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THE BINDING

The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

It's hard for me to believe it is already Fall and the holidays are fast approaching. This time of year makes me feel two things. First, is a feeling of dread of all the shopping, baking, and decorating I need to get done. The second is a feeling of anticipation and excitement for the time of year when everything seems a little better, warmer, and brighter. Last year my family got together, but we were outdoors, masked and at least six feet apart. I am thankful we were all together, but I'm hoping this year we can be a little more "together".

For the season, the Friends are trying out something new this year. We are having two fundraisers that we hope will help you out with your holiday shopping. One is for the kids in your life (**Letters from Santa**) and the other is for your adult friends and family members (**Love My Library**). And thanks to our 'tech-savvy board members, it can all be done online. If you'd rather not use the internet, you can always complete the mail in version of the order form. Please find more information in this edition of The Binding.

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"A Book is a dream you hold in your hands"
-Neil Gaiman

Fundraising Committee Working Hard

Elena Perez, our VP of Fundraising, and her committee have met many times and worked tirelessly to research, select and order items for our two holiday fundraisers. They have also gone into the community to solicit gift certificates, coupons for cookies, ice cream, asked Mayor Stephens to be Santa, and so much more. Fundraising committee members are Cheryl Fletcher, Cheryl and Maurice Dollison and Donna Stapleton. Our webmaster, Emily Nytschik, has also graciously set up our website so that we can sell online. Our Public Relations Chair, Alexis Rivera, has designed fliers and coupons and helped “put the word out” to various social media and community sites. Thank you all. It has truly taken a village of Friends’ board members to make it happen!

Also, thank you to the Friends of the Placentia Library Foundation and the Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation for generously sharing their ideas, help and advice for our holiday fundraisers. Also, thanks to the Serving with a Purpose conference in Ontario, sponsored by the California Library Association where we got so many great ideas of what other Friends’ groups are doing.

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Mesa Verde Getting a Concrete Patio

The Friends has been working toward installing a concrete slab in the patio area on the north side of the Mesa Verde Library. After a long wait, it is finally going to happen. Soon! Our plan has received city approval and we have contracted a company to do the work. This patio will provide much needed additional space for children and adult programs, book clubs and for people to enjoy internet access while outside. It will be wonderful to see this space fully utilized. Many thanks to our past president Bob Ooten for researching and coordinating this project.

Musical Instruments to Donald Dungan

Another big project the Friends has been pursuing is to purchase and install 6 outdoor musical instruments in Lions Park near the Dungan Library. We just received approval from the City. To help fund this \$30,000 project we have received a \$15,000 grant from OC Arts which was distributed by Orange County District 2 Supervisor Katrina Foley. Of course, we continue to welcome and need donations. Please write "Musical Instruments" on the memo line of your check. *We do not use any of the money we raise to support our libraries to fund special projects.*



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Orange County Public Libraries Are Open!

Donald Dungan and Mesa Verde Libraries are now fully open and branch Storytimes are back!

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm and Friday-Sunday, 9am to 5pm.

OC Public Libraries Kindergarten Readiness Backpacks - Check out specially themed backpacks that support kindergarten readiness concepts such as Alphabet, Community, Feelings, and Math. Each of the 13 different backpacks includes different items for educational and fun discovery, such as board books, puzzles, games, puppets, and activities.

Take the internet home with your library card! As part of the Internet Access Initiative, Wifi hotspots are available at OC Public Libraries branches.

Storytimes at Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan Library:

- Toddler Storytime – Wednesdays, 10:30am
- Bilingual Storytime, Thursdays, 10:30am
- Family Storytime, Saturdays, 10:30am

Storytimes at Costa Mesa/Mesa Verde Library:

- Music & Movement Storytime – 1st Saturday, 9:30am
- Toddler Storytime – Tuesdays, 11:00am
- Family Storytime, Thursdays, 11:00am

Donald Dungan Book Club - A monthly book group, which meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm. To register or for questions: maggie.villalobos@occr.ocgov.com

Mesa Verde Library Book Club – A monthly book group, which meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 3pm. To register or for questions: katherine.ralson@occr.ocgov.com

Library Virtual Programs – can be found online at: <https://ocpl.org/elibrary/virtual-programs>

Thank you to our Costa Mesa Friends of the Library and our wonderful library patrons!



Your Membership Matters!

By Cheryl Dollison

Our Members and Volunteers promote Library Services and Resources while sharing their love of books with the community. Our purpose is to foster a positive relationship between the library and the community, secure volunteers, and raise funds to support the library.

I am so excited for our members of the Friends. We are planning some fun winter/spring fund raising events that you may love to participate in.

The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries invites you to join or renew your membership if you haven't already done so. Become a Friend now and your membership will not expire until December 31, 2022.

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