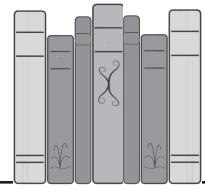


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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.

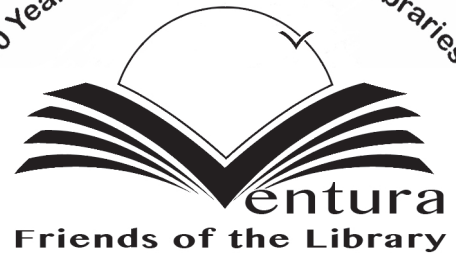
Teens have the opportunity to give as well as receive through the Teen Advisory group, which, among other things, helps staff the Summer Reading Program. Library programs have provided guidance on college applications and managing finances. This year there was even a program about buying a car!

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 (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



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