



# See Gull

Newsletter

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***The Friends Cordially Invite You to Visit...***

## **THE NEW JOHN LANDES COMMUNITY CENTER LIBRARY!**

*See a need, and fill it.*

– Ruth Stafford Peale

Oceanside Public Library saw a *need*, and *filled* it.

The *need* was for another facility to make the Library's services and resources even more accessible to Oceanside community members.



The Library is *filling that need* with the new John Landes Community Center Library (above), and the Friends invite you to visit, enjoy – and spread the word!

The Library offers books for all ages, study rooms, computer access, online resources, and programs and events. Library staff members Luis Arguelles and Mariella Garcia (left) are on hand to assist you with signing up for a library card, checking out books, or finding just the right spot to sit and read.

The story began in 2021, when the Library completed the Landes Community Engagement and Leadership Project, a California State Library-funded grant project to better assess the needs of the community.

Through this project, it was discovered that Tri-City neighborhood residents were looking for a reactivated facility that demonstrates a public commitment to space that is appealing, welcoming and active.

In partnership with both Parks & Recreation and Neighborhood Services, the Library opened the John Landes Community Center Library in the former John Landes Recreation Center in John Landes Park.



But...who was John Landes, and why are the Community Center and John Landes Park named after him?

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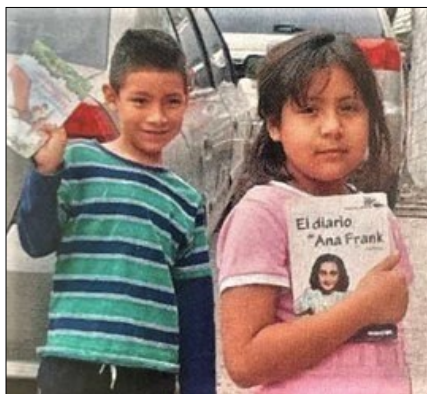
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**“Some have never had a book in their home...”**



Friends’ sorting room manager Blake Kern recently shared a story about a regular Friends’ bookstore customer who is on a mission.

“I save boxes of books for her,” said Blake. “Educational Spanish, bilingual, and instructional. She buys the books and...”

“And I deliver them,” says the customer, Susan McCallan, “to Build a Miracle, a nonprofit based in San Diego. The volunteers at Build a Miracle

take the books to Tijuana, where they’ve been building homes for needy families since 2001. The books are for pre-school to adult students, for classroom work and to borrow. Some of the students have never had a book in their home.”

When you donate your gently used books – as well as DVDs, CDs, puzzles and magazines – to the Friends, you don’t know where your donations might go. But the Friends promise that your items will bring enrichment, entertainment, and education to others.

Read more about donating on the Friends’ “Bookstores” page at [oplfriends.org](http://oplfriends.org), or [click here](#).

**CARE FOR A SPOT OF TEA, OLD CHAP?**

The Friends love being involved in literary events that bring the community together, including Oceanside Public Library’s *A Celebration of Jane Austen’s Life and Works*. English novelist Jane Austen (1775-1817) has millions of fans, and a goodly number – some in Austen-era costumes – enjoyed refreshments of a very proper English tea with scones, provided by the Friends. You can learn about programs like this on the Library Event Calendar by [clicking here](#).



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[FriendsOfOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com)

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[Instagram.com/friendsoceansidelibrary](https://Instagram.com/friendsoceansidelibrary)

Jane & Evie’s Used Books:

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**In This Issue...**

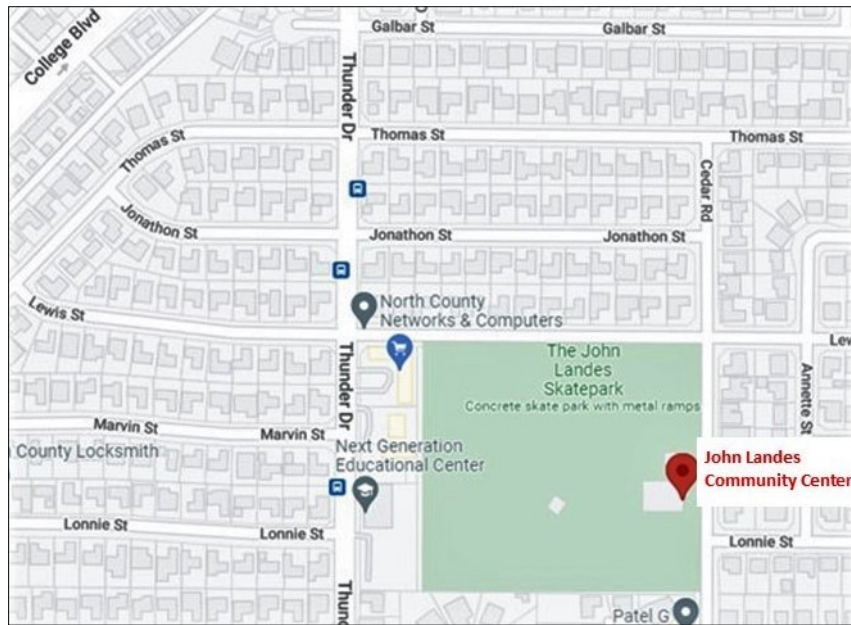
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John Landes (1879-1970, pictured) was born in Bavaria and emigrated to the U.S. in 1893. He's described as a "pioneer Oceanside resident who never stopped contributing throughout his lifetime," and served as Oceanside City Clerk for 32 years. The City purchased the land for the park in 1964, and the park was named for John at a 1967 dedication ceremony.



The John Landes Community Center Library is located at 2855 Cedar Road and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information about upcoming programs and events at all Library locations, on the Library homepage "Events" tab click "Library Events Calendar" or [click here](#).

*The John Landes Community Center renovations were funded in partnership with the Parks & Recreation and Neighborhood Services Departments, using American Rescue Plan Act funds as well as funding from the Oceanside Public Library Foundation. Programming support provided by the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library.*

## WILL SPLASH GET A DRIVER LICENSE?

Oceanside Public Library's mascot SPLASH turns 16 this year, and though a driver license may not be on the agenda – thanks to the Friends, a new SPLASH costume is!

The SPLASH story goes back to 2007, when SPLASH was "born." Library staff voted on an animal that most represented what the Library was to the community, and a starfish was chosen because of its ocean habitat, non-threatening nature, and its many arms doing outreach to let people know about the services the Library offers.

And here's another part of that story: Library Community Outreach Coordinator Kristine Moralez shared that "I am partial to this photo, but that might be because I'm in the costume! I was the original SPLASH."

SPLASH loves attending outreach events, and you can have the fun of SPLASH attending your event – in that new costume!

To learn more, on the Library homepage "Services" tab click "Bookmobiles and Outreach Services" or [click here](#).

*The Friends are proud sponsors of SPLASH and other Library outreach efforts including home deliveries of Library materials, Bookmobiles and Mini-libraries.*

*The Library does not attend private events; takes outreach requests on a first-come, first-served basis; and only attends events that support the Library's Mission.*



*Kris, the original SPLASH, in costume, above; below, Kris introducing a new video about Oceanside Public Library. Learn more about the video on page 8.*



# The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Invite You to Celebrate National Library Week April 23-29, 2023

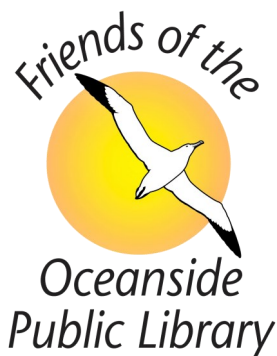


**What's a great way to celebrate  
National Library Week?**

**Take advantage of the many resources  
Oceanside Public Library has to offer!**

Our Library is full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to e-books, DVDs and CDs. But *there's more to the story:*

- Available resources also include California Parks passes, Seed Libraries, nature backpacks, musical instruments, and toys.
- Library programming brings our community together for entertainment, education, and connection through programs and events like book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures.
- Library outreach provides three Mini-libraries, the new John Landes Community Center Library, Bookmobiles, and home deliveries of Library materials.
- Library infrastructure advances our schools and community, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.



**Tuesday, April 25 is  
National Library Workers Day**

Please join the Friends in thanking the Library team for their expertise and leadership skills in transforming our lives and community through education and lifelong learning.

For National Library Week-related events and activities visit the Library's [Event Calendar](#).



**Happy National Library  
Workers Day!**



## WHERE CAN YOU FIND GREAT BARGAINS ON USED BOOKS FROM THE FRIENDS?

### In this store...



**Jane & Evie's Used Books**  
323 N. Coast Hwy.  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Mon-Wed, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Thur-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### In this Library...



**Civic Center Library**  
330 N. Coast Hwy.  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Mon-Thur, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

### In this Library...



**Mission Branch Library**  
3861-B Mission Avenue  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
Mon-Thur, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

### In this market...



**Oceanside Thursday  
Farmers Market**  
Pier View Way and  
North Coast Hwy.  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### And in this online store...



**The Friends' Amazon Store:**  
[www.amazon.com/shops/check\\_out\\_books](http://www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books)  
or [click here](#).

### Shop, Save and Support the Library!

The only thing better than a great book – is a great book that's a great bargain. And that's what you'll find at the Friends' bookstores: gently used fiction, nonfiction, memoir, biography, history, science fiction, travel, art, children's books and gift books, along with DVDs and CDs, and magazines and puzzles at some locations.

*For information call (760) 435-5600.*

## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK YEAR ROUND?

### VOLUNTEER AT THE FRIENDS' BOOKSTORES:

The revenue generated by the Friends' bookstores is a crucial part of the Friends' support for the Library. And the lifeblood of the Friends' bookstores is the volunteers who staff them.

We've compiled a Top 10 List of why people love volunteering at our bookstores! Read the Top 10 List at [oplfriends.org](http://oplfriends.org) or [click here](#), and call (760) 435-5564 for information.



### BECOME A FRIEND OF THE OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

When you become a Friend of the Oceanside Public Library – for as little as \$20 per year – you're supporting the Library's mission: To engage, inform, connect and inspire.

Becoming a Friend of the Oceanside Public Library is a small investment with big returns – including smiles like this! *(See newsletter insert for more information.)*

## Memorial, Honorarium and Gift Book Donations January-March 2023

Donated by Brenda Robinson

In Memory of Ken Harrison

- *Funny Kid for President*

In Memory of Peggy Harrison

- *The Rain Came Down*

In Memory of Helen Kennedy

- *Knitting the National Parks*

In Memory of Sam Williamson

- *Duck for President*

Donated by Cathie and Larry Hatter

In Memory of Ray Feist

- *A Battle Won*
- *The Lost World*

In Memory of Delbert Gascon

- *Chevrolet Trucks: 100 Years of Building for the Future*
- *The Complete Book of Classic Chevrolet Muscle Cars 1955-1974*

The Friends Thank These Donors  
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Oceanside Public Library:

Donated by Mary Ellen Reese

In memory of Bill Loftus

Donated by Peter Mathews

In memory of Chris Benner

Donated by Bruce and Kriss Stewart

In memory of Leland Russell



Civic Center Library



Mission Branch Library



READS Learning Center

**GETTING READY FOR  
SPRING? GET READY  
WITH *FREE* SEEDS  
BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY THE FRIENDS!**

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library are excited to offer our community a Seed Library at three of our Library locations!

The seeds are free, available at the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries and READS Learning Center, and you can pick them up year round. Seeds change due to growing seasons so you'll want to check regularly to see what new seeds are waiting.

The Library is also partnering with the San Diego Audubon Society to promote Native Seeds that help support local ecosystems and wildlife. Native plants provide food and shelter to important pollinators such as the monarch butterfly, hummingbirds and many other bird species.

To learn more about the seed libraries and making seed donations, on Library homepage "Browse" tab click "Special Collections" and "Seed Library" or [click here](#).

*The Seed Libraries are sponsored by the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. Seed grant provided by Native Seeds SEARCH and the San Diego Audubon Society Native Seed Library Program.*



## SAVE MONEY – SWITCH TO "E"!

U.S. postage increased in January and it will increase again in July. If you're receiving the *See Gull* newsletter by U.S. mail, the Friends encourage you to switch your delivery to email. You'll receive the newsletter sooner, save the Friends money on postage and paper, and those Friends' funds will help the Library continue as the vibrant heart of the Oceanside, CA Cultural District. To change how you receive the newsletter please call (760) 435-5560 or email [FriendsOfOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com).



## COOKING WITH FRIENDS

by Genevieve Wunder, Friends Board Member

### Cleveland Coffee Cake

From the Friends' Cookbook in 1982!

1 cup Crisco  
2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour

*Blend and save  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup for topping. Mix the remainder into the following ingredients:*

1 cup buttermilk	2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves
1 cup raisins	1 cup nuts



*Mix and pour into in greased and floured 9" x 13" pan. Sprinkle reserved mixture over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. This freezes well.*

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



### ALMA'S THINGS CONSIDERED:

#### Faith Over Fear Forever

**by Alma Sisco-Smith, Member, Library Board of Trustees**

It was this time last year I sat in contemplation to write about coming through the post-COVID year and looking forward to 2022. I noted from my work with a local mentee program how we came through it together. Being Mindful and practicing Mindfulness proved to help keep us resilient as the health war tamped down and cultural wars ticked up. I ended with the ask to adopt the spirit of placing value and faith in our humanity.

Then, as 2022 launched, the explosive beginning was a prelude and a challenge to keep oneself balanced. Our literary love of words began to function like pinballs, pinging off each other, with hurt and harm.

I'd like to share a read or thought or both to consider here:

*The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times* by Michelle Obama clearly puts our focus on the large and wide panoply of humanity carried within our "human ancestors." How critically important for us to see the need for compassion and unity and joy to be experienced, while still recognizing differences without letting extremes of power break us apart.

Some words from Colby Martin, *Unclobber* and *The Shift*, seem key to "navigating the bumpy road of life" taken through his journey to progressive spirituality in accepting homosexuality. "Your life will have twists and turns and cliffhangers. It's part of being human....[we] cannot go back and undo, nor change what happened."

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This intersectionality between life and the spirituality of our humanity over the years seems to demonstrate that faith over fear may weave us together if an effort is made to meet one another on common ground and place value and faith in our humanity.

Yet, we've come to know that faith whether guided by intent or the effort often requires an extra light, as Michelle Obama implies. At the opening of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library's Jane and Evie's bookstore, it was said to be "the path of light." And that path of light helps to illuminate Oceanside Public Library's strategy to strengthen our community through its commitment to Cultivating Racial Equity and Inclusion, supported also by the California State Library. Perhaps these extra forces will help us all to have faith over fear – forever.



## “Everyone Who’s Here Wants to Be Here” Where?

### The Friends Invite You to Click These Links and Find Out!

YouTube

<https://youtu.be/DLKx-Kr63Xo>

Hightail

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/x00iqRci96>

*This Oceanside Public Library promotional video was made possible by grant funding and in partnership with KOCT Community Television.*

## The Friends’ Monthly Special Book Bargains!

Every month the Friends’ in-person locations offer a special selection of books at reduced prices in categories including history, biography, memoir, large type and more!

Civic Center Library  
Mission Branch Library  
Jane & Evie’s Used Books  
Thursday Oceanside Farmers Market

Visit the “Bookstores” page at [oplfriends.org](http://oplfriends.org) for each month’s category, hours and other information.

*Titles vary by location; available while inventory lasts.*

## Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Celebrating 52 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 in the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries; at Jane and Evie’s Used Books store; at the READS Learning Center; at [oplfriends.org](http://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](mailto:larnsbarger@oceansideca.org).



# *all things* **MEMBERSHIP...**

## **YOUR MEMBERSHIP FUNDS AT WORK**

Have you ever wondered if your Friends of the Oceanside Public Library membership dues really matter? Have you wondered how that money is used by the Library? I know I have, so I looked at how last year's Friends funds contributed to Library and its ability to serve the Oceanside community.

– Marie Wilson, Friends of Oceanside Public Library Membership Chair

As a Friend of the Oceanside Public Library, your membership dues support much of the programming and outreach activity not covered by city-provided funding. Friends help provide resources for materials and supplies above and beyond the “basics” found at the Library. We also underwrite lecture/concert and outreach expenses.

Who benefits? In 2022 more than 2,200 attendees of all ages enjoyed Library events and programs each month.

In the past 12 months Oceanside Public Library:

**Presented over 1,100 programs** – storytimes, book clubs, reading programs, children's summer programs, art and writing classes, lectures, and much more. More than 27,000 participants benefited from these programs.

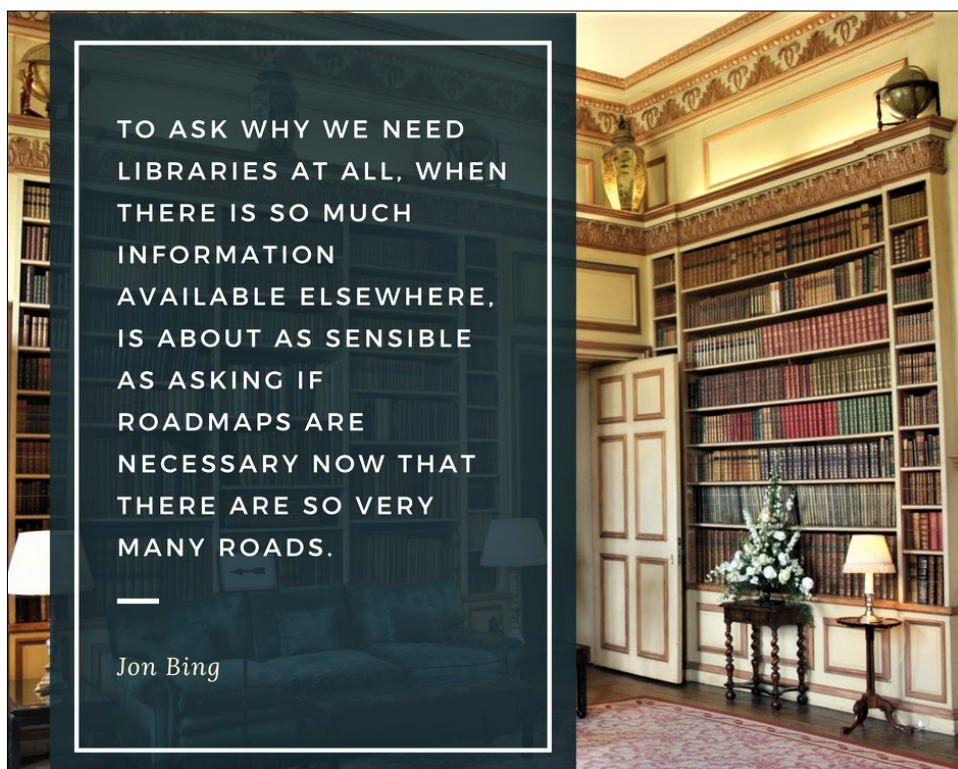
**Attended more than 80 outreach events** – community events like Earth Day, Juneteenth, Dia de los Muertos and the Filipino-American Festival; resource/education fair visits; and resource center visits – with over 7,000 contacts made.



**Offered a wide variety of resources for customer use** – books, magazines, audiobooks, Braille Talking Books, DVDs and Seed Libraries. There were more than 30,000 checkouts of these types of items each month.

Your dues and contributions helped to make all of this happen! You *do* have an impact.

The Friends and Oceanside Public Library thank you for investing in your community. Your support makes it possible for the Library to continue as a vibrant and meaningful part of the City of Oceanside.



To upgrade your membership or make a donation please visit [oplfriends.org](http://oplfriends.org).

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Ray Rull

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through times  
of no money better than  
money will get you  
through times  
of no libraries.  
– Anne Herbert**

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Business  
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**Volunteering:** Contact me about volunteering

I would like to make a donation  In Honor of  In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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