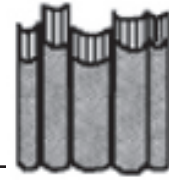


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Newsletter of the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002

Fall 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kathy Thomson

Imagine the library without friends; the Friends of the Library I mean.

There would be no Friends Bookstore or book sales, no entertainment, crafts or prizes for the children's Summer Reading Program, and no 'Read Me a Story' or story time craft supplies. There would be few author visits, bands, movies, Book Appetit series, or maker space supplies, and no sketchbook project, ukulele jam, book club bags, prizes for Adult Summer Reading or refreshments for the Teen Activity Group. There also would be no informative quarterly newsletter, website or Facebook page and thousands of books, audio books, e-books and movies would not be available to be checked out. And where would our community members take the thousands of used books donated every year? There also would be fewer volunteers to help staff with tasks like book repair and the current library history project being prepared for the county library's 100th anniversary. You see, the library has a wonderful life with friends like you and you do make a difference by being a supporting member.

Having a strong Friends group is also advantageous when a library applies for a grant. One of the criteria for obtaining a Carnegie grant for libraries was a commitment by community members to raise future funds and support for a new library. We're already well on the way with demonstrated support for over 45 years.

Thank you for all you do to support libraries. Strong community support and participation are keys to the survival of libraries and our Friends group is a bridge to the Ventura community. Won't you guide a few more friends over that bridge?

I hope to see you at the next annual meeting of our newly revised fiscal year, on October 25, 2015 in the Topping Room. We will have interesting historical talks about Ventura and libraries in honor of the city's 150th anniversary and the county library 100th anniversary. We will also play a fun literary game and enjoy refreshments and camaraderie with other library lovers and library staff, past and present.

Meet Our New City Librarian



City librarian **Deya Terrafranca** with a book drop she painted with illustrations from "The Library Lion".

Deya Terrafranca grew up on a farm on the top of a mountain above the tiny town of Sandstone, WV. She graduated from Concord University with a BA in Studio Art, majoring in Sculpture and minoring in Political Science.

Her work in libraries began during college when she volunteered to run a weekly teen reading group at her local library. This led to her being hired as Summer Reading Program Coordinator for several years. She then worked as the Special Events Coordinator and was eventually promoted to Assistant Director.

She received her MLIS from University of South Carolina with a focus on Public Libraries. She is most proud of the work she did to purchase, stock, and run (and also drive!) the Summers County Public Library's first Bookmobile. She believes that access to libraries is a fundamental right and that they are the bastions of our democracy.

Saticoy Library

Grand Opening



Saticoy Library has moved into its new digs at 1292 Los Angeles Avenue.

Come to the **Grand Opening Celebration Block Party**

Saturday, September 26 beginning at 10:00 am

Drop by for live entertainment, face painting, special guest performers and a ribbon-cutting ceremony!

The Friends of the Library will add a Book Sale to the festivities!

Early Literacy Classes at Saticoy

Bring the little ones every week for stories, poems, music, movement, crafts and Fun!

Thursdays 11:00 am

Homework Help

The Tutoring Program of Project Understanding will serve students at the Saticoy Library

Monday through Thursday, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Call 805 647-5736 to learn how students can benefit from this program.

LEGO Block Party - Mondays @ 3:30 p.m.

Crafternoon - Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Board Game Day - Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Arts & Coloring - Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Derek Stalcup, Librarian (805) 671-5148

derek.stalcup@ventura.org



ESL Classes - Beginning and Intermediate English Classes taught by tutors from Laubach Literacy of Ventura County weekly. Call 805-643-7064.

Resume Review - Free resume review provided by PathPoint volunteers. This is a first-come, first-served event that is geared towards young adults, but all ages are welcome. Tuesday 10/20/2015 - 4-5:30

EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE!



The Friends of the Library and Teen Advisory Group members from E.P. Foster, Avenue and Saticoy libraries participated in the Ventura County Fair Parade in August.

They created a bookworm to march in the parade accompanied by various literary characters. TAG participants handed out info about the Friends as they moved along the parade route.

We were all delighted to receive a First Place trophy in the Miscellaneous-Novelty category!



Students ages 13+ and grades 8+ can join the Teen Advisory Groups available at E.P. Foster, Avenue and Saticoy Libraries.

TAG counts toward community service requirements!

Contact Jane for Avenue & Saticoy Libraries and Phillip for E.P. Foster

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

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

Saticoy Library 1292 Los Angeles Ave. (805) 647-5736



As you may recall, at our Annual Meeting in March 2015, we Friends of the Library voted in some changes to update our organization. Our fiscal year will now conform to the calendar year — beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 (instead of beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31) Our Annual Meeting will now be held in October, rather than March.

Which means, it's time to invite you all to our Annual Meeting. After enjoying the literary treats, the attending members will vote for the 2016 board.

Due to the calendar change, the fiscal year ending in December 2015 consists of only 9 months. All the current board members have volunteered to continue serving for 2016. So, they will constitute the slate of officers presented at the upcoming annual meeting. Nominations from the floor are also welcome, should any of you be inspired to step up to a board position.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	Kathy Thomson
VICE PRESIDENT:	Marianne Coffey
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Joanne Fields
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Jill Forman
TREASURER:	Gary Stephens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION

meets in the Topping Room on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon. New members welcome!

Saturday, October 3:

Any story by Mark Twain

Saturday, November 7:

Billy Bathgate

by E. L. Doctorow

Saturday, December 5:

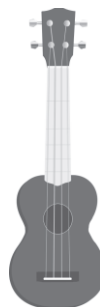
Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

For more info, call Marcia at 407-3510 or e-mail marciarenee@gmail.com



The Friends received a donation in July from Barbara Hillburn in honor of Berta Steele's birthday. Happy Birthday, Berta!



The Friends received a big "Mahalo" from the happy ukulele players at the Ukulele Blowout on August 29. 140 of them showed up!

If you want to join the crowd, they'll be jamming on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 pm in the Topping Room.

The Friends would like to thank Oceanview Design for their new business membership!

Literary Treats

You are invited to...

The Friends of the Library **ANNUAL MEETING...**

LITERARY TREATS!

Sunday, October 25, 2015

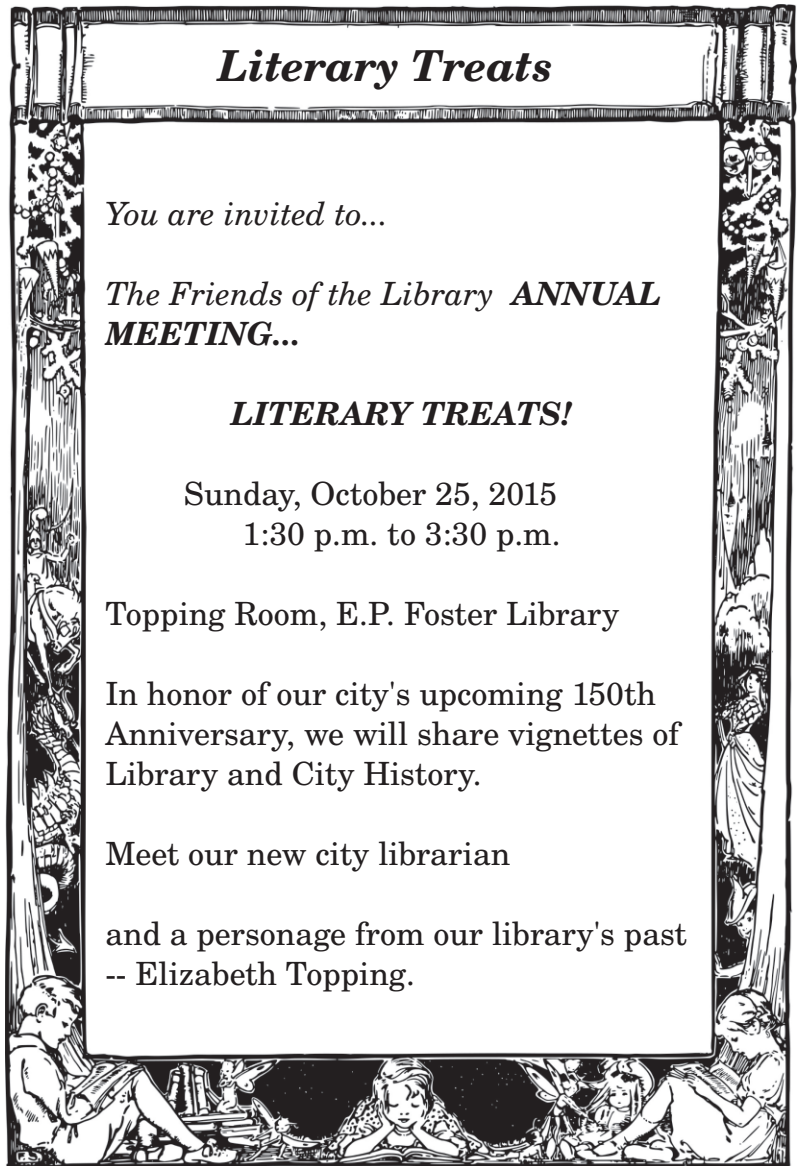
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Topping Room, E.P. Foster Library

In honor of our city's upcoming 150th Anniversary, we will share vignettes of Library and City History.

Meet our new city librarian

and a personage from our library's past -- Elizabeth Topping.



Want a workout, better than the gym?

The Warehouse Wizards could use a little help from their friends moving boxes of books once a week.

If you want to use that strength training for a good cause, **please** call Kathy Thomson 805 658-2248.





Ventura will celebrate it's 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.

The 150th Anniversary Poster Contest - September 8, 2015 through October 16, 2015

The Ventura Friends of the Library are sponsoring a poster contest for the City of Ventura's 150th Anniversary Celebration. The contest is open to all youths, ages 6 to 18, who live or go to school in the city of Ventura .

The winning posters will artistically and colorfully illustrate the city of Ventura and promote the city's 150th anniversary. They may represent any period in the city's history. A panel of five independent jurors will select the winners in three age groups: 6 to 9; 10 to 13, and 14 to 18. 1st Place Grand Prize \$150. 1st Place runners up in the remaining two age groups \$100, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50.

Entrants must submit original, two-dimensional works of art created by themselves. Only one entry per person will be accepted. If the entrant is under 18 as of October 16, a parent or legal guardian must sign the entry form.

All entries must be submitted on 14-inch-wide by 17-inch-high paper—no newsprint. The entrant's name, address, phone number and age as of October 16, 2015 must be legibly written on the back of the poster.

Entry forms and complete rules are available at E.P. Foster, Avenue and Saticoy Libraries or can be downloaded from the Friends of the Library website: <http://www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org>

For more information email: info@sbfol.org and please type "Contest" in the subject line.

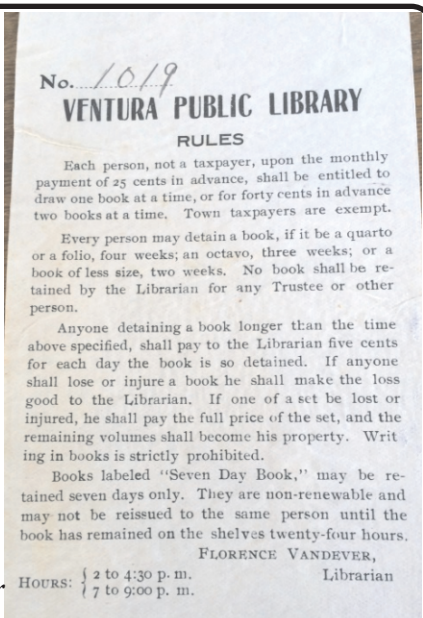
The Friends are grateful to be the beneficiary of a relationship with Ventura County Credit Union. When seeking a loan with VCCU, borrowers can choose to become a member of local non-profit organizations. Ventura Friends of the library is one of the organizations prospective borrowers can join during the application process. We appreciate the support and recognition for the Friends that this partnership provides. We are using funds raised through these memberships to fund the Poster Contest.

Did you know.....?

Foster Library houses a collection of historical documents and photos going back to the first subscription library in Ventura. It was founded November 11, 1874. They rented space on the second floor of Henning Hall on the Southwest corner of Main and California.

Among the many interesting artifacts is a list of rules for the library. Miss Florence Vandever was librarian from 1888 to 1924. Thank you to the Ventura Friends of the Library for its generous gift toward the care and restoration of this important collection.

--Alberta Word, Volunteer



Ventura College History & Pre- Law Association's 4th Annual Historic Ventura County Research Symposium

Saturday, November 7, 2015

The public is invited and this year's event will showcase historic San Buenaventura research, with particular emphasis on oral history, in recognition of our city's 150th anniversary. Location: Guthrie Hall; Ventura College. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is free, local, has plenty of parking, and is being offered in conjunction with the City of Ventura's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Keep updated at www.sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org and at our Facebook page

The Summer Reading Program: Read to the Rhythm & More!

was a great success. Craig Newton started the reading fun and had the kids shaking, rattling, and rolling with his musical program. Ojai Raptors amazed their audience with the wonders of birds of prey through this wildlife presentation and educational event. The Mr. Nifty balloon Show with David and Shayna offered their world-famous performance with silliness, storytellings, and the most amazing balloons ever seen! These are only some of the 32 events held at E.P. Foster, 37 events at Avenue Library and 36 events at Saticoy.



Happy Summer Reading Program Prize Winner!

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!

At E.P. Foster, 648 reading logs were turned in and total attendance at events was 2,688. At Avenue, 129 logs were turned in with event attendance at 863. At Saticoy, 300 logs were turned in with event attendance at 880. 302 adults also participated in the Summer Reading program for Adults, with more happy prize winners!

And now that it's Back to School, come to the library for:

Early Literacy Classes
Ventura Area
Three, Two, Fun!

These classes are a great way to introduce your child to early literacy and the library.

Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft & fun!

Mondays - Avenue Library - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesdays - E.P. Foster Library - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays - E.P. Foster Library - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays - Avenue Library - 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays - Saticoy Library - 11:00 a.m.

HOMESCHOOL HELP

VENTURA

First-come, first-served homework assistance.

Avenue Library Monday - Thursday
606 N. Ventura Ave. 643-6393
3:30-5:30

EP Foster Library Tuesday & Thursday
651 E. Main St. 648-2716
3:00-5:00

Saticoy Library Monday - Thursday
1292 Los Angeles Ave. 3:00-6:00
Tutoring Program sponsored by PROJECT at San Buenaventura

Volunteers needed for E.P. Foster Homework Center
Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:00 to 5:00 pm
contact Phillip Yocham
648-2716
phillip.yocham@ventura.org

Board Game Meetup

Avenue Library and Saticoy Library
Wednesdays 3:30 pm

Youth Chess Club
Mondays from September 3 - 5 P.M.
For School-age Kids and Teens

E.P. Foster Library

LEGO LAB

Mondays Avenue Library @ 3:30 p.m.
Saticoy Library @ 3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays E.P. Foster Library @ 3:00 p.m.
09/01, 09/15, 09/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/08, 12/22

Saturdays E.P. Foster Library @ 10:30 a.m.
08/22, 09/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/12

VenturaFOL



P.O. Box 403 Ventura, CA 93002

Join **Ventura 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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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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bookstore	<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer
<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