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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Olson

50 years ago --

it was the summer of the moon shot, and, while our newly organized Friends of the Library were no doubt caught up in the general excitement, I'm sure they had no idea of how the technology developed in that effort would transform library service. In the 50 years since the moon landing, the nascent technologies of integrated circuits, digital image sensors and software designed to manage a complex series of systems onboard the capsules have evolved to create today's world. Now, the library with its eLibrary offers a portal to a vast reservoir of information, well beyond that contained in the books on the shelves. And, with wifi, laptops, instruction in computer use and STEAM activities, it is a place to acquire the skills to navigate this transformed world. In May, the new Mobile Library was launched (see page 7). It is packed as efficiently as a space capsule to deliver all the benefits of the library to remote locations.

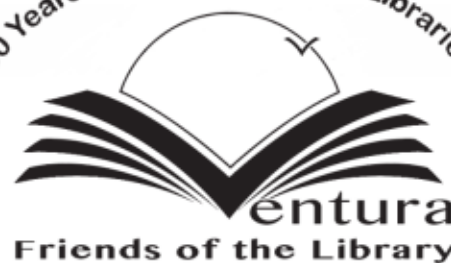
The library also remains a place to experience with others the "A" in "STEAM" -- the arts -- of the spoken word, the written word, delights to see and to hear. You can find a bit of everything in the Summer Reading Program activities.

The celebrations of our anniversary continue with another author visit, musical exploration and book give-away on July 18 at E.P. Foster Library Topping Room, followed by a taste of high-tech ice cream (frozen by liquid nitrogen) at Sub Zero ice cream, next door to the Topping Room.

Our 50th anniversary celebration at Saticoy Library on August 10 will reflect a more whimsical aspect of 1969 with a visit from Ivor Davis, author of "Ladies and Gentlemen . . . The Penguins", a fanciful fable about a famous Penguin rock group from the remote British Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic, who grew up to become one of the most successful pop groups in the world. Even bigger—well almost—than the Beatles. He will be accompanied by the songwriter/singer who is doing the score for a cartoon version of his book. He is generously donating 50 copies of his book in honor of our 50th.

See you at the library this summer!

50 Years of Serving Ventura Libraries



*Celebrations of our
50th anniversary continue!*

*E.P. Foster Library Topping Room
Thursday, July 18 at 11:00 am*

*Meet Alane Adams, author of the
Legends of Orkney series for middle
grade readers and historical picture
books set in the 1920s. She will
encourage aspiring young writers, as
well as readers. Her talk will be
followed by a book signing and book
give-away, music with Craig Newton
and refreshments at SubZero ice cream
next door to the library.*

BOOK SALE

Saturday, July 13

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at the

**Vons at Telegraph & Victoria
(6040 Telegraph Road)**

**Restock your bookshelves
along with your groceries.**

**Quality used books
at bargain prices!**