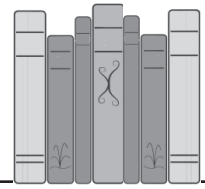




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kathy Thomson

Library lovers will appreciate the current book by John Palfrey, 'Bibliotech', where he discusses a brief history of private and public libraries and their future in the digital age. Libraries are changing, and education is as well. Teachers and administrators are driving the change as they embrace what technology has to offer. For example, in STEM classes, the Google Classroom learning platform, with its self paced, interactive, internet based instruction tool, is replacing the standard lecture and book method. New models of libraries throughout the nation are combining physical and digital formats, creating infinite possibilities that will keep libraries vital and relevant in an increasingly networked digital society. Literacy and access to information will always be necessary for an educated populace and your library will be there to meet that need with relevant, fact checked information resources.

Ventura is on the threshold of that future. Just at this time of library evolution, we have been given a great opportunity to open our first new library in 50 years. The goal of libraries is to make knowledge accessible and free to all. This new library at 1050 S. Hill Road will continue to do just that, in a way that engages the younger generation, those most likely to need the resources of a library.

Everyone says they love libraries, but not many support their free public libraries, leaving that responsibility to government entities. With the myriad of functions government must do, it is no wonder libraries get lost in the shuffle. It is up to us, who love and use libraries, to give them that infusion of funding and support to stay vibrantly growing. Our library system is a legacy and a gift we continue to build for future generations.

An enlightening read through 'Bibliotech' will reignite your love for libraries and encourage you to foster their growth. You can contribute, and encourage other community members and groups to contribute, to the goal of raising the \$200,000 requested for the immediate needs to open the new library. Let's prove that everyone loves libraries AND everyone wants to support them.



What's the best way to help a skeleton get over the hiccup? Books the Friends have purchased for our new Hill Road Branch will solve this mystery and help little readers discover wonderful characters and new adventures.

Thank you, Supervisor Bennett!

The Ventura Friends of the Library would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the approval of the new Hill Road Library in Ventura. We are very grateful for Supervisor Bennett's support for our libraries and the restoration of east side library services to Ventura.

Our new Hill Road Library will enable many little ones to experience the joy of reading; discovering what happens when you give a pig a pancake, a skeleton gets the hiccup, or a Llama Llama misses his Mama!

Our county library staff is developing many wonderful plans and programs for this new location, and we are soliciting donations for the purchase of books and furnishings. It is very exciting to contribute to a new library space for all patrons, especially our little future Friends of the Library!

As Dr. Seuss says: "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax. All you need is a book." Thank you to Supervisor Bennett and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for bringing the magic of libraries to our new Hill Road location!

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