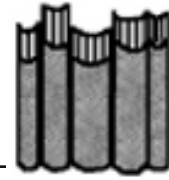


# Ex Libris



Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
Summer 2014

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

Ventura's **Avenue Library** has been the topic of discussion at City Council and Library Advisory Commission meetings lately, as well as in the Ventura County Star on July 21.

In this issue of Ex Libris, the Friends of the Library would like to acknowledge the City Council's allocation of \$59,532 for Library Services in the 2014-15 recommended city budget. This is a general fund allocation for library services and includes the Avenue Library lease obligation and is an increase over the last year's adopted library budget of \$51,494. The Avenue Library had recently seen a rent increase to 50 percent of 'market rate' levels. In order to preserve this vital community resource, it was recommended to City Council to allocate up to \$50,000 to cover the cost of the rent increase. In the past, CDBG funds had funded a large portion of Avenue Library expenses. However, with the new rent increase, supplemental funds are needed. We appreciate the city allocating resources from the general fund to support libraries. Background resource information can be found at the City of Ventura website under 'Budget Documents'.

On May 19, 2014, City Council voted to reallocate \$4000 of CDBG block grant funds from Avenue Library to the Extended Learning Academy and to recommend the use of trust funds from the Berdean Eaton Trust, which benefits Avenue Library, to take the place of the reallocated funds. On June 24 the Library Advisory Commission voted to not support the use of Eaton Trust funds to replace the reallocated funds. This prompted a response from County Library Director, Jackie Griffin, who was present at the June 24 meeting, to announce that any shortfall in funding for Avenue Library would result in a cut in hours of service.

Recognizing the importance of Avenue Library to the community; City Council and staff, LAC and VCLS scrambled to find funds to fill the gap.

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## TAG --You're It!

Active is the word for TAG, the library's Teen Activity Group. You may have seen them at the Fourth of July Street Fair, proudly wearing the Ventura County Library T-shirts they designed. They participated in the fair, offering books for children and teens for sale. Their sale raised more than \$1,000 to return to the library for programming and books.



Regular TAG meetings will resume in September. This year TAG groups will meet at both E.P. Foster and Saticoy libraries. For Fall schedule, check the library or SBFOL websites or call 648-2716 and ask for Jane Middleton ([jane.middleton@ventura.org](mailto:jane.middleton@ventura.org)) or Star Soto ([star.soto@ventura.org](mailto:star.soto@ventura.org))

TAG meets to share ideas, meet new people and have a great time shaping the library teen program. They provide general feedback on various aspects of the teen programs: reviewing books, movies, music and other media, and offering suggestions for the Teen Collection. Active members earn School Community Service Hours credit.

TAG co-hosts teen events & participates in library activities such as book discussions and Family Game Nights offering Wii, Playstation and board games. They also share their tech savvy with you as "Teens Teach Tech" every third Saturday of the month, between 10:00 am and noon. Teens help the community learn how to download books on their tablets, surf the internet or put contacts into that smartphone. Have a device? They can help!

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## President's Message

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At the July 22nd LAC meeting, commissioners voted to take \$10,000 from the Eaton Trust fund to cover gaps in Avenue Library funding with the understanding that it would be used to pay for databases and collection materials. This would be in addition to the Friends' most recent annual donation, for programs and materials, of \$8,628 to Avenue Library, on April 1st.

If you would like to comment on these recent decisions, attend the Library Advisory Commission meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 in the Santa Cruz Room at City Hall. Additionally, you may contact any of the Friends' board members at [info@sbfol.org](mailto:info@sbfol.org). A list of board members is included in each issue of Ex Libris.

## TAG

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In December, TAG held a Teens for Teens gift drive. They collected toys and sports equipment for the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive which provides holiday gifts for children who would otherwise go without. Their focus, as teens, was to help other teens in particular, as they saw that this age group is often overlooked. Their efforts brought recognition by Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

This summer, they have been collecting towels, blankets and pet toys to donate to animal shelters.

TAG is a great partner for SBFOL. SBFOL provides funding for the TAG program and the teens return help at book sales, even initiating their own sales where books donated to SBFOL are sold, and provide technical and other support at Friends' events.

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## Pet First Aid

Wednesday, September 10  
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Topping Room

presented by Glenda Mahon  
EMT, Educator at Action  
Preparedness Training

Do you know what to do in case of a pet emergency?

Learn when to call for emergency assistance for an injured pet, how to identify signals of breathing emergencies, and what can go into a pet friendly first aid kit.



Join in for this free presentation!

## Got the Vacation's Over Blues?

### Strum them away!

Ukulele Jam Sessions  
continue in the Fall

Monday, Sept. 8, 7-10 p.m.



Free and open to the public. All skill levels are welcome to join in the fun!

## Express Yourself!

### Open Mic Night

(almost) every Thursday  
7:30-9 p.m. 9/4, 9/11, 9/18  
in the Topping Room



Enjoy a featured poet and share your work, or sit back and listen.

Hosted by Phil Taggart. Sponsored by Ventura County Library and Askew Poetry Journal.

## Back to School!

### College Planning

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

in the Topping Room

Linda Kapala will help you learn how to choose the right college, finance a college education, fill out applications, and much, much more.

## Homework Helpers Needed!

E.P. Foster Library is opening a Homework Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, starting on August 26th. Homework Helpers assist students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade with their homework assignments in Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, or Social Studies.

Homework Centers are comfortable spaces at the library where students of all ages can drop in and work on their homework independently or with the help of volunteers. The centers are equipped with Wi-Fi, computers with internet access, printers, research books, and school supplies for student use.

Homework Centers are available following the school calendar and need volunteers. If you are available to help for 2 hours, 2 days a week with the Homework Center, please contact Star Soto at 648-2716.

## Fall Book Sale!

### Huge Sale at the Historic Dudley House



**Saturday, September 27**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Shop our affordable, quality used books:**  
**Large Print, Hard Cover and Paperback Fiction, Art, Classics, Children's Books**  
**Music, Movies, Puzzles, Books on Tape**

**As a Bonus, docents will be on hand to give tours of the Dudley House.**  
**Tours begin at 11:00 a.m. on the half hour. A \$5 donation is requested.**

During the summer, the Friends of the Library held a series of mini book sales in conjunction with various events taking place at E.P. Foster Library.

There is one more mini book sale to go:

**READ - Ventura County Library's Adult Literacy Program** will hold their Literacy Fair at E.P. Foster Library on September 13. The Friends of the Library will be there with books to sell.



*Members are always welcome to join us at the monthly SBFOL board meetings. We're looking for your fresh ideas. Board meetings are held in the Topping Room on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.*

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



## Join the Friends in an excursion to **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.

From garden frescoes and marble statues to gladiator armor, coins and currency to religious altars and shrines — all set in their original surroundings — experience daily life in this once vibrant Roman city. Then, as the floors shake and the walls rumble, relive the volcano's catastrophic eruption through an immersive CGI experience, culminating in the reveal of full body casts of twisted human forms, asphyxiated by extreme heat and noxious gases and forever frozen in time.

Through excavated artifacts, multimedia experiences, and hands-on science exhibits, guests will learn the science of archaeology, volcanology, and Roman engineering while exploring the ancient civilization of Pompeii

### Thursday, October 23

We will depart by bus from Ventura at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.  
Space is limited: Transportation is arranged in partnership with the City of Ventura.

Price: \$48.00 includes  
Transportation to the California Science Center.  
Entry to the Pompeii exhibit for a self-guided tour, IMAX film  
and viewing of the Endeavor Space Shuttle.

As space is limited, please list all members of your party.  
Reservation with payment must be received by September 25.  
For more information, email [info@sbfol.org](mailto:info@sbfol.org)



### Pompeii Exhibition

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact: Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my check for \$48.00 per person made out to SBFOL.

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## Lots of Help Growing Little Readers!

My grandson, Jesse, is two and one half years old. He can recite the alphabet, count to ten, knows his colors, can tell you the name of every single kind of truck that passes by, and is developing an amazing imagination. I would like to share with you all of the people who are responsible for his accomplishments.

When he was a baby he attended lap sit story time with our wonderful children's librarian, Star Soto. She shared stories and songs and delighted him with her puppets. Now he can't wait to visit the library. He loves to read! And our Library Technician, Jane, found him his favorite truck book and another favorite, "Go, Go, Go Stop," which helped him learn colors. Our Children's Services Coordinator, Susan Mikula, taught a class my daughter and I attended called, "Tell Me a Story and More," an early literacy educational workshop that was enormously helpful to us. Susan also told us about the "A to Zoo," children's reference book in the library that helps you locate all the books in your child's area of interest.

Our generous donors passed on their children's books when their children outgrew them, and our beloved Friends of the Library sorted, transported and stocked an enormous collection of children's books in the SBFOL Book Store. Jesse not only has the diverse children's collection at the library, but, both for home and at Grandma's, we were able to stock book collections for him at a very low cost.

Jesse loves all things about firefighters. Star arranged for the city fire truck to visit story time and Jesse got to climb on the truck. He still goes everywhere in his fire hat. He wears it backwards I'm afraid, and uses his Mom's bathrobe tie for his "firehose." And suddenly he has taken to calling himself, "Jesse Morgan Pie." I suspect this idea came from a library book too. He is becoming quite a little character.

We are so lucky to have such wonderful children's library resources. So thank you to everyone who has enriched Jesse's young life. Your efforts are making such a difference in the lives of little ones.

And if you want some extra giggles at bedtime, we suggest, "Cornelius P. Mudd Are You Ready For Bed?" Cornelius is a pig who gets ready for bed by putting his toys away in the refrigerator and accessorizing his pajamas with swimming goggles and roller skates. A delightful story for the pre-school set.

I hope all of you will stop by the SBFOL Book Store to see our extensive collection of books for children and readers of all ages!

*Marianne Coffey*

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## 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:

September: **Blue Diary**

by Alice Hoffman

October: **The Cats Table**

by Michael Ondaatje

November:

You have your choice to read either:

#### **Crime and Punishment**

by Fyodor Dostoevsky

or

#### **Lafcadio's Adventure**

by Andrew Gide

December: **Cats Cradle**

by Kurt Vonnegut

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](mailto:mrortiz@earthlink.net).



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Join **San Buenaventura Friends of the Library** and help make our libraries even **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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Please consider volunteering in any of the following areas. Just check the boxes. We'll contact you.

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