



# Ex Libris



Newsletter of the Ventura Friends of the Library P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002  
Summer 2019

## 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.

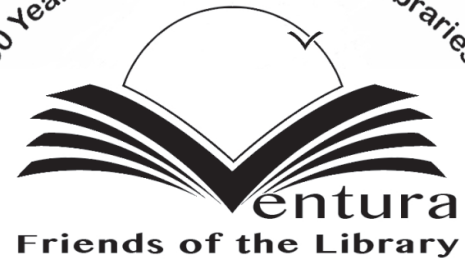
The library also remains a place to experience with others the "A" in "STEAM" -- the arts -- of the spoken word, the written word, delights to see and to hear. You can find a bit of everything in the Summer Reading Program activities.

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**

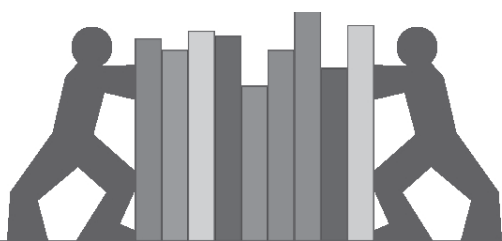
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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Fiction, including current hardcover  
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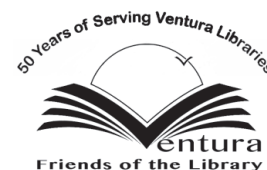
Non-fiction, including biography,  
 science, travel, cooking,  
 history, California history, art, music,  
 crafts.

Children's books; dvds, books on cd  
 and tape, puzzles, and more.

### **OFFICERS OF THE** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **2019**

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## **Let's Celebrate the 50th** **Anniversary of** **Ventura Friends of the Library**



**with Showtime**  
**at the Summer Reading Program**



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

Meet author Alane Adams whose passion for literacy and children came together when her 12-year-old son Alex challenged her to write a book he could read. Fascinated by books based on mythology, she built an entirely new world for her fantastical realm of Orkney and hasn't stopped writing since. She loves to explore characters that are deeply flawed and full of emotions like anger and frustration.

In addition to her fantasy books, she has written a series of historical picture books for younger children.

**100 FREE books for children attending to be signed by Alane.**



Then, at noon, get ready for foot stomping, toe tapping, hand clapping, sing-along fun with musician Craig Newton.

And top it off by joining us for scientific ice cream frozen with liquid nitrogen at the Sub Zero ice cream shop next door to the library!





Pre-Readers, Kids & Teens, get ready to read!  
 From June 1 – August 3, join us for our Summer Reading Challenge!

Register now! Then start reading and logging your minutes: <https://summerreading.ventura.org/>  
 1 minute read = 1 point  
 For every 100 points accumulated, you will automatically be entered into the online GRAND PRIZE DRAWING  
 – up to 10 chances per person.  
 Visit your local library and select a prize book for every 500 points you earn.

	<b>Monday Craft Madness</b> <b>E.P. Foster Library</b> 10 am to 6 pm Get your craft on all day! Crafts supplied!
	<b>E.P. Foster Library</b> <b>Summer Reading</b> <b>Crafternoon</b> Fridays, beginning June 21 2:00 to 3:30 pm Get your craft on in the afternoon. A structured craft, supplies provided.
	<b>Avenue Library</b> <b>On Demand</b> <b>Coloring &amp; Games</b> Coloring pages for all levels for family creative fun! During all open hours
	<b>Family Coloring &amp; Games</b> <b>Saticoy Library</b> Saturdays, 10:30 - noon
	<b>Family Games &amp; Coloring</b> <b>Hill Road Library</b> Sundays, 11:00 am

### Paws for Reading



Children improve their reading skills through reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

**E.P. Foster Library**  
Saturdays noon – 1:00 pm  
(sign-up required, call Phillip Yocham (805) 648-2716

**Hill Road Library**  
Wednesdays, 3:30 pm  
Arrive at the library early to choose a book and get in line to read to a special pooch. Children of all ages welcome!  
(805) 677-7180

**Avenue Library**  
Bilingual  
Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

**E.P. Foster**  
Tuesdays, 10:30 am  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am

**Hill Road Library**  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am

**Saticoy Library**  
Tuesdays, 10:00 am  
Library opens to general public at 1:00 pm.



Summer Reading 2019  
Ventura County Library

**IT'S SHOWTIME!**

## 2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM: JUNE 1 - AUGUST 3

### Summer Reading Events at E.P. Foster Library

June 20 (Thursday) at 11:00 am – Christopher T. Magician  
 June 27 (Thursday) at 11:00 am– Jim Cogan, Storyteller  
 June 29 (Saturday) at 3:00 pm – Sub Zero Science, (50 Free Ice Creams)  
 July 3 (Wednesday) at 11 am – Humane Society of Ventura County  
 July 12 (Friday) at 11 am – David Cousin, Juggler (Featured Performer)

**Ventura Friends of the Library 50th Anniversary Celebration** July 18  
 July 18 (Thursday) at 11:00 am – Alane Adams, Author Talk & Book Signing  
 July 18 (Thursday) at 12:00 pm --Craig Newton  
 Treats at Sub Zero Ice Cream Next Door

July 25 (Thursday) at 11:00 am – Ojai Raptor Center  
 August 2 (Friday) at 3:00 pm – Kona Ice: A Cool, Sweet Way to End the Summer!

### Summer Reading Events at Avenue Library

June 17 (Monday) at 5:00 pm – David Cousins, Juggler  
 June 26 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm - Jim Cogan, Storyteller  
 July 3 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm - Christopher T. Magician  
 July 10 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm - Joe Gandelman, Ventriloquist  
 July 17 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm – Ojai Raptor Center  
 July 24 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm – Inlakech Cultural Arts  
 July 31 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm – Jessica Vang  
 August 1 (Thursday) at 3:00 pm - Kona Ice: A Cool, Sweet Way to End the Summer!

E.P. Foster Library  
 651 East Main Street  
 (805) 648-2716

Avenue Library  
 606 North Ventura Avenue  
 (805) 643-6393

### Summer Reading Events at Hill Road Library

Hill Road Library  
 1070 S. Hill Road  
 (805) 677-7180

June 3 (Monday) at 5:00 pm –Juggler David Cousin, Featured Performer  
 June 18 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm - Craig Newton, Musician  
 June 25 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm - Jim Cogan, Storyteller  
 July 2 Tuesday) at 4:00 pm - Humane Society of Ventura County  
 July 16 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm – Ojai Raptors  
 July 23 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm – Abbit the Average Magician  
 July 30 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm – Bilingual singer Nathalia  
 August 6 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm - Kona Ice: A Cool, Sweet Way to End the Summer!

### Summer Reading Events at Saticoy Library

June 17 (Monday) at 3:00 pm – Bi-lingual Music with Nathalia  
 June 22 (Saturday) at 11:30 am - David Cousins, Juggler  
 July 1 (Monday) at 3:00 pm - Humane Society of Ventura County  
 July 8 (Monday) at 3:00 pm - Ojai Raptor Center  
 July 15 (Monday) at 3:00 pm - Christopher T. Magician  
 July 22 (Monday) at 3:00 pm – Craig Newton, Musician  
 July 25 (Thursday) at 1:00 pm – Kona Ice: A Cool, Sweet Treat!  
 July 29 (Monday) at 3:00 pm – Inlakech Cultural Arts

Saticoy Library  
 1292 Los Angeles Avenue  
 (805) 671-5148

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, MATH!**



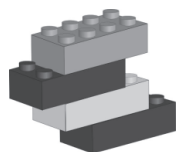
**Makerspace at E.P. Foster**

**Open Workshop  
for ALL AGES,  
kids, teens & adults  
Free, drop-ins welcome,  
no prior experience needed.  
Tuesdays 3 - 6 pm  
Wednesdays 3 - 6 pm  
beginning June 18**

3D Printing Club: June 12, 19, & 26  
Wednesdays, 4 - 5 pm  
Discover new skills through design-based problem solving, and connect with others in a collaborative and positive learning environment. Age Group: Tweens, Teens

**LEGO PLAY**

**Build, Learn and Play!  
Bring your imagination and  
experiment with creative  
designs.  
Children of all ages welcome!**



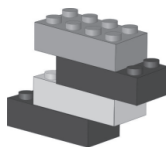
**Tuesdays  
Saticoy Library  
3:00 to 5:00 pm**

**Tuesdays  
E.P. Foster Library @ 3:00 pm**

**Thursdays  
Avenue Library  
3:00 pm**

**Saturdays  
E.P. Foster Library  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Saturdays  
Hill Road Library  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm**



**E.P. Foster Library  
Mondays at 3:00 PM  
Beginning June 17**

**Hill Road Library  
Thursdays at 4:00 PM  
Beginning June 20**

**Avenue Library: Tuesdays, June 25, July 16 & 30 at 3:00 PM**

**Create and build! Use your imagination and engineering skills with these fun STEAM activities!**



**E.P. Foster -  
Virtual Reality**

Tuesdays @ 3:30 - 5:30 pm on the 2nd Floor. Explore the virtual world with these different VR platforms: Samsung Gear VR, Oculus Go, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive. VR HEADSETS can only be used by those aged 13 and older, this event is for ages 13-17.



**E.P. Foster  
Tuesdays  
3:30 to 5:30 pm**

Play the Wii U & Other Gaming Systems during, the Oculus Rift VR (ages 13+), and some board games on the second floor. For Kids & Teens. Space: The blower pillar in the Makerspace.



**Chess Around the Corner  
E.P. Foster**

Saturdays 11 am-4 pm  
Calling all chess players! Keep your skills sharp with this one-hour, drop-in session of free play. Boards will be set up and ready to go. Bring your best moves!

**Hill Road Library Chess Club**

Mondays @ 4:30 pm  
Learn to play chess or improve your chess game with our weekly chess club. Aimed at ages 10 and up.



## Welcome to the 2019 Adult Summer Reading contest.

All across the County of Ventura, adults are joining the experience of this year's Summer Reading theme: It's Showtime!

Enter the prize drawing every time you read a book. Winners will be selected from all of the library locations, including the eLibrary. There is no limit on the number of entries you can submit, and each entry is a chance to win a fun prize!

To register, go to: <https://www.vencolibrary.org/node/21837>

Good luck, and happy reading!

## Hill Road Book Club

Join a lively discussion of great books.

Print and audio copies of the selected book are held for checkout

at the Hill Road branch,

and digital versions are available on cloudLibrary.

Discussions are held in the evening, generally on the last Tuesday of each month.



Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

**Educated**, the bestselling memoir by Tara Westover.

Upcoming Selections :

July 30: **My Brilliant Friend** by Elena Ferrante

August 27: **Less** by Andrew Sean Greer

September 24: **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

meets in the Topping Room on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon. This group reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction and is always open to new members!

Saturday, July 6:

**A Tale of Love and Darkness**

by Amos Oz

Saturday, August 3:

**Blood Memory** by Martha Graham

Saturday, September 7:

**Animal Dreams**

by Barbara Kingsolver

For more information, contact Colleen at [aecolleen@aol.com](mailto:aecolleen@aol.com)



## Open Mic Poetry at E.P. Foster Topping Room

Thursdays 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Hosted by Phil Taggart. Free and open to the public!

Enjoy a featured poet, then share your own work.

All are welcome to just sit and listen as well.



**Ukuleles  
Still Jammin' at  
E.P. Foster  
Topping Room  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
7:00 - 10:00 pm**

## California Native Plant Society Channel Islands Chapter Lecture Series

E.P. Foster Library Topping Room

**Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 to 9:00pm



## Venture (a) Out In The County

...a Sierra Club Educational Series

**E.P. Foster Library Topping Room**

**Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

Learn about hiking, camping and natural resources in and around Ventura County.

### Ventura County Mobile Library Launch

The Mobile Library which made its appearance at Ventura County Government Center on May 7 is a far cry from the first mobile library service in California, dating back to 1924 when Elizabeth Topping, then County Librarian, loaded saddlebags on horseback to deliver books throughout the county.



This Mobile Library offers a the full range of 21st century library services, including:

- Checkout and return of popular materials for all ages and in multiple formats: books, DVDs, audiobooks
- Free Wi-Fi, Wireless Printing and Laptop lending; STEM & Makerspaces activities, 3D Printing
- Storytimes and Class visits

It was funded through a generous donation from the Ventura County Library Foundation, which included significant donations from Premier America Credit Union and the Port of Hueneme. Additional funding came through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and awarded through the California State Library. The Ventura County Library established partnerships with neighboring libraries to reach all corners of the county. Grant partners include: Santa Paula Public Library, Moorpark City Library, Simi Valley Public Library, and the Museum of Ventura County.

The Mobile Library provides service to the underserved areas where many people have little or no library service due to lack of transportation or mobility issues. Materials charged out from Mobile Library can be returned to the Mobile Library or any Ventura County Library location. When you place a hold through the catalog on the website, you can select the Mobile Library as the pick-up location.

You can see a current list of stops and special events at [venturacountylibrary.org](http://venturacountylibrary.org). Go to the Events Calendar tab and select Mobile Library in the Branch pull-down menu. The Ventura County Library will accept suggestions or recommendations for regular stops or special events. Sites are evaluated based on safety, space, attendance, available staff time, and Library goals. To request the Mobile Library for your event, contact Dana Vinke, Deputy Library Director (805) 677-7153.



Ventura County Library Adult Literacy READ Program is now recruiting adult volunteer tutors who would like to help other adults improve their reading and writing skills.

No teaching experience is required and the training is free. The READ program trains adult volunteers to provide free one-to-one reading instruction for adults in need of basic literacy skills. Instruction in basic literacy includes the development of phonetic reading skills combined with communication skills.

After completion of the five-week training, tutors will meet with their adult learners at the Hill Road Library in Ventura. Call (805) 677-7160.



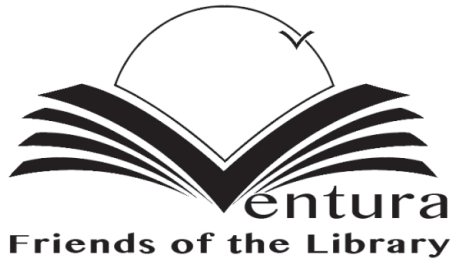
**Looking for a beach book?  
Or an audiobook for that long drive ?**

**The Friends Bookstore  
in E.P. Foster Library**

is open  
Tuesday through Saturday  
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

If you are interested in joining the bookstore crew, please ask at the store or email [bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](mailto:bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org)

Keep updated at [www.venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](http://www.venturafriendsofthelibrary.org) and at our Facebook page  
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Join **Ventura Friends of the Library**, and help make our libraries BETTER!

Ventura FOL supports the public libraries of the City of Ventura in delivering library services, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of library materials and equipment, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape</li> <li>• Summer programs for children and youth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public awareness of legislation and other events that may affect the delivery of library services</li> <li>• Special programs, receptions, speakers, &amp; field trips</li> </ul> |
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*Your membership at any of the levels below helps make all this possible.*

(Make checks payable to: Ventura Friends of the Library and mail to P.O. Box 403, Ventura CA 93002)

Lifetime \$1000	Business \$250	Patron \$100	Family \$35	Individual \$25	Student \$10
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We need YOUR help! FOL is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization run entirely by VOLUNTEERS. Please consider volunteering in any of the following areas. Just check the boxes. We'll contact you.

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