

## Everyone Won at Books Galore!

At the Friends' December Fundraiser *Books Galore and More!* shoppers enjoyed great holiday bargains *and* an opportunity drawing for items from generous Oceanside merchants.



Eleven lucky winners were excited to learn their names had been drawn by the Friends' able assistant Emily Jimenez (above left), who carefully kept



her eyes closed throughout the drawing. Janet Mark (below left) was thrilled to learn she'd won a week's stay at the Club Wyndham

Flagstaff, a 2,200-acre retreat in the Arizona mountains. Enjoy!

## Way to Go, Joe!

You may have heard the expression, "If you want to get something done, give it to a busy person."

Friends of the Oceanside Public Library volunteer Joe McCluskey is that busy person, and Joe is a guy who gets things done.

And what's been keeping Joe busy?

Joe began volunteering in 2007, and since then he's been assisting with Friends' Special Events, in the Friends' sorting room, at Jane & Evie's Used Books, at the Oceanside Thursday Farmers Market, as well as doing outreach, serving on the Friends' Board (2020-2022), and helping in many other areas, not for recognition but in the interest of *Getting It Done*.

But recognition came knocking anyway, this time in the form of the Kiwanis Club of Oceanside Pacific Community Service Volunteer Award (pictured) in January. Joe thought he was simply attending a Kiwanis breakfast to share information about the Friends – and was very surprised – but no one who knows Joe was.

Congratulations on this much-deserved honor, Joe!

Read more about Joe on the Friends' website: [oplfriends.org](http://oplfriends.org).



Joe with Library Director  
CJ Di Mento.

## The Friends Thank Their Turkey Trot Team

Thanksgiving morning's Oceanside Turkey Trot drew thousands of runners and walkers, including 58 who joined the team in support of the Friends of the Oceanside

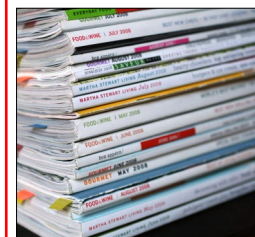


Public Library. Insert: Marie Wilson, Friends' Membership Chair and team leader, crossed the finish line and proudly displayed her Trot t-shirt and finisher's medal.

Marie says, "See you at Turkey Trot 2023!"

## We ♥ Your Book Donations

In Valentine season and all year round, the Friends love – and welcome – your book donations.



Revenue from your book donations, along with DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles, is a crucial part of the Friends' ongoing support that helps keep Oceanside Public Library the vibrant, welcoming heart of Oceanside's Cultural District.

For donation information [click here](http://oplfriends.org) or visit the Bookstores page at [oplfriends.org](http://oplfriends.org). Thank you!