

Oceanside Bookmobiles Get a New Look in 2018



Left: Adelante, Right: Bookmobile

The Oceanside Public Library's Bookmobile and Adelante Bookmobile are back and ready to be explored in your neighborhood, with new wraps that invite you to discover the world of reading and the places it can take you!

The Adelante Bookmobile debuted its new look at Joe Balderrama Park on Monday, January 22, and the Bookmobile had its turn to celebrate its new design at John Landes Park on Wednesday, January 24. Elephant and Piggie, characters from the books authored by Mo Willems, were there to help lovers of mobile libraries celebrate with cake and free book giveaways.

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**Inside: More Bookmobile Info, Spotlight on Lola Sherman,
Alma Considers Compassion, and more!**



The Oceanside Public Library Bookmobile premieres its new look at John Landes Park.

The wraps were funded by a partnership between the Oceanside Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. The bookmobiles attend dozens of community events throughout the year, and offer learning and cultural programs free to all ages, along with a robust collection of books and DVDs, and computers for public use. The bookmobiles have regular weekly stops throughout Oceanside, and the schedule can be viewed on the Library’s website at oceansidepubliclibrary.org or checked by calling (760) 435-5600.



Flashback: The first Adelante and the first Oceanside “Traveling Branch”!



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Lola Sherman

By Jo Rittenhouse

Lola Sherman loves books, but she doesn't have time to read very many. Besides her role as Civic Center Library Bookstore Volunteer, she continues working professionally as a contract freelance writer for the Union Tribune (her column appears each Thursday) and she writes pieces for the MainStreet Oceanside Newsletter. She is also an avid sports fan (has every program of every baseball game she has ever attended), has attended five Olympic Games, loves her pets (currently the proud companion of two dogs and four cats), and enjoys time with an extended adopted family of several dozen people over three generations, the result of her involvement in a program to help young people many years ago.

Lola, a California native, was born and raised in the Los Angeles area and studied at San Jose State University, taking a double major of journalism and social studies. After college she was awarded an InterAmerican Press Association scholarship to study Hispanic Language and Literature. Lola became interested in language when she started learning Spanish at the age of ten. Now she is fluent in Spanish, says she has functional French and knows some Italian, Portuguese, Korean and Greek.



In 1979 Lola began working at the Evening Tribune (now the Union Tribune) and had a 30-year career with the newspaper. In 1992, the Evening Tribune merged with the San Diego Union to become the Union Tribune. In 1993, she was assigned to cover Oceanside, and moved to Oceanside in 1995. In 2001, she published her book—*A History of North San Diego County: From Mission to Millennium*. Lola was screenwriter and co-producer of "Adobes and Ranchos of North County," a Telly Award-winning documentary which aired on KOCT in 2015.

Lola may not have time to read, but she loves audio books and always has either an audio book or a sports event on the radio when she drives. She keeps track and recently discovered she has listened to almost a thousand books!

About six years ago she decided to volunteer for the Library because she thought it would be "a cool thing to do." In 2012 Lola received a volunteer award from Oceanside Public Library for her work organizing scrapbooks, clippings and albums documenting the history of the Library. That same year she received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award which included a letter from President Barack Obama. Lola says "I like working in the bookstore because it's a chance to help people find books that they haven't been able to find anywhere else." It's a cool thing to have Lola as a volunteer.

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**Richard Lederer,
Dances With Words**

Verbivore Richard Lederer and folk singer Bill Shipper will entertain and edify with this unique event that combines the talents of two sparring punsters as they perform to original music

March 17, 2 p.m.

Civic Center Library Community Room

Admission is \$5, or free for Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. Memberships will be available for purchase at the event.

There will also be an auction fundraiser for a private performance by Richard Lederer.

For more information please call (760) 435-5600.



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Membership Corner

I want to thank our membership for another successful year under our belt! Because of membership dues, donations, Bookstore sales, Farmers Market sales, and fundraisers throughout the year we were able to give more than \$109,000 to our Library in 2017.

We are very optimistic that 2018 will be another productive year, so the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library have pledged \$110,500 toward books, materials, programs and activities to help our Library maintain its stellar reputation in North County!!

Thank you for being a big part in our success!

Best Regards,

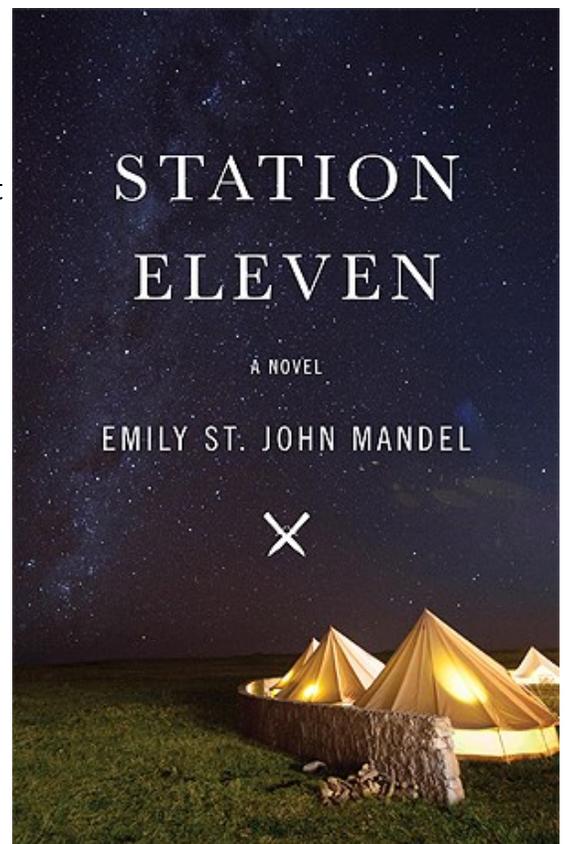
Blake Kern, Membership Chair



Get Involved in the Big Read this Spring!

During the months of March and April the Oceanside Public Library will host a series of free public programs surrounding themes from the Emily St. John Mandel novel, *Station Eleven*. These events include a display at the Oceanside Museum of Art, Theater Workshops with the Old Globe, a Scholar Panel and a visit from the Author. The Library will have free copies of the novel at selected events, and all residents of Oceanside are encouraged to read and discuss the novel.

The National Endowment for the Arts has run The Big Read since 2006. The program gives grants to communities across the nation each year to develop community-wide reading programs based on a book selected from The Big Read's library. Recent Oceanside Big Read programming has centered on *True Grit* by Charles Portis and the *Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett.



A fictional swine flu pandemic, known as the "Georgia Flu," has devastated the world, killing most of the population. An audacious, darkly glittering story set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, Station Eleven tells the spellbinding story of a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of civilization, risking everything for art and humanity.

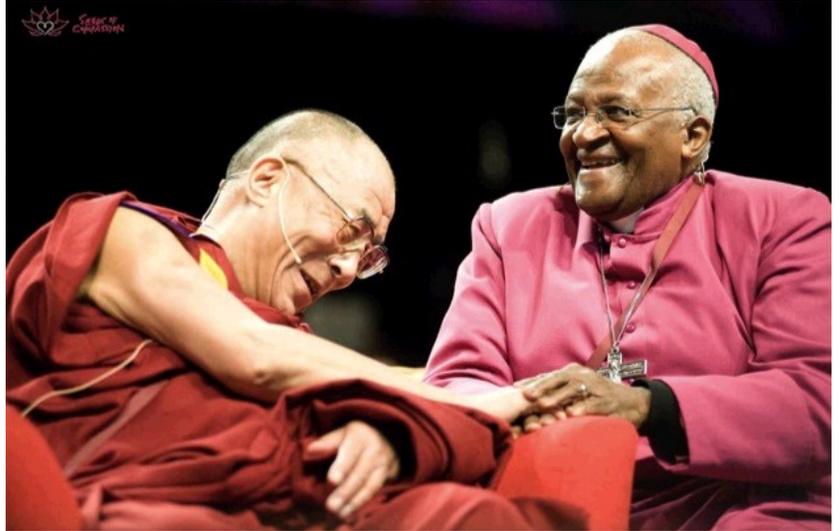
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Alma's Things Considered

Alma Sisco-Smith

The Happy Place – What and Where is it?

In the late summer of 2017, my book club read *The Book of Joy*, a wonderful capturing of a meeting between His Holiness The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It was a journey for the reader to experience their words and feelings of spirituality combined with not only joy but in some instances hilarious humor. For me, what lingered within was a peaceful feeling, yet lots of wonderment, particularly about compassion. Off and on thru November, some piece of info - an article on compassion, a conflict



that required compassion, a witness of the act of compassion – was experienced. It left me with the notion to use compassion for this article. “A passion for the well being of others,” says the Dalai Lama. “Try to have a focus on the needs of others and not yourself,” says the Chancellor, California State University. Compassion is defined as an empathy for others with the synonyms: fellow feeling, warmth, love, care, concern, tolerance, kindness, humanity, charity. That is HUGE! Chilling actually, when considering the giving or receiving of all that. More questions came: where does compassion come from; how does one get it; does everyone deserve to receive it? Kindness and love seemed to be the wrap and I learned something new. Linked to love and kindness is a chemical in our body—oxytocin—the love hormone. When released, it softens the walls of certain arteries; one can get the effect by/from a smile or small acts of kindness. Like a muscle, if unused, it becomes atrophied. Well, this I did not know and it is far more complex than even imagined. Yet, it raises for me the specter of compassion to an even higher place of appreciation and importance. I’ll leave it to the reader to explore the science further if desired. It is this higher place – it seems – from which we can all benefit. So the question is not who deserves to receive compassion, but perhaps more to give it; to indulge in our existence in a humble pursuit that may demonstrate a transformation from sadness to joy, from meanness to kindness, from selfishness to selflessness. A focus on a thing or things of joy can bring transformation. I think about the legend of the hummingbirds of Papyrus: they float free of time, carrying hopes for love, joy and celebration; carrying the delicate grace that reminds us life is rich, beauty can be found everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and laughter is life’s sweetest creation. “To know the difference between what things are and what they could be is a unique aspect of the human experience.” We must look deeper, beyond surface transactions for transformational meaning. Look with compassion to help create that Happy Place – it is within us.

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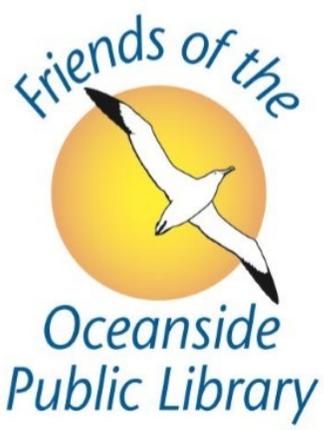
Friends of the Oceanside Public Library

We invite you to join us to support the library!



BOOKS AND MEDIA CLOSEOUT SALE

Saturday, Feb 10, 2018
10 am to 4 pm
602 Civic Center Drive
(Members can enter at 9 AM)



To learn more about Friends of the Oceanside Public Library events or how to get involved visit us on Facebook at [Facebook.com / oplfriends](https://www.facebook.com/oplfriends) or call 760-435-5564



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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.

Attention Friends Members

**Please join us for the
Friends of the Oceanside Public
Library ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 13,
3:00 p.m.**

**Civic Center Library,
Community Room**

***Hear how Friends have
helped the Library and about
upcoming Library goals
from Oceanside Public Library
Director, Sherri Cosby.***

The See Gull Scuttlebutt: Upcoming at the Library!

- **BAM! Sale on Saturday, February 10, 2018.** Our quarterly fundraising sale features a deep discount on books and a variety of other types of media, and all proceeds go to Oceanside Library programs.
- Profuse punster **Richard Lederer will entertain and edify with his observations on language during "Dances With Words,"** March 17, 2 PM, at the Civic Center Library. Admission is \$5, or free for Friends Members! Memberships are available for sale at the event. There will also be an auction fundraiser for a private performance by Richard Lederer.
- Spring Concert Series: Enjoy **free live music** at the Civic Center Library Community Room! All shows begin at 1 PM: Jazzy pop standards with Leonard Patton—Danny Green Quartet on Saturday 2/3; Identical twin guitar duo The Bassett Bros on Saturday 3/3; and the "Percussion Avalanche" of Sol E Mar on Saturday 4/28.
- Mira Costa College is providing a free **ESL (English as a Second Language) Conversation Class** at Civic Center Library this Spring, every Tuesday and Thursday, 10 AM—11:35 AM, through May. Visit miracosta.edu/continuing for more information.

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