

# FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

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



## NOT TO BE MISSED!

**Children’s book illustration celebrated in summer event.**

FOTL members are thrilled to be co-sponsoring a special summer exhibit at the Huntington Beach Art Center, Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children’s Book Illustration from the Art Kandy Collection. On view from July 9-August 20 at the Huntington Beach Art Center, the exhibit is free and is open to the public.

With over 140 original works included from over 75 books, the event is presented in partnership with the Huntington Beach Public Library and was made possible by generous sponsorship from community leader Janet Johnson, The Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation, and FOTL.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 12 - 10am**  
FOTL Board Meeting

**July 23- 4pm**  
Author Talk: T. Jefferson  
Parker

**June 18-July 31**  
Summer Reading Program

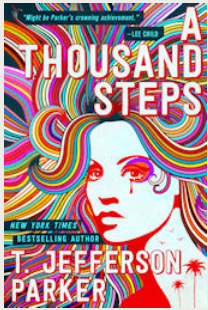
**August 9 - 10am**  
FOTL Board Meeting

**August 19**  
Members Only Used Books Sale

**August 20**  
Community Pop-Up Picnic

# AUTHORS & MORE

## T. JEFFERSON PARKER *Summer of Love*



**Rescheduled for  
July 23 at 4pm!**

T. Jefferson Parker, three-time Edgar Award winner and *New York Times* best-selling author, will present his latest novel, *A Thousand Steps*, on July 23 at 4:00pm the Central Library.

A page-turner set in Laguna Beach in the 1960s, *A Thousand Steps* has received rave reviews from Parker's fans and the literary community. Register at [FOTLHB.COM](http://FOTLHB.COM)

## MAY LUNCHEON

On May 12, FOTL members and their friends enjoyed a lovely literary luncheon that featured authors, Joani Elliott and Hollie Overton. These two talented fiction writers discussed their latest books, as well as how they find inspiration and time to pen engaging novels. Joani traveled from Utah to share her writing journey and debut novel, *The Audacity of Sara Gray*. Hollie, whose latest novel is *The Runaway*, had been scheduled previously for a luncheon that was cancelled due to Covid. Shortly after that time, she delivered triplets!

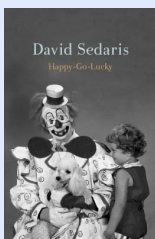


Joani Elliott



Hollie Overton

## SUMMER PICKS *From the Library's Collection*



### Happy-Go-Lucky

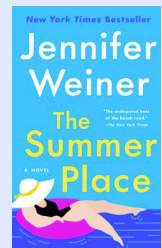
by David Sedaris

The champion storyteller and humorist continues to make us laugh with his latest collection of essays.

### The Summer Place

by Jennifer Weiner

The perfect summer beach read that explores mother-daughter relationships and family secrets.



### The Last Thing He Told Me

by Laura Dave

A fast-moving thriller about the sacrifices we make for the people we love.



# Childhood Classics

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The exhibit is one of the most extensive presentations on children's book illustration ever organized. The show explores the history of children's books from the turn of the century pen and ink Mother Goose art of Sarah Nobles Ives to the most popular works of today, including the digital creations of Mo Willems.

Childhood Classics will be accompanied by a free family movie series on select Saturday afternoons. By combining current film adaptations with original illustrations, audiences will be able to experience beloved literary classics such as Peter Rabbit, Stuart Little, and Charlotte's Web in a brand-new light. Other events include a tea party celebration, journaling/book-making workshops for adults and children, a scavenger hunt, and a Pigeon Party!

Space is limited, so make your reservations, starting July 1, at [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org). For more information, contact (714) 374-1650.



## CALIFORNIA STATE PARK PASSES



The very popular California State Parks Passes have arrived at Huntington Beach Library. You can place a copy on hold at <https://bit.ly/hbplpass>

With the State Library Parks Pass, library cardholders with accounts in good standing can check out a pass for three weeks to get entry into over 200 participating parks, including Huntington and Bolsa Chica State Beaches. View the list of participating parks at <https://bit.ly/CAParksPass> or learn more at [CheckOutCAStateParks.com](http://CheckOutCAStateParks.com).

Due to limited supply, there is a waitlist, but we expect more passes to become available soon.

# GREASE IS THE WORD!

MUSICAL THEATRE WEST



Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library can get

# 10% OFF

tickets to MTW's GREASE at the Carpenter Center in Long Beach, CA 90804

FOTL members can take advantage of a great perk this summer by purchasing discounted tickets for a performance of Grease, which runs from July 8-24 at Musical Theater West in Long Beach. This is one rockin' revival you won't want to miss! Travel back to 1959 and join star-crossed Sandy, Danny, and the students of Rydell High as they sing about "Summer Lovin'," "Greased Lightnin'," and "Those Magic Changes," along with all the other songs you know and love. If you're not a FOTL member, join today! If you are a member, contact [caroldaus@gmail](mailto:caroldaus@gmail) for the code to obtain the discount.

## WELCOME New Members

**A hearty welcome to our newest FOTL members!**

Elena Litvinov	Shin Lin
Sylvia Groh	Timothy Murphy
Mary G. Steere	Julie Quinley
Nancy Antenucci	Tammi Reid
Leif Beiley	Jenn Silveria
Mildred Jane Kersey	Thula Truax
Diane K. Brown	Dara Whitworth
Rebecca Horner	Shirley Knopf
Pati Kent	Lisa Swanson
Michelle Repsher	Barbara Hastings
Darlene Rowen	Margaret Boag
Kathy Kellerman	Denise Dahlhausen
Mario Alonzo	Erin Bamford
Sylvia Collins	Judi Aoki
Susie & Tom Davidson	Reginald Chun
Don Michael DeLaMater	Anne Grignon
Ken Elliott	Kathleen Abler
John Gutowski	Teresa L. Ghione
Rachael Kamiya	Barbara Ahumada

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## MaryEllen Ellick

### Coal Miner's Daughter

BY RAY RYDELL



MaryEllen was a coal miner's daughter before Loretta Lynn made it popular. She was born in a small coal mining town in Pennsylvania. It was the 1950s and the coal was running out. The family decided to venture to the land of opportunity, Fullerton, California.

After spending her early years in north Orange County, MaryEllen lived in the Sacramento area for 10 years. Preferring a moderate climate, she returned to Southern California where she found employment with a small technology company, which was acquired by IBM eight years later. Her time in the technology industry allowed MaryEllen to travel the world managing sales training programs. MaryEllen feels fortunate to have traveled to Europe, Asia and everywhere in between. Her passport has more stamps than James Bond. After 20 years, MaryEllen retired in 2016.

After retirement MaryEllen attended her first author luncheon on the invitation of a friend. She was so impressed with the Library and its program, she knew she wanted to volunteer for the Friends of the Library. Initially she asked if she could help with room and table organization but the FOTL board had bigger and better plans for her. Since then, she has been on the election committee, served as the Board recording secretary and just completed her term as Vice President, Programs.

MaryEllen handled the author visits, which included luncheons, teas, and just plain sit-downs. During the pandemic when the library was closed, she hosted Zoom author interviews. The author talks reached more than 1300 people during this period.

MaryEllen can't seem to find enough to keep her busy. She also volunteers at the Huntington Beach Senior Center, working at Huntington Beach Council on Aging social events and as a travel host on the many day trips offered. As if that was not enough, she decided to try her hand at golf during the pandemic. After joining a national women's golf organization and playing a few rounds, MaryEllen thought she might enjoy golf a little more if she took lessons. Even after taking a few lessons, she has accepted she will never become a great golfer, but enjoys the game and her time on the golf course with friends.

However, the highlight of MaryEllen's life is her family who live nearby in Huntington Beach as well. Her son and his wife are parents to her three beautiful granddaughters whom she loves sharing travel and new experiences as much as possible.

### Members Only Used Books Sales

Save  
the Date

AUGUST 19  
NOVEMBER 18

USED BOOKS IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF  
RECENT HARD COVER FICTION. THANKS FOR  
HELPING US HELP THE LIBRARY!





# Kids: Get Outdoors and Read!

BY SYDNEY COOK

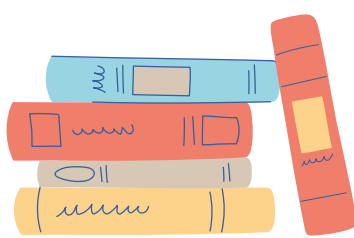
School is officially out for the summer and it's time to start filling up your calendars with some good ol' fashion summer fun. This year the Huntington Beach Children's Library staff have designed a reading program that not only encourages children to read over the summer but also motivates kids to get outside and explore too! The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" and each week will focus on a specific aspect of nature. Children will get to learn about everything from ocean life to winged animals. From June 18th through July 31st the Huntington Beach Public Library (HBPL) will be providing book recommendations, storytime programming, outdoor activity challenges, book clubs, creativity corner and crafts all relating to the theme. Additionally, the Friends of Children's Library will also be hosting fun Fridays and other summer events so get your binoculars ready because you don't want to miss anything in this exciting month.

Kids and parents alike can participate in the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge by going on to [hbpl.beanstack.com](http://hbpl.beanstack.com) to log progress or stop by the Children's Desk to inquire about a log. If children read 20 minutes per day and earn all six explorer badges by the end of the challenge, they will receive a free book from the FOTL Used Book Sale and will head back to school with some new outdoor knowledge to share. Parents and caregivers: don't forget that children learn by example so make sure you log your summer reading and earn the chance to get entered into a raffle for a Huntington Beach Parking Pass as well. The Huntington Beach Public Library and the Friends of the Children's Library have put a lot of effort into making this year's summer program an experience that blends a love for reading with a knack for adventure and an admiration for nature.

Children, parents, and volunteers had a great time at the Summer Reading Kick-off Carnival.



While there is a lot to look forward to this summer, one of the most exciting for Senior Youth Services Librarian, Melissa Ronning and her colleagues, is the return of a traditional summer reading program where the library team can interact and create memories with the community. So all you nature-loving readers out there it's okay to keep your nose in a book this summer but don't forget to enjoy the outdoors and experience what you're reading too!

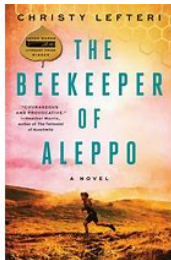
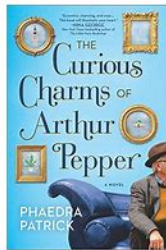


# BOOK CLUBS

For all bibliophiles aged 18 and up, our libraries' book clubs are a great place to discuss compelling novels. Book Clubs meet in person and on Zoom or join the walking AudioBook Club or the Silent Book Club.

For More Information Visit [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and select "Events/News" for the calendar to sign up

**July 14, 2022**  
**7:00pm on Zoom or 12pm at**  
**Main Street Branch**  
*The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick



**August 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm**  
*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*  
 by Christy Lefteri



*Food trucks will be in the traffic circle outside of Central Library so you can buy a tasty treat before or after checking out some books!*

# book BUZZ

BOOK REVIEWS BY FOTL MEMBERS

## ETERNAL

By Lisa Scottoline

REVIEWED BY  
 RAY RYDELL



I really like this book.

Lisa Scottoline, known for legal drama and courtroom thrillers, has created an historical fiction work set in an unusual time and place and entitled *Eternal*.

Italy in the 1930's and 40's has been overlooked in favor of more familiar parts of Europe, but *Eternal* presents a poignant love story set among the prelude to war, the Nazi occupation and the Holocaust.

Scottoline's extensive research provides actual people and events to set the stage for her fictional characters to come alive. The author transports the reader to Rome and environs; homes, restaurants, bars, famous buildings are described in detail as vivid as a photograph.

Family relationships drive the action as the characters grow from teens to young adults and the world progresses into a World War. The Nazis occupy Italy and the tentacles of the Holocaust snatch one of the families and destroys an entire Jewish neighborhood.

This is a work that requires the reader to pause from time to time to contemplate and savor the content and the presentation. If you want a synopsis, read the book jacket. If you want an experience, immerse yourself in *Eternal*.

## MESSAGE FROM FOTL PRESIDENT DINA CHAVEZ

Summer is here! It is always an exciting time, especially at the Library! The Summer Reading Program is in full swing, and I hope you have signed up and started reading. The FOTL is proud to sponsor this year's summer exhibition, Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustrations beginning July 9th and running through August 20th at the Huntington Beach Art Center. In 2021 the Art Center merged with the HBPL in a strategic reorganization of the City of Huntington Beach opening the door for new partnership opportunities to bring art and books together for our community. I hope you are able to view the exhibition and partake in the corresponding library programs. Check our website [www.fotlhb.com](http://www.fotlhb.com) for updated information on programs and events all summer long. I hope to see you around the library and the Art Center and thank you so much for your continued support.



## MESSAGE FROM LIBRARY MANAGER JESSICA FRAMSON



Greetings and happy summer! Summer is always a busy time for the Library as we offer a Summer Reading Program (SRP) full of fun events and programs, games, and prizes for reading. The theme for SRP this year is 'Read Beyond the Beaten Path.' As always, our Library events calendar on our website is full of programming for all ages and I encourage everyone to take a look and sign up for something new this summer. Summer reading is important – it helps kids stay on track with their reading skills; it helps teens stay active and engaged over the summer, and it helps adults take a moment to learn something new, find a new author or just relax.

Friends of the Library generously sponsor used books as prizes for children and teens and we know those coupons are incredibly popular. For adults, the perennially popular parking pass is a prize again this year, and it's never too late to sign up on our website using the SummerReading Beanstack link. The program runs June 18-July 31

Also, July is Parks Make Life Better Month, a month that celebrates our state's recreation programming and public open spaces. Throughout the month, parks, recreation, and community services departments throughout California celebrate and showcase the values and benefits of parks and recreation within a community.

This year, the City of Huntington Beach invites our residents, visitors, and staff to #ADVENTUREHB and experience all the programs and services that our City has to offer. For the entire month of July, we are hosting a myriad of family-friendly activities and invite our residents and visitors to join in on the celebration through the use of our many public spaces! Thankfully, Huntington Beach has a lot of open park and beach space that make for great settings for these celebrations, and we have multiple activities to act as the setting for our celebrations.!

On behalf of the Community and Library Services Department I want to say thank you to all the members of the Friends of the Library. All your work and support makes it possible for us to keep everyone in HB reading and growing!

### 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"/> Lifetime \$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$50	

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](http://www.fotlhb.com)

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## Huntington Beach Library Central Library Information

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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

**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**

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**Tuesday & Thursday 9AM - 2PM** **Saturday & Sunday Closed**

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**Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 6PM** **Sunday - Closed**

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**Saturday 9AM - 1PM**