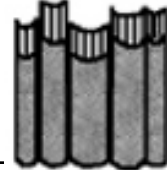


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Spring/Summer 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kathy Thomson

It has been 50 years since the glory days of library building in Ventura. The front building of E.P. Foster Library was added in 1959, Avenue Library opened at a new location and expanded hours in 1964 and H. P. Wright Memorial Library was built in 1965. Ventura's population had grown from 29,114 in 1960 to 57,964 in 1970. San Buenaventura Friends of the Library was founded in 1969 "to promote and share the wealth of information and opportunities the public library has to offer".

A lot has changed in Ventura since our most recent library was built. Population has grown to 108,961 as of January, 2014. Many aspects of library service have changed, but much has remained the same. Patrons still reserve and pick up books, browse the shelves, bring children to story time and Summer Reading Program and ask questions of the helpful and well trained staff. But now, computers are in high demand and used regularly, e-books, music and videos are downloaded from the library system, Kindle e-readers can be borrowed from the library, and most reference materials can be accessed on line. A lot has changed, but what remains is that citizens of all ages need and use a library.

It is quite clear that the huge population growth from 1960 to 2014 has occurred east of Ventura College yet the library that was built to service that population is no longer available. It is imperative that the Friends and our supporters continue to work toward restoring and growing library services to meet the needs of Ventura's citizens. Since the closing of Wright Library, the Friends have been consistently working with the City of Ventura, Ventura Library Advisory Commission, Ventura County Library System and our representative on the Board of Supervisors, Steve Bennett, to bring library service to Ventura's huge population center on the East End. Most recently, our newly elected Vice President, Marianne Coffey, and I have met with Supvr. Bennett to look for unused or underutilized county property east of Victoria Ave. to begin that establishment of an east side library presence. We are hoping our cooperative efforts between the county and city will ultimately solve the problem of lack of library services on the east end.

We have a great opportunity to plan for Ventura's future library location, theme and service model. Your attention to this continued effort is greatly appreciated. Your contributions, attention to Library Advisory Commission and City Council library issues, and invitation to your friends and neighbors to support libraries through a Friends membership are important ways that you can help.

Just a reminder, a portion of funds raised each year goes to the Friends' Capital Improvement Fund while the rest goes toward library collection materials, equipment and programs. Many still are not aware that without the generous support of the contributors to FOL, programs and new materials at our libraries would be nonexistent.

New Faces at the Library



Meet our new Youth Librarian. Phillip Yocham received his BA in English from Northeastern State University and his MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Phillip enjoys helping kids and teens find the information they are looking for and absolutely adores the author Mo Willems. His favorite by that author is "We are in a book!"

Meet Librarian Derek Stalcup, Branch Manager for Avenue and Saticoy libraries. Derek holds a Master of Library and Information Science with a specialization in Web Development and Information Architecture.



Before coming to VCL, Derek spent the better part of a decade working in academic and public libraries. Derek enjoys technology and tinkering with everything imaginable.

So much going on at Avenue Library!

Avenue Library is building relationships with community members of all ages.

On April 30, the library hosted the annual El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) celebration of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. The live mariachi music, crafting workshop, and an early literacy story telling filled the stacks of Avenue Library to the brim.



Avenue Library recently renovated the children's area to make room for more early literacy classes and craft workshops.

Students from Sheridan Way Elementary, Blanche Reynolds Elementary, EP Foster Elementary, Will Rogers Elementary, De Anza Middle School, Cabrillo Middle School and Ventura High School all have sought Homework assistance at the library. Library staff member Sheila Popnoe reflected on how the homework center provides an intergenerational space for the community to come together and help each other: "Often when I have many students at one time, the older ones will help the younger ones with their homework. . . Mothers sometimes come in with their children, and provide help to their children and others as well."

Avenue Library also reaches out to local schools with comprehensive library tours.

The Spring Craft Party, originally intended for just two sessions, was extended an extra day due to popular demand.

Laubach Literacy holds ESL classes at Avenue Library. Recently, Laubach Literacy has begun offering one on one ESL tutoring which has caused a sharp increase in the number of students attending.

In the middle of March, a water leak in one of the apartments above Avenue Library caused a temporary closure for two weeks. Despite the main building being closed to the public, the popular ESL classes and Homework center continued in the library's multipurpose room and in the spaces generously provided by the Ventura Avenue Adult Center and the City of Ventura.

Avenue Library has began a volunteer partnership with Arc of Ventura County. The Arc of Ventura County is a non-profit providing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Several Arc participants helped with packet assembly and light book cleaning after updating their library cards and picking up a few fun films and books. Avenue Library will continue to seek out volunteer partnerships with the local community.

The Teen Advisory Group meets twice monthly at Avenue Library. There has been an upsurge in interest by local teens in volunteering as the school year nears completion and their community service hours are due. The Teen Advisory Group will be very involved in nearly every event planned for Summer Reading 2015.

Keep updated at www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org and at our Facebook page
At our website, click on "Avenue Library" on the menu for more information about Avenue Library.

Avenue Library, 606 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-6393

E. P. Foster Library, 651 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 648-2716

Saticoy Library 11426 Violeta Street, Ventura, CA 93004 (805) 647-5736

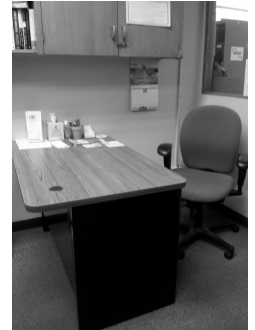
In the Fall issue of Ex Libris, look for news about all that's going on at Saticoy Library!

ONWARD TO THE



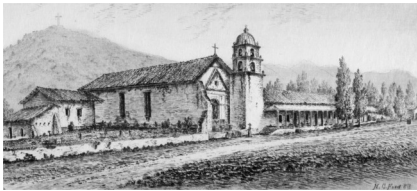
At our annual meeting in March, we Friends of the Library voted in some changes to update our organization. We have changed our fiscal year to conform to the calendar year — our fiscal year will now begin on January 1 and end on December 31 (a change from beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31). Our annual meeting will now be held in October, rather than March. We voted to “do business as” “Ventura Friends of the Library”. We have received comments that "SBFOL" is sometimes interpreted as "Santa Barbara Friends of the Library". So, in future, we will refer to ourselves as Ventura Friends of the Library (VFOL) — we’re now working on filing the paperwork and updating our logo and correspondence materials.

Meanwhile, back at our bookstore -- Thanks to all of our wonderful, dedicated volunteers and faithful donors we have an abundance of books, DVDs, and audio books to sell. Our bookstore manager, Colleen Gallo, and Teddy Wood, who manages our storefront on Amazon.com, were honored by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Ventura County for each surpassing **4,000 hours** of volunteering!



The bookstore has been updated with some repurposed shelving from library surplus. We have also ordered some additional taller shelving to display and sell more books. And, we have installed a new desk, reportedly giving our volunteers a bit more room to maneuver. So stop by to browse and enjoy our bookstore renovations -- or volunteer and try out our new desk!

AND, CELEBRATING THE PAST



Ventura will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on April 2, 2016. Plans are well underway for a citywide celebration and the Friends of the Library have been invited to participate.

We will be working with our new children's librarian on historical story times, poster and art contests for children; and "Find Ventura," and geocaching activities for teens.

In the months leading up to the anniversary we will also be contributing to a Facebook feed of the last 150 years of Ventura history. So we will need all of you to dig out historical treasures to contribute: library history through the years, early stories from the founding of the Friends, vignettes of families, early businesses, photos of old houses and places then and now, Earl Stanley Gardner and other tales.

I am going to be contributing an early murder mystery from the archives of the County Museum.

So stay tuned and start digging out old treasures and stories to share!

-- *Marianne Coffey*



Our Friends at Ash Street North Salon

12 N. Ash Street are hosting a

Friends of the Library Cut-a-Thon

Open to all new clients

Sunday, June 28

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Shampoos & Blow Dries, Hair Cuts & Mini Facials available

Call 643-4362 for appointments, walk-ins available

Proceeds benefit our libraries!

2015 SUMMER READING PROGRAM: JUNE 1 - AUGUST 8: READ TO THE RHYTHM

Summer Reading
Kickoff Event
Music with Craig Newton!

Avenue Library	Tuesday, May 26	9:30 am
(Event at Sheridan Way Elementary, 573 Sheridan Way, Ventura)		
E.P. Foster Library	Wednesday, June 17	11:00 am & 3:00 pm
651 E. Main St., Ventura		
Saticoy Library	Thursday, June 18	3:30 pm
11426 Violeta St., Saticoy		

Summer Reading Events at E.P. Foster

June 24 at 3:00 – **Magic with Shawn McMasters**
 July 1: **2 Shows at 11:00 & 3:00 – Nifty Balloon Show**
 July 8 at 3:00 – **Pulse Drumming**
 July 15 at 3:00 – **Ojai Raptors**
 July 22 at 3:00 – **Music & Storytelling with Jessica Vang**
 July 29 at 3:00 – **Puppetry Discovery**

Summer Reading Events at Avenue Library

June 16 at 2:00 – Wii Day!	July 14 at 2:00 – Wii Day!
June 23 at 3:30 – The Reptile Family	July 21 – Music by Jorge Mijangos
June 30 at 2:00 – Wii Day!	July 28 at 2:00 – Wii Day!
July 7 at 3:30 – Polynesian Dancers	August 4 – Wrap-up Party

Summer Reading Events at Saticoy Library

June 25 at 3:00 – **The Reptile Family**
 July 2 at 3:00 – **Open Mic at Saticoy**
 July 9 at 3:00 – **Wii Day!**
 July 16 at 3:00 – **Music by Jorge Mijangos**
 July 30 at 3:00 – **Wii Day!**

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READ 2015

READ TO THE RHYTHM & MORE! ALL SUMMER LONG AT YOUR LIBRARY

From June 1 through August 8, shake, rattle or roll to the library for a summer of fun and prizes. Earn prizes for every 5 hours that you read (or are read to) or do some of the challenges offered and enter into an end-of-summer grand prize drawing.

E.P. FOSTER LIBRARY **MAKESHOP!**

Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m., second floor

STEM classes

for elementary and middle school students!

Everyone is welcome. Materials are limited to the first 20 participants.



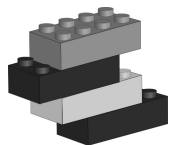
Learn about wind power and potential energy by building a flying helicopter
June 9 and July 21

Explore ethanol fuel and design a working circuit with conductive ink
June 23 and August 4



Learn about solar energy and use it to power a simple dancing robot
July 7 and August 18

E.P. Foster Library



LEGOS AT E.P. FOSTER

LEGO LAB with Alan

Build, learn and play!

Tuesdays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm
June 16, June 30
July 14, July 28
August 11, August 25

LEGO PLAY

Building Fun at the Library!

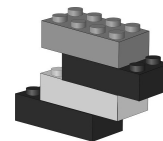
Fridays, 10:30 to 12:00
June 12, June 26
July 10, July 24
August 7, August 21

SUMMER HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

E.P. FOSTER	AVENUE	SATICOY
M 10 - 7	M 12 - 7	M 1 - 6
T 10 - 7	T 12 - 7	T 1 - 6
W 10 - 7	W 12 - 6	W 1 - 6
Th 10 - 7	Th 12 - 6	Th 1 - 6
F 10 - 5	F closed	F closed
Sa 10 - 5	Sa 10 - 3	Sa 10 - 2
Su 1 - 5	Su closed	Su closed

AVENUE LIBRARY

Mondays: **Lego Day**



Wednesdays: **Board Games**

Thursdays: **Craft Day**

Saturdays: **Art/Coloring Day**



SATICOY LIBRARY

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DON'T LET THE KIDS HAVE ALL THE FUN... JOIN OUR:

SUMMER READING CONTEST FOR ADULTS

ENTER TO WIN: GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES & A KINDLE!

FROM NOW UNTIL AUGUST 13TH VISIT:

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Opening the Early Learning Center at E.P. Foster



The ever popular
Nifty Balloon Show

returns to
the Summer Reading Program
at E.P. Foster Library

for two shows on July 1, 2015

11:00 am and 3:00 pm



Join the Friends of the Library and Ventura County Library staff in a celebration showcasing the new Early Learning Center at E.P. Foster Library (pictured above, in progress). The grand opening will take place on

Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

before the second performance of **The Nifty Balloon Show**.

The funds used to purchase equipment for the Center were provided by The Friends of the Library from the proceeds of the premiere screening of Michael O'Kelly's biopic of Ray Bradbury: **Live Forever: The Ray Bradbury Odyssey**. Ray Bradbury was a great supporter of public libraries and of nurturing the imagination of children.



Book Sale
4th of July
Street Fair

Books, DVD's, CD's, puzzles, etc.
Stop on by and check out our collection, knowing
you are benefiting the library with every purchase.

Every year, since 2011,

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The Teen Advisory Council
hosts a book sale featuring
children's and young adult
books on the 4th of July at
the front door of the library
during the street fair.

All proceeds benefit the
Friends of the Library, who
sponsor many events for
the library.



Let's light up the sky this
Independence Day with
a great book!



Library Card Design Art Contest for Kids & Teens

Calling all children and teen artists!

Ventura County Library wants you to design new children
and teen library cards. The contest will run from June 1
through June 30.

Only children (ages 5-12) and teens (ages 13-17) are
eligible to participate, one entry per person. All entries
must be submitted on a regulated contest form.

You may pick up a regulated contest form with rules at any
Ventura County Library or at

<http://www.vencolibrary.org/files/ventura/library%20card%20contest.pdf>



Look for
The Friends of the Library
in the **Ventura County Fair Parade**
on Saturday, August 8!

Thank You

*to our members who renewed
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*Members are always
welcome to join us at our
board meetings held on
the third Thursday of the month in
the Topping Room at 1:30 p.m.
Next Meeting: June 18.
Email us at info@sbfol.org*

*** MEMORIALS ***

in memory of **William H. March**
from
Friends of the Library Book Club

in memory of **Terri Sheridan**
from
Friends of the Library Book Club

in memory of **Edie Wald**
from
Kathleen Q. Sisson

Thank you, Ventura County Credit Union!

The Friends are grateful to be the beneficiary of a relationship with Ventura County Credit Union.

When seeking a loan with VCCU, out-of-town borrowers can qualify by becoming members of the Friends of the Library during the application process. We appreciate the support and recognition for the Friends that this partnership provides.



**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 Clydie Wright, 647-3748.

**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:

July:

One Hundred Years Of Solitude
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

August:

All the Light we Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr

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



P.O. Box 403 Ventura, CA 93002

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"> • 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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