



Friend-ly News

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The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that supports and promotes the services and resources of Oceanside Public Library. That support takes many forms, some very visible, like fundraisers – and some behind the scenes.

Here's an inside look at what our *Friend-ly* volunteers have done for the Library lately...

Where Do Your Donations Go? When you generously donate your books, magazines, DVDs and CDs to the Library, have you ever wondered where your donation goes?

After the Librarians evaluate the donations and pull any items that may be needed for the collection, the remaining materials go to our sorting room where our manager, volunteer Gail Wells, looks at each item and separates them according to their final destination: For sale on Amazon; to Oceanside's weekly Farmers Market; to the Friends' bookstores at the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries; and some of your donations are saved for the Friends' big book sales. All these sales are a critical source of revenue and can reach \$100,000 per year!



After the big book sales, remaining items are donated to other non-profits such as Disabled American Veterans and Goodwill.

In mid-2020 when we learned that we'd have to find a new sorting location, several Friends Board members began the search, meeting with leasing agents and inspecting possible sites. That site has been secured, and now we're packing and preparing for The Big Move.

But the less we have to move, the better – so we're hosting our....

Final Book Sale Before We Move – Everything Must Go!

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Rear outdoor patio – 602 Civic Center Drive
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. – Members Only*
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – General Public



Bring your family, bring your friends, stock up on books – and you'll be helping the Friends support the Library.

*Friends shop before the public! Visit <http://www.oplfriends.org/join-the-friends/> to learn about becoming a member.



Friends Present \$56,000+ to the Library!

In July the Friends presented a check for \$56,750 to the Library, and the funds have been allocated to purchase materials and support adult, teen and children's programs. Left to right: Sherri Cosby, Library Director; Mona Mara, Friends Vice President; Chris Wilson, Friends President; and Joe McCluskey, Friends Public Relations Chair.

Friends Activities Behind the Scenes:

- Attending our monthly Board meetings.
- Scheduling volunteers to work at our bookstores and in the Library.
- Visiting local businesses to invite them to become Business Friends of the Library.
- Welcoming new Friends and thanking current Friends for renewing their memberships.
- Planning special fundraisers.
- Preparing flyers and other publicity for our events.

and more, all because...

The Library is important to our community and Friends are important to our Library.