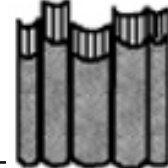


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

The Friends closed another year on March 31 with a financial gift of \$57,523 to the County Library System for use in Ventura's libraries. In addition, book sales, memberships and donations provided funding to contribute \$30,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund managed through the Ventura County Community Foundation. Throughout the year your generous donations of books and financial gifts provided a myriad of new programming and educational opportunities for all ages at the library. These programs include over \$2000 for the Summer Reading Program for entertainers, crafts and prizes; crafts throughout the year for weekly story times, Read Me a Story and More early literacy program, teen centered events such as FosterCon (comic convention at the library) and Teen Activity Group (bimonthly), movie screenings, live professional music performances, Maker Spaces and various adult education lectures. There is always something new to learn and do at the library from ukulele lessons and jam sessions to College Coaching to lecture series by CSU Channel Islands professors and most recently, spinning and weaving and Pysanky egg decorating. Come challenge yourself intellectually or artistically with a variety of interesting topics.

Know that your support is making a huge difference in our community.

As we commence a new fiscal year we would like to welcome Jill Forman as our new Corresponding Secretary. Jill's friendly and outgoing demeanor along with her love for reading makes her a perfect fit for the Friends' Board. Outgoing Corresponding Secretary and long time Board member, Dixie Adeniran, will continue to serve as member-at-large providing wisdom and a wealth of experience on all things library related. Jill explored this opportunity by first participating at a monthly board meeting. Members are welcome to visit Board meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 1:30-3:00 in the Topping Room at Foster Library.

The Friends Wrap Their Fiscal Year with a Celebration of the Spoken Word and End of Year Gifts to the Library



Friday Lubina, poet

It was great fun to indulge our fondness for the written and spoken word -- it is, after all, what drew us to the library in the first place.

At our Annual Membership Meeting, the Friends of the Library gathered to celebrate a year's worth of effort in support of literacy and community. We enjoyed poetry readings, a performance by the Senior Readers Theater, speeches from the Foothill High School Speech Team and musical performances as well.



Senior Readers Theater



As friends of the library, we all have experienced libraries as places of inspiration and entertainment. Books, programs and other resources have enriched our lives so much that we want to lend a hand in making sure that they remain available to everyone with inquiring minds.

The creativity and hard work of the Friends over the past year enabled us to present a check for \$57,523.10 to the library director to be used for collection materials at E. P. Foster Library, Avenue Library and Saticoy Library for the benefit of the library patrons in the city of Ventura.

Funds raised each year are used to underwrite library programming and to purchase materials for each library. The additional money raised has been deposited with the Ventura County Community Foundation's San Buenaventura Friends of the Library Capital Improvement Fund for future capital projects.

To see how we accomplished this -- turn the page!



Our fundraising begins with the dues collected from members of Friends of the Library and book donations received from Friends and library patrons. Some of the dues collected are the result of an innovative partnership with Ventura County Credit Union. When seeking a loan with VCCU, borrowers who do not live in Ventura County can create a relationship with the county by becoming members of San Buenaventura Friends of the Library during the application process. We appreciate the support and recognition for the Friends that this partnership provides.

Donations of books can be left at E.P. Foster Library, Avenue Library and Saticoy Library during hours that the libraries are open.

At E.P. Foster Library, there are two large blue bins outside the door of the Friends' Bookstore (the door facing the computer lab). Books can be left in those bins or boxes placed next to the bins. If someone has a very large collection of books they wish to donate, they can send an inquiry to info@sbfol.org. Our very devoted bookstore manager, Colleen Gallo, supervises the disposition of these book donations. A good eye for the value of books is essential, but in the last few years a new tool has been available to determine the value of books.

With smartphone apps, volunteers can scan the donated books to acquire information on market price and availability. Certain books are then offered for sale to a wider audience than those who might visit our store or periodic sales through a "storefront" on Amazon.com.



When customers of Amazon see "books available used", SBFOL is one of the vendors they can purchase from. This has allowed SBFOL to capture the value of these more collectible books for the benefit of our libraries. The web address for SBFOL's storefront on Amazon is <http://www.amazon.com/shops/A2JYAHUHFJNMH6>.



Some donated books are added directly to the library's collection. Some books are chosen to fill the shelves of our bookstore. Then, the rest are sent to a warehouse for further sorting and pricing.

These books will make their appearance later at our periodic sales. When you donate books, please be sure that they are clean and still relevant so that they will be salable.

As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work" and we do have many hands at work. We also have gotten a great return for the library for our effort and an award this year from the Ventura Chamber of Commerce for Non-Profit Organization of the Year. One of our goals for the coming year is to increase participation in all the activities necessary to keep our organization vital. First of all, everybody come on down to our bookstore and sales and bring your friends. Let's keep that product moving! Drop in to our board meetings on the third Thursday of the month in the Topping Room at 1:30 p.m. We welcome your input. You can learn what goes on behind the scenes and, perhaps, discover an area where you would like to lend a hand. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis -- and for specific occasions. We especially need extra help for wrangling boxes of books and driving a truck for periodic sales. We invite you to join an award winning team!

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Book Sales!

Over the next few months, the Friends of the Library will offer a series of mini book sales.

May 31: The Friends of the Library will have books for sale at Summerfest

The 9th Annual **Summerfest** community celebration of healthy living, presented by Ventura Education Partnership (VEP) and the Ventura Unified School District will be on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Ventura Unified School District's Education Service Center, 255 West Stanley Avenue in Ventura.



June 7: Foster Back Door Sale E.P. Foster Library, 11am to 4 pm



Shake off the June Gloom with a great bargain in that quintessential beach book genre, the Who-Done-It. Browse through a hodge podge of other fiction as well.

June 18: Summer Reading Kick-off Sale E.P. Foster Library Noon to 3:00 pm

The Reptile Family kicks off the Summer Reading Program with 2 showings at E.P. Foster Library. The Friends will have some great bargains in summer reading for sale between showings.

June 21: Clearance Sale at the Albertsons at Kimball Road 10 am to 3 pm

We'll provide the bag -- fill a plastic bag and take home a bag of books for just \$1.00; fill a larger paper bag and take it home for \$2.00.



Fourth of July Street Fair

The Teen Activity Group will sell books in front of E.P. Foster as part of the city's July 4 Street Fair from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

July 19: Late Night at Foster

The Art Walk returns to Ventura July 19 and 20. E.P. Foster Library will participate in the Art Walk and the Friends of the Library will join in the festivities with a book sale in E.P. Foster Library on the evening of July 19, 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

September 13: READ Literacy Fair

READ - Ventura County Library's Adult Literacy Program will hold an event at E.P. Foster. SBFOL will participate with a book sale.

Coming Later in the Fall: Fall Clearance Sale at the Dudley House

Join the Friends in an excursion to **Pompeii: The Exhibition** at the California Science Center.



We plan to visit in the Fall. Watch for details to come.

Pompeii: The Exhibition at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. This dramatic 13,000-square-foot exhibit features over 150 artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum and an immersive CGI experience that recreates the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

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and at our Facebook page



2014 SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE 1 - AUGUST 9

Paws to



Hey Kids and Teens!

Gallop, crawl, slither or fly to join the

Summer Reading Program

for a summer of fun and prizes.

Download a reading log at the Ventura County Library website www.vencolibrary.org
 Color a paw 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 a small prize.
 You may turn in 1 log per week for a maximum of 10 logs.
 All logs will be entered into an end-of-summer grand prize drawing.
 All children & teens up through 12th grade may participate.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF



The Reptile Family

Avenue Library

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 - 10:30 pm - 11:30 pm

In order to accommodate all who want to attend,

This show will be held at the Boys and Girls Club, 1440 N. Olive St.

E.P. Foster Library Two Shows!

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 - 11:00 am

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 - 3:00 pm

Saticoy Library

Wednesday, June 25, 3:00 p.m.

E.P. Foster Summer Reading Events

June 25th, 3:30 pm: **Ojai Raptors**

July 2nd, 3:30 pm: **4th of July Craft**

July 9th, 3:30 pm: **Labak, the Magician**

July 16th, The Nifty Balloon Show

2 Shows: 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

July 23rd, 3:30 pm: **Pulse Drumming**

July 30th, 3:30 pm: **Music with Miss Jessica**

August 6th, 3:30 pm: **End of Summer Party**



Paws for Reading

will continue at E.P. Foster throughout the summer, Saturdays, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Children read aloud to registered therapy dogs to help improve their reading skills.

Sign-up is required. Call Star Soto, Youth Librarian, 648-2716



E.P. Foster Library has been hosting a Pop-Up Maker Space on Tuesday evenings in the Topping Room since September 2013.

To describe them simply, makerspaces are community centers with tools. Makerspaces combine equipment, community, and education for the purposes of enabling members to design, prototype and create.

The Makers in E.P. Foster library have already shared their skills in geocaching, media, squishy circuits, origami, paracord weaving and 3D printing. The exact time the Makerspace is open differs -- the space is open earlier when projects that would appeal to younger makers are scheduled.

Currently, a series on Digital Storytelling is in progress -- see the box on the right for times.

To find out what's happening on the other Tuesdays, check the websites or facebook pages of E.P. Foster Library and SBFOL or call 648-2716.

Come by and learn about the local and national Maker network – tap into your neighbors’ interests and share equipment.

There really is something for everyone. Don't see what you like? Consider making it!

Free classes!

Learn to “make!” videos and share your story

make!



**DIGITAL STORYTELLING
WITH MAKE!, CAPS &
E.P. FOSTER LIBRARY**
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
4/22, 5/27, 6/24, 7/1 & 8/5



Learn how to:

- Script
- Storyboard your ideas
- Use professional cameras
- Film, edit and put it all together
- Finish your video for TV, Vimeo, You Tube or your own website

Share your story!



**ARTWALK VENTURA 2014
July 19-20**

Artwalk Ventura is a free, self-guided tour of dozens of galleries, studios and pop-up venues in Ventura's Westside Cultural District and Downtown.

**E.P. Foster Library is hosting artists in the Artwalk.
Drop in on Saturday, July 19, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**


for Late Night at the Library

Enjoy the Art, Refreshments and check out the books offered for sale by the Friends of the Library

Where does the greatest battle rage?

Participate in a presentation focused on Prem Rawat, an international speaker for more than 40 years, who asks these questions and many more, to ask ourselves. His message is simple - find peace within yourself - no matter what - on the battlefield or off. Know your inner resources. Know yourself.

**Monday, June 2, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
E.P. Foster Library Topping Room**



Book Appetit

Exploring Olive Oil

Book Appetit explores the art of olive oil with local business, Ojai Olive Oil company. Free tasting!

**Saturday, June 7, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
E.P. Foster Library Topping Room**

READ ME A STORY & MORE

I had the privilege of representing SBFOL at our new early literacy educational workshop for parents and caregivers of children age 0 to 5. This program is sponsored by SBFOL and our volunteers prepared all the materials distributed to attendees.



Taught by Children Services Manager, Susan Mikula, this free two hour workshop is for adults, and teaches the six early literacy skills and the five practices children need to be reading ready. It also provides ideas on how to extend stories into activities the whole family will enjoy including flannel boarding.

Parents are the first and most important teachers of their children. This is an excellent program and attendees were enormously grateful for the information and SBFOL's support. Each participant receives an instructional notebook, three beautiful pre-school story books, and a flannel board and felt story pieces for several activities, all lovingly cut out by SBFOL volunteers.



New classes are forming now. Reservations are required; call (805) 648-2716.

We can all take pride in knowing all our hard work, support, and book donations are helping to underwrite such a great program growing lots of little readers and future Friends.

--Marianne Coffey



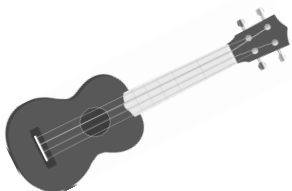
Exploring the Channel Islands

Sunday, June 8, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Local photographer and author Tim Hauf will share a multi-media presentation focused on the Channel Islands.

E.P. Foster Library, Topping Room

Ukuleles!



Jam Session Monday, June 9, 7-10 p.m. Drop in to play with this local group of ukulele enthusiasts. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Ukulele Class Saturday, June 14, 2-3 p.m. Free class for beginners.

Share your enthusiasm for reading with your Friends!

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.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

meets in the Topping Room on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon. This group reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction and is always open to new members!

Reading List:

June: **The Inheritors**
by William Golding

July: **God and Mr. Gomez**
by Jack Smith

August: **Bootlegger's Daughter**
by Margaret Maron

September: **Blue Diary**
by Alice Hoffman

This is a proposed list. If you read something wonderful, please do bring your suggestions. We have been known to change our reading list. For more info, call Marcia at 407-3510 or e-mail at mrortiz@earthlink.net.



Dottie Gragg, Star Soto, Phyllis Brzozowski & Jane Middleton

It is with sadness we report the passing of Phyllis Brzozowski on May 7, 2014. She was one of the Friends' biggest supporters, having joined FOL in the mid 1980's. She quickly began raising funds to support Ventura's libraries. Phyllis initiated the idea of bi-monthly mini book sales at Plaza Park. These sales were later moved to the grassy area outside HP Wright library. She was involved with sales at these 2 locations for 14 years.

When then president, Martin Rooney, suggested we establish an endowment fund, Phyllis used her power of persuasion to help Martin convince the board of the future benefits of this idea. It must be noted, however, it was not a very hard sell; that account has now grown to more than \$421,000.

Phyllis always knew the genre of books her friends liked and always had a supply in her garage and the trunk of her car, ready for a quick sale.

The Friends of San Buenaventura Library have lost a true Friend.

A surprising report recently on NPR's 'Morning Edition' informed the listeners that only half of 17 year old children read for pleasure one to two times per year, which is down in the past decade. Parents are seeing less and less reading and more use of digital media.

Parents are the ultimate role model when it comes to reading. "Kids with parents who read, who buy or take books out of the library for their kids, and who then set time aside in their kids' daily schedule for reading, tend to read the most," says Jim Steyer of Common Sense Media. Kids who are avid readers have parents who are avid readers.

Join me in showing your support for early childhood reading with a donation to the Summer Reading Program. Donors will be thanked and listed in the next newsletter as sponsors. You may mail in the enclosed envelope or deliver to the Friends' bookstore at the Foster Library.

Kathy Thomson, President, SBFOL

I want to support childhood reading with a special financial gift designated to the 2014 Summer Reading Program.

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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.)

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