

# Ex Libris



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Olson

October brings our final 50th anniversary celebration event to be held in conjunction with our Annual Membership Meeting. All current members should have received invitations in the mail. If your invitation has gone astray, please call me at 805 223-1187 so that we can correct our error.

October is also the month of One County, One Book. The selected title for this year, is, most appropriately, *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Using the event of the LA Central Library fire in 1986 as a focal point, the author recounts the history of the LA library, its various librarians and the community which surrounds it. Along the way, the reader will surely contemplate their own library experiences, especially the very first ones, and the ways the library has served them over the years.

Our local libraries welcome the youngest visitors for stories and song and bring them along as they grow with the irresistible lego play and summer reading shows. For students, the library is available for homework help and research. Now, the e-library and apps are always available for fact-checking and diversion.

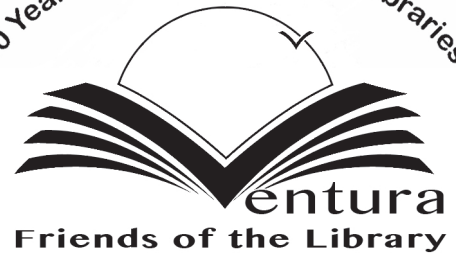
Teens have the opportunity to give as well as receive through the Teen Advisory group, which, among other things, helps staff the Summer Reading Program. Library programs have provided guidance on college applications and managing finances. This year there was even a program about buying a car!

Busy adults also find the apps and databases useful. They may even find the time to drop in to the library for a speaker, book club or event or make use of a meeting room. The Makerspace provides access to tools for high tech tinkerers of all ages. Adult literacy is promoted with volunteer tutors and English as a second language tutoring. An interrupted education can be resumed through Career Online High School. For information about adult literacy, contact Carol Chapman [carol.chapman@ventura.org](mailto:carol.chapman@ventura.org) (805 677-7160)

Seniors can enjoy books without having to find more space on their shelves. The Friends of the Library even help them declutter by giving their old books a good home. The library has partnered with The Ventura County Area on Aging to offer weeks long series of exercise classes to improve balance and has offered classes on Medicare basics.

Is it any wonder that our beautiful friendship has endured for 50 years -- and counting!

50 Years of Serving Ventura Libraries



What we really want for our 50th Anniversary is, of course, more Friends!

If it's time for the Annual Meeting, it's time to renew your membership for 2020!

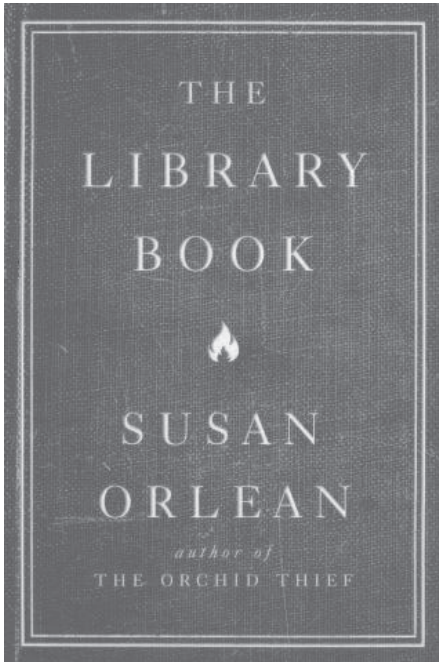
We could also use some more volunteers to work in the bookstore. Working a shift in the bookstore is a commitment of just 2 1/2 hours per month.

If you can help, leave your contact information at the bookstore or email [bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org](mailto:bookstore@venturafriendsofthelibrary.org)



### Remember

You can renew your membership or make a tax-deductible donation at <https://squareup.com/store/VenturaFOL>



## One County, One Book

unites people across Ventura County in reading the same book and attending related events, such as book discussions, film screenings and related talks.

The Second Annual One County, One Book features Susan Orlean's ***The Library Book***. This title chronicles the 1986 Los Angeles Public Library fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role libraries play in our lives. Orlean delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity. The Washington Post calls *The Library Book* "a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution."

The 2019 One County, One Book program is made possible through a primary sponsorship from California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI), and additional sponsorships from other organizations including California Lutheran University, the Museum of Ventura County, the Camarillo Public Library, the Calabasas Library, the Ventura County Library Foundation, the Ventura Friends of the Library, and the Ojai Valley Library Friends & Foundation.

**The Friends of the Library Book Discussion** group is reading ***The Library Book*** and will host a discussion at their November meeting:

Saturday, November 2, 10 am in the Topping Room.

Visitors are welcome to join in the discussion!

**E.P. Foster Library** will host a discussion of Susan Orlean's ***The Library Book*** on Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 to 6:45pm.

**Avenue Library** will host a discussion on Monday, October 28, 3 to 4pm.

**Saticoy Library** will host a discussion on Tuesday, October 29, 3 to 4pm.

**Hill Road Library** will host a discussion on Tuesday, October 29, 6 to 7pm.

**One County One Book Film Event - Emilio Estevez's film about libraries at the Museum of Ventura County**

Tuesday, October 15, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Museum of Ventura County

Written and directed by Emilio Estevez, the film deals with libraries and homelessness, and looks at how the role of the public library has changed over the years. Admission is free. Seating is limited: first come, first served.

**One County, One Book Cal Lutheran Faculty Panel**

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Lundring Events Center -- Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center at California Lutheran University

At this OCOB Special Event, university faculty and friends discuss the themes of Susan Orlean's *The Library Book* and the inside story of the 1986 fire that burned 400,000 books and damaged 700,000 more at the Los Angeles Public Library. Panelists explore both the enduring importance of books in our digital age and how libraries provide much more than books.

Admission is free. For information, contact Cindy Keitel in University Relations at ckeitel@CalLutheran.edu.

## Author Event! November 2



Author Susan Orlean [photo courtesy of Noah Fecks]

### Susan Orlean comes to CSUCI

Saturday, November 2 at 2 pm.  
California State University  
Channel Islands, Grand Salon  
1 University Drive  
Camarillo, CA 93012

All members of the public are invited to join Susan Orlean for the featured One County, One Book Author Program followed by a book signing.

Admission is free, however, please RSVP through Eventbrite at [bit.ly/vclocob](http://bit.ly/vclocob). Seating for this event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please arrive early; doors open at 1:30 p.m. Once on site, please follow signs for parking.

**Has all of this piqued your curiosity about the Los Angeles Public Library?**

Daily walk-in tours of the Central Library are available and last approximately one hour. No reservations are necessary for groups of six or less. The tours leave from the front of the Library Store in the main lobby.

**Art & Architecture Tours**

Monday -- Friday: 12:30 pm

Saturday · 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 pm

Sunday · 2:00 pm

**Art-in-the-Garden Tour**

Saturday · 12:30 pm

213-228-7168

## Calling All Members!

Our **Annual Membership Meeting** will be conducted at the end of our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 20, 2:30 to 4:00 pm at Hill Road Library. Current members should have received invitations to the event in the mail. If your invitation has gone astray, please call me at 805 223-1187 so that we can correct our error.

*Celebrate our 50th Anniversary with  
Entertainment from Rubicon Theatre The Broadway Juniors  
Hors d'oeuvres from Hill Street Cafe  
A look at memorabilia from the Friends' 50 years  
A tour of the County's new Mobile Library*

The brief business part of the meeting will consist of the Treasurer's annual report and election of the Board for 2020.

### Proposed Slate of Officers for 2020

**PRESIDENT:** Mary Olson  
**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
**TREASURER:** Kathy Thomson  
**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Ellen Klope  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Star Soto

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

*On this occasion  
we would like to  
express our thanks to our  
Lifetime Members  
for their constant support!*

*Gale Albright  
Donald R. Belless  
Mary Jo Coe  
Joann Cunningham  
Jill Forman  
Barbara Meister  
Linda R. Peddie  
Martha Penhall  
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Annie Winch*

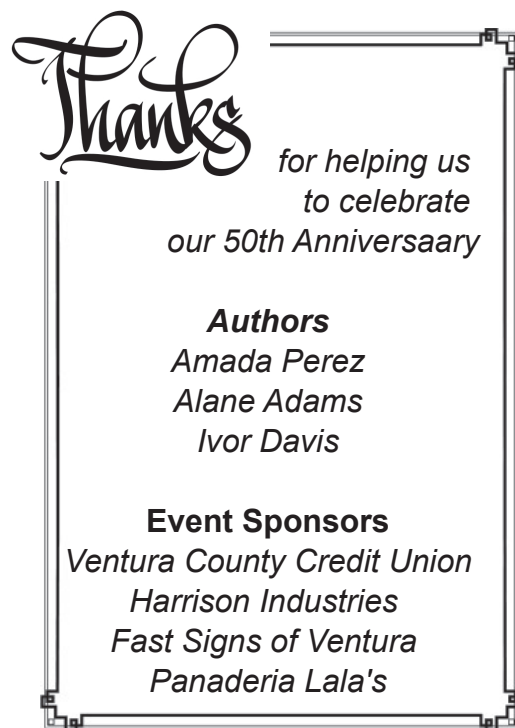
*and thanks to our  
Patron level members*

<i>Victoria Ammons</i>	<i>Kathleen Paulson</i>
<i>Lila Atkisson</i>	<i>Sheri Polisini</i>
<i>Margaret Booker</i>	<i>Dorothy Prairie</i>
<i>Connie Casavan</i>	<i>Dana Smith</i>
<i>Nan Drake</i>	<i>Allan &amp; Berta Steele</i>
<i>Peter Dibble</i>	<i>Merilyn Thompson</i>
<i>John Fish</i>	<i>Louis and</i>
<i>Terrence Foley</i>	<i>Rosemary Vigorita</i>
<i>Genevieve Hinkle</i>	<i>Marcia Wakelee</i>
<i>Susan Lacey</i>	<i>Sylvia Wikholm</i>
<i>Marietta O'Farrell</i>	<i>Carolyn Wood</i>

### 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!

On November 2, we'll discuss **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean  
For more information, contact Donna: reader1011@icloud.com



### Ventura County Library Friends and Foundation Meet-Up

The first Ventura County Library Friends and Foundation Meet Up took place in September 15 at Hill Road Library. Nancy Schram, Ventura County Library Director, had initiated the meeting, suggesting that such meetings should occur on a regular basis.

Ventura Friends of the Library hosted the meeting. Representatives from Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation, Friends of the Port Hueneme Library, Friends of the Fillmore Library and Ventura County Library Foundation attended.

We discussed our mission as encompassing advocacy for libraries and fundraising and our challenges in both areas. Collaborations with other community organizations were discussed. Fillmore and Ojai both have good relationships with their school districts. The Ojai Friends have made a project of promoting little free libraries. They were awarded a grant from the Ojai Women's Fund to build and maintain Little Free Libraries and have installed 12 in the Ojai Valley. Strategies for soliciting grants were discussed. The challenge of bringing diversity to our boards was another topic, along with general difficulties with increasing membership. All agreed that further meetings would be useful and more collaboration among our groups could prove productive in the future.



## Early Literacy Classes

*Ventura Area*

*Three, Two, Fun!*

These classes are a great way to introduce your child to early literacy and the library.

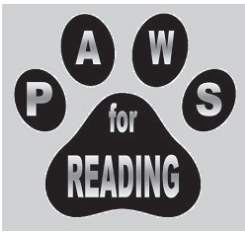
Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft & fun!

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

Avenue Library  
Bilingual  
Mondays, 3:30 to 4:00 pm

Saticoy Library  
Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Hill Road Library  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am



### Paws for Reading

Read aloud to registered therapy dogs

#### E.P. Foster Library

Saturdays 12 – 1  
sign-up required, call Phillip Yocham at 805 648-2716

#### Hill Road Library

Wednesdays 3:30 pm  
Join Paws dogs for one-on-one reading sessions.  
Arrive at the library early to choose a book and get in line to read to a special pooch. Children of all ages welcome!

## Homework Help

### Avenue Library Homework Center

Monday - Thursday: 3:30 - 5:30 pm (805) 643-6393

### Saticoy Library Tutoring Center

Monday - Wednesday: 3:00 - 5:00 pm (805) 671-5148



### MAKERSPACE Open Workshop at E.P. Foster

Wednesdays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

### MAKER LAB at Hill Road Library

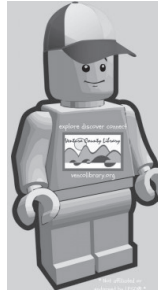
Thursdays @ 4pm

### DISCOVER SCIENCE

Hill Road Library: 1st Mondays @ 4pm

### LEGO PLAY Build, learn and play! Children of all ages welcome!

Bring your imagination and experiment with creative designs.



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

**Tuesdays:** E.P. Foster, 3:00 to 5:00 pm:

**Thursdays:** Avenue Library, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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

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



#### E.P. Foster Library

#### Monday Craft Madness

10 am - 6 pm  
Drop-in craft table!

#### Saticoy Library

Family Coloring and Games  
Saturday, 10:30 am - noon

#### Hill Road Library

Family Coloring and Games  
Sunday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### Chess Club at Hill Road

Hill Road Library Mondays, 4:00 pm

Learn to play or improve your game with our weekly chess club. Aimed at ages 8+



## Horror in the Stacks: Carnival of Souls

E.P. Foster Library  
Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Join us for a scary fun time as the library turns haunted!  
All are welcome but children 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.  
Starting from the Second Floor/Children's Department Entrance.

## HORROR IN THE STACKS







Teens can earn community service credit while sharing ideas, meeting new people and co-hosting library events. This group is for 9th-12th grade.

Support the library with these events & tasks:  
Horror in the Stacks, Makerspace, Book Displays, Mini-maker Faire, Foster Con

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5 to 6 pm, at E.P. Foster Library in the Young Adult area, on the 2nd floor. Contact: Phillip (805) 648-2716.



**Virtual Reality**  
**E.P. Foster - 2nd Floor**

Tuesdays  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Explore the virtual world with these different gaming VR platforms during Summer Reading: Samsung Gear VR, Oculus Go, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive. All VR Platforms are for ages 13 and up



**Poetry Open Mic Night**

Thursdays, 7:30-9 pm  
in the Topping Room, E.P.Foster  
Free and open to the public! Hosted by Phil Taggart.  
Enjoy a featured poet, then share your own work with the group. All are welcome to just sit and listen as well.



**Ukulele Jam Sessions**

continue on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:00 -10:00 pm.  
Locals gather to play the ukulele in the Topping Room, E.P. Foster Library.



U.S. Small Business Administration

**Empowering Ventura County Small Businesses**

**Hill Road Library:** Tuesday, October 22, 4:30 to 5:30 pm  
Please RSVP online at: [www.bit.ly/sbahillroad](http://www.bit.ly/sbahillroad)  
**E.P. Foster:** Wednesday, November 13 4:00 to 6:00 pm  
Please RSVP online at [www.bit.ly/sbaepfoster](http://www.bit.ly/sbaepfoster).

Joseph “Joe” Lee Suh comes to us from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and is working with the Ventura County Library to explore how the SBA can help your business thrive. Join us for this introductory seminar and learn more about how you can start, grow, expand, or recover your business with the SBA and Ventura County Library. This event is free and open to the public.

**Tai Chi:  
Moving  
For Better Balance  
E.P. Foster Library**



The Ventura County Area on Aging and the Ventura County Library are partnering to bring simplified Tai Chi for seniors. Canes and walkers are okay. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am for 12 weeks beginning September 9.

For more information and to register please contact: Fall Prevention Program Coordinator 805-477-7300

**Living Trust & Estate Planning Workshop  
Hill Road Library  
Thursday, October 24, 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

Presented to you by Ventura County Credit Union in partnership with Affinity Trusts, you will learn how to:

- Avoid the pitfalls of using joint ownership as a way to transfer property
- Choose the right person to make decisions for you in case of a medical emergency
- Nominate guardians and provide for minor children
- Distribute assets according to your wishes
- Establish a Living Trust to avoid probate



## Meet the New Hill Road Library Librarian

Linda Cherry graduated from San Jose State University with a Master's in Library and Information Science, and from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor's Degree in Art History. Her career history includes over fifteen years of public library experience, and two years of experience in school libraries with the Santa Barbara Unified School District. She is passionate about public service and supporting children and their families in reaching their greatest potential.

Some fun facts:

Favorite film: *The Wizard of Oz*

Favorite book: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

Currently reading: *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*, by Stuart Turton.

## 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, October 29, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Join the discussion of the  
One County One Book selection

**The Library Book** by Susan Orlean

November: No Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

**The Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris

## Special Amenities at Hill Road Library

### Express Hours

The express model of service offers customer access to the Hill Road Library in addition to staffed operating hours. Library customers wishing to access materials and resources outside of standard operating hours may do so by opting in to the express model. 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.

### Study Rooms

Two small study rooms are available. Each study room can accommodate four people and has a television and a whiteboard. To reserve a room, please visit the library or call us at (805) 677-7180.

## Go, Mobile Library!

The Mobile Library has been seen all over town -- at Farmers' Markets, The Botanical Garden, the Housing Authority and elementary schools. If you want to see where it will appear next, go to the website: [vencolibrary.org](http://vencolibrary.org), choose "Events Calendar" on the menu and select "Mobile Library" as "Branch".



On Saturday, November 2, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, the Mobile Library will appear at CSU Channel Islands Science Carnival at Rio Vista Middle School, 3050 Thames River Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036

CSU Channel Islands Science Carnival provides kids in preschool through grade 8 and their families hands-on science experiences in a Halloween carnival setting. Kids should feel free to wear their costumes to the Science Carnival. Limited snacks will be provided for purchase and families are encouraged to bring a picnic or arrange to eat off-site.

More than 120 different hands-on science activities! The Science Carnival is FREE to the public!

## Summer Reading 2019



This year, David Cousin, holder of five world juggling records, was the featured performer, visiting all four branches of the Ventura region. His performance kicked off a summer of juggling reading, science activities and the arts.



Kids registered online for the Summer Reading Challenge and recorded the number of minutes they had read over the summer. Among the four library branches, 639 kids and teens registered, logging 467,670 minutes read. For every 100 minutes, their name was entered into the grand prize drawing. Reading 1,000 minutes over the summer was encouraged. When 500 minutes was recorded, the reader earned a free book to add to his or her own library. 504 books were awarded over the summer.



The Makerspace Open Workshop at E.P. Foster and the Maker Lab at Hill Road Library hosted science and technology activities and Steam Boxes brought those activities to Avenue and Saticoy libraries. The science of freezing with liquid nitrogen was demonstrated at E.P. Foster Library. Those who attended were given tickets to continue their research at the SubZero ice cream parlor next door to the library.

This year, a great variety of music events were featured. Craig Newton brought nine musical instruments from around the world to hear and touch. Nathalia, Bilingual Children's Musician, and Jessica Vang invited all to join in song. Inlakech Cultural Arts brought the exuberance of a youth Mariachi orchestra.



The Friends of the Library also sponsored a special author visit and book give-away at E.P. Foster as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. Alane Adams, author of the Legends of Orkney fantasy series for middle grade readers, gave a lively presentation and autographed books. Craig Newton followed with a sing-along and those who attended received tickets for an ice cream at SubZero next door.

In the Ventura Region, the attendance at events totaled 3318.

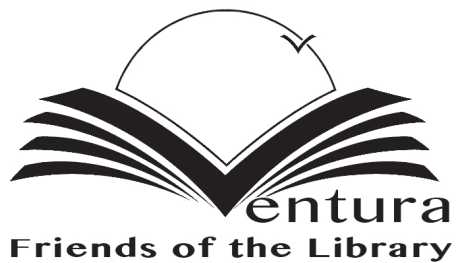
Teen volunteers gained community service credits for school as they registered kids for the Summer Reading Program, prepared craft and program materials and supported library events. Among the four branches, there were 38 teen volunteers contributing 1035 volunteer hours to the great success of the Summer Reading Program!

**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 even BETTER!  
Annual Meeting October 20, Current Members, TIME to RENEW!  
We support 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: SBFOL, 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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