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Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002
Winter 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kathy Thomson

Welcome to 2017.

The Friends held the annual membership meeting in October where we were treated to a demonstration of current library technology by City Librarian Deya Terrafranca and Makerspace Librarian Antonio Apodaca. If you missed this event come by Foster Library to see the Makerspace and learn about how your library is reaching and teaching children and adults with 21st century technology.

The Board also voted to change the individual member dues to \$25 and family dues to \$35. These new levels are comparable with other Friends groups in cities which do not have a library tax. For about \$2 per month you can be assured that the County Library will use your contribution to purchase new collection items plus help the Friends fund the Summer Reading Program. What a bargain! Read the enclosed article which highlights the purchases made with the 2015 gift to the libraries. For 2016 the Friends were able to gift the libraries with \$26,972.25. These funds were generated by purchases at the bookstore in Foster Library, periodic book sales and membership dues. Bookstore volunteer hours total over 3000 for 2016 and warehouse volunteer hours total over 1000.

The Friends are hosting a special member event at the Rubicon Theater on March 11. See the enclosed article for more information.

In November we were sad to bid adieu to City Librarian Deya Terrafranca as she has resigned from her position to pursue other professional endeavors.

Please contact me if you have any comments or questions at friends@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org or 658-2248.



Join the Friends of the Library for a bawdy, bluesy, rollicking afternoon at the Rubicon Theatre.

We have reserved a block of premium seats at the Saturday, March 11 matinee and are hosting a reception in the Patron's Room after the performance.

See page 3 for details and ticket information.

Next Book Sales

WINTER CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

Saturday, February 18
11 am to 2 pm

E.P. Foster Library -
Rear Children's Entrance



Storybooks, Board Books, Bi-lingual
Early Readers, Skill Builders, Chapter Books
Classics, Non-fiction & Young Adult

Next All-Genre Book Sale
March 18

Details to come on website and email.

East Side Library *BIG* News

On December 13, 2016, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved a Lease Agreement for property located on S. Hill Road in Ventura for the Ventura County Library System. This location will establish a new branch of the Ventura County Library System to be located in the City of Ventura. A previous study of library operations in the City of Ventura completed in 2012 demonstrated a need for additional library services on the East side of Ventura.

The lease for this property on S. Hill Road came about after the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved funding in the amount of \$200,000 annually in the adopted budget for Library operations on the east side of Ventura in June 2016. The Ventura County Library Director looked for a location on the East side of Ventura where existing resources could be used to supplement new resources to operate a new library, and identified a vacant office space of approximately 5,100 sq. ft.

This location was identified as a prime spot because it is on a bus route, has ample parking, is close to the Ventura County Government Center where many people come to do business, is on the East side of Victoria Avenue enabling residents and students who live on the East side to more easily walk to the library, and would allow the Library to take advantage of shared staffing resources. The close proximity to the Library Services Administration Offices has the benefit of allowing for staffing support from office staff as needed.

Additionally, the space was identified as a prime spot because it is fiscally feasible with the landlord providing needed tenant improvements. This facility will allow for providing library services, such as children's early childhood literacy classes, adult literacy tutoring, access to computers and the Internet, and access to library collections, on the East side of Ventura.

Nancy Schram, Ventura County Library Deputy Library Director says, "We are thrilled to get one step closer to providing expanded access to much needed library resources and services on the East side of Ventura. It is a great example of how we can reach more people and ultimately improve lives and communities with additional support and funding. Children growing up today on the East side of Ventura will now have a neighborhood library to help them explore, discover and connect with the world."

Ventura Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 23

2:00 p.m.

Topping Room

LIBRARIES GROWING WITH TECHNOLOGY

Members gathered at our annual meeting for an insight into the growing role of technology in the library and to elect our Board of Directors for 2017.

Kathy Thomson, president, introduced Deya Terrafranca, City Librarian, who presented an update on the multifaceted aspects of the library's mission to inspire the community to explore, discover and connect. 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.A.M. literacy -- science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Kathy Thomson thanked Deya for her work in our libraries and wished her well in her further pursuits as she will be leaving her position as city librarian.

Deya introduced Antonio Apodaca, the Makerspace Librarian. He explained this new trend in libraries, the Makerspace, a learning environment where communities can share ideas, build things together and connect with new technologies and traditional tools. Antonio demonstrated the 3d printer. The presentations were accompanied by a lively discussion among all those present.

Kathy Thomson thanked board members for their service during the past year. Marianne Coffey, vice president, was recognized for her extraordinary work organizing a poster contest in conjunction with Ventura's 150th anniversary, finalizing the enhancement of the children's area using the Ray Bradbury grant, working on proposals for a new east side library branch and co-managing the bookstore. In the absence of our Treasurer, Gary Stephens, Kathy summarized the annual Treasurer's Report and distributed printed copies of the report.

Members voted to change the By-laws to add the membership category of "Benefactor" for those joining at the highest level of financial support and to change the designation of "Sponsor" to "Patron".

The Officers of the Board of Directors for 2017 were elected.

**OFFICERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017**

PRESIDENT Kathy Thomson
VICE PRESIDENT Marianne Coffey
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Star Soto
TREASURER Gary Stephens

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 from
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***The Devil's Music:
The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith***

is a dramatization of the triumphant and turbulent life of the legendary “Empress of the Blues,” whose life was as large and as outrageous as her talent.

The play transports us to Memphis in 1937, one evening after a “Whites-only” theatre turns Bessie and her band away. Laughter, pathos and music all come together to deliver an electric, entertaining and surprisingly touching evening in which Bessie sings signature songs such as “I Ain’t Got Nobody,” “St. Louis Blues,” “Baby Doll” and “T’ain’t Nobody’s Bizness If I Do.” This production stars Miche Braden of the original Off-Broadway cast.

**Join us at the Rubicon Theatre
for the performance
and a reception in the Patron's Room.
Limited number of seats available.**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Ticket Price: \$50.00**

You can purchase tickets online at
<https://squareup.com/store/VenturaFOL>

If you do not wish to purchase online,
 please call
 Gary Stephens (805) 746-4990,
 or email venturagary42@gmail.com

**Share your enthusiasm for reading
with your Friends!**

BOOK CLUB # 1

The first book club created by the Friends of the Library 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, March 4:

The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk

Saturday, April 1:

H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonald

Saturday, May 6:

River Town, Two years on the Yangtze by Peter Hessler

Saturday, June 3:

The Lightkeepers by Abby Geni

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



Throughout 2016, the Ventura Friends of the Library continued to work very hard to contribute numerous hours of time to the Ventura Libraries, and raise funds in support of Library programs and materials. Funds raised by the Friends volunteers enabled the Ventura Libraries to reach more people and impact more lives.

In 2015, the Ventura Friends of the Library made a donation to the Library in the amount of \$60,000. Funds donated by the VFOL were used to purchase numerous books, DVDs, and newspaper and magazine subscriptions for people of all ages and interests at the EP Foster Library, the Saticoy Library and the Avenue Library. These materials are key in supporting community members in their lifelong learning goals, and the VFOL is instrumental in helping the Library to achieve its mission.

At the Avenue Library, VFOL funds enabled the Library to purchase:

407 books for adults
278 DVDs for adults
34 magazine and newspaper subscriptions
454 children's books
212 children's DVDs

At the Saticoy Library, VFOL funds enabled the Library to purchase:

213 books for adults
32 DVDs for adults
34 magazine and newspaper subscriptions
360 books for children

At the Foster Library, VFOL funds enabled the Library to purchase:

75 books for adults
1 DVD for adults
1 newspaper subscription
1162 books for children

Community members from all walks of life used these materials to do homework assignments, develop critical literacy skills, gain information, learn new skills and broaden their knowledge. Without the VFOL, the Library wouldn't be able to provide these numerous materials to the community.

Thank you to the Ventura Friends of the Library for their many hours of hard work, generous monetary support, and dedication to the Ventura Libraries. You are so very much appreciated.

*Nancy Schram, Deputy Director
Ventura County Library System*



Opera Santa Barbara Noontime Concert

returns to E.P. Foster Topping Room

Second Friday of the month in February, March and May
Spend Your Lunch Hour listening to members of the Mosher Studio Artist Program perform a selection of popular opera arias and duets as well as some musical theatre pieces.

Your First Ukulele Lesson

Monday, February 27 @ 5:30 pm.

Longing to join in the ukulele mania? Just received a ukulele as a gift? Found an old ukulele in the closet? E.P. Foster offers the perfect opportunity for you to develop your ukulele skills with "Your first ukulele lesson".

Alan Ferentz will provide the musical instruction.

Ukulele Jam follows at 7:00 pm.





Foster Con Mini Comic Festival

Saturday, February 25
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

E.P. Foster Library
2nd Floor

Come to the 4th Annual Foster Con Mini Comic Festival, an event for comic lovers of all ages.

There will be many activities, including an anime workshop for kids, zombie preparedness class, vendor tables and games.

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

CODE CLUB

E.P. Foster Library is now hosting a code club every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Makerspace on the second floor. Kids will be introduced to computer programming using Code.org, Scratch, and Tynker. Code clubs are a way to build confidence in computer science through self-directed skill building, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.

No computer experience needed
Aimed at kids 8 – 13
Bring your own laptop to connect and follow-along
Some library laptops will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Makerspace at E.P. Foster
hosts

Library LAB Open Workshop
Mondays @ 5-6pm

Makerspace Open Workshop
Wednesdays @ 5-6pm

STEAM monthly, exploring concepts related to science, technology, engineering, art & math in fun, sometimes silly, ways.
first Thursday of the month,
10:30 am to noon

Saticoy Library

3D Printing Club explores this emerging technology through hands-on experiences with creative tools. Discover new skills through design-based problem solving. Connect with others in a collaborative and positive learning environment.

More info:
derek.stalcup@ventura.org
2/13, 3/13, 4/10 & 5/8 at 3-5 pm

Avenue Library Steam Club

Drop in to have fun and learn about science, technology, engineering, art & math. Suggested age, 9+
2/14 at 4:30-5:30 pm,
3/14, 4/11 & 5/9 at 4-5 pm

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!

Starting 1/2017 *bilingual*

Mondays - Avenue Library - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays - E.P. Foster Library - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays - E.P. Foster Library - 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays - Saticoy Library - 11:00 a.m.

Thursdays - E.P. Foster Library - 5:30 p.m.

Starting 1/12/2017



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Some new offerings in Early Literacy Classes (a.k.a. Storytimes) have been initiated for 2017.

Avenue Library has begun a pilot program of a weekly bilingual storytelling on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. starting in the first week of January. Avenue Library staff received specialized training for this program.

E.P. Foster Library has added a Thursday evening Early Literacy Class at 5:30 p.m., in addition to its Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 a.m classes.

"Read Me A Story & More!": an early literacy workshop for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 years old will be presented at E.P. Foster Library beginning on Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Topping Room. Parents and caregivers will learn:

The 6 early literacy skills and the 5 practices children need to be reading ready
How to make a story come alive! How to have fun with felt board rhymes & songs
How to extend stories into activities that the whole family will enjoy!

Each participating family receives finger plays, felt supplies and a book to enjoy.

Advanced registration is required. Sign up at the children's desk or call 648-2716 (ask for children's dept.) Class size is limited.



The very successful **Paws for Reading** program continues at E.P. Foster and Saticoy libraries. The program helps improve a child's reading skills through reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

E.P. Foster Library
Saturdays 12 – 1
Sign-up required,
call Phillip Yocham at 805 648-2716.

Saticoy Library
Every OTHER Saturday
Sign-up required,
call Jane Middleton at 805 671-5148.

The program was featured in an episode of "VCNC Featuring Ventura County" for CAPS TV last year. You can watch the episode at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CAPSMediaCenter/posts/10153684639352327>.

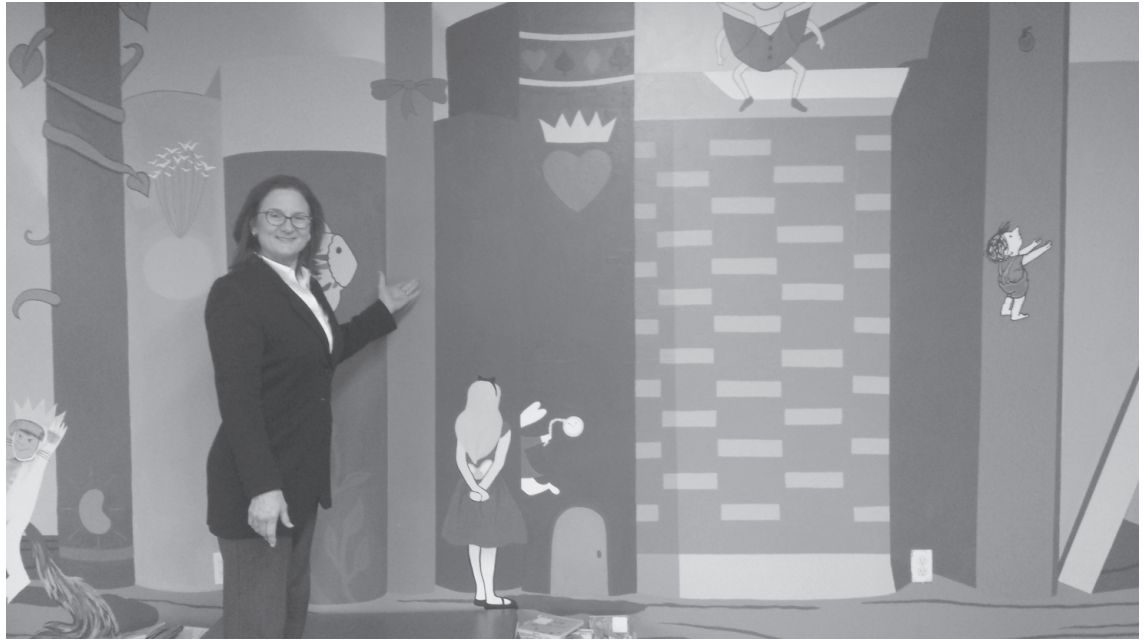


New Mural

unveiled at Saticoy Library on December 19.

Thank you to the art students from California State University, Channel Islands. After surveying the community, the students came up with several renderings that children and adults were able to vote for.

Thank you to the Saticoy Lions for contributing funds to purchase the materials for the mural.



Family Friendly Films will be screened at E.P. Foster Library on Friday afternoons and at Saticoy Library on Saturday mornings, February through May.

The films will be accompanied by specially themed crafts.

Showtime at E.P. Foster on Fridays is 2:00 pm.

Showtime at Saticoy on Saturdays is 10:30 am.

The film series is sponsored by Ventura Downtown Lions, Saticoy Lions and Ventura Friends of the Library. The events are completely free and open to the public.

Coming attractions are **Frozen**, **Mary Poppins**, **Minions**, **Finding Dory**, **Charlotte's Web**, **Cars** and **Star Wars: The Force Awakens**. Check the library or Friends' website for current attraction.



Altered Book/Collage/Assemblage Workshop

will be offered at E.P. Foster one Saturday a month for another crafty year of assemblage, collage and altered book crafting with Ron Smith.

Repurpose an old book into a new piece of art. Bring an old book and your imagination.

Some materials will be supplied but feel to bring special items for your altered book.

Saturday, February 25, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 25, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 22, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 20, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

California Native Plant Society Channel Islands Chapter Lectures

E.P. Foster Library Topping Room

"The Drought Defying California Garden"

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

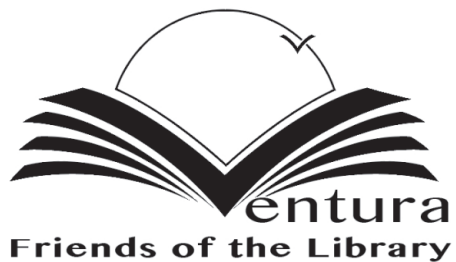
"A Flora of Ventura County", a lovely view of Ventura's spring beauties, presented by Rick Burgess.

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

"Studies of a National Park Botanist" presented by Tarja Sader. Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm



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



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

Ventura FOL 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	Patron \$100	Family \$35	Individual \$25	Student \$10
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