

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 adults32 DVDs for adults34 magazine and newspaper subscriptions360 books for children

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

75 books for adults1 DVD for adults1 newspaper subscription1162 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.