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# THE BINDING

## The President's Message – Cheryl Fletcher

Spring is here and I'm ready to get my hands dirty working in the garden, watching flowers blooming and butterflies fluttering about. What is it about spring that lures one to shake out the dust and cobwebs in ourselves and in our homes? To open our windows wide to the fresh spring air? Maybe this fresh desire to clean up is inspired from a recent book I read by Jess Kidd, that is filled with magic, sprites and apparitions residing in the dusty closets and attics found in people's lives and memories. Maybe, the inspiration derives from the recent Donald Dungan Book Club's reading of "Maybe You Should Talk To Someone" where author, Lori Gottlieb, shares her own personal challenges of enduring a painful breakup and seeking counseling for it. Lori also discovers insights while counseling her own patients as they deal with the trials of life's many twists and turns. This is the first book club that I've belonged to and I'm enjoying it immensely. It's a gathering of kindred spirits who have very different experiences with the same story. We come together for meaningful conversations where we learn about each other's different points of view on the material. I encourage you to participate in one of the book clubs offered in Costa Mesa's Mesa Verde or Donald Dungan libraries. There's a good chance that you'll be motivated to clean up and dust off something in your own life this spring. Take Care, Cheryl. Fletcher  
President FOCML

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***"Books are a uniquely portable magic"***  
***-Stephen King***

## Amazon Smile Program Is Ending

We want to thank everyone of you who used the Smile.Amazon.com donation feature when making purchases on Amazon.com. Your generous support has brought extra money to our organization. Since 2016, we have received \$702.18 from purchases you made when Amazon gave 0.5% of the money you spent to the Friends. If my math is correct, it came from total purchases of \$140,434, and it didn't cost anything extra. This was definitely "easy money" and we really appreciated it.

Unfortunately, sometimes good things come to an end. We recently received a letter stating that Amazon is discontinuing the program. Apparently, Amazon felt it was not making the huge impact it had hoped. I wish they would have asked me! Thank you all again!

## Board Member is a Published Author!

Our very own board member Candi Sary has a second novel coming out! *Magdalena* will be released by Regal House Publishing July 11, 2023. Here's a brief description:

In a small, secluded town that thrives on gossip and superstition, Dottie offers plenty of both when the scandal breaks about a missing girl, a ghost, and the affair that started it all. Having suffered a history of miscarriages, reclusive Dottie develops a strange motherly interest in her 15-year-old neighbor, Magdalena. Somewhere between fantasy and reality, Dottie finds new life in her relationship with the mysterious girl. But Dottie's entanglements with Magdalena, a curious centenarian, a compelling stranger, an ex-mobster, and a murder of crows thrusts this once cloistered woman into a frenzy of public scrutiny. To quell the rumors, Dottie puts pen to paper and discovers something as frightening as it is liberating—her voice.

To learn more about it, check out her website at [candisary.com](http://candisary.com).

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### **Donald Dungan Library**

#### **Family Literacy Day – June 10 11am- 2pm**

Join us for a day of celebrating families and literacy! Kids will enjoy a concert from Kids Imagine Nation, followed by crafts and activities. We'll end the day with author, Chris Grabenstein, talking about his new book, *The Smartest Kid In the Universe: Evil Genius*. OC Read will have 200 copies of the book available.

#### **Doodle Bug Animals presents Full STEAM ahead – June 13 5-6pm**

Join us as we welcome Rachael with Doodlebugs Animal Adventures! In this LIVE animal program, participants will meet a variety of fascinating animals from all over the world! This unique program combines song, movement, and hands-on animal encounters to engage the senses and connect with even the littlest naturalist!

#### **Book Club – June 15 1pm**

We will be meeting in the Victoria room and discussing *Schindler's Listed: The Search for My Father's Lost Gold* by Randi Biederman.

#### **Author Randi Biederman – June 21 6pm**

Ms. Biederman is the co-author of the book, *Schindler's Listed: The Search for My Father's Lost Gold*. It is a non-fiction book about the life of her father-in-law, a

Schindler's List survivor. She presents an overview of the story as written, plus discusses the trials and tribulations of attempting to gather information in post-iron curtain Poland.

### **Mesa Verde Library**

**Save The Date for a Fun Program at Mesa Verde Library!**



May The 4th Be With You! – Thursday, May 4th, 3:00pm - 5:00pm.

Drop in 3-5pm to celebrate Star Wars Day with themed games, crafts, and treats. Intergalactic fun for the whole family. Costumes encouraged!

## **Your Membership Matters!**

We have gotten off to a stellar start for Membership in 2023. We decided that the membership perks will be for all current members and there will be no end date. Our first drawing was on February 25th at the General meeting and author event.

Our second drawing was on March 20th and here are the lucky winners:

Laura O'Leary - Won a Friends Bookbag

Ursula Oien - Won a \$5.00 bookstore coupon

Christy McAnlis - Won for the \$25.00 giftcard

Your membership matters and the membership dues raise funds to support our libraries. We have provided a membership form in the Newsletter or you may join or renew on our website. Your expiration date is printed on your address label.

We appreciate your continuing support very much. We hope to see you at one of our book sales or events soon.

## Opening on the board

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Board Position Opening! The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries is in need of a Secretary. The Secretary’s responsibilities include attending monthly Zoom board meetings and taking the minutes. The minutes and attached reports are then submitted to the board and accepted at the next board meeting. Participation in Fundraising and Program Events is encouraged but not expected of you. If you have any questions or want to join our team, please email us at: [friendscmlibraries@att.net](mailto:friendscmlibraries@att.net)

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries announces the passing of:

**Audrey McLaughlin** - Bookstore volunteer and Life Member

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We are truly thankful for their support of our Costa Mesa Libraries.

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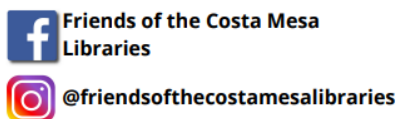
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