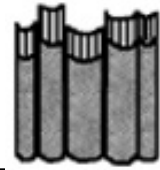


# Ex Libris



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kathy Thomson

October is an important month for us because we celebrate National Friends of the Library week from October 20-26. In honor of FOL week our volunteers will be working extra hard to put on our periodic outdoor book sale at the Dudley House on October 12th.

And speaking of volunteers, you may like to know that in our last fiscal year (ended March 31, 2013), volunteers with the Friends, aged 12-90, logged about 6,000 hours of service. Our volunteers worked sorting, selling, picking up and delivering books, administrating, creating publicity and newsletters, all while having fun and promoting libraries and reading. 4,564 of those hours were served in keeping our bookstore at Foster Library running efficiently to continue supplying top notch current and collectible materials.

Our bookstore in E.P. Foster Library logged the highest monthly sales ever in August! To keep our customers happy, shifts in the bookstore must be fully staffed. If you can volunteer for a regular shift or as a substitute, please let us know.

**Can you lend a hand for a few hours with the upcoming book sale?** We need a truck driver for Friday afternoon and Saturday, help loading and unloading the truck (load on Friday, unload on Saturday morning). Help is also needed for table and book setup, greeting and helping to guide patrons to specific categories, and to take down at the end of the day. **You may leave a message at 658-2248 or at our email address info@sbfol.org.** If you know of a youth group that needs community service hours, please let me know.

Remember, all current members are invited to sit in on our board meetings to learn more about what the Friends are doing. Board meetings are typically the third Thursday at 4:30 in the Topping Room. However, time will be subject to modification during the winter months and when necessary to have a quorum present. **The next meeting will be held on October 24, at 4:30.**

## Another Great Summer Reading Program! Full House at the Kickoff at E.P. Foster



Kick-off events for the Summer reading program were well attended at all branches of the County Library System. At Saticoy Library, 122 attended. The Kick-off Nifty Balloon show for Avenue Library was held at Westpark Community Center to make sure there was room for all and E.P. Foster Library offered **two** showings this year!

The theme this year was **Reading Is So Delicious!** Participants enjoyed weekly programs and activities at E.P. Foster, Avenue and Saticoy libraries.

At Avenue Library (photo), the programs included a lot of great food, making healthy snacks, learning about seeds and sprouting, playing with peanut butter, and creating with pasta, beans and marshmallows. Over 120 children and many adults participated in these activities.



At E.P. Foster, attendance at 10 shows over the summer totaled 2,675.

More about the Summer Reading Program on p. 5.

## In Memoriam Yvonne Esler



Yvonne passed away July 15, 2013, just short of her 90th birthday. She was diminutive in stature, but mighty in spirit. Yvonne was a retired nurse, active in many community organizations, including AAUW and Friends of the Library. She served on the Friends board for a number of years as Membership Chair. She was the first to apply computer technology to the problems of database management for the Friends. The Friends are grateful to Yvonne Esler, who brought us into the modern age of technology. Her skills, pragmatism, community work-ethic and her charming personality will be greatly missed.

## \* MEMORIALS \*

*in memory of Yvonne Esler  
from  
Dottie Gragg*

*in memory of Marian Tulos  
from  
Dottie Gragg*

*memory of Mary Johnston  
from  
Marilyn Batelaan*

## San Buenaventura Friends of the Library History Project

I will be working with Yvonne Seabold and Joanne Fields on a history of SBFOL. We would like to remember all our wonderful Friends throughout the years, record all of our accomplishments in our efforts to keep libraries open and services available, and perhaps inspire future Friends who will follow us.

We are hoping many of you have photos and other memorabilia, stories and suggestions for how our history should be written. We would appreciate anything you could contribute to this effort.

Our history will be self-published and offered for sale in our bookstore, County Museum and other venues. Hopefully our efforts will inspire and engage new members for our organization.

Please send anything you may have to SBFOL Attn: History Project, P.O. Box 403, Ventura, CA 93002. If you have photos through the years to lend us and need them picked up instead I can be reached at (805) 558-0756.

--Marianne Coffey



The City Hall Centennial time capsule was sealed at a July 25, 2013 Open House celebration to mark the building's 100th birthday. Yvonne Seabold of SBFOL provided the booklets "Public Library Service in Ventura: A Brief History and "History of Ventura Libraries" for inclusion in the time capsule now buried in the pavement by the landmark building's front steps.

## MEMBERS!

Now is the time to step up!  
Your Friends of the Library wants  
YOU!

Join us at our monthly meeting to learn how we financially support our libraries. We're looking for YOUR fresh ideas! Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 24 at 4:30 in the Topping Room and you're invited!**

If you have served on the SBFOL Board in the past, could you help recover some missing minutes for years before 1983 and for 1985-1989?

*Our sincere thanks to Erik Vasquez and Vaquero Energy for their very generous donation to the Friends of the Library. 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.*

## BOOK CLUB # 1

The first book club created by members of SBFOL is still looking for new members. Monthly meetings are held in members' homes. If you are an avid reader who enjoys sharing your reading experiences, please call Yvonne Seabold, (805) 643-8204.

### OFFICERS

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## Be Kind to your Books

Proper storage of books can mean the difference between a valuable collection or just an assortment of unreadable books with mildew, foxing and broken spines.

Storing books in a dry, climate controlled area is by far the most important precaution to keep them safe and in good condition. This is especially true of rare and highly valuable books. Ideally, store at moderate temperature, 60-70 degrees Fahrenheit and 50% humidity.

Conversely, storing in a garage or shed is the worst thing you can possibly do. Books and magazines stored outside the main house inevitably become damp from the humid air and can begin to breed mildew and mold. (A few whole cloves stuck in corners may help prevent mildew). Even if these organisms aren't visible, they can damage the book.

Hot + Wet = Mold. Mold growth causes irreparable damage, most commonly tiny brown spots called "foxing". Moisture can also cause a dank smell in books. Do not store books too tightly. Allow room for air circulation to prevent damage. Avoid garages and attics where books are also at risk of damage from insects and other pests.

Dust jackets: Love them, don't lose them. They add greatly to a book's value and can make the difference between a "collectible" and a "beach book". Dust shelved books once a year, using a soft wide paintbrush to brush dust away from the spine outward.

If you do not have shelf space in your home to store books, find small containers made from acid-free materials like alkaline corrugated cardboard. Using small containers reduces the stress that your books will undergo during packaging and storage. Or donate them to the Friends and we will find a good home for them through one of our many sales channels.

## San Buenaventura Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale



**Saturday**

**October 12, 2013**

**10:00 a.m.**

**to 4:00 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.

### Today's Program



Is Sponsored By

**San Buenaventura  
Friends of the Library**

This is an image of a large, durable sign provided by the city's Graphics Department to be displayed at library events to increase public awareness of the contribution the Friends are making. Information about the programs is displayed in this space.



Are you a Friend of the Library?  
Become a Friends member to support programming, collection needs and future planning for the libraries of Ventura.



<http://sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org>

### Kudos to Friends of the Library

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration: October 20-26.

Our Friends of the Library group has been a partner with the library in the exciting new programs and improvements you can now enjoy.

**Please consider celebrating Friends of the Library week by making a financial contribution to keep the good things coming!**



**What is this?** This is a QR code. It can be read with an imaging device, like a smartphone camera. An app installed on a smartphone reads the code, converts it to the url for SBFOL's website, engages a web browser and Voila! Our website is displayed on your smartphone.

## TRICKS AND TREATS FOR TEENS AT THE LIBRARY

WITH ALL THE NEW PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY, THERE IS LOTS TO DO FOR TEENS!

CREATE

READ

WRITE

DRAW

PERFORM

MAKE!

SHARE SKILLS

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

### YAC MEETING

(COUNTS FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS)

WILL HAVE SNACKS

FIRST & THIRD THURSDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH

Teens ages 13 to 18 meet first and third Thursdays of the month at 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor E.P. Foster. Enjoy snacks and volunteer for community and library programs like "Teens Teach Tech". Call 648-2716 and ask for Star Soto or Jane Middleton.

Heart Print  
word of mouth on paper

First and Third Mondays  
4 to 6

**Mentoring in writing and performance.** Experience a variety of performers and artists. Students will build a portfolio of their work and be encouraged to enter writing contests. Co-sponsored by Askew Poetry Journal. E.P. Foster Library, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 4 - 6 pm.

# Foster Con Mini Comic Festival

October 26 - 27, 2013

[www.ventcolibrary.org/locations/epfoster](http://www.ventcolibrary.org/locations/epfoster)

Art Contest  
Costume Contest  
Kids Activities  
Cartoonists  
Wii for Teens  
Avengers movie  
Vendors



SBFOL

Guest speaker: **SERGIO ARAGONES**  
Cartoonist and Writer

Mad Magazine and creator of Groo the Wanderer

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# make!

Drop in  
on Tuesdays  
to the Topping Room and  
create cool stuff with local "makers".  
Open to all ages. First Tuesday: 8 to 10 pm.  
2nd Tuesday: Media Night -- learn about video cameras &  
editing with CAPS TV, 7:30 to 9:30 pm.  
3rd & 4th Tuesdays: 7:30 to 9:30 pm.  
Code, CAD, Build, Tinker, Sew, Upcycle: What will you  
Make? Call 648-2716 for more info.



## Look Who's Coming to the Library!



Linda Kapala presents

### College Planning Workshops

SBFOL Member and volunteer, **Linda Kapala** is offering a valuable resource for college-bound high school students. **College Planning Workshops** at Foster Library are designed to help students and parents navigate the complicated waters of the college application process.

Juniors and their families attended the first workshop in May of last year. Workshop 1 was an overview of the college application process. Workshop 2 concentrated on a variety of topics such as refining college fit, college ranking and making the most of visits with college representatives. In between workshops, the participants receive newsletters dealing with topics of interest.

The **current set of workshops** will explore college applications, scholarships, financing college, gap years and more. Workshops are timed to coincide with where the students should be in their application process. Workshops are free and open to any parent and student in the Tri Counties. The next workshop dates are **October 9th, November 6th, and December 4th** from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. For more info, call 648-2716.

Linda Kapala has a BA Psychology/Sociology, Secondary Teaching Credential, MEd Administration and 24 years of experience as an educator in the high school setting.

#1 HORROR BEST SELLER

GEDDY'S  
MOON



Reading and Book Signing  
by John Mulhall

October 11, 2013 7:00 pm at E.P. Foster Library

For more info, email [info@johnmulhall.com](mailto:info@johnmulhall.com)

### Lawyers at the Library



Local legal professionals share information and insights on legal matters with the public -- **Free at your public library!**

October 16, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Estate Planning

Attorney Michael Williams of Grey Law discusses wills, trusts, avoiding probate, and more.

Presented with the Ventura County Law Library.



**Birdeez**  
Every Bird Counts

Jeff Simeon,  
founder of Birdeez,

will teach the basics of bird identification in this interactive workshop. He will show parents and children how to connect to nature using play, careful observation, books and smartphone technology. A smartphone is not required for this workshop, but you may optionally download Birdeez for your iPhone at [www.GetBirdeez.com](http://www.GetBirdeez.com).

Sunday, October 13, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.



The format of the **Summer Reading Program** was changed this year. Children no longer had to read 15 hours to complete the program. They only needed to read 5 hours for completion and could turn in up to 12 completed reading logs (totaling 60 hours). The grand total of completed reading logs turned in at E.P. Foster was 1,660, making this the best year yet.

At Avenue Library, more than 100 entries were submitted to qualify for the grand prize drawing for a Nook e-reader, which calculated to be over 500 hours of reading by participants! This was a major increase in reading activity over the past few summer programs. More prizes, including two Barnes & Noble gift certificates were given away at the finale pizza party in August.

E-readers were also the Grand Prize awards at E.P. Foster and Saticoy.

Thanks to generous support by our Friends (SBFOL), patrons had a most delicious and magical summer at the library.

Keep updated at [www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org](http://www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org) and at our Facebook page



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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"> <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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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