

# FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

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



## A FESTIVE FINISH

BY CAROL DAUS

2022 ended on a fabulous note for FOTL members and their guests who attended the annual Wassail Party. Held on December 2 at the Central Library, the evening of merriment and cheer started with a beautiful buffet of savory and sweet treats, along with the traditional English yuletide beverage. All of this took place in the library’s downstairs meeting room, which was transformed into a beautiful holiday setting, thanks to the decorating talents of FOTL’s new Hospitality Coordinator Vivian Catalano and her team.

Following the delicious meal, attendees were treated to a fabulous performance by carolers from The Other Reindeer and The Company Kids from Orange County Song and Dance. It’s easy to see why so many members look forward to the Wassail Party each year. Not only is it a festive way to socialize with old and new friends who support the library, it’s the perfect way to kick off the holiday season. If you couldn’t make this one, be sure to attend the 2023 Wassail Party!



Left to right: Rose Rizza (Used Books), Carol Daus (Newsletter Editor), Tony and Dina Chavez (FOTL President), Gabe & Jana Chavez (Members).



Left to right: Chris Born (Amy’s husband), Amy Truong (FOTL Marketing Manager), and Ray Rydell (FOTL Newsletter Writer).



FOTL members and guests were treated to a lovely dinner buffet.



The Company Kids from Orange County Song and Dance spreading holiday cheer.

# Around the Library

## Literary Stitchers

*Fridays, January 20, February 10 and March 10 at 2:00 pm*

Knitters and needlecrafters of all ages and abilities are invited to this afternoon book club that meets on the 3rd Friday of the month.

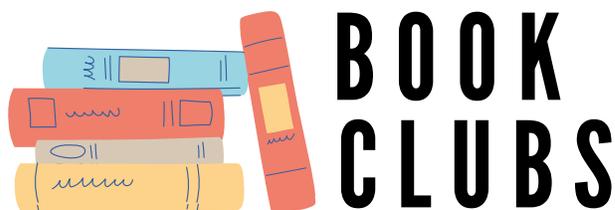
Perfect for those who want to work on their favorite project while engaging in stimulating book conversations. Meets in the Talbert Room at the Central Library. To register, please visit the library's webpage at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org).

## Growing Garden

In addition to their regular Craft Hours and Family Storytimes, the Main Street branch will continue their "Growing Garden" series featuring the Japanese "kokedama", on Saturday, January 14 from 11:00 to 12:00 pm, and the "Board Game Afternoons" on Saturdays January 28, February 25 and March 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm. To register, see the library's webpage at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org), select "Events/News" and then click on the program title. The Main Street library is located at 525 Main Street.

## Genealogy Meetings

The Central Library is home to the Orange County California Genealogy Society, located downstairs near the Balboa Room. In addition to a public collection of books especially intended for genealogical research, the OCCGS holds monthly membership meetings, as well as an annual Genealogy Bash and DNA Day! The meetings take place on the first Saturday of the month, on January 7 and February 4 at 9:30 am. For more information or to sign up for these and other events, please visit the website at [occgs.com](http://occgs.com), or e-mail [info@occgs.com](mailto:info@occgs.com).



To see a complete list of all book club offerings for adults ages 18 and up at both the Central and Branch Libraries, visit the library's website at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org), pick "Adults@HBPL" from the side menu, and then pick Book Clubs. Or, follow this link online: <https://hbpl.libguides.com/adults/bookclubs>.

**Central Library Book Club** -- Tuesdays, January 3, February 7 and March 7 at 7pm.

This first Tuesday of the month evening book club alternates monthly between online and in-person meetings. February's in-person meeting will take place in the B Room at the Central Library. Registration is required for both the in-person and online Zoom meetings.



**Main Street Book Club** -- Thursdays, January 19, February 16, March 16 at 12 noon.

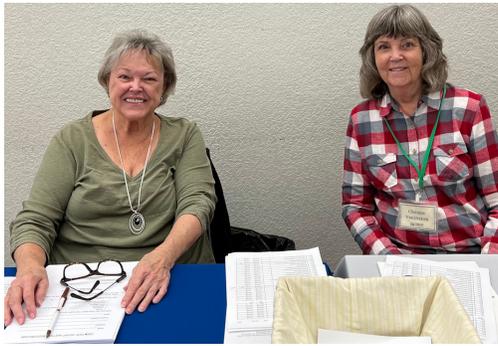
This group meets the third Thursday of each month; participants bring their lunch for the book discussion. January's title is *Crying in H-Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner. February's is *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead and March's is *We are the Brennans* by Tracey Lange.

**Banning Book Club** -- Thursdays, January 26, February 23, March 23 at 5:30 pm.

This popular branch book club will be meeting on the last Thursday of every month from now on. January's title is *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. You can check the book out from the library's collection or get the e-book or e-audio book on Hoopla.

To register for the book clubs, visit the library's webpage at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and select "Events/News" for the calendar to sign up.

# FOTL Silent Auction: A Success!



For the second consecutive year, the Silent Auction, organized by used books volunteers, captured the spirit of giving during the holiday season. On December 3, members and the public were able to shop for some rare finds, including collectible books, memorabilia, and artwork. The FOTL raised more than \$700 in just two hours during the auction! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Volunteers Dolores McGuire and Chris Turner sign in guests. Rare books, collectables, and art!

## Retail Therapy

*A new year brings shopping opportunities at the FOTL Gift Shop!*



Have you visited the Friends Gift Shop lately? Now is the time! Our January sale starts Thursday, January 5. Besides items on sale, you will also see the wide variety of merchandise we offer. Unique gifts, home and office decor, purses, wallets, jewelry, childrens' toys that spark imagination and creativity, as well as greeting cards for every occasion are just a few of the items you will find. If you have not been by lately, we invite you back! 100% volunteer operated, all proceeds go to support the library. FOTL members receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced items. Thanks for your support!

## 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](http://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

# Time Travel

*Looking back over the years at the Huntington Beach Public Library!*

## Dewey, The Rooster

By Kathie Schey  
FOTL Historian



When Central Library opened in 1975, one of its earliest and most persistent patrons was a very large white rooster! Variouslly referred to as “Melvil” or “Dewey”, staff named him after Melvil Dewey, widely regarded as the “Father of the Modern Library” and inventor of the Dewey Decimal system of classifying books.

While staff members worked to keep him out, he continuously made his way in. He loved scratching in the planters and was known to frequently roost in the Shakespeare section. When he couldn’t get in, he forlornly gazed into the library through the windows. Finally, staff gave in and asked people not to disturb him, presuming he came from a surrounding early farm, “He’d been there first”! Eventually, Dewey, the Rooster “flew the coop” and was not seen again. His memory survived. The staff recognition honor named for him was awarded for years afterward!



### Save the Date!

In recognition of Love Your Library Month, an entertaining and informative open house will be held

at the Central Library on Feb. 2, 4-7 PM.  
For more information, check the website!

# New Members

A hearty welcome to our newest FOTL members!

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| Jacqueline Jones     | Karen Chaney            |
| Lena Yett            | Tonja Baum              |
| Ian Manos            | Johnny Ngo              |
| Mira Han             | Jeannie Ramos           |
| Angela Dailey        | Chris Canfora           |
| Jack Bee             | Chrisopther Yanke       |
| Naomi Abeywickrama   | Bobby Jaber & Gina Neal |
| Cynthia Louden       | Angelo Lobefaro         |
| Hank Schnepf         | Kay Childs              |
| Doris Willis         | Christina Patterson     |
| Dennis M. Brent      | Joseph Padovich         |
| Laura Steingold      | Stacey Harrison         |
| Mizka Brick          | Julie Marsh             |
| Greta Jameson        | Dana Lynne Lee          |
| Smetana Craig        | Nikki Sandifer          |
| Katy Wright          | Laura Jacobs            |
| Jose Juarez Family   | Patricia Gail Morton    |
| Gary Wilkinson       | Harlan & Harriet Price  |
| Lyn Scott            | Alan Brown              |
| Marianne Brett       | Kathleen Gabel          |
| Mark Brylski         | Jane Kling              |
| Andrea Maldonado     | Lara Von Urff           |
| Sokara In Valenzuela | Susan Dinkmeyer         |
| Laura Steingold      |                         |

## Resources for Veterans

The Veteran's Resource Center (VRC) provides free services to help veterans in our community access important information and resources such as discharge papers, how to file a claim, health benefits, employment, home purchasing, and more. “Veteran's Resource Nights” are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm at Central Library and are open to veterans, their loved ones and anyone in the community who would like to attend.

On January 10, 2023, the topic will be PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). To register for this and all future meetings, please visit the HBPL website. The VRC is run by a team of dedicated volunteers from American Legion Post 133 who staff the office Monday through Thursday 2pm to 6pm and Fridays 9am to 1:00pm.

Call, email or drop by for information on the Veteran's Resource Center: 714-375-5111 or email: HBPLVetCenter@gmail.com.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Amy Truong

BY RAY RYDELL



Amy's lifelong passion for libraries began at a young age. From as young as five, Amy recalls Saturday visits to the library with her father, where she was able to pick out five books to check out and bring home. Starting in first grade, she remembers vividly walking with her classmates to the local library in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and

getting a tour of the local library. Programming such as puppet shows, read along aloud with a librarian, and summer reading contests were engaging and encouraged Amy to embrace her love of learning. As a teen, Amy was fortunate to witness her small town of Camp Hill build a new library from the ground up, made possibly by generous donations from benefactors and donors within the community. She spent the next few years volunteering at the library. Her proudest moments include helping seniors to create documents using Microsoft Word and to fundraise money for Teen Space, a safe and comfortable area for teens to read, do homework, and feel at home while at the library.

Flash forward to present day, Amy can be found exploring new places with her dog Scout, frequenting local coffee shops and bookstores, or browsing the book stacks at the local library, on the hunt for the next read!

Amy is an active member of Children Media Association and the Junior League of Long Beach, non-profits focused on enriching and empowering the lives of children. Libraries serve various populations and are focal points of the community in which they serve, uniquely positioned to make a direct impact on people's lives. Amy is looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the board of the Friends of the Huntington Beach Library as Marketing Manager. She is working to establish contacts within the city and community, to better engage with library staff and current Friends of the Library, and to identify new potential partnerships in support of upcoming programs. Establishing a more active relationship between the library, members of the Friends of the Library, and the overall community is a main focus for the upcoming year.

Amy has lived in Southern California since 2015 and has extended family in Orange County, with whom she visited every other summer as she was growing up. Amy graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia, with a Bachelor's in Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Her professional background is mainly in marketing and advertising, with a focus on brand development and marketing strategy. In her new role for the Friends of the Library, Amy seeks to build a marketing plan that, at its core, focuses on improving community engagement through direct marketing, partnerships with local businesses and organizations, and social media ambassadorship.

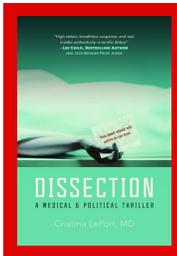
## February Tea

Cristina LaPort, M.D.

"High stakes, breathless suspense, and real insider authenticity—a terrific debut."  
—Lee Child, Bestselling Author and 2020 Booker Prize Judge

Janis Thomas.

"Engrossing...Those who value character-driven suspense will be rewarded."  
Publishers Weekly



### Thursday, February 16 at 2pm

Registration Begins Thursday, January 19  
\$30 Members - \$40 Non-Members  
[www.fotlhb.com/programs](http://www.fotlhb.com/programs)

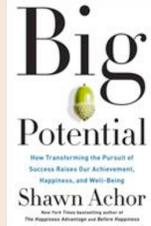
# WINTER PICKS



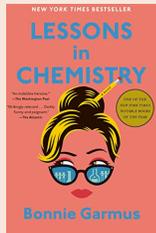
*From the Library's Collection*

**Big Potential:**  
How Transforming the Pursuit of Success Raises our Achievements, Happiness and Well-being

by Shawn Achor



New strategies for maximizing one's potential.



## Lessons in Chemistry

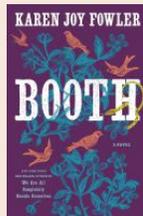
by Bonnie Garmus

Set in the 1960s, a frustrated chemist finds herself at the helm of a cooking show that sparks a revolution.

## Booth

by Karen Joy Fowler

For historical fiction buffs, this engaging novel is about one of the most infamous figures in American history: John Wilkes Booth.



# COMMUNITY CAFE IS OPEN!

The public is invited to join their neighbors at the "HB Community Café" series. These conversational meetings intended for all Huntington Beach community members will be held on the last Wednesday of the month, on Jan. 25, Feb. 22 and March 29, from 5:30 to 8 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, listen to their experiences, and then share your own. Meet downstairs via the Library Theater entrance in the C&D rooms.

Questions? E-mail: [communitycafe@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:communitycafe@surfcity-hb.org). The required registration can be completed by visiting [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and clicking on "Events/News". Welcome to the Table!

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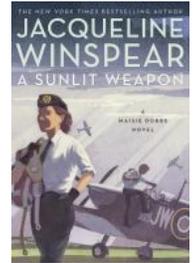
# BUZZ

BOOK REVIEWS BY FOTL MEMBERS

## A SUNLIT WEAPON

By Jacqueline Winspear

REVIEWED BY  
RAY RYDELL



Maisie Dobbs is at it again. In this 17th book of the Maisie Dobbs series by Jacqueline Winspear, she has three separate cases that all come together in the climax, plus she must address bullying at school of her adopted daughter.

Maisie is unusual in that she is a psychologist and investigator who does not carry a gun and does not practice any exotic martial arts. She avoids violence and if needs firepower can call on Scotland Yard or, in culmination of this story, she has the Yard and the US Army to back her up.

The first case she accepts involves someone shooting at planes being ferried to combat bases by women pilots. This leads to two missing US soldiers, and then a mystery involving a visit by Eleanor Roosevelt to the UK.

This all takes place in the late months of 1942. However, the resolution of the bullying will call on her experience from her nursing career in WWI.

Jacqueline Winspear has created an unusual heroine who uses her intellect and training to solve mysteries. Her timeline runs from just before WWI to WWII. Though Winspear wasn't born until 1950 she spent many hours with her grandfather to gather background and stories from that period.

I recommend the entire series and having lived through some of that time, I can guarantee that she has the world events accurate.

# MESSAGE FROM FOTL PRESIDENT DINA CHAVEZ

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season and enjoyed time with family and friends. As we start this new year, the Friends are excited to host our Annual Valentines Tea on Thursday, February 16th at 2pm. We hope to see you there! February is also Love Your Library Month, fun events are being planned, be sure to check our website for up-to-date information.



The Friends Gfit Shop is having a sale the month of January on jewelry, home decor and the unique gifts that we carry. Hurry in to have a look a look while supplies last. Our Used Books Store is always in need of your donations of used, good quality books, and small book sized boxes for shipping. Our volunteers are ready to accept donations weekday monings at the loading dock.

The New Year is a perfect time to start volunteering with the Friends. We have several opportunitiess available with flexible hours. Volunteering is a great way to stay active and make new friends. For more information on the positions available, see the volunteer page of our website.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, library staff and patrons for your continued support and may we have a wonderful 2023.

# MESSAGE FROM LIBRARY MANAGER JESSICA FRAMSON



February is Love Your Library Month! Come and celebrate with us with special activities at all of our locations. We are so happy to be partnering with the Friends for this fun and festive month. Another great program the Library is hosting is the Community Café. The last Wednesday of the month community members gather and participate in a conversation with their neighbors where questions are provided to discuss in a small group format. Dinner is provided. This is a unique program and a great way to learn more about the community. Registration is on the Library calendar at: <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/9298157>.

A big upcoming project is the upgrade of the Automated Materials Handling system that takes in returned items and sorts them automatically to make re-shelving materials quick and smooth. The current system is outdated and temperamental so the staff is looking forward to a new and fully functional one. This project will likely take place between February and April and will cause some temporary disruptions to the return process. We will have signage and more information as the project continues.

We do have an active presence on social media and those sites are a wonderful way to stay connected and up-to-date on Library activity. Make sure to follow us at @hbcalibrary on Instagram or on Facebook under Huntington Beach Public Library. Thank you for being a part of our Friends of the Library and for your support of our Library system. See you all soon!

## 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"/> Benefactor \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$30	
<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.fotlib.com](http://www.fotlib.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](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 - 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  
Tuesday - Thursday 9AM - 6PM      Sunday - Closed

**Oak View** 17251 Oak Lane (714) 375-5068

Monday - Friday 9AM - 9PM      Sunday - Closed  
Saturday 9AM - 5PM