

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Want You to Know... What Goes on Behind Closed Doors



Behind Closed Doors

Though Oceanside Public Library's doors closed on March 17, the Library staff has been busy.

They've been working both in the Library buildings and from home; delivering more than 17,000 items to your homes (see page 8); scheduling and hosting online programs (see page 5); applying for and receiving grants; updating the website, Facebook and Instagram accounts; and responding to your phone calls and emails.

Now the Friends invite *you* to see what the Library staff has been doing behind closed doors...

Virtual Teen Partner Program

To help students complete their community service hours for this past school year, the Library staff found creative but important ways for them to volunteer from their homes. So far, dozens of teen volunteers have taken advantage of this opportunity and virtual volunteering will continue for the foreseeable future.

The volunteer opportunities have included attending Teen Advisory Board Zoom meetings to plan upcoming virtual programs and services; creating personal video book reviews to upload to the Library's social media accounts; making face masks for customers as needed when the Library reopens; and special projects related to social media, programming, and outreach goals. This enables the Library to add more content to the website, Facebook and Instagram, while staying connected to teens and giving youth a voice in what the Library does, even when the buildings are closed.

Grants

A grant is an award of money made by one party – a corporation or foundation, for example – to another party, such as a nonprofit entity.

Applying for this award is called the "grant-writing process," and it involves many hours of research, documentation collecting, writing and rewriting to clearly express the reasons for requesting the grant, how the money will be used and how the community will benefit.



Thanks to the hard work and commitment of its dedicated librarians, Oceanside Public Library recently received four grants: two from the California State Library Shared Vision Community Partnership Grants for Early Learning and Out-of-School Time Programs; one from the California State Library Lunch at the Library Program; and one for the READS Learning Center:

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A Message From Sherri Cosby, Library Director



As we enter into 100+ days of stay-at-home orders, library closures, and limited access to many of our favorite activities, what I miss most is the hustle and bustle of our busy, active Library. While we have been able to step up and provide book delivery and online programming to meet the needs of the Oceanside community, it's not the same as having our physical locations open. I can't wait for us to return to some kind of normal library life.

I'm so proud of the Library staff and what they have been able to accomplish during this difficult time. The creativity and drive of the staff have been extraordinary. Despite the physical closures, STEAM Camp 2020, Summer Lunch programming, book clubs, storytimes, and so much more continue in an online environment.

I'm sure the biggest question on your mind is when will the Library reopen. My response to that is, I don't know. However, we do have a phased reopening plan in place and will move into Stage 1 as quickly as we are allowed. In the meantime, please take advantage of our home delivery service and online e-resources, and keep connected and informed through Facebook, Instagram and our e-mail newsletter.

Hope to see you soon.

Memorial, Honorarium and Gift Book Donations May 2020-July 2020

**In Honor of Dorothy Franks
on Her 90th Birthday**

*Artists: Their Lives and Works
The Art of Looking Up
Movements in Art Since 1945*
donated by Laurel Windrem

**In Honor of Suzanne Williams,
Friends of the Library
Board Member
2005-2019**

*First You Write a Sentence
Pity the Reader: On Writing With Style*
donated by Friends of the Library

Alma's Things Considered Tongue and Cheek by Alma Sisco-Smith, President Library Board of Trustees

That first day in April with the gorgeous sun sent me right to my back yard to bask and take in all that UV in a recliner. It doesn't get much better than that; I'm sure you would agree. So I opened my mouth and let the rays come in. Things went along fairly well until I felt one or two things hit my lips. I brushed them away quickly and as I sat up noticed quite a few little flies and some bees on my lap. I was perplexed, then realized – it must have been the disinfectant I sprayed around the area of the yard where I was to sit while taking in my ultraviolet light.



I knew that ultraviolet light was a great source of Vitamin D and good for our health. I also knew that disinfectant could be a good cleaner – sanitizer – for the air. But if the flies and bees were keeling over, then, "Wow, what if some of it really got into me?"

Looking back, I thought about my Dad. By the 8th grade he had lost both of his parents. He was one of four brothers and they had to raise themselves. Yet he became well-read, with an avid respect for education. After serving in WWI, traveling the world as a cook on steam liners, witnessing and learning of various societal classes, he also became a learned man.

Most important was how he came to value education, especially adamant that as a young woman I must attend college. He had seen too much, but not much change in how women were treated. And as I think back on these things, I now can say that my basking in the light in the midst of disinfectant would probably have him wondering, "What did she learn in college?"

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Teens Work Grant: Amy Kleman, Senior Librarian/Teen Services, applied for, and the Library was awarded, a \$62,500 grant from the California State Library Out-of-School Time Program.

The program will create a series of paid internships for teens to help them gain job experience and realize their potential. Interns will take on leadership roles in the Library, work on committees, and oversee projects; assignments could include social media, programming, photography, and outreach responsibilities.



The interns will also participate in trainings on social-emotional wellness and related skills, and host youth programs focused on these same skills, which are critical in all aspects of life including the work environment. They'll have opportunities to practice soft skills including teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, effective communication, dependability, and empathy.

Early Learning Grant: Marie Town, Principal Librarian for Youth Services, applied for, and the Library was awarded, a \$113,000 grant from the California State Library Early Learning Program.

This grant will enable the Library to create a one-stop Early Learning and Community Information Hub where families can engage in learning opportunities to promote healthy development in young children.

The Hub will be centrally located in the Civic Center Library and will help parents, caregivers and family members become more knowledgeable about supporting their children's development, and confident in getting their children school-ready; become more aware of beneficial community resources available to them; and have increased access to resources that promote child health and well-being.

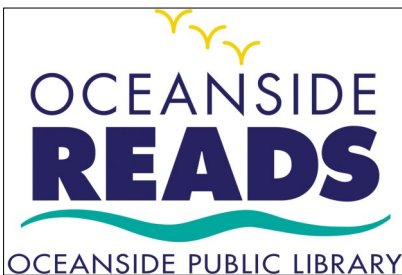
Lunch at the Library: Lisa Ferneau-Haynes, Senior Librarian/Youth Services, applied for, and the Library was awarded, a \$12,500 grant from the California State Library.

The Lunch at the Library program provides children 18 years and under with nutritious meals, along with summer reading programs and other activities that support learning, health, and wellness. In previous summers the Library had offered this service at the Civic Center Courtyard, but this year the award was used to provide "pop-up" services throughout Oceanside with more than 40 visits to community centers, schools, and organizations including Boys & Girls Clubs and Pro Kids.



The program concluded in early August, and children received more than 10,000 books, as well as take-home crafts and resources. It also introduced new families to the Library where staff could connect adult family members with essential resources and services.

READS Gets a Refresh: Chelsea Eggli, READS Literacy Coordinator, applied for, and the Library was awarded, a Maximizing Learning Spaces grant for \$10,000 sponsored by the California State Library. The Oceanside Public Library Foundation pledged an additional \$8,000 to complete the project.



The funds were used to redesign and refurbish the READS Learning Center including purchasing mobile circular study tables, chairs, bookshelves and displays, and items for a children's corner such as a storage unit, foam playmat and a fabric board activity panel. Additionally, in March Eggli put out a call to local artists for proposals for the space, ultimately selecting a six-piece collection titled *Elemental Nature*, paintings of abstract interpretations of flowers, plants and the ocean.

The intent behind the redesign is to develop a flexible space for a variety of programs, and create a welcoming and equipped space to serve the learning needs of the community. For some Learning Center "after" shots, see page 4.

Membership Corner

What Is It?

If you're under 35, you may not know that this was once state-of-the-art library technology.

It was called a "card catalog," and it was the system for discovering if your library had a book and if so, its location. Every book had a typed card filed by its title; a second card, filed by the author's last name; and for nonfiction, cards by subject.

You'd thumb through the cards and when you found your item, the library had thoughtfully provided small squares of blank paper and pencils (remember pencils?) on top of the cabinet so you could copy the information and go find your item.



That was *then*. In the late 80s, as our Library transitioned from *then*, to *now* – *now* being the online catalog – the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library were proud to help support the process.

Though card catalogs evoke sweet memories for some of us, we think everyone would agree that *now* is faster and easier, and that libraries are making good use of the freed-up space!



To better serve the community, the Friends are committed to supporting the Library as it keeps pace with the fast-changing technological landscape. The Library's ongoing tech improvements bring you new ways of online learning with classes and tutoring; new virtual ways of connecting through book clubs, author events and storytimes; and new ways of enjoying with eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, TV shows and more.

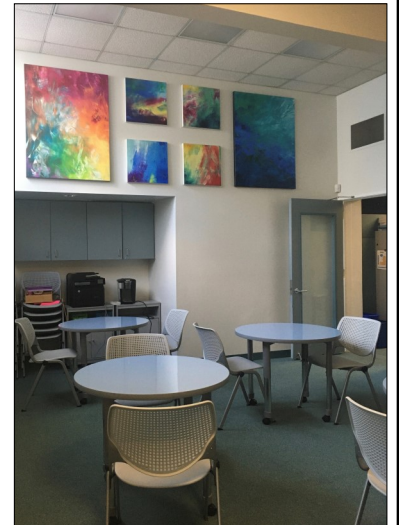
We invite you to join us in supporting our Library's moving from *then* to *now* – and *into the future* – by becoming a Friend of the Oceanside Public Library.

READS Gets a Refresh!

The READS Learning Center has been redesigned and refurbished – check out these images, then read more on page 3.



If you'd like to know more about the Center's one-on-one tutoring and classes for adults, or to volunteer, go to the "Adults" tab on the Library home page and click READS Learning Center.



There's Lots to Do Online at the Library

When Oceanside Public Library temporarily closed its facilities, staff was certain of two things:



First, that staff would miss seeing Library customers as they browsed the bookshelves, checked out materials, and attended our programs and events. And you are missed!

Second, that staff was committed to continuing to provide the community with as many Library resources as possible, and create *new* resources to educate, inspire and entertain you.

Here's an update of some of those resources:

Online Classes, Entertainment and More

On the Library home page, on the "Library Services" tab, click "eBooks & eMedia" for Libby, Hoopla, and Flipster.

On the same tab, click "Electronic Resources" for HelpNow, Learning Express Library, Mango Languages, Biblioboard, ChiltonLibrary.com, NoveList, TumbleBooks, VetNow and California Digital Newspaper Collection.

And if you're running out of reading options, on the "Library 24/7" tab, check out "Prescription for Reading." Just answer a few easy questions and staff will email you a reading prescription with five recommended titles selected just for you.

Online Book Clubs

The Library, a long-time host of face-to-face book clubs, is now host to a variety of online book clubs for young readers (6-8 years), tweens (8-12 years), teens, adults, and adults with developmental disabilities.

Most of the online book clubs are through Zoom, and registration is required for the Zoom link. To register and check out book club selections: on the Library homepage click the "Library 24/7" tab, then click "Register for Virtual Programs."

Online Book Discussions with Authors

For information about upcoming author events, on the Library home page click the "Library 24/7" tab, then click "Register for Virtual Programs."

Online Storytimes and Online Games for All Ages

The Library is posting online Storytimes on its YouTube channel Monday through Friday for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and some are in Spanish and Japanese. Storytimes are announced through Facebook and Instagram, or click "Library Catalog" on the Library homepage, and then "Our YouTube Playlists." No registration is required.

Online games like Pictionary, Bingo, Would-You-Rather, Kahoots, and Jackbox games Drawful and Quiplash, are fun for the whole family! Each participant needs their own device with internet access, and shared screens and teams are welcome. Registration is required; on the Library home page click the "Library 24/7" tab, then click "Register for Virtual Programs."

Library Website, Facebook and Instagram

Are you on Facebook and Instagram? The Library is too, and posts there regularly. For easy access, on the Library homepage click the "Library 24/7" tab, then click "Facebook" or "Instagram."

No Library Card? No Problem!

The Library's online resources are available 24/7 to all card holders. Oceanside residents can apply online for an electronic Library card number: On the Library home page click the "Library 24/7" tab, then click "apply for one here."

And remember, Oceanside Unified School District students can use their Student ID number as their Library card number!



The Friends Honor Suzanne Williams' Service – and Love

Suzanne Williams' love of reading began before she could read:

When I was a toddler we had one book. I thought it was my mother's Goose Book. By the time I was three years old my parents swear I had it memorized, and for awhile they thought I was really reading it.

Williams' love of libraries began soon after:

When I started elementary school, I was in Heaven. I got to take books home from school and we would read to each other on the school bus.

That love of libraries and reading stayed with her throughout her 30+ years as a teacher:

Teaching literature was fun, and my students said they could tell when I was excited about whatever we were reading.

When it came time to retire, Williams and her (then) teenage sons began taking weekend trips along the coast to explore beach towns. One night the boys came home, excited at what they'd discovered:

"Mom, you've got to see, it's beautiful. You'll love it!"

Said Williams, "They found Oceanside Public Library for me."

Williams would go on to serve as President of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library for eight years, on the Friends' Board from 2005 until 2019, and as editor of the *See Gull* or a contributing writer while on the Board. She also sat on the Library Foundation Board.

To honor and thank her, the Friends recently presented Williams with a Certificate of Appreciation, flowers, and two books in her honor that will become part of the Library's collection (see titles, page 2).



What's Your Sign?

You hear all sorts of answers to "What's your sign?"

But here's an answer unique to our community:



In the May/June/July issue of the *See Gull* you were introduced to the new downtown Oceanside CA Cultural District, a 3.6 square mile walkable area that celebrates the rich history, creativity and artistic endeavors that make Oceanside a unique cultural epicenter.

Library Division Manager CJ

Di Mento was the driving force who brought this distinction to Oceanside, and she's excited to announce the installation of four Oceanside CA Cultural District freeway signs on the northbound and southbound I-5 (above), and new street banners (right) to further raise awareness.

If you missed the Oceanside CA Cultural District article, just visit the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library website at www.oplfriends.org and click on the May/June/July *See Gull* link. Additional information is available at www.oceansideculturaldistrict.org.



Curbside Pickup Becomes Available And LINK+ Returns!



Curbside Pickup

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Oceanside Public Library Invites You to *One Book, One San Diego*

Monica Chapa Domercq, Principal Librarian/Adult Services, and Amy Kleman, Senior Librarian/Teen Services, are currently participating on the *One Book, One San Diego* committee. *One Book, One San Diego* is our region's premier literary program.



Now in its 14th year, the purpose of *One Book, One San Diego* is to bring our community closer together through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. This was Chapa

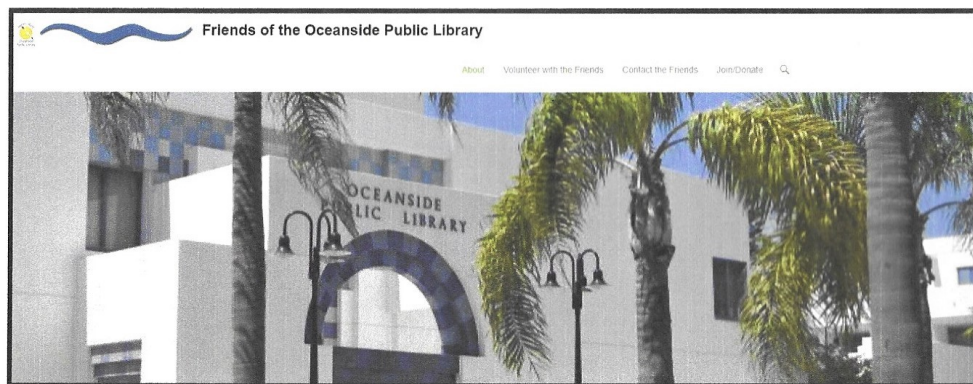
Domercq's fifth year on the Advisory Committee for the adult selection, and Kleman's first, representing the Library for the children's and teen selection. "This year," said Chapa Domercq, "we received 487 nominations from the public, mostly adult. We review every title and decide if it meets the criteria set for the program."

The selected books will be announced at the *San Diego Union-Tribune* Festival of Books on August 29, 2020, and the Library will host a number of **free** related programs. To participate, just enjoy any or all of the selected books, and check the Library website for the program schedule.

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Website Has a New Look!

Like you, the Friends have been observing shelter-in-place guidelines and we've suspended all in-person events.

But behind the scenes, Friends President Chris Wilson has redesigned our website – www.oplfriends.org – including gorgeous graphics, easy-to-navigate pages, and an upfront invitation to join, renew and donate to the organization:



Visit the website often for the most up-to-date information about upcoming fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and special programs and events for children and adults. Possible fundraisers include **Gifts Galore in December**, our **Books and Media Sales**, and others are under consideration.

And remember, National Friends of the Library Week is October 18-24. It's a great time to let your friends know how easy it is to become a Friend, and support the Library services so essential to our community.



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If you have an article idea or suggestion for the *See Gull* newsletter, please email the editor at larnsbarger@oceansideca.org.

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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.



Guillermo Valencia, Library staff, gives a "thumbs up" before heading out for home deliveries.

You Love Our Home Delivery of Library Materials!

When the Library closed on March 17, Technology Analyst Sam Liston and Library staff implemented a home delivery program to bring books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks to your door. In June and July, the staff ramped up to add deliveries of STEAM Camp kits, enabling kids to participate at home, and adults received kits for the Mobile Art Workshop, a teaching artists program. To date, the staff has delivered more than 17,000 items, and the program is still going strong.

This commitment by the Library brought you items to read, watch, listen to, learn from, and enjoy, and you've shared your appreciation with Library staff. Here's another great way to show it: Become a Friend of the Oceanside Public Library. If you're already a Friend, consider increasing your membership level or making a donation. Just use the form below or visit oplfriends.org, and you'll help fund the budget for books and other materials, and sponsor special programs such as *Dig Deeper, Oceanside*, this year's Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults.

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Oceanside Public Library Frequently Asked Questions August 2020

Q: When will the Library reopen?

A: Continue checking the Library website for updates. The website is also your source for accessing the many online resources including eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, movies, classes, book clubs, Storytimes, games, veterans assistance, and our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Q: Will the Library provide curbside pickup?

A: In addition to home deliveries, the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries will begin curbside services in August. When you reserve your materials, you'll have the option of choosing "Home Delivery" or "Curbside Pickup."

Q: When will LINK+ be available?

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Q: When the Library reopens will customers have to wear a face mask?

A: Yes. Library staff will wear face masks, and all customers will be required to wear face masks and practice social distancing of at least six feet. Chairs will not be available, and computer use will be limited. Restrooms will not be available.

Q: Will the Library reopen with its regular business hours?

A: We anticipate a phased reopening with limited hours at Civic Center and Mission Branch. The READS Learning Center and mobile libraries' reopening will be phased in at a later date.

Q: When can I bring my donations to the Library?

A: We ask that you check the Library website for updates on when we can begin accepting your donations again.

Q: When can I resume volunteering at the Library?

A: Please check with Volunteer Coordinator Cheri Noel (760-435-5564) for updates. We are grateful for our volunteers' support and look forward to your return.

Another great way to support the Library is by becoming a Friend of the Oceanside Public Library. The Friends help fund the budget for books and other Library materials, and sponsor special programs and events. If you're already a Friend, please consider increasing your membership level or making a donation.

Q: Can I continue to keep my Library items until the Library reopens?

A: No. We ask that you return your items using the book drops, as Library materials are no longer being auto-renewed. You do have the option of renewing, and for now there are no overdue fees – these will be waived once the items are checked in.

Q: I have more questions – can I contact the Library directly?

A: We are here for you! Call (760) 435-5600 or email us at public.library@ci.oceanside.ca.us with any questions, comments or concerns.



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If You are Unemployed, Furloughed or Working Part-Time...

Oceanside Public Library's READS Learning Center is offering **free** online skill-development courses through the Coursera for Workforce Recovery Program.

Participants must enroll by September 30 and have until December 31 to complete their courses and receive a certificate.



The program offers more than 3,800 courses from Coursera's university and industry partners including Duke University, Yale, the University of Michigan, Google, IBM and Intel. Offerings range from computer programming, digital literacy, data analytics/



business analysis and software or app development to entrepreneurship, web design project management, marketing, and business English, among others.

Course selection guidance is available, and the courses vary in length and can be finished online at the pace of each student. Courses



provide an overview of the class, including language of instruction, anticipated length of time to complete and a syllabus detailing the learning plan. Most courses include video lectures and quizzes or other applications of learning such as projects. Intermediate computer skills are required.

For more information go to the "Adults" tab on the Library home page and click "READS Learning Center," or email reads@oceansideca.org. If you don't have a Library card, Oceanside residents can register for one through the Coursera registration page and receive immediate access.

