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THE FRIENDS' GIFTS GALORE WAS A GA-LORIOUS SUCCESS!

In mid-December the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library hosted their *first* in-person fundraiser since March 2020, and thank all shoppers for making it a ga-lorious success!

There were no supply chain shortages at *Gifts Galore! Books and More!* as shoppers found many lovely things to choose from including holiday items, gift baskets, books, artworks, puzzles and more.

Shoppers also had the opportunity to meet renowned author and linguist Richard Lederer, whose books were available for sale, and his wonderful presence added to the festivities.

Friends Vice President Mona Marra summed up the day this way:

“Diane Stone, the event coordinator, together with an amazing group of volunteers, donated many long hours before, during and after the event. We’re grateful to them, and to the steady stream of customers who shopped for gifts and books throughout the day, supporting Oceanside Public Library’s programs, events for all ages, and the purchase of books and other materials.”



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A SING-OUT TO OUR UNSUNG HEROES

Friends of the Oceanside Public Library members who also volunteer in the Library are a special group.

They show up – because they’re dedicated.
They do what needs to be done – because they’re hard workers.

They are polite and helpful – because they’re professional.

This is a sing-out to those unsung heroes, those Friends who are such good friends to Oceanside Public Library:

In the Library Bookstores: We thank you for keeping the stores orderly, for helping customers with their purchases, for shelving new items and packing up the unsold.

In the sorting facility: We thank you for sorting and shelving items that will be sold on Amazon, in the bookstores and at the Thursday Oceanside Farmers Market – all a crucial source of Library funding.

At the Oceanside Farmers Market: We thank you for being there on Thursdays, for being on your feet throughout, for packing up items to sell and unpacking and packing up again, and all with a smile.

For special events: We thank you for being front-and-center to help at special events like December’s *Gifts Galore* fundraiser, at past events and those to come – the events would be impossible without you.

Of Special Note...

We thank Cheri Bailey and Blitz for their 8 years of volunteering at the Civic Center Library Bookstore. Of her experience Cheri said...



“Volunteering at the bookstore allowed me to meet a great group of people in the community who all share a love of books and literacy. I may have been my own best customer at times, which aided in the growth of my own library at home. I am going to miss the comradery and the connections I made. This experience became a personal achievement in my life with all of the lessons I learned and the friends I made in Oceanside.”

If you’d like to know more about volunteering with the Friends, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cheri Noel, (760) 435-5564.



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OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY TEAM SECURED \$300,000+ IN GRANTS IN FY 20/21!

In 2021 – the Friends’ 50th Anniversary year – you read about members of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Board in the *See Gull* newsletters.

When you see Friends Board members, it’s a sure thing that they’re either (a) planning a fundraiser for the Library; (b) holding a fundraiser; or (c) planning their next fundraiser.

All funds raised by the Friends help support Oceanside Public Library’s programs, events for all ages, and the purchase of books and materials.

There’s another group also working to secure funds for the Library – this group is made up of Library staff and the management team.

And when you see them, it’s a sure thing that they’re either (a) planning to apply for a grant; (b) applying for a grant; or (c) planning their next grant application.

What is a “grant”?

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, collecting documentation, writing and rewriting to clearly express the reasons for requesting the grant, how the money will be used, how the community will benefit, and how the grant will advance the Library’s mission, vision and goals.

Every grant applied for presents its own unique challenges, but the grant-writing team is so expert at meeting these challenges that during FY 20/21 the Library received *more than \$300,000 in grant funding*.

This funding is used for special projects, and can also “include a staffing component which allows us to hire temporary staff to help accomplish the work of the grant,” says Library Director Sherri Cosby. Examples include the summer STEAM Camps for kids in grades 1-4; the Civic Center Library’s Early Learning Hub for families and children ages 0-5; and Teens Work, a paid internship program that helps teens gain work experience and develop soft skills such as teamwork and problem-solving.



At the grant-funded READS Learning Center, tutors help adults learn both to read – and to love it.



The grant-funded Early Learning Hub at the Civic Center Library is a resource for families and children ages 0-5.

Another example is “the Adult and Family literacy grants that are the primary funding source for our READS Learning Center,” says Cosby, “and we have been receiving this grant for over 20 years.”

These are just a few examples of how the 17 grants the Library received in FY 20/21 are utilized, but the grant-writing team – like the Friends – is never satisfied with a “job well done.”

Both the Library team and the Friends are committed to the ongoing securing of funds that support the Library’s mission: *To engage, inform, connect and inspire.*

all things MEMBERSHIP...

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library wish you a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

Despite the pandemic throughout 2021, the Library served our 120,000 cardholders and other community members both in our buildings and through online resources. Your support as a Friend is an important part in the Library's continued role as a source of education, entertainment and enrichment. Here's an easy way to make 2022 an even better year for you and everyone in our community: Become a Friend of Oceanside Public Library (or renew your membership) and encourage your friends and family to become members also.

MEET THE BUSINESS FRIENDS OF OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Please thank the Business Friends of Oceanside Public Library for their support by patronizing them, and inviting everyone you know to do the same:

Silver Business Members

101 Marketplace

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Security Public Storage
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Sports Bar

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Annual Individual Membership:

(Please circle membership level)

Individual – \$10

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(Please circle membership level)

Business Basic – \$50

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**ALMA’S THINGS CONSIDERED:
MINDFULNESS OR MINDLESSNESS: THE TIPPING POINT
by Alma Sisco-Smith, President, Library Board of Trustees**

As I sat to write in the early hours days ago, my thoughts went to May 2013. That was the beginning of my commitment to write and the gift of a public platform to raise it up and out. I began this column dedicated to focusing on the aspects of education (“reading, writing and ‘rithmetic”) and the concerns and importance of our humanity (the quality and state of being humane).

As our years came face-to-face with 2021, the question raised up in me: What have I done? Has it been mindful or mindless? Was there a tipping point? Looking back, there seemed little doubt that COVID 2020 – with its horrors – also brought forward the need to persevere. My focus shifted onto young girls of color to support them through a mentoring program that kept a focus on our humanity and education and self-care practice during the time. Undeniably, it was a tipping point to be mindful – despite the horrific impacts on so many lives, yet we must find a value in mindfulness. We were working on our resilience and we felt some joy.

Yet as 2021 began with COVID tampering down, and cultural wars bursting up across our country, my ability to focus became challenged as well as my sense of emotional balance. Tears of frustration and anger quickly forming over the different kind of losses now. The loss of our humanity, caught up in political masks of hate for each other. I had to focus on faith in a spiritual journey that embodied community conversations in search of mindful dialogue to achieve mutual understanding. As a result, I became *Surprised by Hope*, from the writings of N.T. Wright.

It was a difficult sprint, coming through to the early hours to begin this writing. However, it left no doubt that 2021, tampering with the joys of mindfulness, leading towards despair and fatigue of mindlessness, was a tipping point.

Do you see the irony here? These switching moments between mindfulness and mindlessness inform us that we must stay alert, be informed and stay committed – around us and within us. And as we do this, let it be in the spirit of placing value and faith in our humanity.

Mindfulness opens up to the possibility of appreciating the fullness of our humanity as we are, and of embodying and expressing that humanity in our way of being and in our actions. Mindlessness, on the other hand, closes us up and sadly constrains both the expression and the enjoyment of our life as it is unfolding.
– Jon Kabat-Zinn

**MEMORIAL, HONORARIUM AND GIFT BOOK DONATIONS
October-December 2021**

Donated by Melanie Van Horn

- In Memory of Vetha Balesio**
- Assorted Large Print Titles

Donated by Cathie and Larry Hatter

- In Memory of Judy Denny**
- *Cooking at Home*
 - *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray*
 - *Saving Missy*

In Memory of Frank Chambliss

- *The Forgotten First*
- *Martin Luther King: A Religious Life*

Donated by Ramona Chapa

- In Memory of Juan J. Chapa**
- *Change Your Brain:*
 - The Masters Coaching Program*
 - *Ultimate Brain Box X*

Donated by Jan and Tom Frankum Family Trust

- In Memory of Mary Lou Elliot**
- *Deficit of Myth*
 - *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*
 - *Midnight in Washington*
 - *Nothing Like it in the World*

IF YOU'RE IN A BOOK CLUB, OR THINKING OF STARTING ONE...

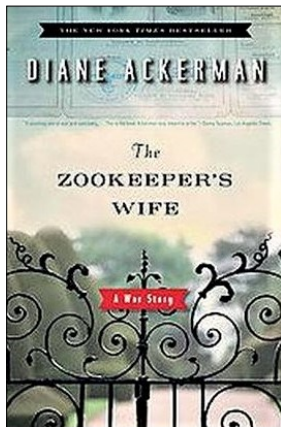
The practice of people forming clubs to discuss books and ideas is a time-honored tradition in this country, going back to Founding Father Benjamin Franklin and possibly earlier. Today it's estimated that more than five million people belong to book clubs, and that number continues to grow.

As writer Mikkaka Overstreet put it in a recent article,

We humans are social creatures. We love to share experiences with others. Thus, it's no wonder that when a book inspires us, haunts us, comforts us, consumes us, or transforms us, we want to share those feelings with others.

If you're part of this book club tradition or thinking of starting a book club, Oceanside Public Library invites you to explore BCIB – Book Club in a Bag.

BCIB offers more than 50 popular titles that Library staff select from a variety of sources including book club choices, One Book/One San Diego titles, and Big Read selections. "Books that have been turned into movies or series do really well as BCIB



options," said Librarian II Trista Tabanico, "like *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Zookeeper's Wife*, so we have those types of books available. We want books that appeal to all adult readers, so we make sure to have fiction, nonfiction, social justice and urban fiction, mystery, science fiction/fantasy, and biographies as well."

"Each set of five+ books comes with a binder full of fun things to help lead a book club and get discussions flowing. The binders include a book club *How To* which is especially helpful for clubs that are just starting out or going through some transitions, and it covers how to read, think about and talk about a book, as well as lead a book club."

"Also included are icebreakers, a book summary, an author bio, book-specific and genre-specific discussion questions. Mystery or fiction books read differently than science fiction and nonfiction books, so it's nice to have a core set of questions to swap if desired. Each binder also includes a trifold for Libby by Overdrive services for customers who prefer eBooks or Audiobooks to physical copies."

"All of these materials are designed and included to help make each book club experience as successful as possible!"

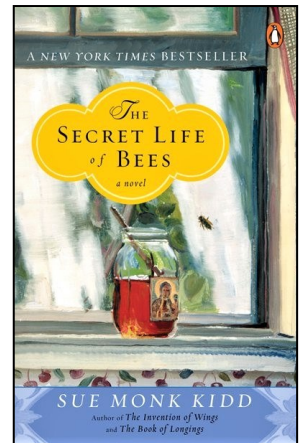
To get started, check the BCIB list by [clicking here](#), or by going to the Library's website and clicking "Book Clubs" on the "Adults" tab. The materials have a six-week checkout time, and a Library card is required.

Once you've made your selection, call the Library at (760) 435-5600, or contact Trista directly at (760) 435-5577 or at ttabanico@oceansideca.org. If you have suggestions for additions to the list, let Trista know.

Your Book Club in a Bag will be checked out to you, and you can request either the Civic Center or Mission Branch Library as your pickup location. You can also request that your BCIB be delivered – just verify that you're set up for the Library's Home Delivery service.

Whether you're a long-time book clubber or just getting started, the Library has everything you need for a successful gathering. All you have to do is come prepared to share – and enjoy.

But don't forget the snacks!



ELVIS SIGHTING AT OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY?



Combine a 1950s theme with a fabulous doo-wop band, refreshments that included ice-cold Cokes in the bottle, hot dogs, potato chips, Jell-O, and Cracker Jack, add in photo booths, not one but two tables of swag to choose from, games and gifts and what did we have?

A rockin' great time at Oceanside Public Library's *Fabulous, Fun & Fifty* Volunteer Appreciation Event!

Party co-planners Cheri Noel and Chelsea Genack Egli took a break from jitterbugging just long enough to say, "We're happy that we could show our appreciation to our amazing volunteers in such a fun way. Some said they didn't want it to end!"

As for the Elvis sighting...did you spot him?



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022 IS APRIL 3-9



The theme for National Library Week 2022 is *Connect with Your Library*, and during the Library's FY 20/21 – you did! Here are some nice numbers to know, and the Library staff looks forward to even more connecting in FY 21/22:

Open hours: 8,092 • Items lent to other libraries: 2,303 • Items brought in from other libraries at customers' requests: 7,376 • Number of people who walked through our doors: 88,489 • Electronic items circulated: 77,954 • Total checkouts: 383,937 • Total number of cardholders: 119,944 • Total of items in the collection: 1,204,288.

THE FRIENDS CELEBRATED THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY AND NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK WITH NEW MEMBERS, GUEST SPEAKERS & GIVEAWAYS!

On a perfect October day, the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library had much to celebrate: their 50th Anniversary of fundraising for the Library, and National Friends of Libraries Week.

The event was organized by Friends Board Member Genevieve Wunder and took place at the Thursday Oceanside Farmers Market. Friends' President Chris Wilson was joined by speakers including Oceanside Mayor Esther Sanchez; Kyle Krahel-Frolander, District Director for Congressman Mike Levin; and 76th District Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath.

The Friends were honored with Certificates of Recognition from the Mayor, Horvath and Levin for, among many other accomplishments:

...five decades of service to the City of Oceanside and neighboring communities.

...innovating its practices to overcome constraints produced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

...having raised over \$2.1 million for operations and programming, continuing its commitment to a better quality of life for all Oceanside residents.

The Friends also welcomed new members, and provided early Halloween treats of Friends bookbags and candy.

The all-volunteer Friends are weekly participants at the Farmers Market, hosting a booth where they sell donated books and other items as part of their fundraising efforts to support the Library's programs, special events for all ages, and the purchase of books and other materials.



Left to right: Brad Penner, Library Division Manager; Chris Wilson, Friends President; Oceanside Mayor Esther Sanchez; Kyle Krahel-Frolander, District Director for Congressman Mike Levin; and Victor Roy, City Treasurer.

Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Celebrating 51 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.

The *See Gull* newsletter is published quarterly by Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and is available at the Civic Center Library; the Mission Branch Library; the Oceanside READS Learning Center; online at oplfriends.org; and via email and regular mail.

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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LOOKING FOR BARGAINS ON BOOKS? THINK “FRIENDS” FIRST!



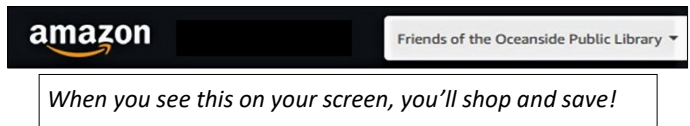
The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library have reopened their Amazon Bookstore, offering book lovers an opportunity to purchase gently used books *and* help support the Library’s programs, special events for all ages, and acquisition of new books and other materials.

Offerings in the Friends’ Amazon Bookstore range from recent best sellers like Brian Kilmead’s *The President and the Freedom Fighter* to classics including Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* – hardbacks and paperbacks in a variety of genres, along with the price, condition of the book and estimated delivery date.

To access the site just [click here](#), or copy and paste this address or type it into your browser:

www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books.

Shoppers can search for a specific title or author, or browse and make their selection.

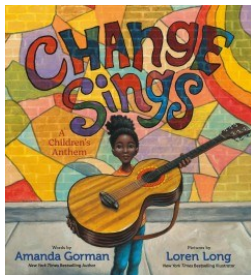


Friends Board Member and Amazon Bookstore Manager Donna Locke encourages book shoppers to “Think ‘Friends’ First!” to save on used books, and added, “When you’re on Amazon, here’s another way to help the Friends support the Library and at **no cost** to you: Sign up with AmazonSmile with the Friends as your chosen charity, and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Friends.”

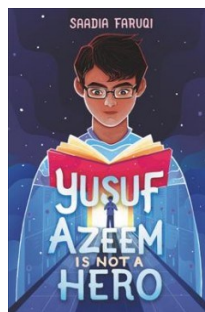
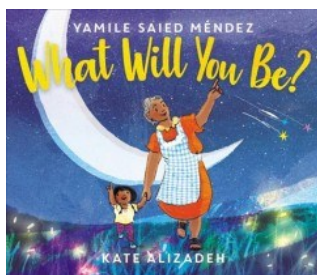
For those who would rather shop in person, used books – along with DVDs, CDs and magazines – are available at the Friends Bookstores at the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries, and at the Thursday Farmers Market.

START YOUR NEW YEAR WITH NEW ITEMS FROM THE LIBRARY’S COLLECTION

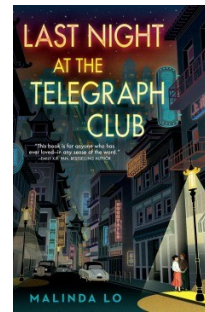
Here are some of the Library’s recent purchases – check them out here, then check them out from the Library to enjoy!



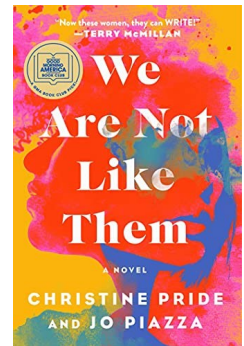
Picture Books, ages 0-7



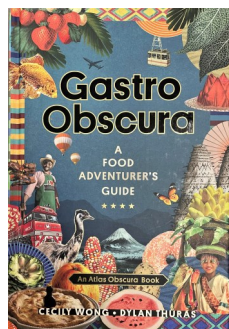
Tween/
Middle Grades



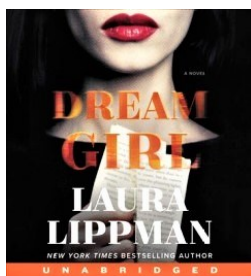
Teen/
Young Adult



Adult Fiction



Adult Nonfiction



Adult Audiobook



DVD PG-13

Reminder:

If you don't have a Library card and you are an Oceanside resident, you can visit the Library for a physical card, or apply for a digital card online: On the Library home page under the “Library Services” tab click “Cards and Borrowing Policies.”

Students in the Oceanside and Vista Unified School Districts can use their Student ID as their Library card.

THE LIBRARY'S FILM COLLECTION JUST KEEPS GROWING AND GROWING...

Have you watched all the movies on the American Film Institute's (AFI) list of *100 Years...100 Movies*?

You can – if you're an Oceanside Public Library cardholder.

Over the past year, Amy Davis, Senior Library Assistant – Collection Management, has been diligently working to expand the Library's film collection, including checking every box on the AFI's *100 Years...100 Movies* list. Get your viewing started by accessing that same list [here](#).

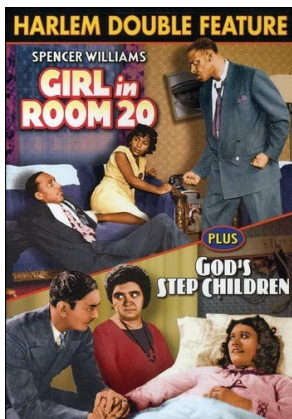
Other additions to the collection include Pioneers of African American Cinema, a preserved collection on five DVDs featuring more than 20 films including restored feature films, as well as a number of short films, fragments, and documentaries, known as "race films," made by groundbreaking African American directors for black audiences from 1915 to 1946. In addition, Amy has added nine movies from the Harlem Double Feature/Harlem Classics collection, including five directed by Oscar Micheaux, described as "the most successful African-American

filmmaker of the first half of the 20th century." You can find these films by searching for [African American Directors](#).

And, says Amy, she's far from finished. "I'm actively purchasing award-winning foreign and independent films, movies by women, People of Color (POC), and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI+) directors and writers."

It's easy to stay up-to-date on the Library's new DVDs – on the home page click the "Library Catalog" button, then click "Show me the new DVDs" or [click here](#).

DVD purchases are made possible in part by funds from the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library.



OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS FINE-FREE AND SO ARE YOU!



Why is the Library fine free?

While intended to incentivize the return of Library material, fines unintentionally create a barrier for patrons to access critical Library services that disproportionately affect families with young children, low-income households and customers in our community who need us the most.

Following a vote by the Library Board of Trustees, all overdue fines accumulated as a result of returning materials late have been removed from customers' Library accounts.

If you have other charges, such as lost or damaged fees, those will remain. After you enjoy your materials during the loan period, you can return them, or renew them online by [clicking here](#) or via phone at (760) 435-5600 on or before the due date.

If it's been a while since you've visited the Library or would like to discuss the status of your account, please call (760) 435-5600.

