

Ex Libris



Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Fall 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kathy Thomson

'The Bookstore is Closed'.

Don't be alarmed, this is not a permanent condition but you may see this notice from time to time in the coming months. We are desperately short handed in our processing and managing areas and when these volunteers have vacation or an emergency there is no one to back them up to run the store operations. We have our wonderful cashiers, however they from time to time have an absence that needs to be covered. We have advertised for a bookstore assistant manager or co-manager but no applicants have applied to date. The bookstore provides a vital service to Ventura, not only as a place for folks to donate their used books but also as a resource to find unusual and hard to find titles so I hope a solution can be found soon. Please plan accordingly or call the library to see if the 'closed for today' sign is up on the door.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Downtown Lions. Their volunteers have donated their time, strength and vehicles to help us move tons of books this year to our various sales sites at the Topping Room and at Vons for our Buck a Bag sales.



We truly could not have had the same level of success this year without their participation. So if you enjoy coming to our periodic sales, go hug a Lion!

And finally, a membership to the Friends of the Library makes a great gift! We have various membership levels to satisfy every gift giver this coming holiday season. I hope to see you at the annual membership meeting on Sunday, October 23 in the Topping Room. More details regarding the annual meeting can be found inside the newsletter.

If you haven't explored the library (or library website) recently, you don't know libraries. Come to the Friends' Annual Meeting and discover all that the library has to offer you. Antonio Apodaca, Makerspace Librarian, and Deya Terrafranca, City Librarian, will reveal the new dimensions of the library.

Bring a curious friend!
Admission free.

Next Book Sale Really Big Book Sale

Saturday, October 22

10 am to 3 pm

11251 Riverbank Drive



This sale will be held on the grounds of the location of the warehouse where the Friends process book donations, allowing us to offer shoppers a very large selection of affordable quality used books, audiobooks, music and movies.

**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 (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!

Saturday, November 5:

One Child by Nei Fong

Saturday, December 3:

Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro

Saturday, January 7:

Counter Life by Philip Roth

Saturday, February 4:

Infidel, My Life by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

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

*Thank you
Charles Cole
for your donation supporting an
Eastside Library
and, thank you, Jill Forman
for your donation
meeting the
Carl Morehouse Challenge*



**Reminder:
Time to renew your
membership!**

Finally!

For those of you who have asked:
Ventura FOL can now take credit and debit cards to renew your memberships and to receive donations.



Check the label on your newsletter to see when your membership expires.
Then go to:
<https://www.squareup.com/store/VFOL>
to renew your membership or to make a tax-deductible donation for general or specific purposes.



**A Matter of Balance
E.P. Foster Library
Ventura County Area
Agency on Aging**

Thursdays, 10/13, 20, & 27

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

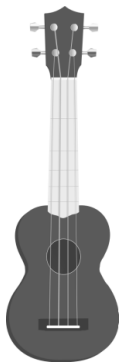
Many older adults experience concerns about falling- this program is designed to help you manage falls and increase activity levels with an emphasis on practical strategies.

Registration required.

Call (805) 477-7343.

**Ukulele Blowout!
Saturday, October 22
Noon to 5:00 pm**

The very popular ukulele group at E.P. Foster is offering day of workshops featuring singer/songwriter Victoria Vox: beginning, intermediate, and advanced workshops. There will be lots of singing, strumming and fun!



HELP WANTED

Position: Bookstore Management Assistant Volunteer
Please reply to info@sbfol.org

Typical Time Commitment: 5 – 15 hours per week

Desired Qualifications, but training will be ongoing:

- ▶ Friendly, welcoming personality, Member of Ventura Friends of the Library
- ▶ Knowledge of book genres and authors
- ▶ Above average ability to efficiently count money and process store revenue
- ▶ Physical condition required for bending, lifting, and pushing carts
- ▶ Knowledge of bookstore's layout and categories
- ▶ Knowledge of electronic device apps to aid in determination of donated object value
- ▶ This position requires a background check processed by the County due to the working area's physical proximity to children.

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Special Meeting of Ventura Friends of the Library August 27, 2016 and Further Developments

A Special Meeting of the Friends of the Library was held on August 27 to discuss a request from the County Library System for the Friends to help fund an Eastside Ventura library branch.

The location at 5600 Everglades Street would have offered space for a much larger Friends bookstore with a sorting area within the adjacent County Library warehouse. The space would also have provided a lot of flexibility for all kinds of programming and meeting functions, a good wi-fi system for improved technology resources, plus 36 dedicated parking spots.

Following this meeting, Ventura Friends of the Library pledged \$500,000.00 toward the completion of alterations to this site to become a new east-side library. The pledged funds were to have come from a combination of fundraising and the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library Capital Improvement Pass Through Fund. With this pledge, VFOL would have been a partner in this endeavor, providing input in the planning, design, outfitting, and naming of this new library branch.

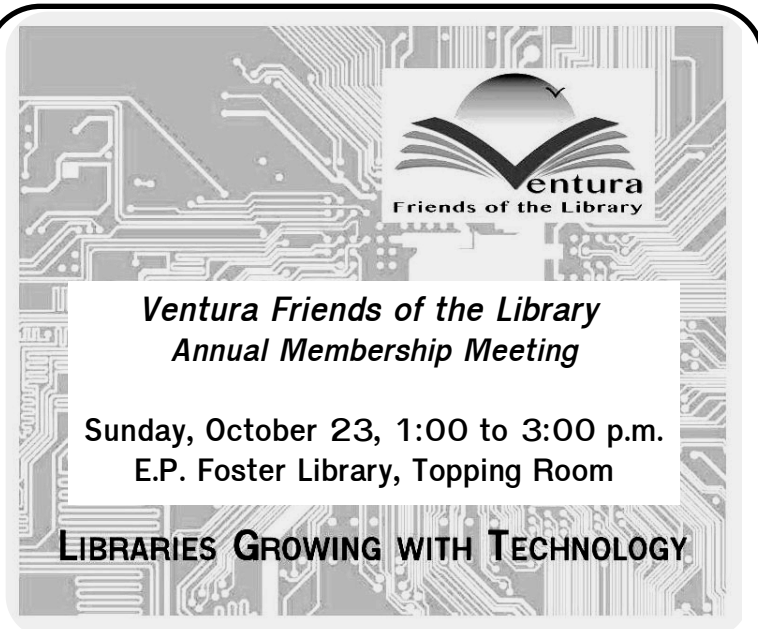
Unfortunately, upon further information from County Engineers, the Board of Supervisors deemed the cost to renovate the space too expensive an investment for a non-County owned building. Therefore, as of now, there will be no Eastside Ventura library branch at 5600 Everglades Street.

We will keep you posted on any further developments.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2016/2017

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

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.



Antonio Apodaca, Makerspace Librarian, and Deya Terrafranca, City Librarian, will introduce us to all that library tech has to offer and what will soon be available at a library near you!

Information and services patrons can access with their library card have grown exponentially in the last few years. The literacy mission of the library has also grown to include S.T.E.M. literacy -- science, technology, engineering and math.

Bring a friend to see the library's 3D printer in action and discover all that you can do at the library.

The program will be followed by a short business meeting, open to members only. The business meeting will consist of a vote on a minor change to the bylaws and election of 2016-2017 Officers of the Board of Directors.

To: Members, Ventura Friends of the Library
From: Board of Directors, Ventura Friends of the Library
Date: October 5, 2016
Subject: BYLAWS - PROPOSED CHANGES

Our bylaws state that membership categories shall be: Student, Individual, Family, Sponsor, Business, Lifetime, Honorary and Ex Officio.

The Board proposes deleting the category "Sponsor" and replacing it with the category "Patron". The Board also proposes adding a new category: "Benefactor".

We will vote on the proposed changes at our October 23, 2016 General Membership meeting. The Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the proposed changes.

The Bylaws also state that "Dues amounts shall be determined by the Board." So, any change in amount of dues associated with a category does not require a vote by the membership.

S.T.E.A.M. POWERED FUTURE

3D PRINTER

explore.discover.connect



make your dreams reality
what will you create?

Antonio, the Makerspace Librarian,

has implemented a volunteer program surrounding 3D printing called Maker Mentors. The group currently has 8 members whose focus is to help others learn, create, and share 3D models and designs. In August, Foster Library hosted the first ever volunteer-run public program on 3D printing – seven participants, ranging from ages 8 to 57, dropped in to learn about the emerging technology from local Maker Mentor experts.

The hope is to continue this type of collaborative skill-building in the makerspace. Applications can be found on the library's website or simply email Antonio for details Antonio.Apodaca@ventura.org.

Also in August, makerspace tools and tech were on full display for students of Cabrillo Middle School. Over 40 tweens and teens visited the library and took part in work stations centered on STEAM concepts (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). The zones included robotics, computer coding, 3D printing, and electronic circuitry. The entire second floor was buzzing with creativity as an exciting partnership between the library and our local middle school came to life!

Makerspaces are a new trend for public libraries, but have been around as long as people have been sharing ideas and making things. The library is building on that concept, offering a physical place for people of all ages to share ideas and use creative technology, such as our laser 3D printers. Makerspaces are part DIY projects (Do It Yourself), part S.T.E.A.M practice (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) and part community involvement.

The Library LAB Open Workshop is available in E.P. Foster Library on Wednesday evenings to learn more about our 3D printer and laser cutter—or to use them yourself! Ask the library staff about what you need to bring to drop in to see what we're up to in our library makers.

Fall Break 3D Printer Design

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Explore 3D Printer design during fall break at the 2nd Floor computer lab at E.P. Foster Library.

MAKESTUFF

IN VENTURA

Join our Makerspace Librarian
at E.P. Foster and Avenue Libraries for these special makerspace events!

All from 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Camouflage an animal: Using crayons and an animal cutout.



E.P. Foster	Avenue
Tuesday	Thursday
10/04 & 11/15	09/20 & 11/22

Build a Wind Powered Sailboat: Aluminum foil, straws, and tape.



E.P. Foster	Avenue
Tuesday	Thursday
10/18 & 11/29	10/18

Make a Wave Machine: Tape, skewers, and clothes pins.



E.P. Foster	Avenue
Tuesday	Thursday
11/01 & 12/13	11/08



Makerboxes in Ventura for tweens and teens

Sew your own led circuit

Saticoy Library:

Tuesday, October 11, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

E.P. Foster Library: Thursday, October 13, 3:30 to 5:00

Experiment with Makey Makey

Saticoy Library: Tuesday, November 8, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

E.P. Foster Library: Thursday, November 10, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Welcome to BiblioBoard Library

by Jackie Griffin, Ventura County Library Director

Ventura County Library is excited to offer BiblioBoard Library, now available to all library card holders. Users can access BiblioBoard Library through the library's website (in the eLibrary) on the mobile device of their choice.

BiblioBoard Library is an easy-to-use platform allowing Ventura County Library to offer high-quality content on the web and on eReaders. Supporting books, articles, documents, images, audio, and video, BiblioBoard Library is host to content from traditional publishers, indie authors, cultural institutions, and local thought leaders.

BiblioBoard has several features:

BiblioBoard Core: over 30,000 ebooks and other multi-media content, curated in over 400 anthologies across all genres of history and classic literature. Includes common core and teachers' guides.

Includes **BiblioBoard Creator** which gives Ventura County Library the ability to create and publish multimedia anthologies to the BiblioBoard Library. This platform is a great opportunity for community groups and institutions to partner with Ventura County Library to share local digital collections with our community.

Indie California: great reads in all genres from local authors. Start reading today to find your next favorite book!

SELF-e: An innovative collaboration between Library Journal and BiblioBoard enabling authors and libraries to work together to share self-published ebooks to eager readers looking to discover something new.

PressBooks: An easy-to-use online tool for authors, allowing them to create professional, print ready, quality versions of their books, memoirs, or poetry collections in ePUB, MOBI, and PDF formats.

Mobile apps are available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Adding BiblioBoard with Indie California and SELF-e to our digital eLibrary reinforces Ventura County Library as a center for community engagement. We are excited to promote local authors and put diverse and self-published books into our reader's hands.



Indie Author Workshop

E.P. Foster Library

Friday, October 14, 2016 -10:00am to 11:00am

Please join us for an introduction to Pressbooks, an online platform that will help you electronically publish your written works in popular formats, including EPUB and MOBI (for Amazon Kindles).

This service is made possible through the Library's access to the Library Journal SELF-e program. SELF-e is an innovative collaboration between Library Journal and BiblioBoard®, enabling authors and libraries to work together to share notable self-published ebooks to eager readers looking to discover something new.



Opera Santa Barbara Noontime Concert

E.P. Foster Topping Room

Friday, October 14, 12 pm

Spend Your Lunch Hour listening to members of the Mosher Studio Artist Program, who will perform a selection of popular opera arias and duets as well as some musical theatre pieces. The concert will also offer a "preview" of Opera Santa Barbara's upcoming production of Carmen.

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

Back to School Enrichment at the Library

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.

Homework Centers provide free homework help across Ventura County. In addition to homework help, Homework Centers provide free printing, computer access, and research assistance for students K-12. Assistance is available on a first-come, first served basis.

E.P. Foster Homework Center

Monday - Thursdays

3:00 to 5:00 pm

contact Phillip Yocham 648-2716(805) 648-2715

Avenue Library (Ventura)
 (805) 643-6393

Mon - Thurs: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saticoy Library
 (805) 671-5148

Mon - Thurs: 3 pm - 6 pm

LEGO PLAY

Build, learn and play!

Bring your imagination and experiment with creative designs.

Children of all ages welcome!

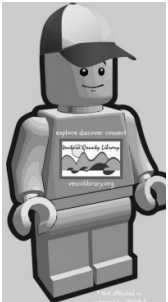
Mondays: Avenue Library @ 3:30 pm

Saticoy Library @ 3:30 pm

Tuesdays: E.P. Foster @ 3:00 pm:

10/11, 10/25, 11/08, 11/12, 12/06, 12/20

Saturdays: E.P. Foster@ 10:00 am: 10/15, 11/12, 12/10



LEGO FALL FILM CREATIONS During Fall Break

Come to E.P. Foster Library and try your hand at stop motion animation.

Teens and children of all ages welcome!

Monday, October 24, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 26, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Friday, October 28, 2:30 to 4:00 pm



Spocabulary

E.P. Foster, Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm, 10/12, 19, & 26

This poetry performance and writing workshop with an open mic is geared towards high school and college students but all are welcome. Specific emphasis is on SLAM Poetry. Presented by Phil Taggart and Aaron Gardner.



Youth Chess Club

E.P. Foster, Mondays @ 3pm, 10/11, 18, & 25

Learn to play chess or improve your game!
 Assisted by Class A tournament player Jack Cashman.

Gaming Day at Saticoy

Saticoy Library

Saturdays, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Our gaming days inspire children to explore interactive technology through hands-on experiences with creating virtual worlds, discovering new cooperative and problem-solving skills, and connecting with others in a collaborative and positive learning environment.



This is for ages 13+ and grades 8+ and it counts towards community service requirements!

JOIN US!

Teens and Tweens can earn community service credit while sharing ideas, meeting new people and co-hosting library events.

TAG (Teen Activity Group) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at E.P. Foster Library in the Young Adult area, on the 2nd floor.

TAB (Tween Advisory Board) is a group for ages 9-12. TAB meets at Avenue Library on the 1st Monday of each month and at Saticoy on 1st Thursdays. TAG and TAB are sponsored by Ventura Friends of the Library.

To Join Contact Phillip at

E.P. Foster Library,
648-2716

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
from 5-6 p.m.

E.P. Foster Library, 651 East Main Street, Ventura, CA, 93001



TAB is a group for ages 9-12 and a community service opportunity for Tweens.

JOIN US!

The 1st Mondays
at Avenue Library
AND
The 1st Thursdays
at Saticoy Library
Both from 4-5 PM

Contact Jane at
Avenue & Saticoy
Libraries for more
information

Avenue Library, 606 Ventura Avenue, 643-6393
 Saticoy Library, 1292 Los Angeles Avenue, 647-5736

The Summer Reading Program: Read for the Win!

was the best attended ever. All the programs that were offered at E.P. Foster were also offered at the Avenue and Saticoy branches. Participants spent the summer keeping up their reading skills; practicing science, tech, engineering and math; and meeting reptiles, raptors, jugglers and magicians. Avenue Library held some programs off site to promote reading to the largest number of children. Attendance at events increased over last year at all branches and more reading forms were turned in as well, up 27% at E.P. Foster, 147% at Avenue Library and 1% at Saticoy.

Adults were also invited to a Summer Reading Challenge. Their entries served as a form of reading suggestions inside the library and through social media. The program was so well received in Ventura that it was extended to all of Ventura County.

Ventura Friends of the Library provides funding for the Summer Reading Program. This year, local businesses also supported the program, providing gift cards to be used as prizes and the Saticoy Lions and Ventura Downtown Lions funded a Family Film Series featuring sports themed films shown at all three branches over the summer.

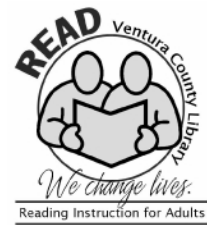


Literacy for Adults at the Library

The READ Program

by Carol Chapman, Program Director

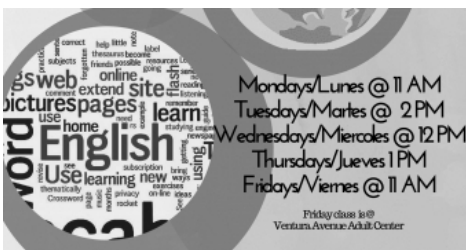
When WD was in first grade she witnessed her father being shot and it so traumatized her that she stopped learning in school. Although she eventually learned to read by memorizing words she never learned to “sound out words”. She came to the literacy program begging to be taught phonics so that she could read the long words in the books she was trying to read.



When HWM arrived at the literacy site she had been working as a produce manager for a major chain grocer for 20 years. She memorized all the numeric codes that identified the fruits and vegetables; and her antics always kept her co-workers laughing. However, she never let any of them in on her painful secret: As successful as she appeared, HWM could barely read at the first grade level.

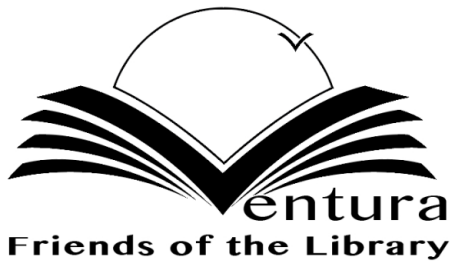
These are just two out of hundreds of profiles of adults who have turned to VCLS’s READ Adult Literacy Program to get help with reading. At READ they have found trained volunteer tutors who provide them with FREE one-to-one reading instruction based on the goals the student wants to achieve. Each student’s goal is different. Some need to be able to read work related materials; others want to be able to help their children with homework; still others want to prepare for the GED or learn to use a computer. Each one is matched with his or her own tutor and a learning “team” is created.

READ has literacy sites in Simi Valley, Ventura, Port Hueneme, Todd Road Jail, and the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility. Ojai and Fillmore sites will be opening soon. Volunteer tutors are needed at every site. If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping someone improve their reading, please call the READ office at 805-677-7160. We will have new tutor training classes beginning soon.



Laubach Literacy also offers introductory English classes at Avenue Library and at Saticoy Library. Comenzando clases de inglés ofrecidos a través de Laubach Literacy en la biblioteca.

Classes are offered at Avenue Library: Mondays/Lunes at 11 AM, Tuesday/Martes 2PM, Wednesday/Miércoles 12PM, Thursday/Jueves 1PM
Classes are offered at Saticoy Library Mondays/Lunes Y Wednesday/Miércoles at 3 PM



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Join **Ventura Friends of the Library** and help make our libraries even **BETTER!**
Current Members: TIME to RENEW!

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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Name:					Phone:	
Address:						
Email:						

<input type="checkbox"/> I want to help save printing and mailing costs—Please email Newsletters to me.

We need YOUR help! Ventura FOL 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