



See Gull

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THE FRIENDS ARE BUSY INSIDE – AND *OUTSIDE* – THE LIBRARY!

We all know that the all-volunteer Friends of the Oceanside Public Library are busy *inside* the Library, at their bookstores located in the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries.

This includes assisting customers with finding just the right items and helping with their purchases; bringing in new inventory every week; setting up the displays for the Monthly Special Book Bargains (see page 9); and stocking the shelves with the used books, DVDs, CDs and other items generously donated by our community.

The money generated by the Friends' bookstores is a crucial part of the fundraising that supports the Library's purchase of books and other materials, programs, events and more.

What you may *not* know is that the Friends are also busy *outside* the Library.

One recent example was the Friends' attendance at the 10th *Serving with a Purpose* conference, an event designed exclusively for library advocates and Board members, and the staff that support them. The conference provides relevant training, resources and inspiration to Board members of Friends of the Library groups, Library Foundations, and Library Trustees and Commissioners, and – as their website notes – an opportunity for “exploring together how we can continue the building and leading of our organizations to last another 100 years.”



Conference attendees, left to right: Genevieve Wunder, Friends' Correspondence Secretary; Cheri Noel, Library Volunteer Coordinator; Donna Locke, Amazon Sales Manager; Mona Marra, Friends Vice President; Marie Wilson, Membership Chair; Erin Arding, Mission Branch Bookstore Manager; and Maggie Mula, Jane & Evie's Used Books Manager.



Another example of Friends' activities *outside* the Library is their long-time membership in the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, and their more recent membership in MainStreet Oceanside. The goal of the Chamber is “A Thriving and United Oceanside,” and MainStreet's mission is the development of downtown Oceanside as a “pedestrian-friendly community for both residents and visitors.”

Ablly representing the Friends at both organizations is Paula Gangel (pictured), who became a Business Friend and began volunteering in 2022. By being the “face” of

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ARE YOU USING THIS *FREE* LIBRARY SERVICE?

The Friends are proud that their support of the Library includes the purchase of books. But they're also aware that *no* library's collection can include *all* the books that customers want.

So here's a *Friend-ly* reminder about a *free* library service: LINK+.

LINK+ is a catalog of more than 4.5 million unique titles available from more than 55 public and academic libraries across California. This service allows library cardholders to borrow books not available at Oceanside Public Library, and not just books – but DVDs and CDs as well.



When you go online and request your item, you can choose your pickup location – the Civic Center or Mission Branch Library – or use the Library's free home delivery service. You can also ask a Library staff member to request your item. It usually arrives within seven days, and the loan period for most items is 21 days with one renewal.



And when you use LINK+ you'll be in good company: From January to June 2023 more than 4,000 LINK+ items were borrowed by Library cardholders!

The Friends encourage you to use LINK+, a free and easy-to-use service that will expand your reading, watching and listening horizons.

To learn more about [LINK+](#) and the Library's [home delivery](#) service, or to apply online for a [digital library card](#), visit the Library homepage Services tab.





Funding from the Friends helps support the Library's purchase of books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.

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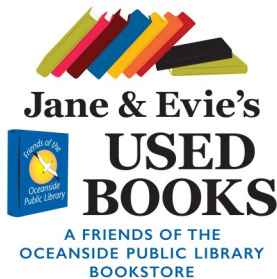


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the Friends at the Chamber and MainStreet monthly meetings, Paula helps the Friends stay up to date on developments and participate in decisions that affect the Library and the Friends both now and in the future.



Paula and her sister Sherry operate [Bee Organized](#), and Paula also volunteers at Jane & Evie's Used Books, *outside* the Library, across the street from the Civic Center Library. The next time you're at Jane & Evie's – be sure to say "Hi!"

And yet another "outside" activity is the Friend's booth at Oceanside's Thursday morning Farmers Market. You can read more about that – and all the Friends' bookstores – below.

Since the Friends were founded in 1971 they've raised more than \$2 million in support of Oceanside Public Library. Rest assured that thanks to your support, the Friends plan to continue *all* of their activities – both *inside* and *outside* the Library – to ensure it remains a thriving resource that will last for "another 100 years," and beyond.

GREAT WEATHER...GREAT BOOKS...GREAT PRICES!

The next time you're enjoying Oceanside's wonderful weather and doing some *al fresco* shopping at the Thursday morning Farmers Market, be sure to visit the Friend's booth for a wide selection of great books at great prices!



The Friends' bookstores also offer indoor shopping at three locations, and their Amazon store as well:

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.-6 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

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

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.

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

Check out your shopping options and the monthly in-store specials on the "Bookstores" page at oplfriends.org, or [click here](#). And we thank Friends member Joe McCluskey for his great pictures!

all things MEMBERSHIP...

TREASURE, TIME, AND TALENT

There are three things nonprofit organizations, like the Friends, ask of their members: Treasure, Time, and Talent.

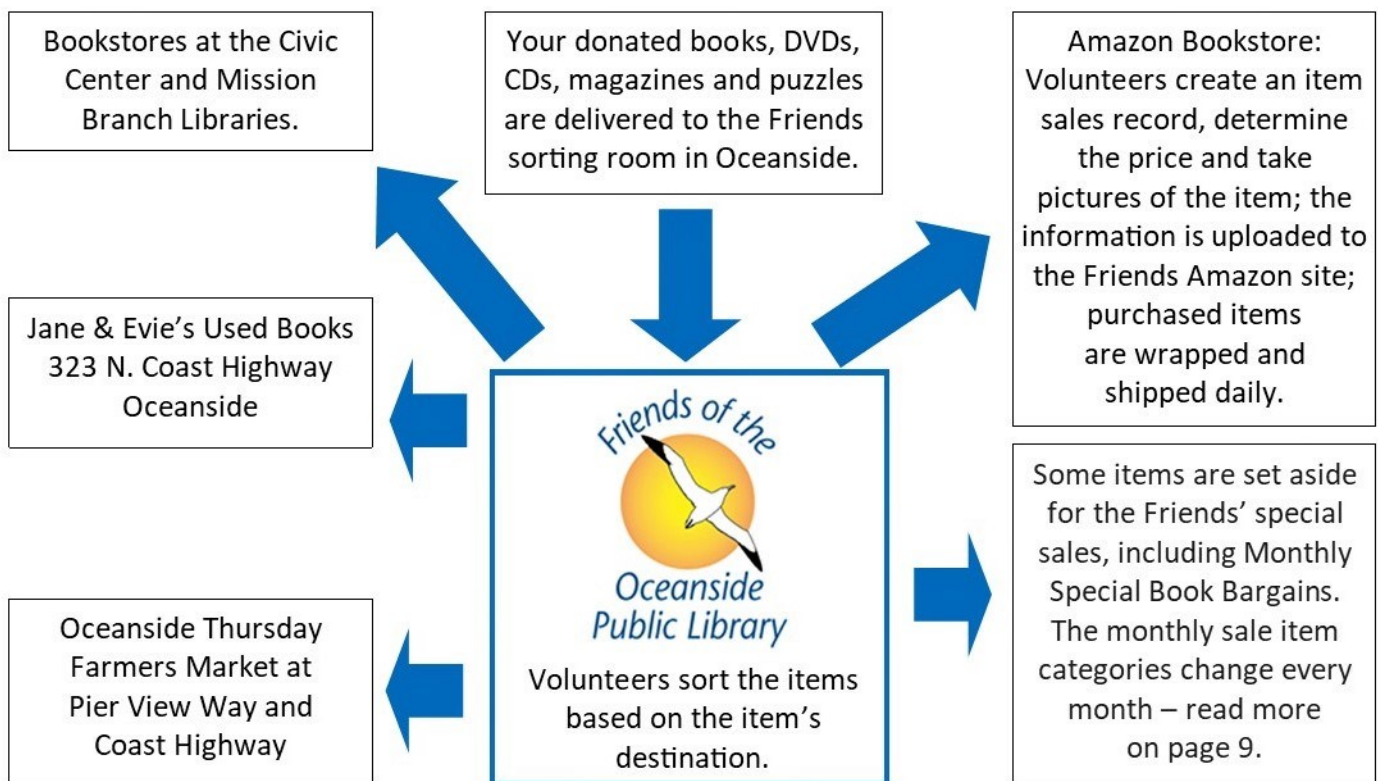
Treasure brings to mind money, such as the membership dues we talked about in the last issue of the *See Gull* and how those dues support much of the Library's programming and outreach activity not covered by city-provided funding.



However, there are other kinds of *treasure* that the Friends rely upon to help generate income for the Library's needs, and the benefits from this are twofold: When you, your friends and/or neighbors donate your gently used books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles, the Friends sell them for a reasonable price *and* help meet the goal of a "Green Oceanside" by providing items that are recycled and reused.

What happens to those *treasures* you donate? The chart below will help answer that question.

– Marie Wilson, Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Membership Chair



THE FRIENDS ASKED IF IT WAS "TIME TO DECLUTTER"? AND YOU SAID "YES!"

In mid-June the Friends hosted *Bring Your Books Day!* and you did, with donations of your used books, along with DVDs, CDs, magazines and puzzles. The Friends are grateful for your generosity, and for your commitment to ensuring our Library continues as a source of education, entertainment and enrichment for our community.



**MEET THE BUSINESS FRIENDS OF
OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

Please thank our Business Friends
for their support by patronizing them,
and inviting others to do the same:

Business Silver Members

Rookie's Restaurant and Sports Bar*

The John Beran Group*

Business Bronze Members

Oceanside Sea Lions Club*

Tracy Creighton, Realtor*

Business Basic Members

Bee Organized San Diego

Whim of Iron

North County Glass and Mirror

Studio Ace*

*Charter Business Members

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Gonzalez

**The Friends Love Hearing
From Our Members!**

*The libraries are a community's
most cherished assets.*

I am grateful for all you give to the community.

We love our newsletter – thank you so much.

*Thank you for the work the Friends do on behalf
of our wonderful library.*

*Keep up the good work and the effort
to keep America reading.*

The library is a very lovely and friendly place.

*Thank you for your dedicated work.
Our city is a better place for it!*

Contact the Friends:

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

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

Annual Individual Membership:

(Please circle membership level)

Individual – \$20

Patron – \$100

Family – \$35

Sponsor – \$250

Booster – \$50

Benefactor – \$500

Annual Business Friend Membership:

(Please circle membership level)

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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET JEAN!

The next time you're at the Civic Center Library on a Monday morning, stop by the Friend's bookstore and say hello to volunteer Jean Burns. She's there every Monday morning, where she loves being surrounded by books, and bringing books and people together.

Jean's been volunteering at the Civic Center bookstore for six years, but she's loved libraries for as long as she can remember. She grew up in Pasadena, going to a library "that was like a temple," she recalls. "Libraries are so important – they change peoples' lives. Libraries offer so much free information, and that helps hold our democracy together."



But Jean's volunteering began long before the Friends' bookstore. Let's go back to the early 1990s, when she became one of the founders of OMA – the [Oceanside Museum of Art](#).

"It took several years of planning and fundraising before we were able to open" she said, but the founders persevered and OMA opened in 1995, with Jean as one of the original Board members, then as the museum's second president, and now as an Emeritus Board member.

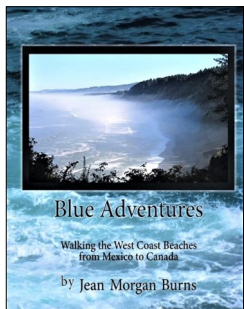
The museum's mission is to offer exhibitions and programs that bring people together to explore the art and stories of Southern California artists, and when you visit OMA, said Jean, "you'll see it's a beautiful place to do that." And if you haven't visited OMA, Jean added, "Please do!"

The 1990s were also when Jean began a long-term project: walking the beaches of California. This project would ultimately span 20 years of discovering, enjoying, taking pictures and recording thoughts, starting with the beaches in Oceanside, and then heading south. After she reached the U.S./Mexico border, Jean turned her feet north.

Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, returning home between trips, then heading further north, all the way to Pelican State Beach. "Once I got to the California/Oregon border, I wanted to see the Oregon beaches, too. And then Washington. I ended up walking beaches all the way to Canada!"

Jean thought her journey had ended with those 200+ beaches, but instead her journey took her in an unexpected direction: From book lover to book *author*.

"I'm not a writer," she said firmly. "But I had my pictures and my thoughts, and my daughter, who wanted to help, so...we did a book." Jean's book, *Blue Adventures: Walking the West Coast Beaches from Mexico to Canada*, was published in 2016 and is available in the Library catalog.



And Jean is still walking; several years ago she brought some neighbors together to form a daily walking group. One of those neighbors – Friends' Vice President Mona Marra – said, "I call Jean my 'walking mentor.' I don't like exercising, and she is the reason I get out there most days and do so. The neighbor walking group solves all the world's problems as we walk and talk!"

So – note written: "Meet Jean." Stop by the Civic Center Library Friends' Bookstore, Monday mornings, and swap family stories. Jean has plenty, with her family of four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ask her about walking West Coast beaches or her walking group, or OMA, or chat about her other interests, like bridge club and classical music and tennis.

And ask Jean about books. She'll be happy to help!

Memorial, Honorarium and Gift Book Donations April-June 2023

Donated by Robert Vernon Smith, Jr.

In Memory of Our Ancestors

- *The 1916 Project*
- *Voices From Slavery:
100 Authentic Slave Narratives*

In Honor of Alma Sisco-Smith

- *Rebel Without a Clause*

Donated by Cathie and Larry Hatter

In Honor of John Kentera

- *The Grandest Stage: A History of
the World Series*
- *Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story*

In Honor of Ken Noonan

- *Parade Rest*

Donated by Robert Smith, Jr. & Alma Sisco-Smith

In Honor of William Keith Evans

- *The Myth of Equality*

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

Donated by: Serena Anderson in memory of Edor G. Anderson, Jr.

Donated by: Janet Johnston in memory of former librarians Marganne and Bruce Weathers

Donated by: Anna Van Ransom-Magana in memory of Ref Magana

The Friends Want You to Know About...

OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S AUTISM-FRIENDLY COLLECTION

You may already know that the Library's collection includes toys for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Play is fun and is how young children learn about themselves and the world around them, and the Library is committed to providing toys that educate, engage and entertain young children.

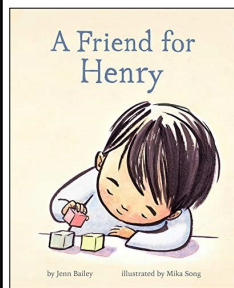
But you may *not* know that the Library's collection also includes autism-friendly toys and books designed to support children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their parents, caregivers and educators. The circulating collection includes books and resources relating to ASD; therapeutic and sensory toys; assistive technology materials; and speech therapy and sign cards.

Amy Kleman, Principal Librarian/Youth Services, said, "There are books in our Autism Collection, located with other parenting materials, geared towards caregivers, individuals with autism and anyone who wants to learn about living with the characteristics of autism. In this collection, people of all ages can learn about and celebrate our differences; all people should be seen and understood."



Agirgle Wooden Large Building Blocks; 1 year+ /Toddler/Preschool.

The Library provides age guidelines to assist in choosing a toy, or other material, that is developmentally appropriate for the safety and benefit of all ages. 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. All toys in the Library's collection are cleaned after each loan.



To find autism-friendly books in the Library catalog search for "autism friendly" or [click here](#). For all toy collections, on the Library homepage "Browse" tab click "Toy Collection" or [click here](#). You can reserve a toy just as you would a book, and choose the Civic Center or Mission Branch Library as your pickup location.



ALMA'S THINGS CONSIDERED:

The Value of Our History

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

Recently, I had the honor of standing at the base of the escalator at San Diego airport awaiting the return of Honor Flight San Diego from Washington, D.C. with 90 of our local veterans. Those from World War II, Korea and Vietnam were being recognized by the thousands that were now packed into the baggage claim area. In this perfect spot for reception, my family and I awaited in anticipation to see my husband (their father and grandfather) as he arrived at the top platform. The flood of emotion for one and for all was riveting!

The following Friday, an elementary school held a fundraiser organized by their fifth-grade class to raise support for the Honor Flight Guardians, those who travel as companions with each honored veteran. Here we now would see – up front and personal – the meeting of minds, the voices of children, parents, and veterans in an exchange of information.

As the youngsters came up to say “Thank you for your service,” several asked: “What did you do?” or, “What is this badge for?” or, “Would you go again?” Near the end of the three hours of activity there were more exchanges that resonated with the world today, and issues that are arising. Several parents said this is a show of history repeating itself, and our children need to know the true stories. That the good, the bad and the ugly is knowledge to be understood, not banned.

Moving forward today, we cannot shy away from discussion and recognition of the need for valuing and understanding our humanity. Thinking it is “just politics” encourages us to turn away. I suggest it is within each of us to learn and grow in understanding. It is through engaging with one another – oftentimes in uncomfortable conversation – that we can learn, see, and feel the meaning of equality and dignity.

Oceanside Public Library – the holder of knowledge in books and information – is key to our education. Their additional steps toward community circles can build bridges, not barriers that are more like war zones.



Alma shares cookies and chat with Ruth Gunther, a 103-year-old World War II Navy Corpsman veteran, podcast host, and author of “What Would Your Father Say?” Ruth’s book is available through Oceanside Public Library’s LINK+ service.



Honor Flight San Diego is a non-profit branch of the nationwide Honor Flight Network which consists of over 130 independent “hubs” across America. HFSD escorts veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials, funded by donations from individuals and organizations who wish to recognize our veterans’ contributions, and thank them for their service to and sacrifice for the United States and its citizens. There is no cost for the veteran to go on his/her Honor Flight.

The Friends Invite You to...

Find Your Voice!



At the Oceanside Public Library Summer Reading Program for Kids, Teens and Adults, Now Through August 5

To register, go to the “Events” tab on the Library homepage or [click here](#); for related events, on the Library homepage “Events” tab click “Library Event Calendar” or [click here](#).

COOKING WITH FRIENDS

by Genevieve Wunder, Friends Board Member

Amish Apple Fritters

2 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup granulated sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon baking powder	2 cups finely chopped apples
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon	Vegetable oil for frying
1/4 teaspoon salt	Powdered sugar for dusting
2 large eggs	



1. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs, milk, and vanilla extract until well combined.
3. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.
4. Fold in the chopped apples.
5. Heat the vegetable oil in a large, deep skillet over medium heat.
6. Drop the batter by the tablespoonful into the hot oil, making sure not to overcrowd the skillet.
7. Fry the fritters for two to three minutes per side, or until golden brown and cooked through.
8. Remove fritters from the oil with a slotted spoon and place them on a paper towel-lined plate to drain.
9. Dust the fritters with powdered sugar and serve warm.

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 and type FOPLIB Cooking in the subject line. Please include your name, the recipe instructions, and a fun fact about the recipe.

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 for each month's category, hours and other information.

Titles vary by location; available while inventory lasts.

SAVE MONEY – SWITCH TO "E"!

U.S. postage increased in January and it's increasing 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.

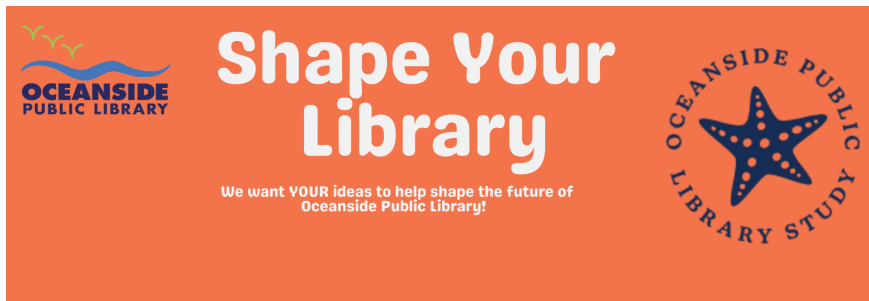
FRIENDS' FUN FACT

We have a published author working at a Friends' bookstore!



Read all about her on page 6.

THE FRIENDS AND THE LIBRARY TEAM THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO *SHAPE YOUR LIBRARY!*



In late April Oceanside Public Library embarked on a Library Study which included evaluating our Library's facilities, buildings and services; conducting a needs assessment to better understand how we can effectively deliver those important services to our community; and developing a strategic plan which will guide Library programs and services for the next four years.

A crucial component of the Library Study was an open invitation to our community to take a brief survey and add thoughts to an Idea Wall – and your response was wonderful.

Here's just a sampling of thoughts from the Idea Wall:

I really loved getting help with my taxes at the Library. I hope they bring this service back.

We would love to see more programs for kids and tweens learning new skills like the ukulele workshops, and more art workshops!

Have changing exhibits based on book themes, or science based, then change to math base, then change to art, etc.

The Library Study and strategic planning will continue through the end of 2023, then we'll share the results – including how *your* valuable input is helping to *Shape Your Library!*



TO DUST...OR NOT TO DUST?

Do you have books taking up space that you dust...but don't read? How about stacks of children's books and puzzles that your kids have outgrown?

And how about all those DVDs? If you have time to watch a movie, you stream it, so... And the CDs? Yes, ABBA was great – but do you still listen to them?

Then there are all those magazines you want to catch up on, but...even the ones from a year ago?

Here's a suggestion: Pack everything up and donate it to the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library.

The Friends sell your gently used items at their bookstores, generating crucial income to help support Oceanside Public Library.

Result? You have fewer dust collectors, and your Library continues empowering the community by promoting literacy, information access, civic engagement, cultural inclusiveness, and openness to new ideas.

For information about donating see the "Bookstores" page at oplfriends.org or [click here](#).

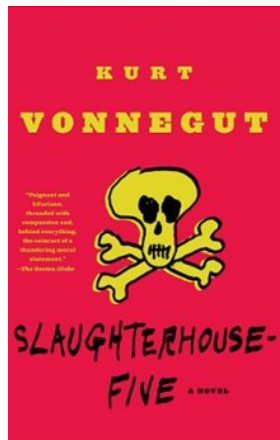


A Message From the Friends:

BANNED BOOKS WEEK IS OCTOBER 1-7, 2023 AND HERE'S HOW TO CELEBRATE IT ALL YEAR-ROUND

Earlier this year the *Associated Press* ran a story with this headline:

Book Ban Attempts Hit Record High in 2022, Library Org Says



The article quoted a report from the American Library Association which said, in part:

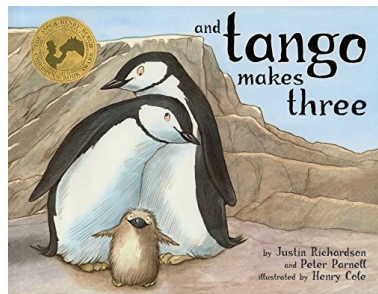
“...more than 2,500 different books were objected to, compared to 1,858 in 2021 and just 566 in 2019. In numerous cases, hundreds of books were challenged in a single complaint.”

If you believe in the freedom to make your own reading choices, here's a good response to book ban attempts:

Read banned books.

The Library's policy of *Supporting Intellectual Freedom* states:

“The Library defends the rights of individuals to access information, free from censorship, and defends free speech as protected by the Constitution of the United States.”



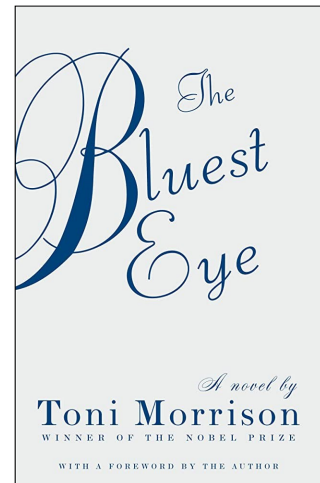
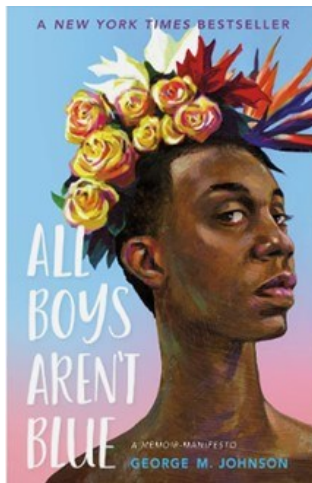
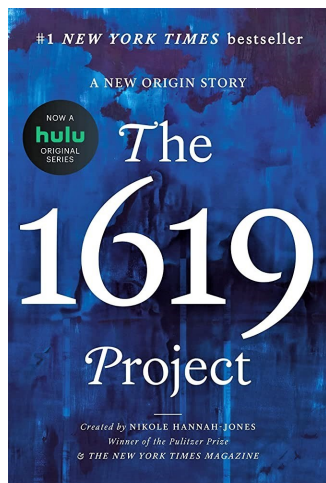
The Friends wholeheartedly support the Library's policy, and that includes in our funding of book purchases.

This page includes just a few of the books that have faced banned book attempts – these books are available at Oceanside Public Library.

The American Library Association website has lists of the annual Top Most Challenged Books – pick a year, and get started here: [ALA Banned Books Lists](https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10)

or copy and paste this link: <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10>.

For Banned Books Week-related programs and events see the [Library Event Calendar](#).



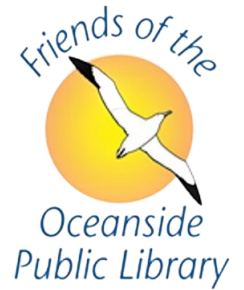
SHAKESPEARE SAID, “WHAT’S IN A NAME”? WE’RE WONDERING THAT, TOO!

Do you ever wonder why this newsletter is named *See Gull* instead of *Sea Gull*?

The editor wonders – a lot.

The Friends’ logo includes a *sea* gull, so why isn’t their newsletter also named *Sea Gull*?

According to Program Specialist/Volunteer Coordinator Cheri Noel, the Friends began publishing their newsletter in 1972, unnamed at the time. In 1976 the name *Bookshelf See Gull* first appeared, origin unknown.



See? That *See* has been there, for 47 years.

But *why*?

The *Bookshelf* part was done away with sometime in 1993, said Cheri, but the *See* remains to this day.

And to this day, nobody seems to know...

Why?

How about you? Do you know *why* this newsletter is the *See Gull* instead of *Sea Gull*? How about a good guess? How about a sort-of-good guess? Please mail your thoughts to cnoel@oceansideca.org, Attn: *See Gull* editor.

We’ll share your thoughts – even the sort-ofs – in the next issue of the ~~Sea~~ *See Gull*.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW MURAL AT MISSION BRANCH LIBRARY?

The Friends are proud sponsors of the 16 foot x 8 foot masterpiece created by muralist Gibran Isaias Lopez, representing the stories of members of the San Luis Rey Band of Luiseño Mission Indians and honoring both their past and their future. For Library hours see page 3.



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; and via email and regular mail. If you have an article idea or suggestion for the *See Gull* newsletter, please email cnoel@oceansideca.org, Attn: *See Gull* Editor.