



See Gull

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Did you have a chance to participate in any of this summer's activities supported by the Friends? The **Fil-Am Celebration** on June 5 was outstanding. The Civic Center Plaza was packed with an estimated 700 attendees. The combination of colorful costumes, lively entertainment, and enticing Filipino food resulted in a wonderful event.

Winners of the "**My Oceanside**" **photograph contest** attended a reception on June 21. The special glimpses that the photos produced gave me a better understanding of the many facets of our community. The spectacular entries helped me to appreciate other perspectives on this place I thought I already knew. Some of the pictures were hauntingly beautiful, others depicted unusual scenes, and some were uniquely clever. See the article inside to find out more about this year's, and future, contests.

Oceanside's **Independence Day Parade**, held on June 29, was a blast of patriotic music and flag waving. One marching band actually came to us from Minnesota. Of course, my favorite part was driving **Splash**, our library mascot, down Coast Highway in my trusty convertible. It was delightful to see everyone waving at our celebrated starfish. Once again, I was congenially accompanied by our very own bookseller extraordinaire, Gail Wells.

As usual, the highlights of the season are the annual **Summer Reading Programs**, which continue to be sponsored by the Friends. Children receive official t-shirts and can participate in a varied selection of events—crafts, parties, animal shows, feature-length movies, a treasure hunt—the list goes on and on—and there are always special events for teenagers and adults too! Children, tweens, teens, and adults continue to flock to the Library to check out all of this amazing action.

This year's **Adult Summer Reading Program** was themed "Oceanside Treasures," and features the retro "*Tan Your Hide in Oceanside*" motto and logo, along with the Library's personal addition of "*Read a Book While You Cook*."



Founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization, the mission of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library is to support and promote the services and resources of the Oceanside Public Library through community involvement, volunteer activities and fundraising. The organization maintains a membership of persons interested in the library, sponsors special programs and cultural events for both children and adults, and works to enhance the library's collection and facilities.

A Message From Our President (cont.)

Other special events included **Write on Oceanside**, our popular literary fair celebrating local authors, which was held on July 20, and the **Adult Summer Reading Finale Party**. The Library's Friends sponsored programs this summer have been spectacular and they just keep getting better and better. Here's hoping your own summer was spectacular too!

Sincerely yours,



Suzanne Williams
President, Friends of the Oceanside Public Library

CONTEST • CONTEST • CONTEST • CONTEST

Does anyone out there remember how this Friends' newsletter came to be called the See Gull? Some residents of Oceanside would like to change the name to something more relevant to the expanded role our Library plays in the community. Others want to keep it as it is. What would you like? We want your input and, if appropriate, suggestions for a different name.

The See Gull has changed. It is now available electronically. No longer do we enjoy the good old days when members of Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis "stuffed the See Gull," and stickered it, preparing the many copies for bulk mail. Now the newsletter lives in the "cyber net ether" and it can be downloaded by anyone.

The outreach of the Friends has grown as well. You can Friend us on Facebook or catch us on Twitter. Our support of the Library has blossomed and your continued backing of the Friends has been a blessing. The Friends Board wants to know what you think. Should we:

keep the See Gull name

rename it

**Suggested new name: _____ :
(Be creative. Some ideas to date include News Splash, Tidings, Seascape, etc.)**

If most responses prefer a change, we will award the best new name with a public acknowledgement in the newsletter and an award of a \$20 gift certificate good at the Friends' Bookstores, Farmers' Market site, or the big quarterly Book Sales, plus a great Friends book bag to stow all your new treasures in. This could net someone up to 100 books.

Email your entry to FriendsofOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com, or send it by U.S. Mail to the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, at 330 North Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA 92054.

We look forward to your responses. Thank you!

Woe is I or is it Me? (Don't you see!)

by Alma Sisco-Smith, Oceanside Public Library Board of Trustees

Patricia O'Connor wrote this book now in its second edition. I am drawn to it because it reminds me of my father and his fascination of what he often referred to as the King's English. Although he only finished eighth grade (losing both parents by this time), he became an avid reader, which he attributed to travel throughout Europe and the United States. His experience in World War I combat, then as a laborer on transatlantic steamers and later on the United States railways would become his educational classrooms.

He would regale us with stories of poor speech – this *unschooled* man who did not suffer fools lightly. And so his love of words influenced me in a positive way. Humorous sayings and quips have been passed on to my (now adult) children and grandchildren. My son has replaced my father to some extent and now regales the family mimicking my supposed British/Bostonian accent. But he embellishes and I digress.

O'Connor's *Woe is I* provides a great insight into the way we have used and misused the King's English – especially pronouns as we see. It is interesting that poor construction can be found in early uses of English. For example, Shakespeare's use of *me* rather than *I* makes one wonder if it was done in error or for effect. *Methinks* a scholar probably has the answer to this conundrum.

It is to be that our language has and continues to change, due to very many influences. O'Connor points out the impact of our technology on language, such as texting and tweeting. I find some misuses and deviations leave me woeful, which brings me to my reason in writing.

Why woeful? Seeing language as a gift of art places it in high esteem in my eyes and misuse is tantamount to "killing the King's English" (as my father used to say). Although I never made the connection, my love and respect for our language is probably the reason I decided to be a tutor with our READS Literacy program. It certainly is the reason why I enjoy it. There are moments when I and my learner will grab the dictionary, discuss and sometimes debate a word and its use. After all, this is the way we seek to understand one another.

So every week I have the chance to balance any woes with the wills of those who seek to read, speak or write better. I have learned to be more tolerant of those striving to learn and improve, and less tolerant of those who are learned yet refuse to improve. (I think my father would also agree.)



New at Oceanside READS!

Oceanside READS has made some positive changes. The newly approved Library budget has allowed for expanded hours across all of the library's locations. READS is now open from 10 AM until 7 PM on Wednesdays. READS has also gained one additional staff person, Dee Wilkerson, who joins us from the Library's Adult Services Department. Dee initially worked in READS after the Community Computer Center's closure in 2009, however, due to budget restraints had been transferred to the Civic Center Library. Dee is now back to assisting Corrie part time and hopes to help as much as possible.

READS has purchased new iPads made possible by a technology grant from the State of California. The iPads were implemented by Mr. Sam Liston, the Library's Technology Analyst. Dee will be doing iPad workshops for the tutors so that they can learn how to use this technology with their students. READS was also able to purchase a new flat screen television for use in training new tutors. The new TV has a built in DVD player and Dee is currently converting all of the old VHS tapes to DVD. Please join us in welcoming Oceanside READS to the digital age!

America's Music Coming Soon

The Oceanside Public Library has been awarded a \$2,500 grant to host a six-week program series featuring documentary film screenings and scholar led discussions of twentieth-century American popular music. Matching donations from the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and the Library Foundation will allow the library to provide supplemental programs and to include live performances and special guests throughout the series.

The Library will host the "America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway" series every Tuesday at 6 PM, from October 8 through November 12, to enlighten audiences about uniquely American musical genres including blues and gospel, Broadway, jazz, bluegrass and country, rock n' roll, and hip hop. Oceanside



Public Library is one of fifty sites nationwide selected to host this series! We are thrilled to participate in this program; it offers an excellent opportunity for the community to learn about the origins of American popular music and its profound relation to social change.

"America's Music," is a project by the Tribeca Film Institute in collaboration with the American Library Association, Tribeca Flashpoint, and the Society for American Music.

"America's Music" has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Did you Know?

by Sherri Cosby, Library Director

It does not seem possible that we are already nearing the end of summer and that many of you will be returning to the routine that fall brings. We have had a fabulous summer here at the Library with activities for all ages. The Summer Reading Programs have been so successful this year with many new and unique programs.

There is so much activity here at the Library on a daily basis it's hard to keep up with it all. And I sure don't want you, our Friends to miss out on any of it.

Did you know ...



That our Teen's helped **collect food donations** for the North County Community Services Food Bank and that the Library sponsored three Fine Free Fridays where we accepted food donations in lieu of fines to show our support to our Teens.



That we **expanded our hours** on July 1st thanks to the City Council restoring funding to the Library's budget. This includes adding back the Bookmobile stop at Rancho Del Oro Park starting in September. Check out the Library's website at oceansidepubliclibrary.org for a full list of hours and locations



That we will be sending the **Adelante Bookmobile** back out into community starting in October with a new collection of book and other materials as well as up to date laptop computers.



That thanks to the generosity of the Oceanside Public Library Foundation we will be creating a portable **computer training lab** at the Mission Branch Library. That's right! This new training lab will give us the flexibility we need to offer computer training classes during Library hours.



That the Library was awarded grant funds for a third **Big Read** in January 2014. We will have more information for you in the Winter See Gull.

That many of our summer programs were sponsored by you, the **Friends of the Library?**



Spotlight on Miss Grace as she plans the next chapter of her life!

"This position is a grant funded job and might only last a year," Library Director, Helen Nelson, said to Grace B. Francisco in 1982. Grace had currently been working full-time at the Vista Branch of the County library and was the happy mother of a nine month-old baby girl. Logic would have made her turn down the job, but a strong desire to work for the Oceanside Public Library, with it's "mysterious" computer system, and it's charismatic Children's Librarian, Carol Naegele, led Grace to say, "Yes, I know it's risky, but I'm willing to chance it all just for the opportunity to be here one year."

Well, on April 26, 2013, Grace celebrated her 31st year with the Library! She began work as a Bilingual Library Technician, then moved to her beloved Children's Services where she was privileged to work with Miss Carol. She started the first Spanish language outreach Bookmobile called Adelante (including driving the catering truck-turned bookmobile), and later spent ten years at the Mission Branch Library. She eventually rose to the position of Principal Librarian in charge of all Children's Services, and as such, has performed very valuable mentoring to the next generation of Librarians. Miss Grace has provided countless hours of fun and educational story programs and crafts for children, and performed outreach into the community as well as giving tours of the Libraries. She has worked in three different Civic Center buildings, two Branch buildings, and four Bookmobiles.

"It was a risk to leave behind a full-time job with the County, but I just had the intuitive feeling that Oceanside was the place for me to work, and I am extremely grateful for the many years of wonderful service to this beautiful City and its' residents," remarks Grace.

After immigrating to the United States from Argentina, Grace and her parents lived in Whittier, California. She soon discovered the public library, devouring biographies, mysteries, fairy tales, and animal books. She registered for the summer reading clubs and attended every library program possible. Upon moving to San Diego County, she graduated from Palomar College with an AA in Bilingual Education, and followed that up with a BA in Liberal Studies with a Bilingual option from San Diego State. Thinking that teaching was going to be her career, she student taught for one year, and realized that having 32 small children in her room each day was not for her. Thoughts of libraries soon entered her mind, and the County of San Diego had a Library Technician position open. Grace worked at the Vista and San Marcos branches for two years, started the first Spanish Language Storytimes, and began conducting outreach to the community. In 1982 she took the fateful step into Oceanside's Library and has since been as happy as anyone could possibly be in their career.

"The next chapter of my life is about to unfold, and it involves being able to bring my dear grandsons to the Library for programs and then I get to leave with them, yes, it's time for Miss Grace to retire!" she says with a merry laugh.

Grace is looking forward to working side by side with her husband in his audio-visual business, as well as embarking upon a traveling storyteller career, presenting story programs and early literacy workshops. Of course, one of her main priorities is being Nana to the cutest grandsons ever, and being able to spend time with her dear daughter, son-in-law, and extended family. Traveling, gardening, remodeling, finally compiling massive amounts of photos, and of course, lots of reading is in store for this Librarian.

"To me, public libraries are the great equalizer in our communities, regardless of age, economic status, class, ethnicity; all people are welcome to learn at the library. In all of my years working in libraries, I have always been extremely proud of the way in which we provide so much needed information, education and recreation to so many. Now, I'm ready to be one of the patrons, I'll be back often to check out books and enjoy the many wonderful programs!" Grace says cheerfully. The Library is losing a most treasured and valuable asset, but still wishes Grace the best in her retirement.



Summer Reading Programs for All Ages

The Library offers a wide variety of reading, craft, and informational programs throughout the year for all ages. These programs and activities would not be possible without the Friends and the funding support that they give to the Library. The Library is able to offer Summer Reading Programs, with prizes, to all ages, which includes babies, toddlers, children, tweens, teens, young adults, full-grown adults, and seniors.

A record number of adults celebrated "Oceanside Treasures" for their 6th Annual Summer Reading Program. All participants received a book bag that revived the iconic "Tan Your Hide in Oceanside" billboard from the 1970s. The season's programming highlighted some of Oceanside's best, including more than 20 Oceanside authors at the "Write On, Oceanside" Literary Fair, a Legend of the Lost Treasure of Trinidad program, an event where readers crafted hand-made books that featured the beautiful North County coastline, as well as reading rewards and local food and beverages at the End of Summer Party.

The teens celebrated another successful summer reading program this summer. A total of 243 teens participated, reading and reviewing a total of 1,033 books. Their reading helped to raise money for the North County Community Services Food Bank through donations made possible by the Read for a Reason challenge. The teens have also been collecting food for the food bank all summer, which actively involves them in charity work. They've also been hanging out at the Library and had fun making pet rocks, learning how to Zumba Belly Dance, discussing new books, and learning how to program html, as well as watching films and getting henna tattoos. This year they also had a Gummy Bear Counting contest seeing who could guess the right number of gummy bears in the jars located in the Teen Zones at both Libraries. The winner took home a five pound "world's largest" Gummy Bear!

Numerous children, parents, and caregivers actively participated in this year's "Dig into Reading" themed children's summer reading program by reading throughout the summer and attending Library events. There were fun, educational and engaging activities, as well as inspiring children's displays and decorations. Families participated in a pirate treasure hunt, which ended with a treasure chest of prizes in the awesome Helen M. Nelson Heritage Room. The children had a blast at the Dinosaur Dig Storytimes, the Pizza Garden Parties, a puppet show, a balloon artist storytime, a Wild Wonders Animal Show, a Mad Science Program, a visit from tide-pool creatures and a marine biologist from Birch Aquarium, several family movie showings, and a Wizard of Oz Party. There was also an interactive magic performance and bug program on the Bookmobile. Children who signed up for the summer reading program earned many prizes that included free kids' meals, museum and amusement park passes, grab box prizes, t-shirts, and a book of their very own to keep.



Mary Taschner and Debbie Caillouette show off their very cool hand-crafted books.



Above: The teens check out Snakey the snake, with Katia the belly dancer, after the Zumba Belly Dance workshop.

Left: Miss Marie played Dorothy, and Miss Mayra played the wicked witch, at the recent children's Wizard of Oz

Photo Contest Winners Announced

by Jennelise Hafen, Adult Services Dept.

We welcomed in summer on June 21st with a reception for the first annual "My Oceanside" Photo Contest! The contest was announced following the display of the "My Oceanside" collection by Aaron Checkwood. Aaron split his childhood in Oceanside, so he was always able to see it in a fresh, fun light. As a young adult he has now become a full-time local and is currently working with Trans World Surf as a Photo Editor. His exhibit, and his book (which can be checked out from either branch), are a celebration of our unique city.

Mr. Checkwood's work served as the inspiration to find other photographs of Oceanside and that is when the idea for an annual photo contest was born. A call for entries was put out in February, we were "looking for striking images, highlighting the diversity of life in Oceanside, images of family life, built environments, natural landscapes, weather, people interacting with nature, ocean life, street life – anything that you see that you think makes Oceanside a special and exciting place to be." Over forty entries were received, which were then narrowed down to seventeen selected images.

The reception was a celebration of these artists. They were supported by many family and friends and received special congressional recognition from Oceanside Congressman Darrell Issa. Library Director Sherri Crosby presented the awards. The attendees were excited about the honor and look forward to entering the contest next year.

These art works were displayed on the Civic Center second floor gallery from May 24th through July 8th, 2013. Aaron Checkwood's work is now back on display to welcome in Fall. The next photo contest will be announced in January, so keep your cameras out and your eyes focused.



Contest winners, from left to right:
Marli Fannin, Jana Ketchum, Patrick Johansen,
Kari Kirby, Dan Wyman, Irv Lefberg, Rachelle
Hoffman, and Cecelia Noel
(not pictured: Tom Hilsee, Kenneth Immekus,
Kenn Jones, and Terry Brown)

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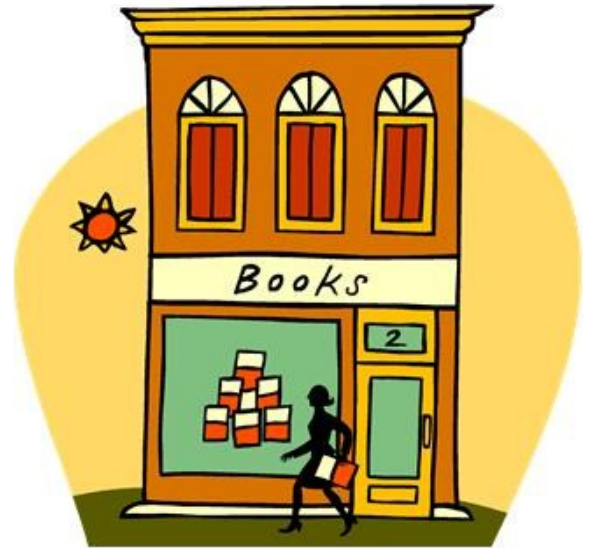
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