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Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE FOR *GIFTS GALORE! BOOKS AND MORE!*

Visit with Bestselling Author Richard Lederer!

Where/When: Civic Center Library Community Rooms, Saturday, December 11

Time: Friends Members 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; general public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In December 2019, the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library hosted their first *Gifts Galore! Books and More!* fundraiser. The event was such a success that plans were soon underway for another *Gifts Galore!* in December 2020.

Those plans were derailed by the pandemic, but the fundraiser will return on December 11, with something for everyone on your gift list!

When you shop at *Gifts Galore!* you'll find lovely items at very low prices *and* you'll be helping to support Oceanside Public Library's purchase of books and other materials, special events, and programs for all ages. The Friends' fundraising efforts were greatly impacted by the pandemic, so your support is especially appreciated during these times.

Gifts Galore 2019: Shoppers put some extra *happy* in their holidays by saving money on great gifts *and* helping support the Library's resources and services. You'll do the same at *Gifts Galore* 2021!



WE WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS!

Now that the Friends have relocated to their new sorting facility, we are gratefully able to accept your donations of books, magazine, DVDs and CDs at the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries.

Your donations are sold on Amazon; at Oceanside's Thursday Farmers Market; and at the Friends' bookstores at the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries. These sales are a critical source of revenue and can reach \$100,000 per year!

Please check oplfriends.org for donation locations.

Thank you!

HERE'S SOME...

Friend-ly News!

The Friends hope you enjoyed the August issue of the [Friend-ly News](#), our new, one-page quarterly communication that will keep you updated on what the Friends are doing – both public-facing and behind-the-scenes – and how your support makes such a crucial difference to our Library and our community.

Our next issue of *Friend-ly News* comes out in mid-November. Watch for it – and happy reading!

Laura Arnsbarger
See Gull Editor/Designer



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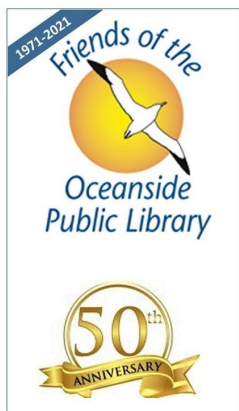
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**Friends of the Oceanside Public Library
Celebrating 50 Years of Community Service**



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.

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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Make check payable to: Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. Membership and donations are tax deductible.

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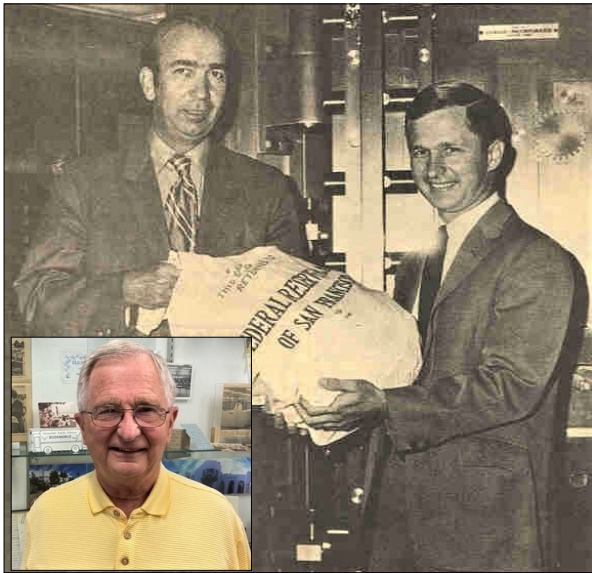
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Donation: I’ve enclosed an extra \$ _____ to help the Friends.

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For a Friends Business Membership form, please see page 8.

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SPOTLIGHT ON...LARRY HATTER: "IT'S NOT ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT WE"



No, Larry (right) isn't robbing a bank to fund the Library! In July 1971 John Cosh, executive vice president of West Coast National Bank, presented Larry with a \$100 life membership donation, one of the first banking institutions in Oceanside to do so. Inset: Larry on a recent visit to the Library.

Not everyone can claim a friendship that's lasted 50 years. But Oceanside Public Library can, and is honored to claim that friendship with Larry Hatter.

In 1971, the Library had been at its 7,000-square-foot Nevada Street location for 26 years, and to say it was crowded is a major understatement. The Library had gone from serving a community of 4,651 to serving a city of 42,500, and the book collection had grown from 20,000 to nearly 93,000 volumes.

Now the Library was moving into the 17,800-square foot Safeway building at Fourth (now Civic Center Drive) and Ditmar Streets. The City of Oceanside planned \$100,000 for remodeling the building, but Library staff estimated those costs at closer to \$195,000. That's when a group of five Oceanside residents saw a need and filled it: They founded the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library to help raise funds to supplement City money.

One of those founders was businessman Larry Hatter, who recalls the Friends' first fundraiser: "It was a flea market that

started at 6 a.m. We charged 25 cents to enter and we took in over \$5,000 that day. In the following two weeks, we had a big response of people joining the Friends, for another \$10,000. All this was possible thanks to a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who cared about education in Oceanside."

Just as Larry's fundraising efforts have continued, so, too, has his belief in the Library's role as an educational resource for the community. "If we can educate our citizens of Oceanside by use of the Library, we increase our income levels per household, and increase our property taxes per household." And that education, says Hatter, is open to all: "Maybe the greatest freedom we have in the United States under our form of government as a democracy is our libraries. We can walk into the library and check out books freely whenever we want."

Hatter is delighted that the Friends have raised more than \$2 million for the Library since those early days in 1971, but he's quick to say that while he's been a part of this effort, it was the dedication and commitment of *all* the Friends, and the community's support, that brought it about.

"It's not about me," he affirms. "It's about we."



ALMA'S THINGS CONSIDERED: READING IS FUNDAMENTAL by Alma Sisco-Smith, President, Library Board of Trustees

How is it these words would come to me while checking out at Macy's! I was helping my mentee as she prepared to head off to college in a few days. The cashier asked if I'd like to contribute to their charity of the month – *Reading Is Fundamental*.

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THE FRIENDS AT 50: LOOKING BACK – AS 2004 APPROACHED WE WERE READY TO PARTY HEARTY!

As the Friends wind down their year-long 50th anniversary celebration, we're also looking back on another very memorable anniversary.

Oceanside Public Library was founded in 1904 when the Women's Christian Temperance Union donated a small collection of books to the City. The first Library was housed in an upstairs room in the Bank of Oceanside building.

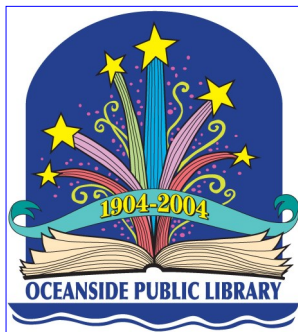
One hundred years and multiple relocations later, as 2004 approached, the Friends of Oceanside Public Library and the Library staff turned their eyes toward the Library's centennial. All agreed it was time to party hearty!

And not just a party, but "a year-long program of exciting activities to celebrate this historic event, and commemorate 100 years of Library progress and service to the community," according to the Friends' Spring 2003 *See Gull* newsletter. (All quotes below were also drawn from 2003-2005 newsletters.)

The article goes on to say that a Centennial Committee was formed to plan and produce events, promote fundraising efforts, and develop community participation. The Friends pledged \$5,000 in support, and other organizations and service clubs joined in, including the Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis, Oceanside Historical Society and San Diego Historical Society.



Act 1: The Look



The Centennial Committee agreed that such a momentous event merited its own logo, and that logo should be "exciting, energetic, and not at all 'stuffy,'" and "must include a book."

The agreed-upon design, created by former Disney imagineer Roland Crump of Fallbrook, would be seen throughout 2004 in myriad places – in the newsletter, at the Libraries, on promotional pieces, on a one-of-a-kind project (more about that to come), and on fundraising items including bookmarks, coffee mugs, T-shirts and canvas book bags, with all proceeds going to the Friends to fund Centennial activities.

Act 2: The Centerpiece

The Committee decided that a fitting Centennial centerpiece would be a "museum-like replica of the first Oceanside Public Library as it appeared in 1904," on display in the Civic Center Library lobby throughout the year. They found and coordinated all the components and donations for construction, including: the City's Public Works Department donating the labor; the Kiwanis club donating \$1,000; and individuals providing antiques to furnish the room with "an old card catalog, a stove, and original books." For true authenticity, the replica also featured a mannequin of the first librarian!

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The first Library replica was unveiled when the year-long party began at the Centennial Reception on January 25, 2004. More than 300 attended, many in turn-of-the-century costumes, who sipped turn-of-the-century soft drinks with names like “Sarsaparilla” and “Moxie,” and enjoyed “refreshments that reflected the crops and foods of the fertile San Luis Rey valley.” The replica’s popularity continued all year long, a visible reminder of how the Library began – and how it had evolved.

Act 3: Events and Programs Planning

The Friends, the Committee and Library staff had spent months planning Centennial-related events and programs, and every month in 2004 offered something for every age. Some were free, some were ticketed, and all, a newsletter noted, were “made possible thanks to the financial and volunteer support of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and the Centennial Committee.”



Ready to disco! Then-Library Director Deborah Polich and Cecelia Noel.

Attendees were invited to “Discover the Decade,” and each month brought multiple themed concerts and other events. For 1930-1939 you might have enjoyed *Playful Pastimes – Early Childhood Games*, while 1940-1949 featured 1940’s USO Show “*Sentimental Journey*” (above), where guests were encouraged to dress in military or 40s-style clothing to “get *In the Mood* for this premiere outdoor event.”

Other Discover the Decade programs included *Confronting Jim Crow: Everyday Women and the Civil Rights Movement (1950-1959)*; *Sixties Surfing Movies (1960-1969)*; *Polyester Express ‘70s Disco Party (1970-1979)*, (left); *Oceanside Firefighters Today and Yesterday (1980-1989)*; and *Microprocessors to the Internet and Beyond (1990-1999)*. Finally, for Discover the Decade 2000-Future, you could learn *Are Books Doomed? Public Libraries and the Future*, or you might *Design Your Home of the Future*, to see what your 2050 house could look like.

Act 4: The Centennial Quilt Comes Home

Amidst these and many other events, 2004 also saw the creation of the Library Centennial Quilt, a 63” x 74” masterpiece that was designed, cut and stitched by Library staff and volunteers. The one-of-a-kind design “represented the landscape of Oceanside from the beach to Mission San Luis Rey and the eastern hills,” and featured “photos appliquéd on the quilt showing the Library at various stages of development, as well as embroideries of the Library’s Centennial logo.”

The quilt was raffled in December 2004, and after winner Paul Bussey displayed it at home over the holidays, in 2005 he donated it to “its true home, at the Library,” as he put it.

“Now,” a newsletter article concluded, “the Library will have something very special to display at its bicentennial in 2104.”

The Friends say, “Save the Date!”



MEMORIAL, HONORARIUM AND GIFT BOOK DONATIONS

July-September 2021

Donated by Frans and Jan Weits

In Memory of Angelo Buffone

- *America the Beautiful: A Story in Photographs*

In Memory of Mary Lou Elliott

- *Minority Leader*

In Memory of Rita Gray

- *The Courage to Teach*

In Memory of Ana Jones

- *Make it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning*

In Memory of Jim McLaughlin

- *Strictly Come Dancing: 2021 Annual*

In Honor of Corrie Miles McLaughlin

- *Strictly Come Dancing: 2021 Annual*

In Memory of Dolores Segura

- *The Lost Pianos of Siberia*

In Memory of Walt Taylor

- *The Case Against the New Censorship*

Donated by K.C. Stackawitz, Jr.

In Memory of Donna McClintock

- *Atticus Finch the Biography*
- *Honor Bound: An American Story of Dreams and Service*

Donated by Cathie and Larry Hatter

In Memory of Chaplin Carroll Chambliss

- *Bamboozled by Jesus*
- *Facing the Mountain*
- *Peaceful on Purpose*
- *U.S.S. Seawolf: Submarine Raider of the Pacific*

In Memory of Eileen Miller

- *Piglet*
- *Recipes for a Sacred Life: True Stories and a Few Miracles*
- *Ripe Figs: Recipes and Stories from Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus*

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Upon arrival home, I googled to learn *Reading Is Fundamental* is a non-profit charity committed throughout its 55-year history to a literate America that ensures all children have the ability to read and succeed. As well, their recent initiative champions racial justice and equity through literacy to leverage the power of books for positive impact and change.

As a Trustee of the Library and member of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, I was naturally intrigued, especially as at the same time, a poster was on display at the Civic Center Library: *The More You Read* (image). There is little doubt that reading builds a knowledge base and is therefore essential to our growth and understanding. But there is more to consider.

Though words have meaning, we often find that words can be used to convey different meanings. While one person may interpret the meaning of word(s) from a personal experience, another may interpret words from a vicarious experience. There is more within our minds, bodies and souls that drive those fundamental words to responses: our actions.

We've often heard "actions speak louder than words." And we often see the range of impact generated from our actions – from peace and caring to danger and violence – generated from the words we've come to know and use, which others read, hear, and interpret. Let our actions be guided by our words.

Yes, reading is fundamental. Words matter! They are the foundation upon which we build our universe, i.e., our humanity.

The more you read,
The more you know.
The more you know,
The smarter you grow.
The smarter you grow,
The stronger your voice
When speaking your mind
Or making a choice.

ENDURING FRIENDS OF THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library have been celebrating their 50th Anniversary throughout 2021, so this is the perfect time to give special thanks to the Friends who have been members for so many of those 50 years. We, the Library, and the community are grateful for your long-term support!

Charter Member 25+ Lifetime Members

Larry Hatter
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Richard Sweeney

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Arthur Burns
Eileen Butler-Cox
Marsha Carney
George Cheadle
Arthur O. Cravets
Michelle Davis
Fred Elledge
Dale & Rita Geldert
Hugh Greenwald
Adrienne Hakes
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George & Anita
Hershman

Abel Holguin
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Jean G. Kirk
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PLAY IS FUN – AND IMPORTANT!

Kids know play is fun! And Oceanside Public Library knows fun is important.

That’s why the Library is committed to providing toys that engage, entertain and educate young children, and encourage kids to learn about themselves and the world around them.



The toys are housed at the Civic Center Library, but patrons can put a hold on toys to be picked up at any of our Library locations.



And toys can be checked out for three weeks, with the option to renew (twice) as long as there isn’t a hold on the toy by another patron.

And just like the book collection, there’s no limit on how many toys a cardholder can check out at one time. It’s great for grandparents with visiting grandchildren, or to try out a toy before you buy it to put under the Christmas tree!

Age guidelines are provided to assist in choosing a toy that is developmentally appropriate for the safety and benefit of all ages. Toys are examined, cleaned and disinfected after every loan.

To view and reserve these and other toys online, on the Library homepage “Kids” tab click [Toy Collection](#).



Toys for children ages three and up may include small parts and are **not** recommended for infants, toddlers or anyone who might ingest the toy piece.



The toy collection was funded by the Oceanside Public Library Foundation.

ATTENTION: MILITARY MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Oceanside Public Library invites military members, veterans and their families to take advantage of the Library's *free* resources including:

- The Veterans Connect collection of books that can be checked out, with topics ranging from financial success to benefits to transitioning out of the military.
- Informational brochures and flyers of resources in the area.
- Links to hotlines and to local, statewide and federal resources.
- The VetNow online resource, where military members and veterans can get help with resumes, transitions to civilian life, and talk with someone about benefits that may be available to them.



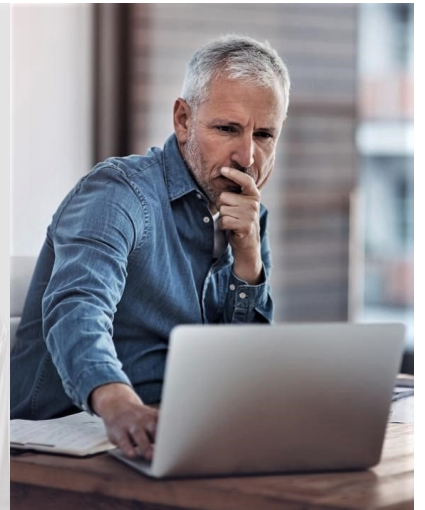
To get started, on the Library's homepage under the "Adults" tab, click [Veterans' Resources](#).



Learn Essential Skills and Elevate Your Career

We are proud to partner with Coursera to provide quality, job-relevant courses, specializations, and professional certificates to unemployed and underemployed Oceanside Public Library cardholders residing in or near Oceanside.

Coursera offers a transformative learning experience that empowers you to thrive as you re-enter the workforce.



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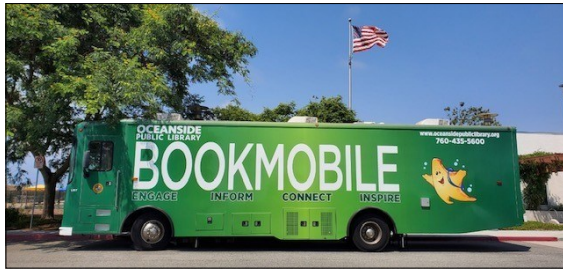
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Enrolling is easy: On the Library's home page under the "Adults" tab, click [Coursera](#).

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Oceanside Public Library is proud to announce that both Bookmobiles are back on the road!



And with the expansion of Bookmobile stops in the community, we're making Library resources even more accessible to Oceanside Public Library cardholders, including learning and cultural programs free for all ages, a robust collection of books and DVDs, and public computers.

We look forward to seeing you at these locations:*

Bookmobile

Tuesday	El Corazon Senior Center 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Country Club Lane Senior Center 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	John Landes Park 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Rancho del Oro Park 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adelante Bookmobile

Monday	Balderrama Park 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Melba Bishop Recreation Center 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Crown Heights Resource Center 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Libby Lake Park 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Masks are required on the Bookmobiles for unvaccinated visitors.

If you don't have a Library card, it's easy to apply for one online – just [click here](#).



Oceanside students, your school ID works as your Library card!

COOKING WITH FRIENDS

by Genevieve Wunder, Friends Board Member

Grasshopper Pie

This easy dessert is perfect for your busy holidays, and it's a dairy-free, healthier version of traditional Grasshopper Pie.

Ingredients

1 cup coconut cream	3/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
1/2 cup coconut butter	1/4 teaspoon spirulina
1/4 cup maple syrup	1 premade chocolate pie crust
1/4 cup cocoa butter	

Instructions:

1. Blend together the coconut cream, coconut butter, maple syrup, and peppermint extract in a blender. The mixture should be smooth and creamy. While blending, add the melted cocoa butter through the door in the lid. Finally, add the spirulina and blend until it's mixed in.
2. Pour the mixture into the prepared pie crust. Set the pie in the freezer for one hour, and then transfer it to the fridge for two to three hours, until set through to the middle.
3. Garnish with whipped cream and pie crust crumbs. Store the leftover pie in the fridge, covered.



Genevieve invites you to share your family recipes for possible use in future issues of the See Gull; email her at 1ndrwmn@sbcglobal.net and type FOPLIB Cooking in the subject line, or mail to Oceanside Public Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054, Att: See Gull Recipe. Please include your name, the recipe instructions, and a fun fact about the recipe.