

FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

The latest news, events and announcements from the FOTL



TURNING 50!

Friends of the Library Celebrate a Milestone

BY FOTL HISTORIAN KATHIE SCHEY

In 1971, four years before our Central Library opened its doors, a group of people gathered together to raise funds to fill needs that were outside the Library's budget. The Friends of the Library was formed. *cont'd p.8*

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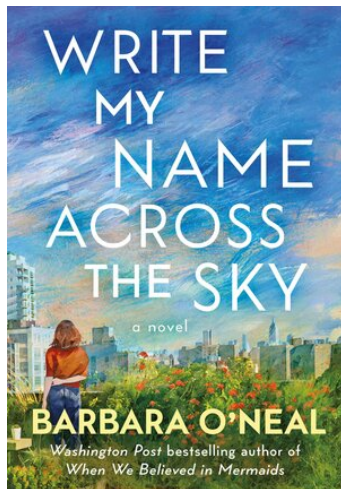
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Virtual Author Events

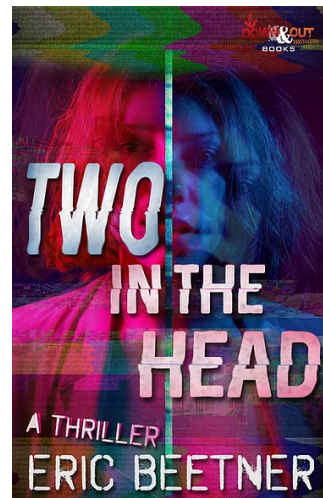


Barbara O'Neal

Join us as we hear from one of the most decorated authors in fiction. Amazon Best selling author Barbara O'Neal is an engaging storyteller, a great writer who develops terrific characters blending mystery, art, romance and mayhem which keeps readers guessing. She will discuss her critically acclaimed novels, "When We Believed in Mermaids", "The Lost Children of Devon" and "Write My Name Across the Sky"

June 10 - 4pm

Registration Begins May 11



Eric Beetner

Eric Beetner has been described as "the James Brown of noir - the hardest working man in crime fiction" and "The 21st Century's answer to Jim Thompson". Eric also co-hosts the podcast **Writer Types** along with writer SW Lauden and he hosts the popular **Noir at the Bar** reading series in Los Angeles for seven years and counting. When not writing he lives and works in Los Angeles where he edits and produces TV shows,

July 15 - 4pm

Registration Begins June 17

For more information about our free Virtual Author Events and to register visit our website at www.fotlhb.com under Programs & Special Events.
Missed a Virtual Author Event? View them all on our [website!](#)

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TURNING 50!

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When a harsh economic recession forced drastic budget cuts, threatening Central Library's future, they learned the needs were greater than they could have imagined. Although the building continued to rise, the budget was so grim, the librarian was denied the price of a coffee pot. The meagre book budget continued to shrink.

The Friends response was tireless. Used Books sales were held at parks throughout the city. Asked to host the library's first ever gala a month before Central was opened, they managed to raise \$10,000 despite guest's horror at finding the bookshelves there largely still empty. The shelves were slowly filled but the Friends never stopped working. Raising funds, but also presenting events that have enriched our entire community ever since.

Used Books sales are still an important part of the Friends' efforts. Our wonderful Gift Shop, which opened the same year as the Central Library, has grown from 30 to 70 volunteers and is considered one of the finest in California.

Authors Luncheons featuring such notables as Dean Koontz, Marcia Clark and J.A. Jance are immensely popular. The online version now in place during the pandemic has reached international audiences! Other long-standing social programs will resume when possible.

Over the years, FOTL Members have enjoyed comradery and friendship while working to fulfill our mission of service. Well over \$2,000,000 and literally thousands of volunteer hours have been given! We hope you'll join us in celebrating our 50th birthday! Stay tuned as event plans unfold!

EXTRAORDINARY DONATION FROM AN EXTRAORDINARY FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

The passing of one of the FOTL's long time Board Members, Ethel Watts was reported in the Fall of 2020 Newsletter. She served on the FOTL Board for many years as Treasurer, also three years as President, and passed away in June of 2020. From her estate, FOTL has received a donation of approximately \$940,000. To make this donation even more extraordinary, she also donated \$705,000 to the Friends of the Children's Library.

Ethel worked in the Aerospace industry at a time when it was male dominated. Having degrees in Math and Physics helped prepare her for this career. She retired in 1992, then dedicated herself to the Friends of the Library as mentioned above, until 2017.

We are thankful to Ethel and her family for the very generous donation.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sharon Hathaway Volunteerism is in her Blood!

BY MIKE SMITH



Sharon Hathaway came to the FOTL from the corporate world where she worked 40 years for the Auto Club of Southern California. She began as a Car Travel Reservationist, and ultimately,

became the Product Manager for the travel department where she was responsible for the development of travel products and conducting seminars for the company's travel agents.

As Sharon neared retirement, she started volunteering in the Friends Gift Shop. When she retired six years ago, she decided to invest more time at the library and became the Vice President of the Friends Gift Shop.

Sharon grew up in the Whittier area and her family ran a successful tool and die business. She attended Whittier High School where she was an accomplished majorette in the marching band.

Since Richard Nixon had graduated from Whittier High School, the band was selected to march in his 1969 inaugural parade and it was a very memorable experience for Sharon.

She sits on the Board of Directors of the Dorothy P. and Howard D. Hunter Foundation, founded by her grandmother, Dorothy, which provides scholarship money for Whittier High School seniors. She has also volunteered at the Wetlands and Wildlife Center, the Seal Beach Animal Care Center, the Sherman Library & Gardens and the Huntington Beach Senior Center.

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AmazonSmile is a simple and easy way for you to support the FOTL every time you shop, at no cost to you.



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Shop at Ralphs and donate to the Friends! If you have a Ralphs' Reward Card you can sign up for their

Community Contribution Program and designate a percentage of your purchases be donated to the Friends of the Library. You can register at www.ralphs.com (FOTL Organization #92557). Visit our website for more details.

Our Programs team moved our Author Events online in June of 2020 due to the pandemic. Since then we have hosted 19 Authors and over 1,000 attendees from all over the world!

DID YOU KNOW?

AROUND THE LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

"Reading Colors Your World!"

June 19 - July 31

This year's Summer Reading Program is being planned to include activities for the entire family. HBPL challenges families to read 20 minutes every day. Register for the challenge online to receive a free summer reading tote and button, then track your reading from June 19-July 31 using our online tracker or a paper reading log (available online or at any HBPL library branch). Complete the challenge by July 31 to receive a free book and a challenge winner button.

A variety of Summer Reading Program virtual activities and self directed programs will be held throughout the summer including:

- Graphic Novel Book Clubs for Adults, Teens & Tweens
- Take & Make Activity Kits for Kids Ages 6-12
- Preschool Busy Bags for the younger children
- Art & Cooking Classes too!

Event details and dates will be available soon. Please visit the Library website at www.hbpl.org for more information

USED BOOKS DONATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!



**1ST & 3RD WEEKENDS
OF THE MONTH**

**Friday & Saturday
1:30 - 3:30pm**

Use Goldenwest Entrance,
drop off in front of the Theater
No drop offs at the loading dock

To learn more about the items we accept for donation visit our website www.fotlhb.com under Used Books. All donations are tax deductible, donation receipts will be given at time of donation

USED BOOKS STORE & FRIENDS GIFT SHOP

The Used Books Store and Friends Gift Shop both located on the main floor of the Central Library are now open with limited hours. 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

Tuesday	9am - 1pm
Wednesday	9am - 1pm
Thursday	9am - 1pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm

FRIENDS GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tuesday	10:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday	&
Thursday	2:30pm - 4:30pm

Masks and social distancing are required. Hours are subject to change, please visit our website for updates.

So Long but Not Farewell,

Monica Miltko

BY MIKE SMITH

It has been announced that Monica Miltko, our Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Huntington Beach Library is leaving. For the past 14 years, Monica has been a trusted asset for our Library. As the Volunteers Services Coordinator, she is responsible for the professional development and placement of all the volunteers who currently work in the library. Additionally, in her administrative capacity, she has responsibilities with payroll, part time employees and logistics for the FOTL Library Events.

The good news is that Monica is not going far. She will still be working for the City and is taking an administrative position with the Huntington Beach Senior Center, just across the street from the Central Library. So, for all the library patrons, Monica says stop in and say 'hi' if you visit the Senior Center.

Book

BUZZ

BOOK REVIEWS BY FOTL MEMBERS

THE LAGER QUEEN OF MINNESOTA by J. Ryan Stradal

REVIEWED BY
DINA CHAVEZ, FOTL PRESIDENT

If you're looking for a great summer read, look no further than *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*. This charming tale of three generations of tenacious, hardworking, beer brewing, pie baking Midwestern women is heartfelt, down to earth, sometimes sad, mostly fun and always uplifting. All at the same time. J. Ryan's gift of storytelling shines in this delightful story drawn from his own life growing up in small town Northern Minnesota weaving his love of craft beer, the history and injustice of farm inheritance and of course, the remarkable women who raised him. You'll enjoy every lovable character as you laugh with them, cry with them and grow with them through the decades in this sprawling tale. Edith, Helen and Diana are the strong, smart, resilient women you'd love to have in your corner. Unforgettable characters in this utterly irresistible novel. Grab a cold summer lager and enjoy!

Watch our [Virtual Author Event](#) with J. Ryan Stradal

THE SEED LIBRARY



The seed library is back, better than ever and allows library card holders to check out four seed packets a month. It's the perfect time to come by the Central Library, [check out some seeds](#) and start your summer garden!

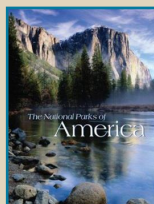
SUMMER PICKS



From the Library's Collection

Backyards: A Sunset Design Guide by Sunset Books Staff

The ultimate guide to creating a beautiful backyard that fits your budget

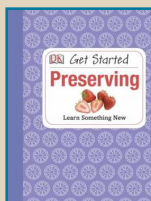


The National Parks of America by Michael Brett

More than 50 National Parks, sites and seashores across the U.S. and Canada.

Preserving by Susannah Steel

How to bottle, freeze and pickle your summer garden bounty quickly and with confidence



MESSAGE FROM FOTL PRESIDENT DINA CHAVEZ

In addition to all the summer excitement happening at the Library with the Friends Gift Shop and Used Books Store re-opening, our popular Virtual Author Events and the FOTL's 50th Anniversary in July, we are also debuting our new website! It is now easier than ever to renew your Membership, register for an event, find new volunteer opportunities and keep up with the news and announcements from the Friends. See what new products are available at the Friends Gift Shop and what interesting finds are for sale at the Used Books Store. Be sure to check our new site, drop us a line or come by and see us in person. We wish you a wonderful, fun and safe summer and thank you for your continued support.



MESSAGE FROM LIBRARY MANAGER JESSICA FRAMSON



Greetings and welcome to summer! Summer at the Library is always a busy time with all of our Summer Reading Program activities and, while this year may look a little different, we are still gearing up for a busy programming season.

Around the Library things are also looking a little different. Many things have been made to accommodate safety concerns but there have also been building projects that will be welcomed by the community. All of the meeting rooms have been upgraded with screens, projectors, and sound equipment. The Tabby Storytime Theater has also had renovations and A/V upgrades so when we are allowed to do storytimes again, that room is sparkling and ready to go!

We have been happy to welcome volunteers from Used Books and the Friends Gift Shop back in the building, and are very much looking forward to things getting back to a closer version of normal when the Library is fully reopened and all of our wonderful volunteers are back in the building. Until then, thank you all so much for being part of the HBPL's family and for your support and understanding during this difficult year. We miss you and appreciate you!

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO OUR FRIEND BARBARA WORSLEY

In Memoriam

Barbara Worsley

1948 - 2021

BY SHARON HATHAWAY

Barbara began volunteering in the Friends Gift Shop at the Central Library in 2017. She was quickly asked to join the Gift Shop Board as Secretary in 2019, and contributed new efficiencies and ideas to enhancing the Shop's position at the Library. In early 2020, Barbara was elected to the FOTL Board as Assistant Chairwoman of the Gift Shop, a position she held until her sudden, recent passing.

THANK YOU BARBARA.



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Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Hours: **Monday – Thursday:** 9 am – 1 pm & 2 – 6 pm

Friday - Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm

Sunday: Closed

Holds pick up hours: Monday – Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, and 2 – 6 pm,
Friday and Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

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 (Temporarily closed)

Holds pick up hours: Tuesday 2–6 pm, Thursday & Saturday 9 am–1 pm

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

Holds pick up hours: Monday and Wednesday 2 – 6 pm

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

Holds pick up hours: Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 1 pm

Oak View 17251 Oak Lane (714) 375-5068 (Temporarily closed)

Holds pick up hours: Tuesday and Thursday 12 – 4pm