

## Thank You, Library Volunteers!



The winners of the 2017 Volunteer of the Year award pose for a group photo after being recognized for their hard work at the annual Library Volunteer Appreciation event on April 27, 2018, in Oceanside City Council Chambers.

The Oceanside Public Library is fortunate to have around 250 adult volunteers who are involved in everything from shelf reading to archiving historical Oceanside artifacts; from helping to run children's programs to tutoring adults so that they may improve their literacy; from assisting patrons on computers to selling used books in order to help the Friends raise funds for the Library.

Volunteers are essential to Library operations, as the tasks they take on free up Library staff so that they may expand programming and reach more members of the community. However, as any satisfied volunteer will tell you, the personal benefits of volunteerism cannot be measured with hours worked, money raised, or patrons helped. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

If you're interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the Oceanside Public Library, call the Library's volunteer coordinator, Cheri Noel, at (760) 435-5560. Volunteer Orientations are held on the last Wednesday of every month.

**Inside: Summer Reading preview, learn about the Royal Tea, Spotlight on Richard Mills, and more!**

# A Message From the President

Hello, Friends!

My name is Chris Wilson, and I am the Board President of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library for 2018. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know some of our plans for this year.

I grew up just up the coast in Orange County, and am a fifth-generation California native. I've called Oceanside home for about 10 years now, and became involved with the Library and the Friends almost immediately when I moved here. Growing up, the library was a big part of my life, providing both an escape from the real world and a means to explore and learn at my own pace. While the physical materials may be changing thanks to advancing technology, the purpose and mission of libraries remains unchanged. The mission and importance of organizations like ours - supporting Libraries in their mission of Engaging, Connecting, Informing and Inspiring people in the communities they serve - remains unchanged.

In Oceanside, the Friends of the Library have a proud tradition of supporting the Library with thousands of volunteer hours every year aiding the Library staff, and over one hundred thousand dollars of financial support donated to purchase materials, sponsor events and programs, and enhance the services the Library is able to provide to our wonderful city.

While our book sales continue to provide us with the bulk of the funds that we donate to Library, we are always considering new ideas to improve our fundraising and provide interesting events to bring our members and supporters together. This year, we are bringing back an event that has in the past been a favorite of many people - an Afternoon Tea on May 20th.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your membership in and continuing support of the Friends. It's because of the members and supporters - people like you - that we are able to do all of the things we do in and for the community.

-Chris

P.S. Summer Reading is just around the corner, so get your reading lists together!

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## Membership Corner

Your membership donations continue to be vitally important to the Friends. I thank those faithful members who continue to renew year after year, along with our new members who recently joined at our very entertaining Richard Lederer Dances with Words event.

I liked what one buyer at Days of Arts had to say when she asked how she could become a member of the Friends: "Everyone in the city should be a member! It's just \$10!" I totally agree!

I want to thank our membership for your caring and your generosity. Please encourage friends and family to join today; your recommendation will mean a lot!

Let me close with a quote from a recently renewing member; we have heard it before, but it bears repeating: "Keep up the good work! Our libraries are the cornerstone of our society."

Best Regards,

Blake Kern, Membership Chair



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Richard Mills

By Lola Sherman

Richard Mills has been volunteering in the Friends of the Library bookstore for nearly a decade now – serving his community. He began the job in May of 2008.

“With everything the community has given to me, I feel like I should give back,” he said during an interview on his Tuesday afternoon shift. He’s on duty on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 3 p.m. and also on Wednesdays.

Richard was born in Virginia, the son of a Marine, so the family moved around quite a bit. They finally stayed in this area after his father, a Vietnam veteran who suffered from the effects of Agent Orange, was stationed at Camp Pendleton for special training.

Richard stayed here after his father's service and lived in Oceanside about 20 years. “I’ve been bouncing around North County.”

He would like to continue that stable residence history, and his Friends’ library service with it, if he can find a new place to live with affordable rent. His disability pension plus survivor’s benefits from his father can’t stretch around the high cost of living here.

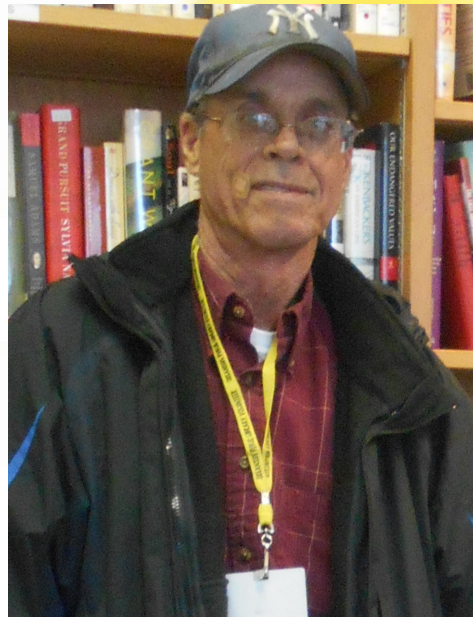
Richard also would have liked to enlist and serve his country as a Marine, but a medical issue prevented it. That same issue has kept him from taking other jobs, but he has been active with the theater program at MiraCosta College, and ushered there.

When he came in to volunteer at the Library he was told they didn’t need any help at that moment, but there was an opening in the bookstore. Richard saw people shelving books and figured that’s something he could do. Asked what’s the best part of his job in the bookstore, Richard replied, “I like the people. I like helping the people. Some are looking for certain things. Some are just browsing around.”

There’s a Marine who comes in frequently, Richard said. “He has a lot of stories to tell,” and Richard likes to “shoot the breeze now and then when he comes in.”

For hobbies, he follows baseball because, he said of the players, “I admire their abilities with hand-and-eye coordination,” because that’s something with which he’s always had trouble. He’d not been able to catch the ball when playing with his father, for instance.

Richard also likes to watch television - “mostly mystery shows” – and, working in a bookstore, he likes to read, of course. His favorite writers are Patricia Cornwell and “old-timers” like Raymond Chandler. “I always have a book in my pocket or backpack,” Richard said.







# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

*A Royal Afternoon Tea  
Sunday, May 20, 2018, 1:00 p.m.*

*Civic Center Plaza ~ 300 North Coast Highway ~ Oceanside*

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# SUMMER READING 2018 Preview

## Cultivating Community:

### Summer Reading for Adults

- Register for the Summer Reading program at [oceansidepubliclibrary.org](http://oceansidepubliclibrary.org) and receive a free succulent to take home when you read and review a book! Read even more and attend Summer Reading events to earn entries into an opportunity drawing at the End of Summer party, where you can win an e-reader, Oceanside gift basket, and more.
- On May 25 and 26, participate in an effort to record personal histories and learn how to create your own 2-4 minute documentary at the Digital Storytelling Workshop, then attend the “Local Stories” digital screening on July 7 to find out if your documentary was featured.
- The June 1 Art Walk is an unveiling of the *Before I Die* Wall, in which Osiders, inspired by the Candy Chang book, will contemplate mortality and share their aspirations in a participatory public art project. Panels from the *BID* Wall will then travel to various locations in Oceanside throughout the summer to make participation even more wide-spread.

## Reading Takes You Everywhere:

### Summer Reading for Kids

- Summer Reading helps children maintain or improve their reading skills while they are on break from school and provides them with fun activities to participate in all summer to stave off the boredom. When kids register for the Summer Reading program at [oceansidepubliclibrary.org](http://oceansidepubliclibrary.org) starting June 4, they receive rewards for reading and completing fun activities all summer!
- The kids’ Summer Reading kickoff events are magic! See the Billy Bonkers Magic Show on June 11 at the Mission Branch and enjoy the Magic of Tony Daniels at the Civic Center Branch on June 12.

## Big Read 2018 Wrap-Up:

### *Station Eleven*

“We had the best participation we’ve ever seen in the community during this year’s Big Read—in both the numbers and variety of people who came to the events,” according to Senior Librarian Jennelise Hafen. The Big Read, a grant-funded and Friends-supported program in which the entire community reads the same book and participates in related events, focused on *Station Eleven*, a post-apocalyptic novel.

There were events such as a conversation between the author herself and KPBS’s Alison St John at the Star Theater that was followed by a book signing, an ongoing exhibit at the Oceanside Museum of Art, an ArtWalk inspired by the novel, and even an escape room! It seemed no one in Oceanside could resist the book’s major theme: Art is a means for survival.



Author of *Station Eleven*, Emily St. John Mandel, center, after a Big Read event, along with staff from the Library and the Oceanside Museum of Art.

# Alma's Things Considered

*Alma Sisco-Smith*

## *Make Connections for Relational Nourishment*

*[In a recent keynote message at a Cal State University, San Marcos Career Network Luncheon, I spoke of the value of making connections. One assumes this is obvious and expected in developing career connections. Yet I encouraged those present to take networking connection to another level to make something greater, deeper, better - relational nourishment. A faculty member wrote thereafter that this was a generative idea and so I thought to share it with our See Gull readers, to all who are still learning and growing.]*

Why make connections? I raised the question to expand the context of Mentoring, under which there is a basic understanding and expectation that one gives and the other receives – a noble act when done with the intent to gift. The real gift is being in relationships with one another. I shared that my very first time I was thanked for being a mentor, I blinked in consternation, as I had no idea. There had been no formal discussion or agreement. The med student had encountered some difficulties and someone suggested to reach out to me. I was thanked by the student for hearing, listening, understanding and not judging. I was just doing my job.

At that time I recalled a time in my undergrad days when a faculty member helped me with a difficulty to make a difference. He was just doing his job. Nothing more than that. But upon reflection, it was more than just doing a job and at that time and by looking back, I was beginning to understand paying it forward.

As professional years grew into leadership roles and being called upon to speak on leadership, I recall hearing of servant leaders. Initially I thought it referred to giving money to deserving recipients or ports of call, only to learn it had little to do with money – and truly more to do with giving. The seven or so hallmark qualities have to do with building your being: Serve First, Build Trust, Live Your Values, Listen to Understand, Think About Your Thinking, Demonstrate Courage, Seek to Increase Your Influence, and Live by Transformational Interactions (not just surface transactions). These are the qualities that bring us into relationships with one another, making a connection with the hope for increasing changes of better, deeper understanding and impact when, where or as needed. That is Relational Nourishment.

I heard Bryan Stevenson - a brilliant attorney – speak at a Palomar College event. He gave a clarion call for engagement with others. He said, “We must find ways to become more proximate with one another.” Until that happens, we may not implement the right solution to a problem. Although he was speaking of the larger context of equal justice, the underlying call is for engagement with one another, so as not to embrace a solution that may not be restorative. Use the qualities of becoming a Servant Being first, and the opportunities that can emerge are immeasurable because one doesn't know the connections we are capable of forming with and for one another. Psychologist Theodore Isaac Rubin stated that “Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes upon the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best.”

Graduations loom, as well as the Royal Tea of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, on May 20. These are moments for developing relations, being present for another, paying it forward to someone who may thrive from your touch - giving and receiving Relational Nourishment.



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## BOOKS AND MEDIA CLOSEOUT SALE

Saturday, May 12, 2018  
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(Members can enter at 9 AM)



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## The See Gull Scuttlebutt: Summer Edition!

- **BAM! Sale on Saturday, May 12, 2018.** The Friends' 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.
- Registration is now open for the **FREE STEAM Camp**, where first through third graders can have fun at the Civic Center Library while learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in June and July. Act fast, because space is limited!
- Reading Takes You Everywhere/Cultivating Community: **Summer Reading** for both kids and adults starts on June 4. Be sure to sign up in the Library or online so you can take advantage of the free swag and go to events with fellow book lovers.

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