



Ventura Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting

took place on October 21 at Hill Road Library. Librarian Molly Krill described for us the innovative features of Hill Road Library, including the availability of Open+ morning “Express Hours”. This system allows library customers to access materials and resources outside of standard operating hours. Access to the express hours requires a current library account in good standing, as well as special registration at the Hill Road Library during staffed hours.

Hill Road Library is the first library on the west coast to adopt this system. This has garnered Hill Road Library a starring role in a Bibliotheca (creator of the Open+ technology) promotional video as well as an award for innovation for Ventura County Library from The California County Information Services Directors Association (CCISDA).

Some of our members present at the meeting immediately signed up for Open+ access.

During the business part of the meeting, we voted to change our Bylaws to allow the board to appoint individuals to be included on the bank signature card in addition to the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

We also elected Officers of the Board of Directors for 2019:

PRESIDENT	Mary Olson
VICE PRESIDENT	Charles McDermott
TREASURER	Kathy Thomson
RECORDING SECRETARY	Ellen Klope
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Star Soto

Treasurer's Update

The Friends volunteers, members and contributors were able to raise funds to provide close to \$54,000 for Ventura's four libraries in calendar year 2018. These funds were used to support the Summer Reading Program and other youth related activities plus provide a year end gift for collection needs at each library. At print time the final numbers are still being tabulated but \$54,000 will be close to the final year end amount. In addition, \$4425 was deposited in the Friends Capital Improvement fund with VCCF, per standing rule requirements.

Begging your pardon for the late reminder but if you shop on line at Amazon.com and instead type in smile.Amazon.com into your browser search, you can select San Buenaventura Friends of the Library as your charity and Amazon will contribute a small portion of each purchase to the Friends. The amount has been small over the past years and I apologize for not sending a reminder at the beginning of the shopping season but count this as your reminder for 2019! We would like to grow this simple but very welcome additional income source for our libraries.

People who are good with numbers and have a background in accounting are always needed to serve on the finance committee and assist the Treasurer. Working knowledge of Quickbooks is a plus! If you have an interest in helping in this way, please email friends@venturafriendsoftheibrary.org or introduce yourself to one of our board members at the upcoming book sale.

As always, thank you for your dedicated support of Ventura's libraries.

Thank you for your donations

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