

FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

The latest news, events and announcements from the FOTL



Huntington Beach Brownies donate books to the library.

GIRLS & BOOKS

Girl Scouts Spring into Action!

BY SYDNEY COOK

Spring is here and we all know what that means - it's time to get outside and plant the seeds of charitable giving by doing something beneficial for your community. That's what Girl Scout

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Afternoon tea with modern
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May 20
Members Only
Used Books Sale

June 18-4pm
Author Talk: T. Jefferson
Parker

Author Events

Afternoon Tea

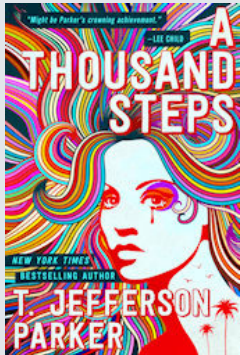


Don your favorite afternoon tea attire and join us for an afternoon of special delights and hot tea. The panel includes modern romance writers Elle Cruz, Robin Bielman, and Lindsey Kelk.

Thursday, April 14, 2022

2:00 PM

\$30 members; \$40 non-members



T. Jefferson Parker

Three-time Edgar Award winner and New York Times bestselling author T. Jefferson Parker will be in person to discuss his latest thriller, *A Thousand Steps*, set in Laguna Beach circa 1960s.

Saturday, June 18, 2022

4:00 PM

Registration begins May 18

Author Luncheon

Join us for lunch with popular authors Hollie Overton and Joani Elliott, who will discuss their latest books and writing practices.

Thursday, May 12, 2022

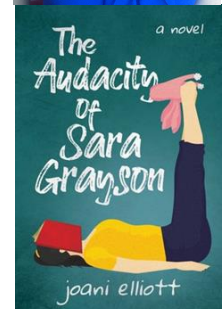
12 noon

\$30 members; \$40 non-members

Pay online: www.fotlhb.com

under Programs & Special Events

*All programs held at Central Library, Lower Level,
Theater Entrance*



GIRLS & BOOKS

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Troop 3783 Huntington Beach Service Unit 306 decided to do. Third Grade Brownies and their Troop Leader Michelle Andreasen recently visited Huntington Beach Central Library to donate all of the books they collected during their book drive to the Friends of the Library (FOTL). Each girl was able to collect at least two full boxes of books by reaching out to friends and family who were ready to let some of their favorite books go to a new home. The girls embodied the Girl Scout core values by displaying confidence, leadership, character, and entrepreneurship throughout their entire book collection project.

In order to thank the girls for their donation and hard work, Troop 3783 was given a behind-the-scenes tour of how the FOTL Used Books operation runs. Tracy Rizzo, FOTL volunteer, took special care to show the girls around the library while she explained to them how their donations would be utilized. Thank you very much Tracy for the excellent tour, the Troop had an amazing time learning about the FOTL with you and the other volunteers. The members of troop 3783 were each gifted a book of their choosing from the FOTL used book sales

area as a token of appreciation. After learning how their book drive would impact the library, the girls spent some time in the Children's Library and participated in an exciting library scavenger hunt with goodies and treats. The actions of Troop 3783 are a blossoming example we can all follow this Spring when thinking about giving back. One simple way book lovers and cookie lovers alike can show support to both the FOTL and your local Girl Scout troops would be grabbing a spring read from the Used Book section, throwing down a blanket at Central Park, and enjoying that newly purchased box of Thin Mints!

Fun Facts

- In 2021, FOTL donated \$250,000 to the library and FOTL volunteers worked a whopping 52,071 hours in addition to donating books to the Children's reading program, Assistance League, Orange County Jail and the Senior Center!
- About 750,000 people every year visit the Central Library.
- In 1909, a roofless, old building purchased for \$50 was moved to the corner of Walnut and Main to serve as Huntington Beach's first library.
- Currently there are 20 Gift Shop volunteers and 60 Used Books volunteers. Additional volunteers are always welcome!

Friends of the Huntington Beach Library Executive Board of Directors Nominees 2022-2023

President – Dina Chavez
1st Vice President Programs – Open
Programs Assistant – Open
2nd Vice President Membership – Mary Spafford
Membership Assistant – Dolores McGuire
3rd Vice President Used Books – Marcy Long
Used Books Assistant – Valerie DeMartino
4th Vice President Gift Shop – Sharon Hathaway
Gift Shop Assistant – Open
Recording Secretary – MaryEllen Ellick
Corresponding Secretary – Pat Hoffman
Treasurer – Joe Dragicevich
Assistant Treasurers – Martha Elliott
Parliamentarian – Dorothy Boesch

The General Meeting for the purpose of Electing Officers will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, Room C/D at 12:00 p.m.

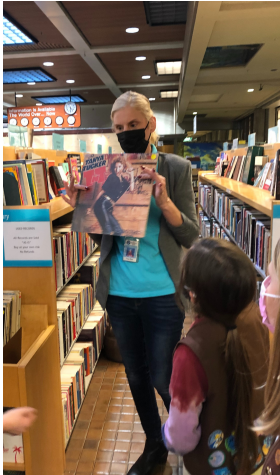
Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the General May Meeting and shall serve a one (1) year term. Each FOTL member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for a slate of officers.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Tracy Rizzo

"She just wanted to give back..."

BY MIKE SMITH



Tracy Rizzo grew up in the small town of Beverly, Massachusetts. She attended grade school, high school and college there and said her heart was always set on getting into a helping profession. As a young adult she worked in the retail world and attended a local college majoring in Criminal Justice. As often happens with many out east, Tracy decided to relocate to a warmer climate, and settled on Huntington Beach where some of her cousins resided.

She enrolled in Golden West College, where she completed her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice in 2005. Tracy still had that dream of a helping profession and was busy working in retail at TJ Max. Then, duty called, and she returned to Massachusetts to help family members out for awhile. After that mission was completed, she returned to Huntington Beach.

Tracy picked up where she left off and got back into the retail world. However, she still wanted to be of service and give back to others. In 2017, Tracy became a volunteer at the Huntington Beach Central Library, where she greeted people as they entered. Tracy worked in other areas of the library and now volunteers in the Used Books section.

Tracy indicated that working as a volunteer for five years has given her the opportunity to interact with library patrons in a positive way and she has derived a lot of self-worth from the experience. Her supervisor extolled Tracy's virtues of hard work, dedication and selfless service. On another note, Tracy was hired by the security department at the library, due to her security training and now has the best of both worlds. Thank you, Tracy, for all you do!

The Revolution Returns



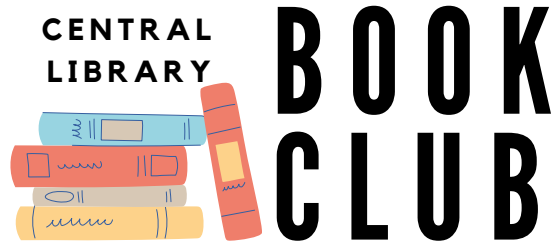
Dedicated FOTL volunteers supported the Huntington Beach Historical Society's annual Revolution in Huntington Beach Central Park on Feb. 12-13 by selling used books with an American Revolution theme. This year's event was the first historical re-enactment in more than a year due to the pandemic. The Friends' volunteers enjoyed watching a live performance of our nation's founding as they raised money for our library.

New Members

A hearty welcome to our newest
FOTL members!

Kathleen Aquino	Carolyn Miller
Amanda Avalos	Vicki Moll
Gerri Brown	Judith D. Morgan
Frederic Bruhn	Nancy Nguyen
Jane Bryant	Vuong Nguyen
Charlotte Clements	Chris O'Connell
Alexus Cehelnik	Karen O'Connell
Scott V. Cole	Heidi Ontiveros
Bob Colton	Brian Parker
Sandra Draper	Val Parker
Phuong Duong	Audrey Poole-Brown
Deloris Duteau	Jeanne Robey
Kim Evans	Lynne Saito
Craig Goldenson	Patricia Scarfone
Howard Grant	Sally Scotten
Linda Hollingshead	David Seaman
Jordan Huynh	Jill Troutner
Marina Iturbide	Stephen Troutner
Richard Kelley	Amy Truong
David Lee	Michael Watchorn
Alfonso Llacuna	Randall Wellingsford
Geri McDannold	Leta Yamamoto
Benita McNabb	Fran Spencer
Rui Medina	Aubrey Jean Trass

AROUND THE LIBRARY



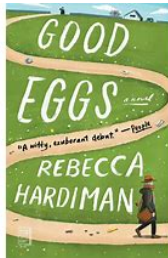
TUESDAYS, APRIL 5, MAY 3 AND JUNE 7 AT 7:00PM

For all bibliophiles aged 18 and up, the Central Library's book club meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. Registration is required for these online Zoom meetings. Visit www.hbpl.org and select "Events/News" for the calendar to sign up.

April 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm – *Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alex E. Harrow

May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm -- *Good Eggs : a novel* by Rebecca Hardiman

June 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm – *Velvet was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



EXCITING GENEALOGY WEBINAR- WORKSHOPS FOR SPRING!

Attention all genealogy-buffs! Every month the **Orange County California Genealogical Society**, based in the Central Library on the first floor, has just what you need to further your family history search. Coming up on the **first Saturday of the month starting at 10:00 am**, follow along as speakers, ranging from forensics experts to genealogists specializing in researching female ancestors, share their stories and tips. First off, on **April 2**, is Forensic Genealogist **Kelvin Meyers**, who will reveal how deceased ancestors speak from the grave, followed by academic librarian **Colleen Robledo-Green** who's researching her Mexican ancestors on **May 7**. Then, on **June 4**, author and blogger **Gena Ortega** will discuss her research on finding female family members.

For more information or to sign up for these Zoom-based webinars, please visit the website at occgs.com, or e-mail info@occgs.com.

MEMBERS ONLY USED BOOKS SALES



MAY 20
AUGUST 19
NOVEMBER 18

USED BOOKS STORE & FRIENDS GIFT SHOP

The Used Books Store and Friends Gift Shop are both located on the main floor of the Central Library. Friends receive a 10% discount on regularly priced items at our Gift Shop and exclusive access to Members only book sales throughout the year at our Used Books Store. Check our [website](#) for other Member benefits.

USED BOOKS STORE HOURS

Monday	1pm - 7pm
Tuesday - Thursday	10am - 7pm
Friday & Saturday	10am - 4pm
Sunday	12pm - 4pm

FRIENDS GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday	1:30pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday - Thursday	10:30am - 4:30pm
Friday	10:30am - 2:30pm
Saturday	10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday	Closed

AUTHOR EVENT: GREGG HURWITZ



Gregg Hurwitz, popular mystery writer and author of the ORPHAN X series, was the featured guest at the March FOTL Author Event at the library. An enthusiastic audience of over 40 mystery fans attended the event, which was moderated by fellow crime writer Eric Beetner.

Hurwitz's novels have won numerous literary awards and have been published in 33 languages. Additionally, he's written screenplays and television scripts for many of the major studios and networks, comics for AWA, DC, and Marvel, poetry, and political and culture pieces for magazines and newspapers.

The event was summed up best by one enthusiastic participant: "It was exhilarating! Makes me wish I was a faster reader."

It was also great being "live" again after the most recent shutdown due to the pandemic!

book BUZZ

BOOK REVIEWS BY FOTL MEMBERS

A THOUSAND STEPS by T. Jefferson Parker

REVIEWED BY
CAROL DAUS, FOTL NEWSLETTER EDITOR

If you're looking for a riveting read, consider T. Jefferson Parker's latest thriller, *A Thousand Steps*. Set in Laguna Beach in 1968 during the post-Summer of Love period, Parker's latest is a page-turner of a book. The story is told from the perspective of a 16-year-old boy who resides in the beach town. His ex-cop father left him, his mother is addicted to opium-laced hash, and his brother is a soldier in Vietnam. But his biggest concern is his missing sister who vanishes suddenly. He works with the police to find her, and in the process is forced to make some difficult decisions.

In addition to being a probing mystery, this novel is a compelling coming-of-age story with a '60s beachside vibe. Parker, who is FOTL's featured speaker on June 18, lived in Laguna Beach as a teen in 1968, so he accurately and masterfully transports readers to this tumultuous time.



Gift Shop News

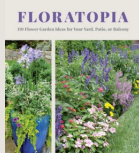
Now is the time to shop for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation. The Friends Gift Shop has greeting cards for all occasions, as well as gifts for the special people in your life. Have an upcoming wedding or anniversary? Be sure to include us in your shopping excursion.

Members of the Friends receive a 10% discount on regularly priced merchandise and all proceeds go to the Library. As we are 100% volunteer staffed, we are currently looking for additional volunteers for the Shop. Stop by for an application if interested.

SPRING PICKS From the Library's Collection

**Floratopia: 110 Flower Garden Ideas
for your Yard, Patio, or Balcony**
by Jan Johnsen

Create a flower haven with help from a veteran garden designer.

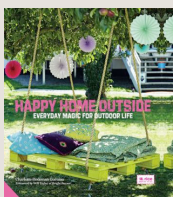


**Make the Most of Your Time
on Earth:
The Rough Guide to the World**
by Rough Guides

An inspiring guide for planning your next trip.

**Happy Home Outside:
Everyday Magic for Outdoor Life**
by Charlotte Guenieu Hedem

A fun-loving collection of outdoor decorating and styling solutions.



MESSAGE FROM FOTL PRESIDENT DINA CHAVEZ

As we welcome Spring I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing FOTL volunteers. Our dedicated volunteers give countless hours working in front of and behind the scenes to raise funds and support our wonderful library. Friends of the Library volunteers work tirelessly in our Used Books Store and Friends Gift Shop purchasing, sorting, pricing, stocking, cashiering, answering questions, fielding phone calls and so much more. Our dedicated board members are always busy at work managing Memberships, Programs, Used Books and the Friends Gift Shop. Our Newsletter team works hard to bring this quarterly newsletter to our Members to keep you up-to-date on the FOTL and the Library. Not to mention the behind the scenes work on marketing, social media, publicity and graphic design. We are so grateful to have such a robust and diverse group of people willing to give so much of their time for this worthy cause.



In 2019, our dedicated volunteers donated over 56,000 volunteer hours, the equivalent of 27 full-time employees. This contribution of volunteer hours provides a savings of nearly \$1,300,000 to the city of Huntington Beach. Volunteering with the Friends is fun and rewarding and new volunteers are always welcome. We have something for everyone, visit our website at www.fotlhb.com/volunteer for more information. April 17-23rd is National Volunteer Appreciation Week – be sure to thank a volunteer and let them how much you appreciate all they do and make this the week you join our team!

MESSAGE FROM LIBRARY MANAGER JESSICA FRAMSON



Happy spring to everyone and welcome back to in-person events! The Library and Friends of the Library are re-launching in-person events and we are excited to see everyone. We are also on the lookout for baby owls as our resident pair of owls come back to nest every year around this time. If you find yourself in the children's department, ask the staff or peek out the windows and see if you can spot an owlet in the trees.

April 3-9 is National Library Week which includes National Library Workers Day on April 5. Come say hello to the Library staff and celebrate the contributions library workers make to our community. May will see a pause in youth programming to give the staff time to prepare for the Summer Reading Program, but we will be celebrating Children's Book Week, May 2-8. We have an events calendar on our website full of incredible programming for all ages, so make sure to keep an eye on it as I'm sure you'll find something for everyone. We hope to see you in the Library soon. I'll be at the upcoming FOTL events and looking forward to meeting more Friends!

FRIENDS Membership Form

Contributions are tax deductible

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ ☐ Yes, I would like to help the environment by receiving all FOTL correspondence by email.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS ☐ New ☐ Renewal Date: _____

I would like to volunteer:

- ☐ Friends Gift Shop ☐ Friends Used Book Store
☐ Events Support ☐ Program Coordination
☐ Newsletter Production

Annual Membership Dues

- ☐ Seniors (55+) \$15 ☐ Family \$25
☐ Student \$15 ☐ Sustaining \$30
☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Associate \$50

Other Membership Options

- ☐ Lifetime \$150
☐ Benefactor \$500

Mail to/or deposit form and payment at the Friends Gift Shop (Central Library, main floor):

Huntington Beach Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92648

To join by credit card or for additional information, go online at: www.fotlhb.com

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Huntington Beach Library Central Library Information

Address: 7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Hours: **Monday 1PM - 9PM**
Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 9PM
Friday 9AM - 5PM
Saturday 9AM - 5PM
Sunday 12PM - 5PM

Website: www.hbpl.org

Public Services: (714) 842-4481

Meeting and Banquet Rooms: (714) 960-8839

Children's Library: (714) 375-5107

Friends Gift Shop: (714) 375-8429

Branch Locations and Hours

Banning 9281 Banning Ave. (714) 375-5005

Monday - Closed **Friday - Saturday 9AM - 1PM**
Tues. - Thurs. 9AM - 5PM **Sunday - Closed**

Helen Murphy 15882 Graham St. (714) 375-5006

Monday & Wednesday 1PM - 7PM **Friday 9AM - 2PM**
Tuesday & Thursday 9AM - 2PM **Saturday & Sunday Closed**

Main Street 525 Main St. (714) 375-5071

Monday - Closed **Friday & Saturday 9AM - 5PM**
Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 6PM **Sunday - Closed**

Oak View 17251 Oak Lane (714) 375-5068

Monday - Friday 9AM - 9PM **Sunday - Closed**
Saturday 9AM - 1PM