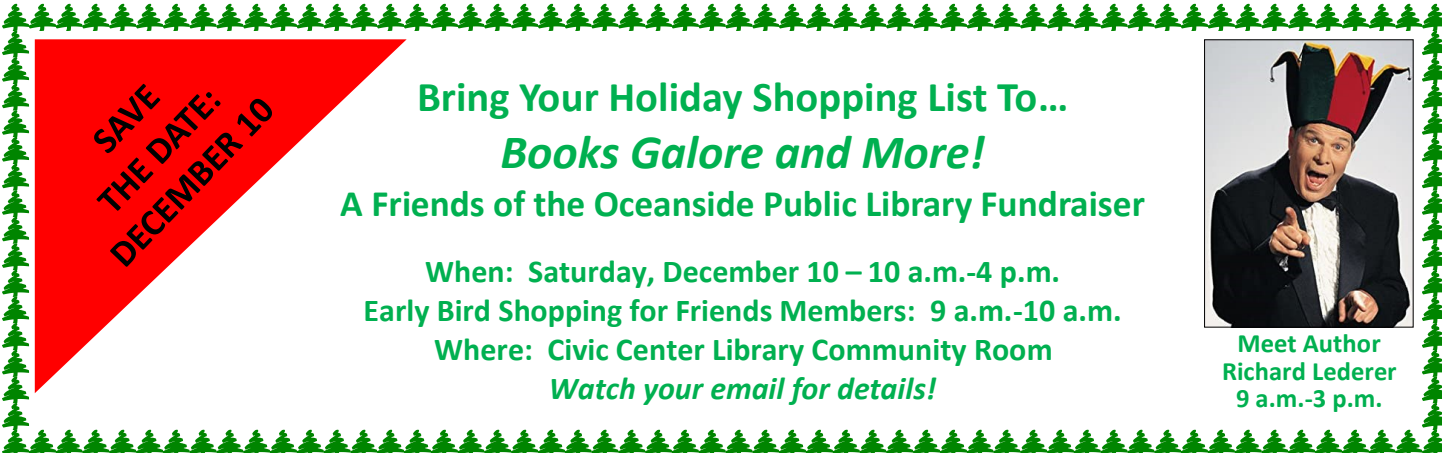




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**SAVE
THE DATE:
DECEMBER 10**

**Bring Your Holiday Shopping List To...
Books Galore and More!
A Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Fundraiser**

**When: Saturday, December 10 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Early Bird Shopping for Friends Members: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
Where: Civic Center Library Community Room
*Watch your email for details!***



**Meet Author
Richard Lederer
9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

THE FRIENDS ASKED, AND ROY SAID “YES!”

The Friends are grateful to our generous community for the many ways you help us support Oceanside Public Library.

You donate books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles that we sell in our bookstores.

You give monetary donations (see page 7) that help the Library purchase new books and other materials, offer programs and events for all ages, expand outreach, and update technology.

You give your time as volunteers – in the bookstores, at fundraisers, and advocating for the Library as a source of enrichment, education and entertainment.

Now meet a community member who has his own unique way of offering support.

Roy Cisneros is the owner of 101 Marketplace in downtown Oceanside, where, according to his website...

Browsing through 101 Marketplace in Oceanside is like browsing through all your favorite memories, emotions, things to play with, things to learn from, and things to deck yourself out in – all in one place. You will find an assortment of items for sale in this used, vintage and antique shop...collectibles, toys, board games, movies, music, video games, antiques, décor and more.



Roy Cisneros (left) and Joe McCluskey, next to stacks of vinyl records that Roy’s customers love to browse.



In 2020, Joe McCluskey, Friends’ Board member and Public Relations Chair, called on Roy to invite him to become a Business Friend of the Library. Roy gladly agreed, and
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WHEN YOU THINK “LIBRARY” YOU’RE THINKING “RECYCLE”!

Have you ever considered the fact that when you borrow an item from Oceanside Public Library...

You’re recycling?

After you enjoy those books, DVDs or CDs, you return them – to be borrowed again.

Here’s another way you recycle: When you access the Library’s many online resources for books, movies, magazines, games and more, you’re recycling, since someone else will come along after you and use that same resource.

The Library and the Friends also work together to recycle. One example is Library staff saving boxes and packing materials from shipments received, and whenever possible, those are reused by the Friends’ Amazon Bookstore team for the shipping of sold items. When you purchase used items from the Amazon Bookstore, you’re recycling – twice!

And since we’re talking about the Friends’ bookstores, what else is a used bookstore but...a recycler?

When you [donate](#) books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles to the Friends, you’re recycling. When you purchase items from the Friends, you’re recycling, from someone else’s home to yours.

So, the next time you borrow from the Library, or shop at the Friends’ bookstores – give yourself a big green thumbs-up!



Shop the Friends’ bookstores at:

- Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries
- Jane and Evie’s Used Books, 323 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside
- Online at www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books or [click here](#)
- Oceanside Thursday Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pier View Way and North Coast Highway

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Move Your Feet Before You Eat on November 24!
Cooking with Friends
What Do the Friends Find in Books?



**NOVEMBER 24:
MOVE YOUR
FEET BEFORE
YOU EAT
AND HELP THE
LIBRARY –
AT NO
EXTRA COST
TO YOU!**

Find out how –
see insert!



ALMA'S THINGS CONSIDERED: Resting, Reading, and Roaring with Joy by Alma Sisco-Smith, Member, Library Board of Trustees

Resting the body provided time to let the eyes do more work! Let me explain. The first half of July was spent with COVID and COVID Rebound, followed by the first two weeks of August on bedrest for a tortured back to heal. Agony, you say? Yes, but reading (and writing) nourished the soul.

The time allowed me to catch up on a small stack of past articles, including *How Fighting Over Grammar Can Help Fix a Divided America* by Ellen Jovin, lifelong professional grammarian, teacher, writer, and student of more than 25 languages.

On a September day, Ellen set up a table and chair outside with a sign marked "Grammar Table." It took less than 30 seconds to receive the first question, she noted, and the queries rapidly continued thereafter. People stopping may have challenged another regarding use of commas, punctuation, and overrun sentences, while others took on certain pet peeves, such as whether a sentence can end with a preposition. It became notable that people left with a sense of renewal as well as fellowship. She began to move the Grammar Table around the city, and repeatedly seeing the impact of engagement, accepting corrections and yes, friendships building.

Ellen and her husband took this on as a documentary within six months and as the pandemic landed in 2020, they had visited and voiced their Grammar Table in 47 states. Clearly the Grammar Table had become more than an exercise on grammar. It was about community building, even revealing that debate can be gentle – sometimes silly – and even humorous when demonstrated in good-natured disagreement with smiles.

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YOUR BOOK DONATIONS BRING BIG SMILES!

Thanks to your generous book donations, the Friends see a lot of happy shoppers at their bookstores – like this group at Jane & Evie's Used Books.

Your donations of gently used books, as well as DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles, bring smiles *and* help the Friends continue their support of Oceanside Public Library as the heart of our cultural community.

Donating is easy – for information and bookstore locations please visit the Bookstores page at oplfriends.org or [click here](#).

(P.S.: Mom, don't forget to take the kids to see the puzzles at Jane & Evie's!)

all things MEMBERSHIP...

WHERE DO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS GO?

They make it possible for the Oceanside Public Library to:

Entertain: Who doesn't enjoy a good read (print, electronic or audio) or DVD?

Enlighten: Customers can read a book, magazine or newspaper; use a computer to learn something new or explore a subject; attend a lecture or author talk; or bring their child to storytimes.

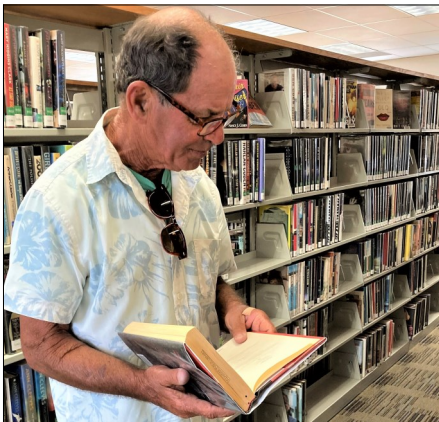
Engage: Customers participate in events including art classes, reading challenges, book clubs/discussion groups, or contests like the Friends' annual photo competition; or encourage their teen to earn community service hours by volunteering.

Enrich our community by creating "ambassadors of knowledge" to share ideas and information with those around them.

We thank our members for making all this possible for our Library and community.

– Marie Wilson, Friends of Oceanside Public Library Membership Chair

Your Membership Dues and Contributions Help the Library to...



...purchase books, DVDs and other materials...



...maintain and update technologies...



...host events for kids, teens and adults...



...offer outreach services including our mini-libraries, bookmobiles and home deliveries.

To upgrade your membership or make a donation please visit oplfriends.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Cerda
Joyce Cerimele
Lucy Davis

Kathleen Fox
Susan Fuerst
Theresa Horan

Shannon Nares
Christine Slaven
Anna Van Ransom-Magaña

Welcome New Business Basic Member: Bee Organized San Diego

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:

Business Silver Members

Harbor Fish & Chips*
Rookie's Restaurant and Sports Bar*
The John Beran Group*
The Switchboard Restaurant & Bar

Business Bronze Members

North County Glass/Mirror*
Oceanside Sea Lions Club*
Randall W. Smith, D.D.S.*
Tracy Creighton, Realtor*

Business Basic Members

Bee Organized San Diego

Studio Ace*

Whim of Iron

***Charter
Business
Members**

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOUR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP AT OPLFRIENDS.ORG OR USE THIS FORM

Annual Individual Membership: <i>(Please circle membership level)</i>	Individual – \$20 Patron – \$100	Family – \$35 Sponsor – \$250	Booster – \$50 Benefactor – \$500
Annual Business Friend Membership: <i>(Please circle membership level)</i>	Business Basic – \$50 Business Gold – \$500	Business Bronze – \$100 Business Platinum – \$1000+	Business Silver – \$250

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name or Business Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Business Contact _____ Website _____

Please do not acknowledge my membership publicly.

Donation: I've enclosed an extra \$ _____ to help the Friends. **Volunteering:** Contact me about volunteering

I would like to make a donation In Honor of In Memory of _____

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

To return by mail: Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054-2824

Comments: _____

Friends and Volunteer Information: (760) 435-5560

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“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...”



This title is a phrase we associate with the U.S. Postal Service and its commitment to delivering our mail.

That phrase is equally applicable to the Friends’ commitment to raising funds to support Oceanside Public Library – a commitment that’s lasted for more than 50 years.

Neither snow nor rain nor heat...have stopped the Friends’ fundraising efforts.

And neither did the pandemic.

In March 2020 when the Library closed, the pandemic halted all in-person fundraising efforts and closed the Friends’ bookstores.

But the pandemic *didn’t* completely stop the Friends from raising funds – they ramped up their creative thinking, and got to work.

One example of that creative thinking was the brainchild of Friends Board member Donna Locke: the Friends’ first Amateur Photography Contest.

Launched in May 2021, the contest invited participants to photograph images “that represent what community and joy mean to each individual,” and a small donation was requested for submissions. So – fundraiser + fun for participants + no in-person required.

The response was so strong that the Friends hosted their 2nd Annual Amateur Photography Contest this past spring, this time with the theme of *Capturing Your City: Urban Life*. Like the 2021 contest, Donna managed this event, which received numerous wonderful submissions from all age groups.

Donna is something of an expert juggler – in addition to contest planning and organizing, she’s also manager of the Friends’ Amazon Bookstore, an important part of the Friends’ fundraising efforts. Donated books, along with unopened DVDs and CDs, are sorted, their condition rated, and the item is priced, photographed (if needed) and uploaded to the website. Sold items are wrapped and shipped, money raised is tracked and deposited – and all this is happening simultaneously under Donna’s watchful eyes.

As Friends’ Vice President Mona Marra put it, “Donna loves to take on challenges, and she goes all out to learn everything she can for a positive outcome. Her organizational skills in setting up and taking over our Amazon operation were amazing!”

To view the 2022 Amateur Photography Contest winning entries [click here](#), or copy and paste this address or type it into your browser: <https://osidefriends.wixsite.com/contest/overallwinners>. To access the Amazon Bookstore [click here](#), or copy and paste this address or type it into your browser: www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books.



WE’RE REACHING OUT...TO YOU!

Your support of the Friends helps the Library's ongoing outreach efforts including home deliveries, mini-libraries and bookmobiles. [Click here](#) for a great video to learn more, or click "Outreach Services" on the "Library Services" tab on the homepage.

FUTURE FRIEND-LY FACES!

The Friends thank this group of potential volunteers for attending a volunteer orientation and expressing their interest in giving their time and talent to help the Friends support Oceanside Public Library.



Friends' Vice President Mona Marra (pictured left) greeted the attendees and



described their roles including assisting customers in the Friends' bookstores; helping sort books and other donated items to sell at the bookstores, at the Oceanside Farmers Market and at the Friends' Amazon Bookstore; organizing and attending fundraising events; and acting as advocates for the Library in our community.

For 2022, the Friends are on track to total 18,000 hours of volunteer time. In terms of 40-hour work weeks, that's 450 weeks of labor!

The Friends are always on the lookout for more Friend-ly Faces who support the Library's mission: **To engage, inform, connect and inspire.** If you'd like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cheri Noel at (760) 435-5564.

Memorial, Honorarium and Gift Book Donations July-September 2022

Donated by Cathie and Larry Hatter

In Memory of Carrie Dawn Masthay and Jeanne Masthay

- *Boundaries*
- *Didn't See that Coming*
- *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak*
- *Trusting God in All Things*
- *The Women of the Bible Speak*

The Friends Thank These Donors for Their Cash Gifts to Oceanside Public Library:

Donated by

Anna Van Ransom-Magaña

Rita Magaña

Shannon Nares

In Memory of Refugio Magaña

Donated by

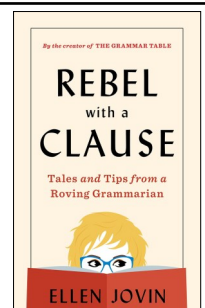
Karin A. De Baay

In Memory of Sherry Taylor

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Ellen states, "There are serious challenges to our public life that the bonding of dependent and independent clauses cannot solve. Americans must still coexist with other Americans whose views they abhor. Lives lived too much online are vulnerable to misunderstanding and rage, to dangerous oversimplification and dehumanization."

I recommend Ellen Jovin's book: *Rebel with a Clause: Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian*, available at the Library through LINK+.



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Joe then asked about the possibility of bringing donated books to the store for Roy to sell for the Friends.

Again Roy gladly agreed, and since then he's been bringing in a steady flow of revenue for the Friends. Thank you, Roy!

The next time you're in downtown Oceanside, the Friends invite you to stop by 101 Marketplace for some browsing, perhaps some buying, and for sure some fun. As one customer's review said on Yelp,

"Very cool stuff all over the store. Always changing and never a dull moment as the merchandise is always unexpected!"

Roy's store is located at 101 South Coast Highway, Oceanside; open Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Check out Roy's newest items at 101marketplace.com.

FRIENDS FUN FACTS

Do a recipe, a gift card, and a utility bill have anything in common?

Friends Fun Fact: They do.



And these items share a common denominator with a marijuana leaf, Kleenex, and a live earwig (ew).

What do these items have in common?

See insert to find out!

SAVE MONEY AND SAVE A TREE – SWITCH TO “E”!

If you're receiving the *See Gull* newsletter by U.S. mail, the Friends encourage you to switch your delivery to email – and receive it sooner!

By switching to email you'll also help the Friends save money on postage and paper, which means more funds for the Library to offer education, entertainment and enrichment to the community.

To change how you receive the newsletter please call (760) 435-5560 or email FriendsofOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com.



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 the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and is available at their bookstores at the Civic Center and Mission Branch Library; at Jane and Evie's Used Books store; at the READS Learning Center; 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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Join the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and... *Move Your Feet Before You Eat!*



Support the Library at No Extra Cost to You

At The 2022 O'Side Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Morning, November 24



Here's how you can *move your feet* and help support the Library at the same time – at no extra cost to you:

- Visit osideturkeytrot.com for information and registration.
- Join the Friends team in two easy steps:
 1. On the registration page, click “Yes” to answer “Would you like to join or create a team?” and then click “OPL Friends.”
 2. Then, at the end of the application be sure to select “Friends of the Oceanside Public Library” as your nonprofit recipient.

Part of your entry fee will help support Oceanside Public Library's empowering the community by promoting literacy, information access, civic engagement, cultural inclusiveness, and openness to new ideas.

Exercise your body at the Trot, exercise your mind at the Library – and we'll see you on November 24!

Questions? Please email the Friends at FriendsOfOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com.



COOKING WITH FRIENDS

by Genevieve Wunder, Friends Board Member

Air Fryer Peanut Butter Cookies

EASY: Only Three Ingredients!!!

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg

(No need to preheat the air fryer for this recipe.)



1. Mix the peanut butter, sugar and egg until you have a creamy consistency; do not overmix.
2. Cover the bottom of the air fryer basket with air fryer parchment paper.
3. Drop the cookie dough in rounded teaspoons onto the parchment paper. If desired, use a fork to mash marks onto the tops of the cookies – this allows for even cooking.
4. Put the basket into your air fryer and cook at 400 degrees for 4-7 minutes or until the cookies are golden brown.
5. Remove the basket from the air fryer but leave the cookies in the basket to cool slightly before transferring them to a cooling rack; they'll crumble if you try to move them too soon.
6. Not all air fryers cook the same so check the cookies; you don't want to overcook them.

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, Attn: See Gull Recipe. Please include your name, the recipe instructions, and a fun fact about the recipe.



TO BETTER SERVE YOU...

...we expect the Library's new website to be up and running by the end of the year. Stay tuned for further developments!

WHAT DO THE FRIENDS FIND IN BOOKS...BESIDES A GOOD STORY?

The *See Gull* editor has a friend who volunteers at a Colorado library, and the friend recently talked about the interesting – and sometimes strange – items they find in returned and donated books: a large marijuana leaf, a live earwig (ew), love letters, credit cards, photos, Kleenex, French fries and more.

So we asked volunteer Blake Kern, manager of the Friends' book sorting room, what she and her team find in donated books. Blake didn't mention live animals or food, but she did say, "Pressed flowers and leaves, partially used gift cards, photos, stamps, postcards, bookmarks, newspaper clippings, receipts, recipes, utility bills...all sorts of things."

"Probably the most memorable was when a large donation of items came in and I found \$1,500. I knew who had made the donation, so we contacted them and were they glad to hear from us! A member of the family collected the money and gave the Friends \$50 for their trouble."

It's rare that the Friends can track down donors, and we don't want you to lose a precious photo, love letter or other important item, so please – check your books before you donate or return them!

