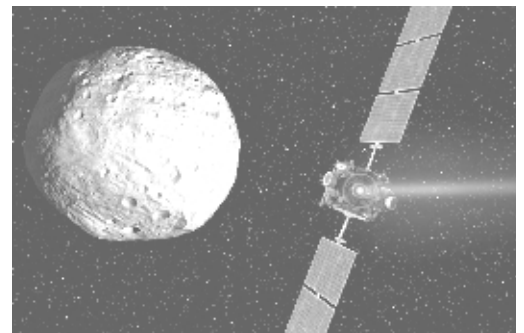
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To Boldly Go -- well, you know: NASA Dawn's Mission to the Asteroid Belt

**Sunday, June 23, 3:00 pm
Topping Room**

The ambitious and exciting Dawn mission is one of NASA's most remarkable ventures into the solar system.

The spacecraft has recently completed an exploration of Vesta and is now traveling to Ceres; these were among the last uncharted worlds in the inner solar system. The alien landscapes Dawn reveals provide humankind with a new perspective on the solar system.



Featuring **Marc D. Rayman**, a top rocket scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Your Library @ Home



While there are many exciting new programs to bring everyone out to E.P. Foster library, the county library system continues to add more content that you can access at home. Recently, the Freegal Music service, described on the previous page, has been added. Other recent additions are Zinio, a service allowing you to subscribe to magazines on electronic devices at no charge to you; the Overdrive database which adds to the collection of audiobooks you can check out from your home and the Axis 360 database which adds more ebooks to check out from home. Your first step to avail yourself of all these goodies is a visit to the county library website: www.vencolibrary.org. The tab "eLibrary" has a pull-down menu where you can click on "eBooks Explained" or "eLibrary FAQ" and go from there.

If that last sentence is still Greek to you, help is at hand with the new free Computer Classes on Mondays at 11:00 am at E.P. Foster. The class on June 17 is a class for beginners focusing on using on-line encyclopedias. The class on June 24 is a drop-in Q&A session for any level where you can get help with your computer skills. And for help with your ereaders, i-thingsies and fantastic new phones, you can drop in to Teens Teaching Tech on third Saturdays -- in June Saturday the 15th, from 10 am to noon. Call (805) 648-2716 for more information.

Help Wanted -- Always

The Friends of the Library are grateful to continue to receive valuable donations of books and good traffic at our sales, bookstore and on-line sales through Amazon. If only there were more of us to keep that inventory moving! Help, especially more muscle, is needed at the **warehouse** to sort and restock books - boxes of books are HEAVY. The **bookstore in E.P. Foster** needs extra volunteers in the summer when regulars are out of town and could be open more hours if more volunteers signed up for a regular shift. Please email info@sbfol.org.

Jane Middleton is organizing the Youth Activity Council to participate in the **Fourth of July Street Fair**, offering books for sale in front of the library. She could use a few adult volunteers and more student volunteers, again especially heavy lifters. For students, this will count for community service hours. Please contact Jane at (805) 648-2716 or jane.middleton@ventura.org.



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

Ventura's first library outdoor event was held at the Community Park on May 4, 2013. Thanks to all the hard work of our Community Partnerships Manager, Denise Sindelar, and her cast of energetic volunteers, visitors had an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful event and offer their visions for a future Eastside Library.



There was story time for children, a jolly jump, live music, food carts, and face painting by the Girl Scouts. Library staff provided a booth to explore library services and share news of upcoming events and programs. They were also excited to introduce their convenient new library book drop now in use at the park for returning Ventura County Library books.

And, of course, SBFOL had a booth offering a sample of books for sale and an opportunity to share ideas and solicit volunteers and new members. A big thanks to Kathy Thomson for transporting all the boxes of books from the warehouse for this event.

Councilmember Brennan, and Deputy Mayor Heitmann attended as well as all of the members of our Library Advisory Commission. They were thrilled to hear so many great ideas and visions for an Eastside Library. The enthusiasm was contagious!

One visitor commented that we should send a future eastside architect to the Wright Library for inspiration. Another said we know all the components we'd like the library to have: meeting rooms, an SBFOL Bookstore, a coffee shop, a Senior Center, etc. Perhaps the architect could design a building that could be built in phases. The thought was as we raised money we could erect another phase.

It was especially exciting to see all the children coming from the pool and soccer fields to join the Libraries Inside Out celebration. Our community park may become a destination for swimmers, sports lovers **and** readers!

-- Marianne Coffey

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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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<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