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*Library and Friends of the Library volunteer Pat Halunen registers voters at the Civic Center Library on National Voter Registration Day*

## The Oceanside Public Library: an Anchor of Democracy in Oceanside

- The Library's Community Rooms have often been used as polling places. It is expected that approximately 700 people will vote at the Civic Center Library on November 8, 2016.
- The Library is useful for voting even when it's not yet Election Day: the Civic Center Library served as an early ballot drop-off location for this year's June primary election, and both the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries participated in National Voter Registration Day on September 27, 2016. Plus, eligible voters can use the Library's computers and voter registration forms to register year-round!
- The League of Women voters have hosted free community informational forums in the Civic Center Library's Foundation Room to help voters parse out relevant information and be more informed.
- For the past two years, the Library has hosted a number of events under the banner of War Comes Home. This program is intended to help veterans re-engage with their community and help the public better understand the veterans' experiences.



**DO YOU LOVE YOUR LIBRARY?  
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The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library is a 501(c)3 all-volunteer, non-profit organization that raises over \$100,000 annually to exclusively support the Oceanside Public Library. We need some smart and skilled people to help us continue our proud 45 year tradition! We're looking for assistance in areas such as public relations, event coordination, digital support, and more. Please call Cheri Noel, the Library's Volunteer Coordinator, at (760) 435-5560 if you think you can help!

**A Message From Our President**

Well, our English Afternoon Tea fundraiser was a huge success. The weather was awesome, the food was outstanding, the hosted table tea sets were beautifully unique, and the guests were magnificent. And the hats---what could I possibly say about the hats that would begin to capture the elegance, the whimsy, and the creativity on display during the contest. Many thanks to all volunteers, sponsors and prize contributors. And a very special thank you to the Library Foundation Board for their contribution to our event. I'm happy to report we made close to \$7,000. This will, of course, go to support our wonderful Oceanside Public Library.

In honor of National Friends of Libraries Week, we have a great event coming up October 29. If we ever needed someone to inject some humor (and presidential fun facts) into this election season, San Diego's Richard Lederer is the man to do it! This free event (and accompanying root beer floats!) will serve as a thank you to our membership.

The year 2017 will bring more exciting events from the Friends and of course some changes. Until then, Onward and Upward! As the saying goes.

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## Membership Corner

A library can be considered a store of sorts – a house of knowledge. In dictionaries the word “library” has been defined as “a building or room containing a collection of books.” So the importance of your continued (or new) membership is crucial to our Library’s well-being. Your valuable membership dollars help fund this collection for all to enjoy.

Beside your membership you may consider planning a Legacy Gift to the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. A legacy gift represents your values and creates a lasting impact. You may choose to designate support for general purposes of the Library, or your favorite section or function of the Library, such as children’s programming, exhibitions, library staff development, etc. Either way, you will feel deeply rewarded by the knowledge that your investment will have a beneficial impact on our community for years to come. Legacy giving provides the resources necessary to sustain excellence and preserve the future of the Oceanside Public Library. Thank you to all our future, past, and present members. Your 2016 contributions help us fulfill our mission to the Library.



**Blake Kern, Membership Committee Chair**

### Memorial, Honorarium and Gift Book Donations August, September, October 2016

#### In Memory of Patty Jago

A Botanist’s Vocabulary: 1300 Terms Explained and Illustrated  
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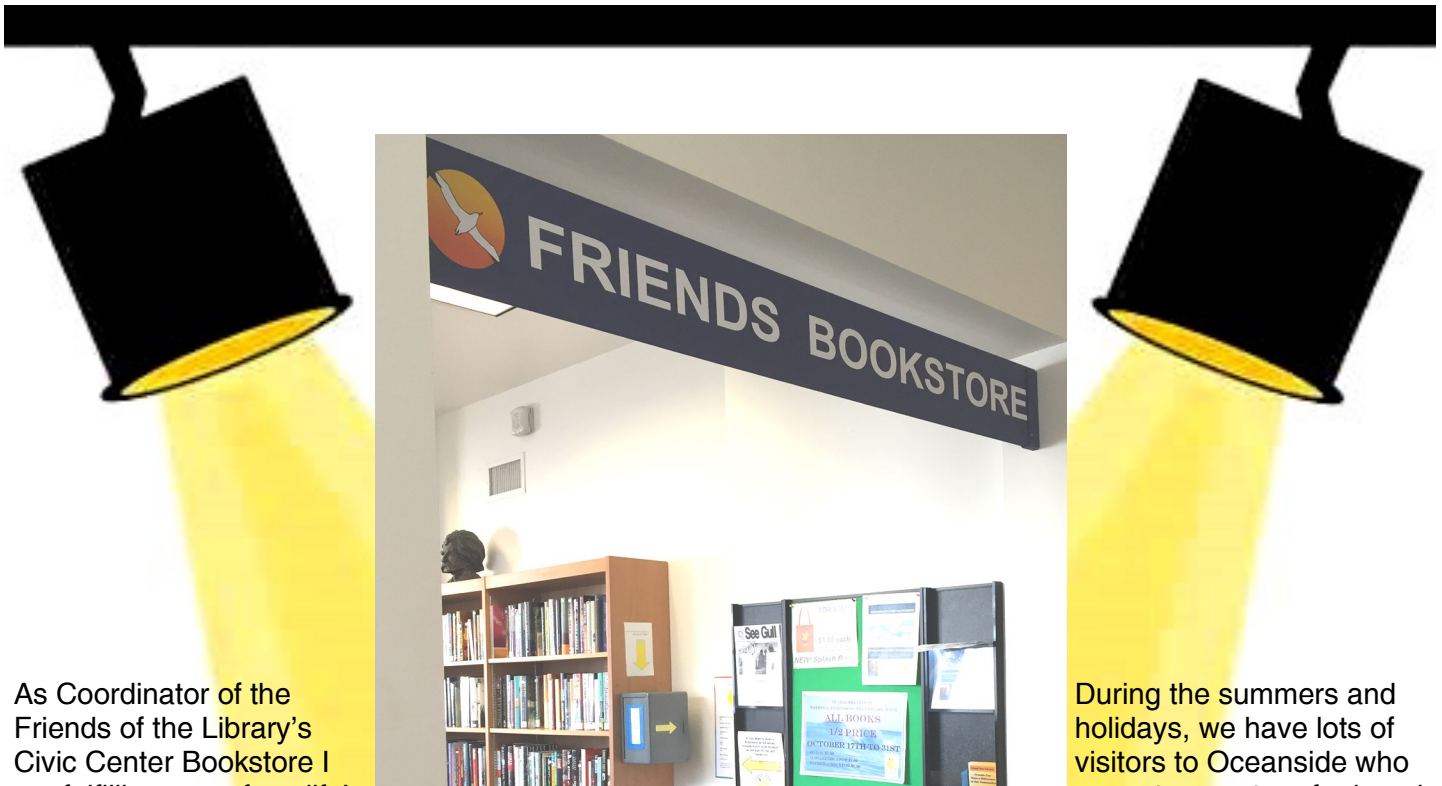
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# Spotlight: Customers of the CCL Bookstore

by Paula DeBell



As Coordinator of the Friends of the Library's Civic Center Bookstore I am fulfilling one of my life's

dreams. No, I don't own a book store on the Oregon Coast, but every other aspect of my dream is fulfilled by the hours I spend at our store. I'm surrounded by interesting books, I have the opportunity to expand my personal library and, most importantly, I have the magical interactions with other booklovers who support our store. So who are these people?

Well, I'll start with the locals who come in every week.

There's the man interested in the history of California, and is especially thrilled to find memoirs of old timers who lived in the early days of San Diego County. We have a gentleman who looks for traditional westerns and dislikes the western romance genre. Then there's the woman who devours cookbooks, but doesn't have time to cook. "I like nothing more than paging through cookbooks while in bed with a cup of tea," she tells me. I'm sure she's not alone. I look forward to the mothers and grandmothers and caregivers who visit us after the Library Toddlers' Storytime, looking for good books to read to their young children. They are very committed to the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* program. Likewise, I look forward to chatting with the homeless man who comes every Tuesday and always finds books that match his scholarly tastes.

During the summers and holidays, we have lots of visitors to Oceanside who come to our store for beach

reads, or something to read on the plane ride home. They love suggestions and have so many great ones of their own. In the winter we have our Snow Birds, who spend a month or three here every year. Not only do they support the store, but some of them volunteer in both our Bookstore and the Library. One couple has worked in the Library's Homework Helper program for three years! I find it significant that most of them are involved with their own Friends of the Library group back home.

Then there are the Marines! We often see young men, fresh out of boot camp, on their way to Camp Pendleton. They usually travel in groups of three and are super polite. I'd say the favorite genres for them are politics, history, and science fiction.

As you can see, this Bookstore rocks. We add new books to our stock every Tuesday, and rotate our sale books monthly. There's always something new. So shop our Bookstore, or the Mission Branch store, and join in the conversations. Search for the one book that completes your collection or get turned on to new authors. Your dollars go to Oceanside Library programs, sustaining some and supporting new programs that keep up with the times. Thank you.

# TEEN ZONE

by Faith Butterfield,  
age 17

I grew up living on base- my father served 21 years in the military *and* deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. This left my mom home with her three kids, my siblings and me, for long periods of time. We moved every three years, as is common with every military family. However, because it *is* so common, our neighborhood was nothing but a constant cycle of families. Thus, we were left isolated in the middle of a neighborhood full of other isolated people.

My mother needed somewhere to take us for entertainment, and being a literature teacher herself, she took us to the library. We lived in Japan and California and Hawaii, so the library was one of our only constants. In Japan the library was one of our only connections to other English speakers, and in Hawaii the library was a relief from the humidity and heat. I associated the library as a haven from an early age. My earliest memories are from the children's library: my mom made me attend every summer reading program and every special community event. I went to every *Cat in the Hat* reading on Dr. Seuss day and attended every craft night. The library was a

place my mom and other military families could find comfort and community; it was a place they could feel included, all while knowing

their children were safe. I was able to connect to other children who missed their deployed family members as well, and my mom was able to connect with their parents. Though I enjoyed the social aspect of it, it also allowed me to develop and facilitate a deep love for reading and writing. By the time I was ten I had read all the books in the children's section, then happily started over. When I started high school and found out we had to accumulate volunteer hours, I jumped at the chance to volunteer at the Oceanside Public Library. I happily cut hundreds of construction paper pieces and helped children glue crafts together. It reminded me of my childhood, of the safety and comfort the library brought me. The library is a pillar in our society, it grants people (children especially) access to unlimited knowledge no matter what their life situation is. It is very important in Oceanside, as Oceanside is a mesh of military children and civilian children. This allows for a unique phenomenon to take place- the children can learn not just from the books, but also from each other.

## 2016 Afternoon Tea: The Language of Flowers

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# Alma's Things Considered

## How do we give; shall we count the ways?

There will be many references to patriotism in this issue of the *See Gull*; indeed, paying honor to our military. After first learning about the wars in elementary history class, I recall asking my father what he knew about war. It stunned me when he said, "I fought in the Army in World War I on the fields in Germany with guns and bayonets, and it was brutal." He was in that war near its end, but his life in his 20s was really just beginning.

I am thankful he survived, to have come home, and to have married my mother. And I know he was thankful, too. I could tell from the look in his eyes as he gave me his short reflection.

Then in my teens, my brothers went off to the military. Two brothers 19 months apart. One headed into the Air Force, the other into the Army. Once again, I was thankful that each brother, just out of high school, would return home from places which under different circumstances would have the appeal of adventure and exotic travel.

Finally my husband, who served in the Navy as a medic in the Vietnam War and returned home with a Purple Heart. He was thankful to return home at a time when our country's thanks were in splintered emotions over this war.

There is even something more here, under it all. Is it not that in being thankful, we are acknowledging the gift of given and received - a two-way exchange; mirror images of each other?

Recently, I was reminded of the magnificent little (children's) book with a big story by Shel Silverstein entitled *The Giving Tree*. It is a primer for young readers, but I am suggesting it as a bedside book that all of us - adults and youth - could, perhaps should, keep handy as a reference and reminder of giving and getting.

*The Giving Tree* begins giving of itself in love to a little boy, primarily as protection, then as food, then as material to meet other desires and needs. Every time he expresses a need or a want, the tree gives unconditionally until the tree is finally spent with nothing more of itself, except a stump. No longer a boy, but an old man. Even then the tree provides one last comfort for the old man to sit. It is a beautiful story of giving and a tremendous demonstrative lesson for the young mind.

The mirror image of this story rests in the getting. In the beauty of the giving (by the tree) and the getting (by the boy to become man), we assume there was appreciation, since the tree provided so much refuge and joy in the life of an individual. No words of thanks, no sense on the part of the receiver that conditions will run out, that there may be a need to cherish and protect; to ask less than more.

Yes, the beauty of the unconditional giver is to do so freely, without expectations or conditions. Yet the acknowledgement of the giver's gifts is never too little, and never too late. So the companion story books, by Danielle Steinberg, speak to young minds about the importance of giving thanks.

How appropriate! As Thanksgiving rises up before us, and the contribution of our military members - living and past - flood our senses, let us give thanks with all the love and sincerity deserving of the gifts that have been given and that we have received.

***Alma Sisco-Smith, President  
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*Richard Watson Gilder*



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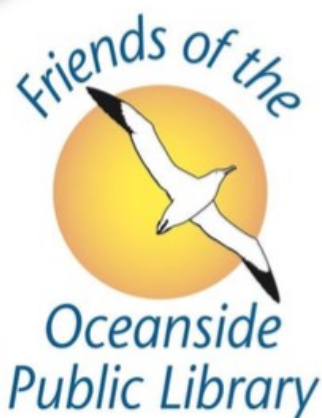
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## The See Gull Scuttlebutt: Upcoming at the Library!

- The **BAM Sale** (Books and Media Closeout Sale—formerly known as the **Big Book Sale**) will be held on **November 19**. Take advantage of deep discounts on books, magazines, DVDs, and so much more! All proceeds support the Oceanside Public Library. (Please consult the flyer in this issue of the *See Gull* for more information.)
- The **Civic Center Library** branch will be **closed for necessary improvements** October 31, and will remain closed through the month of November. E-books and online services will remain available. The Mission Branch, mobile libraries, and the READS Literacy Center will not be affected.
- In honor of **National Friends of Libraries Week**, we're having a **Member Appreciation** event again this year: **Fascinating Facts About Our Presidents** with the *San Diego U-T's* Richard Lederer on Saturday, **10/29**. Tickets are free, and we'll be serving root beer floats! Visit our Facebook page or [fascinatingfactswithdrlederer.eventbrite.com](http://fascinatingfactswithdrlederer.eventbrite.com) for more information.
- As part the SD County-wide reading initiative One Book, One San Diego, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks will present at Mira Costa College on 11/16 at 10:30 AM. Author Dorina Lazo Gilmore will be at the MBL Children's Storytime on 11/8.

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