

Hill Road Library -- A Popular Destination!

SOME STATS for April at Hill Road Library:
5 early literacy classes: 211 participants
15 library events: 366 participants

Molly Krill, Librarian at Hill Road Library, was a guest at the May board meeting of the Ventura Friends of the Library. She reported on all the great things happening at Hill Road. The early literacy class regularly attracts 40 to 75 participants. Older children have participated in a Harry Potter Club where fans can chat and play games. Volunteer chess instructor Jack Cashman, a class A ranked player with the U.S. Chess Federation, has boosted the skills of kids 8 years old and up. A Foothill Technology High School student, Rachel Chang, shares her love of science with a monthly event offering hands on experiments allowing kids to practice the scientific method of hypothesizing, measuring, observing and note taking. 25 aspiring scientists participated in the most recent event. Monthly maker labs bring the 3D printer to library patrons of all ages.

On Saturday, April 28, four local authors (Sheila Lowe, James Gray, Mike Kennedy and Maryann Ridini Spencer) shared their works and advice with aspiring novelists. They answered questions about everything you always wanted to know about novel writing from concept to publishing. Molly described how easy it was to transform the arrangement of the library's furnishings into a configuration suitable for a panel presentation for an audience of 40+ people.



With the arrival of Spring and some new furnishings, the patio space at Hill Road library is becoming another gathering space for moms and kids!

Be sure to check out the Summer Reading Program offerings at Hill Road Library on pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter!



Vintage books a hit on Hill Road FOL sale shelves

Among the book donations the Friends are fortunate to receive, quite a few are unique. They are older, sometimes well over a hundred years old. Some are tattered and loved, some have names of owners long gone written inside. Others have items stuck in their pages: photographs, clippings, shopping lists, letters, receipts from long ago. Many have beautiful bindings and illustrations.

We give these treasures special treatment. We look them up online to see if they have monetary value; if so, often we list them for sale. Often we buy them ourselves as gifts, for ourselves as much as others.

The difficulty is finding them the right home. We put them in our book sales in a "Vintage" section and hope someone comes along who will appreciate them.

Now, however, we have a new venue for them. We tried putting a couple out on the Friends book sale shelves at Hill Road at very inexpensive prices, and they sold immediately. Hmm...we put out more, same result. And again. The librarians even told us patrons come in looking for them!

We are delighted to please appreciative booklovers, place our valued senior citizen books in new homes, and financially support library programs with the revenue at the same time.

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Monday - Wednesday: Regular hours 10 am - 6 pm

Thursday: 2 pm - 6 pm

Friday - Sunday: Regular hours 10 am - 2 pm

Inquire of librarian about availability of Express Hours
 8 am - 10 am (must see staff to obtain access)

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