

FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

The latest news, events and announcements from the FOTL



Credit: Scott Smeltzer/ staff Photographer/Daily Pilot

Ralph Bauer was a dedicated volunteer of FOTL as is Charlene Bauer.

Honoring Ralph Bauer

BY RAY RYDELL

Ralph Bauer, 92, former mayor of Huntington Beach, passed away in July. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Charlene, his children Eric and Elaine, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. This would be adequate if Ralph were an ordinary man. But he was far from ordinary. He played freshman basketball for John Wooden at UCLA who introduced him to the “Pyramid of Success”. The pyramid is a pattern to achieve the best a person can be, and Ralph adopted the pyramid as his life path.

After earning his degree, Ralph spent two years in the Navy in Mine Sweepers. When he returned to UCLA he achieved a Ph.D. degree in chemistry. His thesis was acknowledged as a significant contribution to Donald J. Cram’s 1987 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. He went on to work for Shell Oil and Unocal for 27 years participating in studies and committees both national and international for which he garnered numerous awards.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 17 - 22

National Friends of the Library Week

Nov. 18

Members Only Used Books Sale

Dec. 2

Wassail Party

Dec. 3

Used Books Silent Auction

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Around the Library

Ask a Genealogist

The Orange County California Genealogical Society offers many different programs throughout the year, in addition to their monthly workshops. One of their more popular Special Interest Groups is “Ask a Genealogist”, with virtual meetings that meet on Tuesdays, October 11 and 25, and November 8 and 22 at 5 pm. This is the perfect opportunity to join up with other OCCGS members who could help you solve your “brick walls” or answer any sort of question to help with your family history research! Come for the information, or just to join other like-minded peers. Advance registration is required for each attendance.

OCCGS Webinar

On November 5, enjoy a free hybrid (live/in person) webinar starting at 10 am with Cyndi Ingle, creator of Cyndi’s List -- the first stop for those researching their ancestors online for over 25 years. Also, save the date on Saturday, December 3, for another informative genealogical workshop. Check back closer to the date for more details. OCCGS meets in the lower level, in rooms C and D of the Central Library. The Library opens at 9 am, and the meeting room opens for seating at 9:30 am. Since seating will be limited at the library, it’s very important to register prior to attending either virtually or in person. For more information or to sign up for these webinars, please visit the website at <https://occgs.com/> or e-mail info@occgs.com.




Children's Library News



OCTOBER 27, 2022 AT 7PM IN THE LIBRARY THEATER - MONSTER MASH STORYTIME AND LIBRARY TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Children and their families are invited to the Central Library's FREE in-person Halloween celebration featuring a storytime with kid-friendly spooky tales and the season's best creepy songs -- followed by trick-or-treating inside the library! Children ages 3-8 are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for this pre-holiday Library “haunt”. All of the favorite HBPL storytellers will be there to ensure everyone has a spook-tacular time! Free advance tickets for this special, all-ages storytime will be available at the Central Library Children's Desk starting on Saturday, October 1.

The month of November at HBPL means DINOvember, when dinosaurs really come to life! Look out for some spiky and toothy dinosaurs paying us a visit at the library, who no doubt will be getting into trouble! Families can participate in the fun by finding and photographing these library dinosaurs in a unique scavenger hunt based on the New York Times Best-selling picture book, *What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night*, by Refe and Susan Tuma. We’re also planning a DINO Day Party for preschool and elementary-aged children – stay tuned for details! Check the library’s calendar at www.hbpl.org for more information.



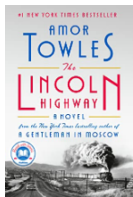
BOOK CLUBS

AUTHOR TALK

Featuring T. Jefferson Parker

The HBPL offers a variety of ways to interact with others while sharing your love of reading. For instance, the Central Library Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting alternates between in-person in the Talbert Room (October 4 and December 6) and virtual online via Zoom (November 1) at 7 pm.

The Banning Branch book club meets the last Thursday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm while the Main Street Branch Lunch Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month from Noon - 1pm. Also available are the Walking Audiobook Club (meets on the third Thursday of the month) or the Silent Book Club (on the first Friday of the month) and the new Literary Stitchers who meet the third Friday of the month to discuss books while working on needlecrafts. Registration is required for all book clubs. Visit www.hbpl.org and select "Events/News" for the calendar, to reserve your spot. Intended for adults ages 18 and up. Here are the book picks for the Tuesday evening Central Library Book Club:



October 4, 2022 at 7 pm
The Lincoln Highway
 by Amor Towles

November 1, 2022 at 7 pm
The Midnight Library
 by Matt Haig



December 6, 2022 at 7 pm
The Guest List
 by Lucy Foley

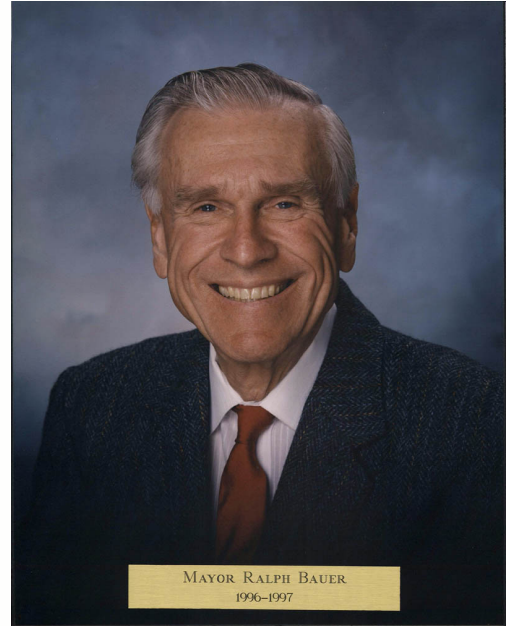


On July 23, 2022, FOTL presented an exhilarating author talk, featuring best-selling mystery writer T. Jefferson Parker. A crowd of mystery and literary buffs came to hear him discuss his latest book, *A Thousand Steps*, which is set in Laguna Beach during 1968. Parker delivered an entertaining presentation on how he draws inspiration from local Orange County communities and their people to craft his novels. Following the talk, Parker autographed copies of his book and answered questions. FOTL members and others were delighted to finally hear him speak after Covid forced cancellations of his previous engagements!

Honoring Ralph Bauer

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At the same time, Ralph was also active in civic affairs serving as a City Councilman for 10 years and one term as Mayor of Huntington Beach. His civic participation also included a study on aging, preliminary work on the Senior Center and other committees related to bettering life in Huntington Beach. He maintained an interest in education serving on both the Huntington Beach and Ocean View school district boards. The Ralph and Charlene Bauer Graduate Awards, consisting of awards and fellowships, are awarded annually deserving UCLA students.



Ralph was a charter member of The Friends of the Library and helped at used book sales starting 4 years before the Central Library was opened. In

later years he was a regular at the Meet the Author events and was a leader in discussions of the author's work. His intelligence and integrity were recognized by friend and foe in his years in politics, but the best example may be in his interview with the *Orange County Register*. He was asked about what inspired him. His response "My inspiration is my wife of 55 years, Charlene. We met in high school. She made me a better person than I could ever have been without her."

Ralph Bauer was not an ordinary man.

Save the Date

FOTL HOLIDAY
WASSAIL
party



December 2, 2022
6 pm - 9 pm

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT *Joe Dragicevich*

He came full circle.

BY MIKE SMITH



Joe Dragicevich was born and raised in San Pedro and attended San Pedro High. After high school, Joe enrolled at UCLA and graduated with a BA in economics and then earned an MBA at Cal Poly Pomona.

Joe's first employment was at the University of Southern California as a Staff Accountant.

Joe left USC and took a position as Accounting Manager for Johnson and Johnson in Claremont. He then took a position with Bushnell (Bausch & Lomb Company) as Controller. Bausch & Lomb transferred Joe and his family to Rochester and for the next 20 years he worked as Controller, and then promoted to Budgeting and Strategic Manager.

After raising their three children and retiring, Joe and his wife Cerise decided to move back to Southern California.

After returning to Southern California, Joe unretired and took the Finance Manager position for one of the departments at CSU Long Beach. Joe eventually decided to retire for good. Since retirement, Joe has volunteered at several organizations including the Classic Car Museum in El Segundo and as Exhibit Coordinator for the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Joe always thought it was important to continue to give back to the community, so he became a FOTL Library volunteer, and his former professional experience came full circle with his volunteerism. Joe initially accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer and just this year became the Treasurer for the FOTL board. He really enjoys this position as it fits right in with his professional skill set.

Joe and his wife, Cerise, have raised three children who have become successful. His hobbies include swimming and enjoying his classic sports cars.

Childhood Classics Exhibit a Hit With Public



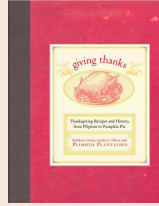
The response from those who attended Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustration from the Art Kandy Collection at the Huntington Beach Art Center was overwhelmingly positive. Co-sponsored by the FOTL, the recent event showcased some of the best children's book illustration with over 140 original works from over 75 books, as well as a variety of other inspiring events. The exhibit was one of the most extensive displays on children's book illustration ever organized!

FALL PICKS

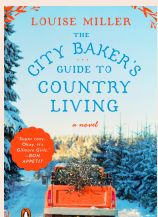
From the Library's Collection

Giving Thanks: Thanksgiving recipes and history, from Pilgrims to Pumpkin Pie

by Kathleen Curtin



Perfect for parents, kids, teachers, history buffs, and of course Thanksgiving cooks.



The City Baker's Guide to Country Living

by Louise Miller

A great read for the fall with quirky characters and a Vermont setting.

A Sunlit Weapon

by Jacqueline Winspear

This newly released 17th book of the Maisie Dobbs series is a great read for historical fiction and mystery buffs!



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Save **THE** Date
Members Only
Used Books Sale
November 18
10am - 4pm

New Members

A hearty welcome to our newest FOTL members!

Margaret Barnes	Barbara Wintz
Adria Thomke	Margie Sue Loy
Michelle Medal	Suzanna R. Garcia
Jennifer Williams	Edwin Pitcher
Hahn Nguyen	Kathy Harvey
Anilise Flanagan-Frankl	Anna Graham
Gloria Pekala	Hillary & Symon He
Allen Field	Gayle Sumner
Christine Hall	Karen R. Hammer
Susan Janis	Mary Pender
Crystal Salz	Sandy Alonzo
	Stacy Charron



Holiday Shopping at its Best!

FRIENDS GIFT SHOP

Now is the time to start your holiday shopping at the Friends Gift Shop. Seasonal items on display include a variety of Halloween decor and greeting cards. The Shop features a unique variety of specialty gift items, home decor and jewelry, and childrens' toys, games and activity books. Staffed 100% by volunteers, all proceeds are donated to the Library. Members of the Friends receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise



USED BOOKS Silent Auction

Bid on rare books, collectables, art and other unique items found at the FOTL Used Books Silent Auction

Saturday, Dec 3rd

1pm - 3pm

Central Library
Talbert Room

Check our Facebook Page for item previews!

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 sales throughout the year at our Used Books Store. Visit www.fotlhb.com for more information.

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 - 4:30pm
Saturday	10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday	Closed

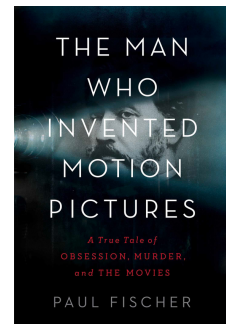
book

BUZZ

THE MAN WHO INVENTED MOTION PICTURES

By Paul Fischer

REVIEWED BY
RAY RYDELL



BOOK REVIEWS BY FOTL MEMBERS

Invention and innovation highlighted the mid-1800's. Art emphasized the world we see around us rather than what we imagine. Two major wars, the Franco Prussian and the American Civil War, utilized the latest products designed to create death and destruction. And the public embraced photographs to remember and recall loved ones after death.

What could be more reasonable than to want to preserve those memories in motion and if possible, in color and sound? Louis Le Prince dreamed of just that. He devoted his life to inventing a way to capture real life motion and preserve it for posterity.

Paul Fischer has extensively researched and documented the race for motion pictures that occupied the later 1800's. He explains in detail the processes that were contending for patents and demonstrations and the individuals involved. His explanations are sometimes detailed enough to discourage the not-technical reader, but they can be glossed over without losing the timeline and information flow.

What happened to Louis Le Prince and his purportedly successful camera and projector are a mystery that Fischer addresses and may have solved. But it remains a mystery.

Fischer explains how Thomas Edison was mistakenly credited with inventing motion pictures and how Le Prince was inadvertently proven undoubtedly the father of motion pictures. The Man Who Invented Motion Pictures can be a heavy read at times but is well worth the effort.

The Huntington Beach Public Library has the Best Storytime in Orange County!

Congratulations to the HBPL storytellers who received the award
for Best Storytelling Time in the 2022 Readers' Choice Awards
from Parenting OC Magazine



Would you like to attend a
Storytime? Go to www.hbpl.org
to view the full Storytime
schedule in the library's online
calendar.

MESSAGE FROM FOTL PRESIDENT DINA CHAVEZ



Fall is finally here with Halloween and Thanksgiving just around the corner! October 17 - 22 is National Friends of the Library Week, a celebration of Friends groups and the contributions they provide to the Libraries they support. We will host our annual Membership Drive all week long, it is a great week to encourage friends and family to become a Friend and celebrate our wonderful library. Be sure to come by the Friends Gift Shop for fun Halloween decor and a wide variety of unique and beautiful gifts to complete your holiday shopping. Don't miss our Used Books Members Only Sale on Friday, November 18, Members save 50% off everything. Check our website for information on upcoming Programs and other Special Events and mark your calendars for our Annual FOTL Holiday Wassail Party on December 2nd as well as our Used Books Silent Auction on December 3rd. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Members and volunteers and thank you all for your continued support.

MESSAGE FROM LIBRARY MANAGER JESSICA FRAMSON



After a successful and busy summer here at the Library, we are happy to settle into fall. This summer reading program, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, had great participation, with 1,726 children registered, 488 adults, and 214 teens, and some creative and fun programs to go along with it.

Fall brings back Homework Help at Central Library after a long hiatus due to the pandemic, and the Oak View Branch Library continues to offer its popular Homework Club. The Library also offers another incredible resource to learners of all ages. Brainfuse is a service that provides live tutoring, a writing lab, language learning assistance, and even career and resume help. Visit our website at hbpl.org and click on Digital Resources Library to find Brainfuse, as well as a myriad of other learning resources, all free with your Library Card!

A few fun things to look forward to this fall: a reimagined and larger-scale Surf City Arts Fest, the Art Center's signature annual event, will now be in Central Park on October 8; Community Café, a conversation event designed to bring residents together to discuss issues facing Huntington Beach; relaunched programs from the Veteran's Resource Center at Central Library; and so much more. Our Facebook and Instagram pages will always have up-to-date information and our events calendar on our website contains all the programs and registration info.

We welcome our Friends into all of our locations to join us in reading and programs or just to say hello. We thank you for your support of our amazing Library system!

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	Other Membership Options
<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (55+) \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$150	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.fotlib.com

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Website: www.hbpl.org

Public Services: (714) 842-4481

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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
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Saturday 9AM - 5PM