

**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.

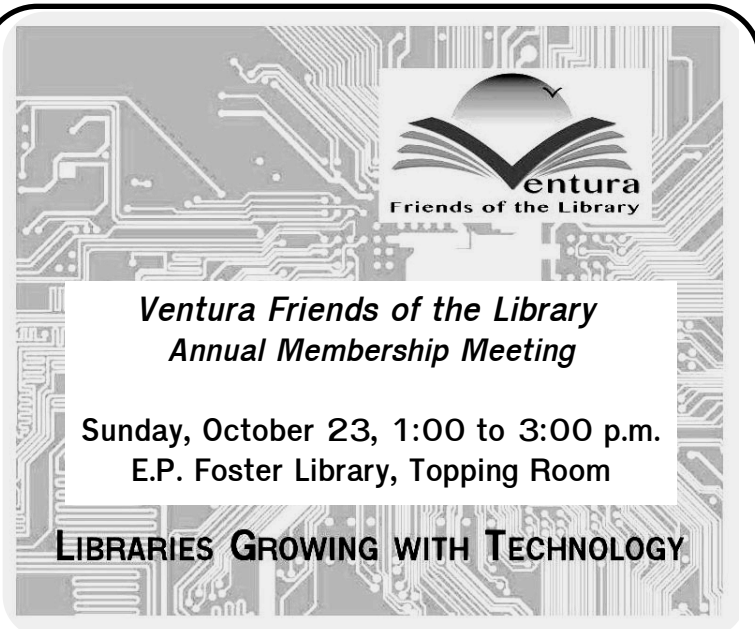
Unfortunately, upon further information from County Engineers, the Board of Supervisors deemed the cost to renovate the space too expensive an investment for a non-County owned building. Therefore, as of now, there will be no Eastside Ventura library branch at 5600 Everglades Street.

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.