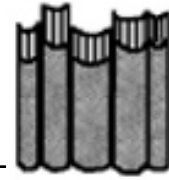


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002

Fall 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

Mark your calendars for an important city related library issue. At the December 1 City Council meeting city staff responsible for libraries will make a formal presentation to City Council on the recently completed Library Cost Study. This study illustrates a library cost comparison between Ventura and cities of similar population throughout California. This study has prompted the Library Advisory Commission to recommend, at the December 1 meeting, that City Council seek funding to maintain our two libraries at their current level and to expand funding to meet or exceed the state per capita level of \$34 in order to increase services on the east end and for our existing libraries. At our current funding level of \$18 per capita, it is critical that additional funding sources be found to prevent future cuts in hours and materials. **Friends are requesting that those interested in library issues attend this city council meeting in order to provide public comment.**

Our quarterly newsletter will continue to draw attention to new and interesting events at Ventura's libraries. Here are just a few fall highlights.

The Friends are sponsoring sketchbooks for the Foster Library to lend. They have been checked out several times and it is interesting to see the entries citizens have contributed in this 'mobile museum'. Foster Library staff is also loaning out Kindles with ebooks that are provided through FOL funds. The community has been very excited about this new service.

Homework Help Center has opened at Avenue Library. Saticoy Library will be moving to a new location in Saticoy sometime during the winter months.

And finally, thank you to Marianne Coffey and Jill Forman for using your journalistic skills to create timely and informative articles for the Ventura Breeze. Look for them in upcoming issues. You're sure to be enlightened!

Summer "Paws" to Read

The Summer "Paws to Read" program brought kids of all ages to the library for reptiles, raptors, Origami animals and cork critters. They colored paws in their logs totaling their hours of reading to qualify for prizes. The kick-off event was a visit from the Reptile Family: We Bring the Safari to You! E.P. Foster Library hosted two showings, the Avenue Library's show was held at the nearby Boys and Girls Club to accommodate all who wanted to attend and a show was held at Saticoy Library as well.



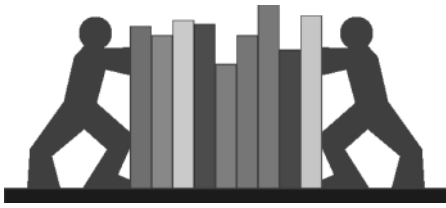
Fanciful creatures made their appearance in the ever-popular Nifty Balloon Show. Two showings at E.P. Foster filled the house.

At E.P. Foster a total of 1312 reading logs were completed. A total of 1249 people attended twenty one special events!



Kids turned in 67 reading logs at the Avenue branch and 252 attended the 10 events throughout the summer. At the Saticoy branch, 204, including 35 teens, completed reading logs. The program wrapped up in August with prizes, pizza parties, a pet parade and Polynesian dancers.

A big thank you to Kathy Thomson and John & Joan Guertler who made special donations in support of the Summer Reading Program.



A tremendous thank you

goes out to our army of volunteers who helped prepare, set up and run the periodic sale on September 27th at the Dudley House. It can't be done without you!

Adult volunteers: Woody Bretz, Don Belless, Bill Aulich, Dave Bayer, Richard, Alan Martin, Jane Middleton, Debra Renick, Tom Harshbarger, Kay Mendel, Diane Powers, Emma Mayer, Alberta Word, Sandy Miller, Jessica Jordan, Kerry Curl, Jill Forman, Thelma Piercy, Barb Paarmann, Judy Dugan, Tingley Lew, Linda Palace, Berta Steele, Dottie Gragg, Joanne Fields, and Mary Olson.
Student volunteers: Madeline, Paul, James, Dominic, Chris, Clayton, Arden, Anika, Jocelyn, Ashley, Caleb, Suvee R., Fox B., Eesh M., and Andrew.

**Next Sale:
January 31 in the Topping Room**

Ray Bradbury's Legacy For Our Future Friends

As you may recall, the documentary, **Live Forever: The Ray Bradbury Odyssey**, premiered here in Ventura on November 11, 2012. SBFOL sold tickets and promoted this event.

Mr. Bradbury was a beloved science fiction and fantasy author, as well as a great supporter of public libraries. (Shown here autographing a T-shirt for a young fan) Did you know that his famous work, "Fahrenheit 451," was written on a ten cents per half hour rental typewriter in UCLA's Powell Library for a total cost of \$9.80?



Mr. Bradbury had requested that revenue from this premiere be used to support our children's libraries. So our future Friends from tots to teens will be enjoying many new things this fall at our E.P. Foster, Avenue, and Saticoy Libraries thanks to Mr. Bradbury and those who attended this movie premiere.

Among our new additions are road rugs for the libraries with cars and trains that can travel on them, library learning games for ABCs, numbers and colors, giant floor puzzles, a Lego table, and another Wii so our new Saticoy teen group will have one as well. A small game table that will be more right sized for the Avenue is also being ordered as well as some additional games for our teen groups.

SBFOL would like to thank our Children's Librarian, Star Soto, for all her help in coordinating the purchase of these new library materials.

We are going to be posting signs in each library commemorating Mr. Bradbury's generous contribution to our children's libraries, bringing many hours of learning and fun for our future Friends.

-- Marianne Coffey

California State University CI, the Ventura County Library,
the Ventura County Bar Association and DK Law Group present a new series of free public seminars:

Seminars on Ethics, Culture & Biotechnology: Perspectives on the GMO Global Food Fight



Our Innate Cognitive Biases - How Emotion and Tribalism Divide Us and How to Avoid Bias, Prejudice and Hype

Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m., E.P. Foster Library

Join Tom Krause, Ph.D. Psychology, for a look at the psychological perspectives shaping public opinions of biotechnology. Krause is a management consultant and former Chairman of an Ojai-based global consulting firm specializing in organizational culture and safety management.

What Do We Mean When We Talk About "Nature"? - A Catholic Perspective

Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave.

Join Karen Zedlick, Ph.D., Philosophy, and faculty member at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula for an exploration of biotechnological advances from the Catholic perspective.

GMO Label Legislation and the Court of Public Opinion

Sunday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m., E.P. Foster Library

Biotechnology law expert Panda Kroll, JD/MFA takes a look at the influence of the public on GMO labeling legislation.

This series expands on last year's popular biotechnology law forums by focusing on cultural, religious and psychological perspectives.

Seminars are free and open to the public. Attorneys pay a nominal fee to receive continuing education credits.

For more info: pk@dk4law.com or panda.kroll@csuci.edu.

The Friends Do It All!

Beginning at the warehouse, San Buenaventura Friends of the Library transform donations of books, puzzles, audio CDs and DVDs into programs for children, lectures for adults, teen group activities, library supplies, new reading material for everyone, and many other wondrous things.

Working in a small warehouse space with an estimated 20,000 items, with up to 30 boxes a week coming in, the warehouse volunteers inspect, sort and price each book.



The Friends are all true book lovers. In addition to our desire to keep our libraries vibrant, we want to make sure every book that comes into our hands finds its way to an eager reader. Over the past year, we have held mini book sales in conjunction with events at the library, large book sales at the Dudley House and clearance book sales where books are offered at a buck a bag!



On a daily basis, the Friends offer books for sale through a storefront on Amazon.com and in our bookstore in E.P. Foster. When the bookstore window display needed some freshening up, volunteers even showed up early on a Sunday morning and removed the old painted signage from the window!



Last year our book sales, memberships, donations, and interest earned on the Friends' Endowment Fund added up to a donation of \$68,151.00 to the E.P. Foster, Avenue and Saticoy Libraries for special programs, materials and equipment. The Friends of the Library also contribute to a Capital Improvement Fund, for future library buildings or improvements, and an Endowment Fund.

An Endowment Fund was established in 1999 by the Executive Board of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library. The purpose of this fund is to supply resources in the form of income, in perpetuity, for the purchase of items for the libraries. All monies deposited in the Fund remain with the Fund and interest generated each year is used to make purchases for the libraries of Ventura.

When you contribute to the Endowment Fund you provide a rewarding gift to Ventura's libraries for years to come. All gifts to the Endowment Fund are fully tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library or SBFOL, and designated for the Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund is held and administered by VCCF (Ventura County Community Foundation) for the benefit of San Buenaventura Friends of the Library in accordance with the Designated Agency Endowment Fund Agreement, dated April 6, 1999.

New volunteers are always needed!

And we would greatly appreciate your adding the Friends of the Library to your gift list!

We're Friends to inquiring minds of all ages!

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, parents and caregivers can confidently bring the joys of reading to their toddlers. Read Me a Story and More is an early literacy workshop for parents and caregivers. Participants receive felt boards and books to bring home for the whole family to enjoy. SBFOL funds this program and provides volunteers to prepare materials. The next workshop will be in late January at E.P. Foster -- call 648-2716 to register. The Friends also support a full schedule of storytimes at E.P. Foster and Saticoy, from Lapsit to school age.



The Summer Reading Program serves more kids every year at E.P. Foster, Avenue and Saticoy. This past summer, grown-ups were invited to join the fun, too --with a chance to win an Amazon Kindle Paperwhite. E.P. Foster also has a new program for busy adults looking for titles the library does not own. Patrons will be able to submit a request for the library to purchase the title (certain criteria apply) in eBook format and borrow a Kindle DX eReader from the library with the title pre-loaded and ready to read. For more information, call 648-2716.

Teens in TAG (Teen Activity Group) bring their own special style and energy to E.P. Foster and Saticoy. The teens volunteer at the library and Friends of the Library events, plan their own events, staff book sales and enjoy ice cream socials. They are especially proud of the teen gift drive which they organized and directed and are planning to repeat this holiday season. And, coming in 2015: Foster Con, a mini comic festival, Feb 28-March 1. They plan to have comic vendors, games and activities, and even a world-famous comic artist.



The Friends are delighted to support a growing roster of events at E.P. Foster that appeal to readers, writers, movie makers, makers of all sorts, nature lovers and adventure seekers. Music lovers, too -- every second and fourth Monday, ukulele enthusiasts get together in the Topping Room to jam.



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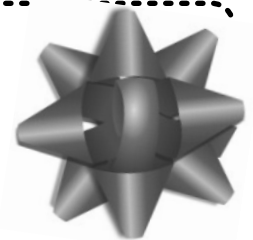
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*** IN MEMORIAM ***

Helen Hawkins

a longtime Ventura resident and SBFOL volunteer, passed away on October 9, 2014. She had been a regular bookstore volunteer for many years. Even after she moved to Washington to live with her daughter and family, she continued her support. She was a faithful friend to SBFOL and we are deeply grateful for her service and generous donations to support Ventura's libraries.

Bernie Simon

well-known in Ventura for recounting his personal witness to history, passed away on September 3, 2014. Bernie was a Holocaust survivor who escaped Dachau, immigrated to the United States and enlisted in the U.S. Army to fulfill his dream of returning to Europe to save his mother and fight the Nazis. After the war, he hunted down and arrested Nazi war criminals. He shared his experiences at synagogues, high schools and community organizations.

Dixie Adeniran and Jack Ellison have made a donation to The Friends in honor of Bernie Simon. Bernie's wife, Judy, worked for many years in the Adult Services Division of Ventura County Library.

Thank you to our donors

Dixie Adeniran & Jack Ellison
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**Another year:
 Another Book Sale!**

**See you in the
 Topping Room**

January 31, 2015!



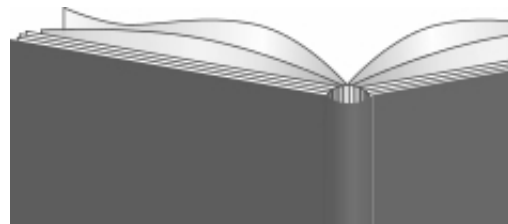
The SBFOL Board would like to express our deep gratitude to Dixie Adeniran as she moves from "Board Member" to "Consultant" (although we will miss her at our monthly meetings, we will surely turn to her for advice from time to time).

After retiring as Director of the Ventura County Library system, Dixie continued to serve the library, holding various SBFOL board positions over the years, always willing to apply her talents where the need was greatest. She always made other board members feel that their contributions were important and valuable. Her support and appreciation of others' efforts in such an unassuming way is an inspiration to us all.



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.



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!

For our December 6 meeting, we are reading **Cat's Cradle** by Kurt Vonnegut.

If you read something wonderful, please do bring your suggestions. For more info, call Marcia at 407-3510 or e-mail at mrortiz@earthlink.net.

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