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Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kathy Thomson

Since our Fall newsletter many events kept us busy as we closed out 2015. Fall started with the Saticoy Library opening in a new location closer to Wells Road and, in November, the Friends helped kick off the city's 150th anniversary by sponsoring a poster contest and presenting the winners at the November 16 City Council meeting. In addition, the annual membership meeting and board elections were held in October and will now be held in the 10th month of our fiscal year, which coincides with the calendar year, making all membership renewal dates on January 1st.

On October 26, City Council heard a recommendation from the Library Advisory Commission to prioritize funding for expanded library services.

Deputy Mayor Nasarenko moved to direct staff to provide City Council with the pros/cons of the following five items at a future City Council meeting:

- (1) Whether or not a Council liaison should be appointed to interface with the Commission, County leadership and Library staff;
- (2) Whether or not libraries should be considered by the City Council as an important service;
- (3) Including a Library stakeholder on any future committee exploring new revenue, should a revenue increase move forward;
- (4) Allocating future revenues to increase library services; and
- (5) Process or make a recommendation to adopt a plan to revise the Community Park Master Plan to include library uses.

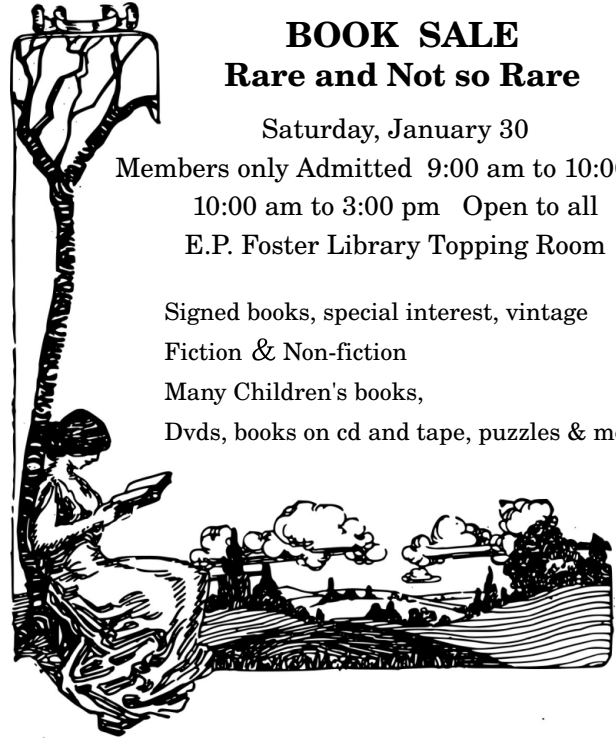
To add to the excitement of libraries being in the spotlight at the council meeting, Councilman Carl Morehouse issued a second challenge to 999 other Ventura citizens (the first came during the Save Wright Library campaign) to match his contribution to the Friends of the Library of one month of his councilmember salary of \$600 to help our libraries meet current needs and plan for the future. Let's show him it can be done. We already have had 2 citizens step up to the plate and meet the 'Morehouse Challenge'. Stay posted for a continuing tally.

BOOK SALE Rare and Not so Rare

Saturday, January 30

Members only Admitted 9:00 am to 10:00 am
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Open to all
E.P. Foster Library Topping Room

Signed books, special interest, vintage
Fiction & Non-fiction
Many Children's books,
Dvds, books on cd and tape, puzzles & more



After all that excitement we took some time off to clean out the inventory processing center for the bookstore which led to inventory clearance at the warehouse in preparation for the January 30th sale in the Topping Room at Foster Library. This sale will feature loads of books in every genre, some you haven't seen for a while, signed books by some unique authors and a selection of vintage books, some close to 100 years old, in honor of the county library system's 100th anniversary.

Friends of the Library members only from 9-10am!

And finally, to keep you up to date on our gifts to the library, we will be able to give \$60,000 this month to the County Library System for Ventura's libraries plus \$28,996 to the Capital Improvement Fund held at VCCF for library construction.

As always, we appreciate your support and we thank you for your donations of books. Please remember, we can only use books in resaleable condition. If they have been wet or have mold or are dirty, torn or are falling apart, please discard them from home as we will have to handle them and discard them from the donation bins and it adds extra work for our small team.

*** MEMORIALS ***

in memory of Mr. Lauren Alexander
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in memory of Isabel Levit
from
Dottie Gragg
Cathy Penprase

in memory of Betty Black
from
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Betty C. Black was born in September 3, 1925 in Sioux City, Iowa. She was married to Robert Black in 1946 in Des Moines. She graduated from University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana with a Masters degree in Library Science. She was a dedicated and highly valued member of the Ventura County Library staff for 24 years. During her career, she served as head of the bookmobile service, as manager of all library branches and as interim director. She is fondly remembered by her colleagues.

After her retirement, she was active with Soroptimist International and the Battered Women's Shelter and served as a docent at the historic Dudley House. She and her husband, Bob, were very active with the Friends of the Library. Especially memorable are the many bus excursions planned by the Blacks and enjoyed by so many of the Friends.

Betty passed away in November at the age of 90.

*** TRIBUTES ***

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In addition to our general fund, Ventura Friends of the Library has two special funds that are invested and administered by the Ventura County Community Foundation.

1) The Endowment Fund: a permanent fund that provides ongoing support for VFOL's purposes. The principal (or capital) of the fund cannot be touched unless the organization disbands. The interest earned on this Fund purchases books and other materials for our libraries as stated in our By-Laws.

2) The Capital Improvement Fund: a fund that can only be used for bricks and mortar building and/or renovation. Interest earned on this Fund is reinvested in the Fund. Donations to any of these funds are gratefully accepted.

**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 1st Saturday of the month, 10 am to noon and reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles.

The event is free and open to the public.

New members are always welcome to join the discussion!

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

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Our city turns 150 on April 2, 2016.

To mark this milestone, the City of Ventura and community partners, including Ventura Friends of the Library and Ventura County Library, are planning more than 150 days of memorable, exciting and creative events.

Ventura Friends of the Library have sponsored a 150th Anniversary Poster Contest. This contest was open to all youth, ages 6 – 18, who live or go to school in the City of Ventura. Awards were presented to the winners at the November 16 City Council meeting.

The poster contest winners
Ages 14 to 18



1st Prize – Grand Prize Winner: Sachi Tan, Senior, Foothill Technology, pictured above with her poster.

2nd Prize: Estrella Sinohui, Senior, Pacific High School

3rd Prize: Rocio Puga, Senior, Pacific High School

Ages 10 to 13

1st Prize: Dylan Spear, Grade 6, Cabrillo Middle School

2nd Prize: Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Ventura

3rd Prize: Marli Canchola, Grade 5, Elmhurst Elementary

Ages 6 to 9

1st Prize: Allison Laak, Grade 4, Ventura Charter

2nd Prize: Bennett Rodman, Grade 2, Mound Elementary

3rd Prize: Layla Solomon, Grade 2, Juanamaria Elementary

The winning posters and all entries that qualified were displayed at the Museum of Ventura County on November 8 at the Reception to Honor the Historic Families. The student artists will have their work displayed again. The nine winning posters are being reproduced and will hang in the E.P. Foster Library.

In addition, all of the poster contest entries will be on display August 3, 2016 to August 14, 2016 at the Ventura County Fair. Congratulations to all the students who submitted such beautiful artwork in celebration of our city's anniversary.

Special 150th Anniversary Events at the Library

Valentine to Ventura: Poetry Writing Workshop

E.P. Foster Library

Saturday, February 13 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Family Legacy Writing Workshop

E.P. Foster Library

Wednesday, Apr 6 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Matchbox Car Derby

Avenue Library

Monday, March 21 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Matchbox Car Derby

Saticoy Library

Tuesday, March 22 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Matchbox Car Derby

E.P. Foster Library

Wednesday, March 23 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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) 671-5148



The year 2016, besides marking the 150th Anniversary of the city of Ventura, also marks the centennial of the Ventura County Library System, which officially opened on January 1, 1916. In the last fiscal year, the county library system experienced over 580,000 visits to its website, exceeded 1.1 million circulation of both traditional and electronic materials and had over 63,000 individuals participating in library programs.

Embarking on its second century, the library has big plans. This year, Ventura County Library will join the Corporation for Educational Network Incentives in California which provides libraries with access to a state-wide high speed bandwidth network. This should improve connectivity for patrons at our city branches. The county library is also planning to participate in a program of the state library to enable students to earn the G.E.D. online. Technology classes for seniors will be offered and an Overdrive media kiosk offering checkout of ebooks and other media will be installed in the Hall of Justice at Ventura County Government Center.

Look for these coming attractions throughout the year at www.vencolibrary.org.



Art Tales: 8th annual writing contest inspired by art now open through April 4, 2016

The City of Ventura, in partnership with E.P. Foster Library, is hosting a free contest. Submit a short story or poem inspired by one of the Municipal Art Collection works of art currently on loan to E.P. Foster Library.

The theme this year, in honor of the 150th anniversary is: "Artist Next Door/Our Local Story"

Visit E. P. Foster Library 2nd floor or <http://www.cityofventura.net/arttales> and choose the artwork that inspires you to create and enter your own poem or short story, 500 words or less, by April 4, 2016.

Free and open to all writers worldwide. A committee of professionals, educators, librarians and City of Ventura staff will judge entries on creativity, presentation and correspondence to a specific artwork to select their top three choices for separate poetry and short fiction categories in three age divisions: Youth (grades 2 - 8) High School (grades 9 - 12) Adult (age 18 and up). All winners receive a bound edition of the judges' selection with cash prizes for first (\$30) and second (\$15) place. The Mayor of Ventura presents the awards in April or May during a library reading of works by contest winners.

"Artist Next Door/Our Local Story" is the Art Tales theme for 2016, celebrating Ventura's 150th birthday in April through four artists whose works in the Municipal and Public Art Collections tell our city's unique story by depicting its classic neighborhoods, citrus orchards, proud history and hip downtown."

– Tobie Roach, Art Tales Curator

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

Ventura Friends of the Library

Grand Opening



Saticoy Library has moved into its new location at 1292 Los Angeles Avenue. This building formerly housed Saticoy Hardware, an earlier gathering place in the community. Now, all are invited to the library to enjoy the new furniture, all-new faster internet, 12 public computers, a children's section and long counters by the front windows with plugs-ins for personal devices.

The Grand Opening was celebrated with a Block Party on Saturday, September 26, with live entertainment, and, of course, a Friends of the Library book sale.

Dora Berdean Eaton's Gift

On October 25, patrons of Avenue Library celebrated the lasting legacy of Dora Berdean Eaton. The new collection of bilingual books purchased with funds Mrs. Eaton left in trust for the benefit of Avenue Library was displayed. Children enjoyed bilingual storytelling, arts and crafts and carnival games. The event was held at Ventura Adult Center on the Avenue to accommodate all the activities. The celebration culminated in a live performance by world-famous juggler David Cousin.



Ventura Friends of the Library Annual Meeting was held on October 25. We got into the spirit of the 150th anniversary with vignettes from Ventura's past and tales of the ghosts who inhabit Ventura's downtown. Then we enjoyed a spirited literary game. Hope more of you will join us this coming October!

Returning in February 2016

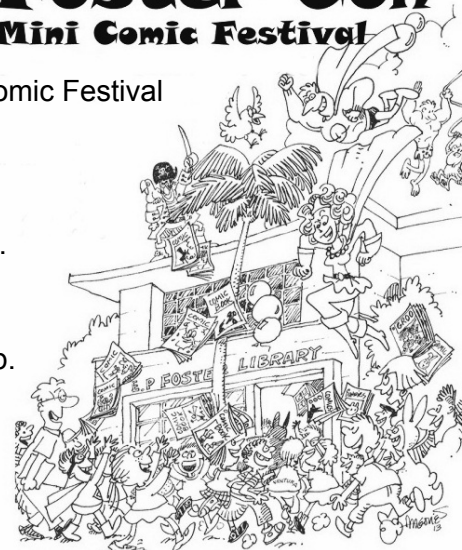
The E. P. Foster Library will hold its third annual Foster Con Mini Comic Festival on Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 10 am to 4 pm.

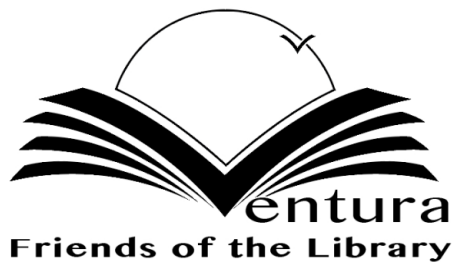
For comic lovers of all ages, there will be many activities, including a comic workshop for kids, vendor tables and raffle prizes.

Special guests include True Thomas the Storyteller and the Mandalorian Mercs, a very special Star Wars cosplay group.

For information about Foster Con, contact Heather Seaton, Library Technician I, at (805) 641-4413.

Foster Con Mini Comic Festival





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Join **Ventura Friends of the Library** and help make our libraries even **BETTER!**

We support 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: Ventura FOL 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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