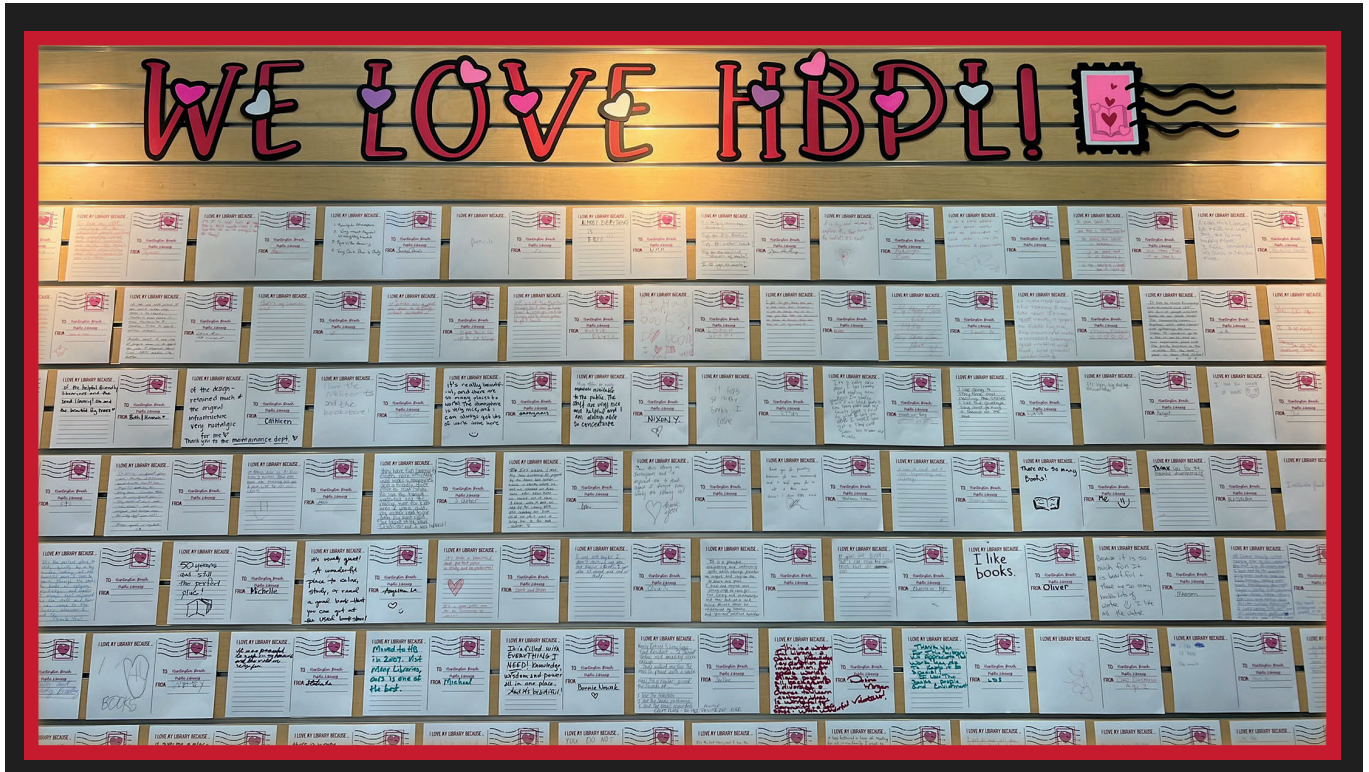


# FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

*The latest news, events and announcements from the FOTL*



On the eve of February's We Love Our Libraries Month, the city embarked on a secret study to examine a bid from Library Systems and Services to outsource our public library. This bulletin board displays fan mail from patrons who love our library just the way it is!

# Privatize Our Public Library?

By Carol Daus

On March 19, the Huntington Beach City Council voted 4-3 to explore, through RFP, the privatization of our public library. The proposal was accepted despite 100 citizens expressing opposition at the meeting along with 600+ individuals who wrote emails against privatization.

The city has stated it is their fiduciary duty to look for ways to save the city money, but it is important to point out that our library has one of the leanest departments in the city. It represents only 1.9% of the city's \$500,000,000 budget.

This winter, the city spent two months assessing Library Systems and Services' unsolicited bid to outsource our public library, LS&S is the country's largest public library outsourcer. The City's former Mayor, Mike Posey, is a sales executive of the for-profit private corporation based in Rockville, MD. One has to wonder why our public library and cultural center needs to be outsourced when it is

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# “No” on Privatization of HBPL

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run so leanly. Over 10 years ago, LS&S backed out of its proposal to outsource our library because they realized our library ran efficiently and didn't need outside help.

Currently, HBPL is ranked as the most efficiently operated library system in Orange County. Its budget increased only 2% in 9 years with zero increase in the last five years; LS&S's budgets contractually increase at least 2.5% every year. If privatization does occur, it will cut 20% or more of the library budget, which will impact staff (reductions/fewer experienced librarians), program cuts for children and teens such as Storytime and Teen Life Skills. Genealogy, Veterans Resource Center, Literacy, Citizenship, Homework Help, Makerspace, and books and materials (collection) will all be greatly reduced.

In 2018, Santa Clarita's City Council voted unanimously to take back full control of its public library system, and end its contract with LS&S due to declining service and higher costs. Returning to public status saved the city \$400,000 in its first fiscal year of operations, despite rehiring public employees.

According to the president of the Friends of the Santa Clarita Public Library, who volunteered both under LS&S and its original public library, the entire Friends group left when the for-profit corporation took over. She returned after a few years, but it wasn't the same place as it was before the takeover. "Unfortunately, I noticed that many of the LS&S employees did not have sufficient training. I am assuming that this was because LS&S was trying to keep their costs low. My biggest complaint was that we lost a lot of our collection," she said. "I really don't recommend that your library go with LS&S because, as we learned from experience, it was a very bad idea. If not, we would have still kept our contract with them."

To voice your opinion about LS&S (or any other outsourcer taking over our public library), attend City Council meetings, write to Council members at: [City.Council@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:City.Council@surfcity-hb.org), distribute flyers, tell you friends and family, send letters to editor and sign the petition visit: [www.fotlhb.com](http://www.fotlhb.com) for more information.

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## Shopping AT THE FRIENDS GIFT SHOP



Have you visited the Friends Gift Shop lately? Spring is here, and we have great gift items for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation! If you're looking for the perfect gift, we have many unique items – especially jewelry, purses, games, and home décor, plus cards and other gifts for all ages. You can always check out our website for ideas: [fotlhb.com/friends-gift-shop](http://fotlhb.com/friends-gift-shop). If you have not been by lately, we invite you back!

Are you looking for a new and exciting volunteer opportunity? The Gift Shop is looking for volunteers, especially for our weekend shifts.

If you are interested in joining our team, please stop by. Our staff will be happy to answer any questions and have you fill out an application.

100% volunteer operated, all proceeds go to support the library. FOTL and FOTCL members receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced items.

### FRIENDS GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday	1:30pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday - Saturday	10:30am - 4:30pm
Sunday	12:30pm - 4:30pm

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# AUTHOR RECAP

## *Annual Author Tea*

Over 80 FOTL members and their guests attended a beautiful spring tea on April 2 at Central Library. Delicate tea cups, cucumber sandwiches, petit fours, scones, and lots of colorful spring flowers, provided the proper backdrop for a discussion on author Van Hoang's new book, *The Monstrous Misses Mai*.

The event was especially meaningful because Van is a beloved librarian at Central Library. Library Manager Jessica Framson conducted a lively Q&A with Van, which was followed by book signing. We all wish Van much success with her new novel, which was launched on the day of the tea.



Van Hoang is interviewed by Library Manager Jessica Framson



Matt Coyle

## **MATT COYLE DISCUSSES THE 10TH AND FINAL RICK CAHILL NOVEL, 'ODYESSY'S END'**

On Saturday March 9th, Friends of the Library welcomed back Matt Coyle, the award-winning author of the bestselling Rick Cahill crime novels. Matt shared his thoughts and answered questions on everything from his 20 year journey writing the Rick Cahill series to fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a writer. Local independent bookseller Debbie Mitsch from Mystery Ink provided Rick Cahill novels for guests to purchase and have autographed by the author.

## **BRINGING ABRAHAM LINCOLN TO LIFE**

Best-selling historical fiction novelist Nancy Horan described Abraham Lincoln in colorful detail for a crowd of book lovers on February 12. Nancy Horan's latest novel, *The House of Lincoln*, is the fictional account of Lincoln's years in Springfield, Illinois, before and after he became president. Horan spoke about similar political and social challenges back then that we face today.

Many in the audience had read Horan's previous best-seller on Frank Lloyd Wright, *Loving Frank*.

As always, attendees were treated to delicious food catered by Huntington Beach's own Love at First Bite.



Nancy Horan

# HBPL'S DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

By Ray Rydell

They come in all sizes, shapes, and ages. But they have one thing in common--they are giving of their time and knowledge to improve the world of the Huntington Beach Library patron and allow the librarians to maximize their effectiveness based on their education and experience. And their time equates to more than a million dollars a year to the City of Huntington Beach.

There are seasoned volunteers who provide decades of experience in business, education, and living a fulfilling life. There are high school volunteers who introduce their contemporaries to media that does not require batteries or plug-ins and can be just as exciting, or even more so, than digital games.

Need help in looking up ancestors or long-lost relatives? There are volunteers dedicated to Genealogy. Looking for reading material for an extended period. The Used Book Store has thousands of books from current best sellers to classic and fiction or non-fiction. All thanks to the volunteers.

How about an unusual gift? The Friends Gift Shop has a plethora to choose from whether it is for a newborn or senior. You may prefer to make your own gift or just preserve a memory; Makerspace provides all the equipment and volunteers to help you achieve your desired goal.

**“...and their time equates to more than a million dollars a year to the City of Huntington Beach.”**

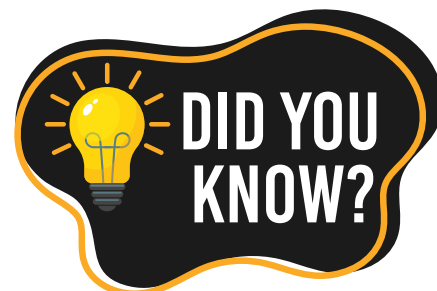
There are what might be perceived as more mundane jobs such as shelving books, sorting returns, identifying books to put on hold. With volunteers supplying the labor, the tasks are accomplished quickly without infringing on the librarian's valuable time.

But what does it mean to the citizens and the city as whole? Every volunteer hour is saving the taxpayer and the city budget appropriately \$37 according to an independent survey.

Let's take an example of one area: volunteers' support for Adult Literacy Services last year was 2494 hours (about 3 and a half months). Adult literacy adds to the value and attractiveness of Huntington Beach overall. So, in addition to the hours spent, the effort also improved property values in Huntington Beach.

The volunteer hours spent in Used Books and the Gift Shop create revenue that goes directly to Huntington Beach in the form of a check that last year amounted to \$250,000.00.

There are programs supported by volunteers that provide Veteran Resources to help vets with filling out applications for benefits, resuming a place in civilian life and helping vets solve personal problems. Hundreds of volunteers gave a total of over 33,000 hours (about 4 years) to support not only the Huntington Beach Library but make the city of Huntington Beach a better place to raise a family and increase the value and quality of life for all residents. There is always room for more volunteers. Unique skills or an educational background are valued, but a desire to help others is the most desired motivation.



**The total number of books and materials checked out in March 2024 was:**

**71,437**



# Barbara Marrs



As the daughter of a small college athletic coach, Barbara did some moving around in her youth. If you ask where she grew up, she will claim Las Cruces, New Mexico. She graduated high school in Hayward, California and then went on to California State University San Diego.

At San Diego, her parents paid for the basics but if she wanted “fun funds” she had to fend for herself. Barbara joined a female trio that sang from one to three gigs a weekend. They sang at a variety of venues and had to have a large repertoire as they might sing at a hotel, such as the Hotel Del Coronado one night and at a high-end restaurant the next. Barbara returned to Hayward for her final semester of college and graduated from California State University East Bay with a degree in English in 1970. In 1976, Barbara returned to school. This time at California

State University Long Beach. With special permission she undertook a challenging course of study that netted her an M.A. Education with emphasis in reading. She graduated in 1979. During 1980 Barbara also joined Belisle & Associates where she designed and taught workshops to professionals for improving their reading skills. In 1983, in collaboration with her husband, she produced an instructional video “Managing Your Reading.” Along with the workbook, the program was adopted by several major companies, notably Chevron Oil, who utilized it nationwide. From 1980 until 1991 Barbara taught as Adjunct Faculty at Long Beach City College, CSULB, and Cypress College. In 1991, she joined Cypress College as a Reading Specialist. By 1999 she was Dean of the Language Arts department at Cypress College.

After retirement, Barbara decided to volunteer at the library. She requested any position available in the gift shop, and she was asked to be a buyer, a job she thoroughly enjoys. She especially enjoys working with other enthusiastic volunteers and meeting new members of the community. Her daughter also provided a welcome distraction with the birth of triplets. They have provided hours of enjoyment and entertainment through their participation in sports and other activities.

# Cindy Piring

They were planning to escape from Vietnam. Her father and uncle were building a boat. They had nearly completed the boat when her father was arrested. Cindy Piring’s family had to leave immediately. Two older sisters, an older brother, and 14-year-old Cindy left their home and joined the boat people seeking a new beginning.

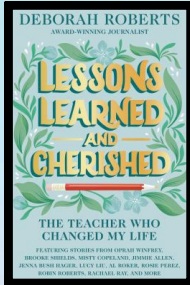
Eventually they made landfall in the Philippines where they stayed for six months. Not finding a suitable place to settle, they moved on to Malaysia. There, the Catholic church put them in touch with a Christian family in Washington State and through the auspices of the Catholic church, they relocated to the US.

While in Washington, the oldest sister met and married her husband before moving to Beaverton, Oregon. The second oldest sister and Cindy visited an aunt and uncle in Orange County, and Cindy was able to finish her education and graduate from Savanna High School.



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# SPRING PICKS



## Lessons Learned and Cherished

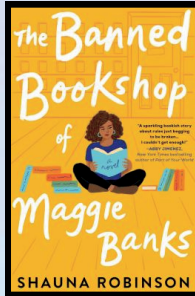
by Deborah Roberts

A giftable collection of essays from celebrity contributors celebrating the great work of teachers or a teacher they admire.

## The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks

by Shauna Robinson

This fun romantic novel is an uplifting celebration of books and how they change lives for the good.



## The Women

by Kristin Hannah

In 1965, a nursing student follows her brother to serve during the Vietnam War and returns to a divided America.



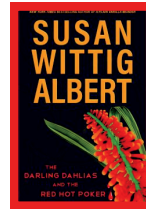
# Seed Library

Visit the Central Library and check out up to 10 seed packets per month to grow in your home garden. At the end of the season, we encourage you to let a few plants go to seed and donate the seeds back to the library for others to use - this creates a sustainable and diverse stock of seeds for our community. The HBPL Seed Library is supported by the efforts of amazing volunteers and GardenPool, who also provide classes on gardening and seed saving. Best of all: all of these services are free to HBPL cardholders! Share photos of our garden on Instagram #hbseedlibrary email: [library@hbpl.org](mailto:library@hbpl.org) Attn: Seed Library



# Book BUZZ

BOOK REVIEWS BY FOTL MEMBERS



## THE DAHLIAS AND THE RED HOT POKER

By Susan Wittig Albert

REVIEWED BY RAY RYDELL

It is summer 1935 in Darling, Alabama.

For a small town in the South in the summer there is a great deal of activity. There is a new fire engine, there is an arsonist, and there may be a con artist working the ladies in town. The Dahlias, the local gardening club, are planning the annual dinner for the local volunteer fire department called the Hot Dogs. There is a poker game with FDR in Warm Springs, Georgia revealing who FDR believes to be the most dangerous men in the country, and a late addition to the activities is a campaign appearance by Huey P. Long. The Kingfisher himself!

The Darling Dahlias is a series about a garden club and each book features a plant. Red Hot Poker Lilys are from South Africa but do fine in Alabama. The Dahlias also believe that a garden keeps the group steady. With the great depression going full blast, the garden also provides support for the community when food is in short supply.

Susan Albert garnishes her books not only with information about the plants, but also provides recipes, most originating in the Southern States. With the Red Hot Poker, the recipes are on Susan Wittig Albert's website.

Susan Wittig Albert has written over 60 novels in the Mystery genre. Most are related to or based on plants and their properties. She has also written three historical fiction novels about famous women: Loving Eleanor, a fictional account of the friendship of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickock; A Wilder Rose, the story of Rose Wilder Lane and the writing of the Little House books; The General's Women, about the romantic triangle of Dwight Eisenhower, Mamie, and Kay Somersby.

# AROUND THE LIBRARY

## Water Bottle Decorating

Tuesday April 23rd  
6:30 - 8pm



Join us to decorate your own water bottle! Use stickers or create your own design with mod podge. Water bottles will be provided to registrants. Decorating supplies and mod podge will also be provided, but feel free to bring anything that you would like to add. This program is meant for adults ages 18+. Supplies are limited and registration is required.

## Bibliotherapy Tea



Central Library  
Sunday, April 21,  
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for Bibliotherapy Tea, an afternoon of creative activities, writing, relaxation, books and, of course, tea!

## Yarn & Conversation Club

at Oak View Library

Wednesday, April 17,  
6:00 - 7:00pm

You're invited to meet, chat, share crafting/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects, such as knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or hand-stitching while you socialize and relax in a friendly environment. You are welcome to bring your own work or start a new project with us. All levels of skills are welcome: from beginners to advance knitters! We have limited supplies of materials.

## Veterans Resource Center Night

Tuesday, May 14  
6:00 - 7:15pm

Join us to learn about resources available to veterans. Topics vary by month. April's topic is home care for veterans.

## Bibliotherapy Tea

at Shipley Nature Center

Tuesday, May 14,  
6:00 - 8:00pm

Join us for a fun evening at Shipley Nature Center full of fun crafts, writing activities, and more. This event is located at Shipley Nature Center, 17851 Golden West St., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Join us every second Wednesday of the month.

## The Crafters' Corner

Central Library



Wednesday, May 8,  
6:30 - 8:00pm

Join us every second Wednesday of the month, from 6:30-8:00pm for a fun and easy craft! Sign up to save your spot.

## Puzzle League

Tuesday, May 23  
5:30 - 7:30pm

Calling all adult and teen puzzle fans! Join us for a competition to see who can complete a 500 piece puzzle the fastest. Teams will have two to four members. Each team will have the same puzzle to complete. The image of the puzzle will not be revealed until the puzzle is completed. Teams will have 120 minutes to complete the puzzle. There will be prizes. In the event that no team finishes the puzzle, prizes will go to the teams closest to completing.

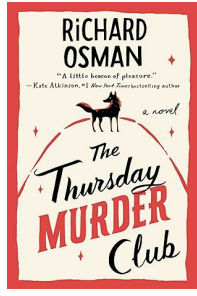
Register for Library  
Programs & Events at:  
<https://hbpl.libcal.com>





# BOOK CLUBS

## Central Book Club



**Central Library**  
May 7th, and June 4th

This first Tuesday of the month evening book club now meets in person in the B Room! May's book is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

## Virtual Book Club

**Central Library**  
May 21st

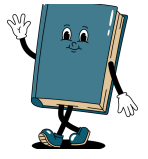
Join our Virtual Book Club, a branch-off of our Central Book Club that meets online every other month on the third Tuesday at 7pm! May's book is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

## Silent Book Club

**Central Library Main Street**

If you enjoy reading with other book lovers and chatting about your current and favorite reads, join us the first Friday of each month at Central Library. We'll be meeting in the afternoon from 2:00pm to 3:30pm in the Talbert Room. Walk-ins welcome  
Central Library: May 3rd and June 7th  
Main Street Library dates are: April 19th, May 17th, and June 21st

## Walking Audiobook Club



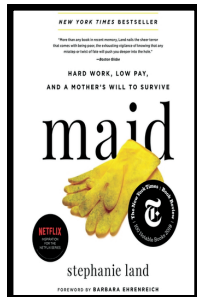
**Central Library**

Come join our Walking Book Club at Central Library! Meet other book lovers while exercising and enjoying the outdoors. We will be walking the path inside Central Park, which is about a mile. Please register so we know to wait for you.

Afternoon sessions: Thursday April 18th, Thursday May 16th, and Thursday June 20th.  
Morning sessions: Friday May 3rd, and Friday June 14th.

## Banning Book Club

**Banning Library**  
April 25th and May 30th



Banning Branch Book Club meets the last Thursday of every month.

It starts at 5:30PM. April's title is *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land. May's title is *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

**Register for Library Programs & Events at:**

<https://hbpl.libcal.com>

## SHOP FOTL

Shop FOTL Merchandise on our Bonfire Store! Choose the size, style and color you like and have it delivered right to your door in about a week. Visit [www.fotlhb.com](http://www.fotlhb.com) to shop the collection.



### MEMBERS ONLY USED BOOKS SALES

*Save the Date*

**May 17  
August 16**

### USED BOOKS STORE HOURS

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

## MESSAGE FROM FOTL PRESIDENT MARTHA ELLIOTT

The City Council is in the process of selling management control of our library to LS&S, a private, Maryland-based hedge fund. Mike Posey, the sales person who suggested this arrangement to his friends on the City Council, is a former Huntington Beach Mayor who claims the sale will result in a \$1M annual savings to the city. However, neither the City Council nor LS&S has provided a single item of information or calculation to back up that projection.

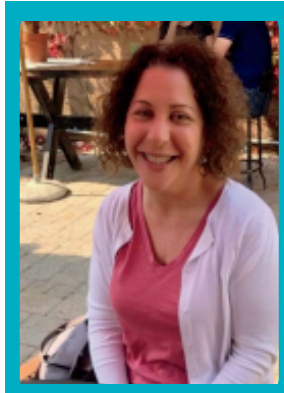
HBPL has a long history of stable economic management by professional librarians who competently provide a balanced curated collection of materials for our community. In a span of 9 years the \$5 million library budget has increased by only \$100,000 because the library professionals already have a public and private partnership with cataloging, acquiring library materials and providing electronic resources such as Libby and Palace for ebooks and audiobooks.

Our 1,100 generous FOTL members have contributed time and money for 57 years to fund Huntington Beach Library and Cultural Center community programs, library materials and even the Central Library Building because they love the library and the way it is operated. Over the last 10 years this amount totaled \$2 Million. Our members also operate the very successful Gift Shop and Used Book Store that draws people from all over Southern California.

Please, help us keep the Huntington Beach Public Library a publicly run facility for everyone in the community by writing to the city council, expressing your opposition to this process. Contact: [City.Council@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:City.Council@surfcity-hb.org).



## MESSAGE FROM LIBRARY MANAGER JESSICA FRAMSON



As I look out the window to the beautiful view of Central Park, the blooming cherry trees and the vibrant green from all the rain, I am encouraged to see these signs of new life, of spring. I am a few days off from my 10-year anniversary of working at this library and have always appreciated this unique building and the beautiful setting in which we work. If not for the vision and hard work of the Friends of the Library, none of this would exist. However, more amazing than the building, and what has kept me here for 10 years, is the passion and dedication of the incredible staff and large cadre of volunteers. You all make this library run, give it heart, and keep it ever evolving in responsiveness to community needs.

April is National Volunteer Month, and we have much to celebrate. In 2023, approximately 115 Friends of the Library volunteers gave nearly 17,000 hours of service to your community through the library. Let's take this month to celebrate our Friends members and volunteers and acknowledge that the dedication and determination we have seen will continue to blossom in the future.



## Makerspace Open House Every 3rd Saturday Noon - 1:00pm

Take a tour of the Makerspace and see what you can make with our equipment! This monthly informational event is for curious people who want to explore the DIY possibilities in the Makerspace. No registration is required, walk-ins are welcome!

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

FOTL membership grew at a record-breaking pace this quarter with a total of 209 new Friends in March alone. Many HBPL patrons told us they joined to show support during this challenging time in our library's 109-year history. Thanks for joining! We look forward to seeing you around the library.

Linda Moon  
Elizabeth Nilsen-Doble  
Donna LeBlanc  
Ann Schoeff  
Deborah Delpont  
Barbara Voelkel  
Lyle Manzel  
David Lawson  
Lori Courdy  
Wendy Coates  
Michael Schneider  
Wendy Frankel  
Lisa Van Dine  
Ada Hand  
Dawn Kryder  
Marie J. Murphy  
Mary K. Petranko  
Whitney Otero  
Sunday Monacelli  
Diane Riska-Taylor  
Ursula Ng  
David Seaman  
Thanh Doan  
Lisa Baca  
Michael R. Bell  
Stefan Seemann  
Joseph Shapiro  
Timothy Wall  
Paul Santoro  
Marta Allen  
Michael Blackmun  
Dawn and Charles  
Braithwaite  
Jason & Sara Cary  
Ann Culpepper

Terra Buckalew  
Penny Kyle  
Thanh Doan  
Sandy Kirschenbaum  
Rochell Estrada-Fuentes  
Jessica Henny  
Cynthia Hayden  
Irene Nicklin  
Alicia M. Lever  
Tony Nicklin  
Sunday Monacelli  
Maureen Movius  
Jacquelyn Morell  
Linda Nguyen  
Van Nguyen  
Gloria Higgins  
Kristy List  
Albert R. Orduno  
Shehnaz Rehmat  
William Worsley  
Donald Poole  
Lawrence Kemper  
Jeanette Price  
Julie Kimmel  
Ann Kajdasz  
Susan and Timothy Davis  
Mark Dixon  
Sandra Fazio  
Jennifer Gardelle  
Cindi Gonzales  
Barbara Heine  
Philip Heine  
Mary Kelly  
Kathleen Kilgallen

Megan Garner  
Jessamyn Garner  
Susie Patel  
Irma Loper  
Martha Hamilton  
Janice Janssen  
Nancy Summer  
Gerry Kaskel  
Alyda Kuntz  
Monica Broussard  
DruAnn McCluskey  
Barbara Shapiro  
C Shammy Dingus  
Greenwood Family  
Robert Banzett  
Nancy Curtis  
Maggie Clarke  
Jane Iovine  
Stephanie Peck  
Gillian Thompson  
Lisa Marquise  
Susan Cerami  
Christy Hatt  
Alexandra Fiedler  
Stephanie Stichka  
Valerie Miles  
Clara Mora  
Suzanne Owens  
David Perry  
Jean Peterson  
Paul Rincon  
Sydney Rincon  
Grant Rincon  
Wendy Rincon  
Caitlin Seiler

Louie & Pat Seiler  
Ann Marie & Matt Sakrakoff  
Linda Peterson  
Jerry Berger  
Connie Boardman  
Sarah Barry  
Natalie Crowell  
Meredith Nguyen  
Cathy Brown-Sullivan  
Lisa McNeil  
Peggy Quinn  
Mark Finer  
Karen Carroll  
Toni Gregory  
Lisa Allen  
Paul Liquori  
Teresa Madamba  
Palumbo Family  
Brigid McMahon  
Rose Saylin  
Braithwaite Family  
Jacqueline Tasso  
Rebecca Spongberg  
Suzette Clark  
Michele Abbott  
Buffie Channel  
Lynne Deakers  
Frances Delaney-Barron  
Rachel England  
Jeanne Graham  
Julia Killeen  
Linda Mott  
Lucinda Mroch  
Crystal Paul  
Anita Santoro



**(Cont. from p. 5, Cindy Piring)**

In 1992, Cindy traveled to England and as a personal assistant to a sales executive managed to visit every major city in England and Scotland. While in the UK she acquired a hobby of making pictures and posters using postage stamps. Several of her works have sold for significant prices. After returning to Oregon in 1995, Cindy decided to go to Southern California to learn hair styling. While in Orange County, she met Alan Piring, but Cindy once again returned to Oregon.

She was just getting settled in Oregon when Alan showed up asking for a date. Their date wound up at the Grotto which is a beautifully landscaped park with an artificial grotto.

In 2002 their daughter was born. Cindy's neighbor, Carol Kanode, worked as a cashier in the Used Book Store and told Cindy about the Mommy and Me events at the library. Cindy became a FOTL member 10 years ago, starting as a cashier in the Used Books. She takes turns as a cashier, if needed, but now spends her day receiving and processing donated books for the Used Book Store.

Little could she imagine as a terrified 14-year-old just wanting to escape Vietnam, that she would one day work as a volunteer in a library, travel the world, have a husband who plays golf every day, and a 23-year-old daughter graduating from UCLA in June. Good things do happen to good people!

**PEN AMERICA WORKSHOP ON FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS**



FOTL is proud to be co-sponsoring PEN America's Freedom to Read Community Summit at UCI on Saturday, April 20th, 11:00am - 4:00pm. This intergenerational workshop is open to all individuals concerned about censorship and threats to public and school libraries. Local authors, educators, and student advocates will discuss the impacts of censorship and what can be done to stop it. Admission is free but advance reservation is required! Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

**FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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  Programs Coordination
- Used Books Store  Newsletter Production
- Events Support

Annual Membership Dues		Other Membership Options
<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors 55+ \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25	

Mail completed form with cash or check or drop off at Friends Gift Shop at the Central Library

Friends of the Library 7111 Talbert Ave. Huntington Beach, CA 92648

To join by credit card visit [www.fotlhb.com/membership](http://www.fotlhb.com/membership)



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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](http://www.hbpl.org)

**Public Services:** (714) 842-4481

**Meeting and Banquet Rooms:** (714) 960-8839

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### Branch Locations and Hours

**Banning** 9281 Banning Ave. (714) 375-5005

Monday - Closed      Friday - Saturday 9AM - 1PM  
Tues - Thurs 9AM - 6PM      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  
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