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“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” ~ Leo Tolstoy

Dear Members,

While you are busy completing your spring cleaning tasks, don’t forget to keep us in your thoughts and donate your gently loved books to Donald Dungan and Mesa Verde bookstores. Friends of Costa Mesa Libraries has been able to fund meaningful and engaging programs at both libraries with money we raise at the Friends’ Bookstores and through Memberships. Donating books is a simple, ordinary act that has far reaching consequences. In Mike Gayle’s The Museum of Ordinary People, a young woman discovers that creating a museum of sentimental, everyday items leads her and others to healing and community connections. You will take away from this thoughtful story that even though we come from varied backgrounds and cultures, we have shared experiences with life and death. Look around you and engage in life. Engage with your community through the public library.

Kind Regards,

Cheryl Fletcher
President FOCML

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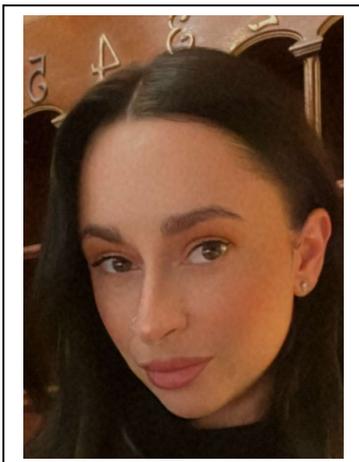
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Please welcome Lauren Macdonald – the new secretary for the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries!

Lauren is from Lake Havasu City, Arizona. She loves reading, hiking, cooking, spending time with family, and visiting Disneyland.

She has been living in Costa Mesa since 2022, and is very excited to be a part of Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries. As she says “It’s an honor to support an organization that offers such valuable services to our community.”

Welcome Lauren!



Mesa Verde Spring Booksale

**SAT.
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Fiction & Non-Fiction
Classics & Childrens
DVD, CD & Audios
Coffee Table Books
CookBooks and more.

**NOON
to
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**2969 Mesa Verde Dr. E
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Costa Mesa Libraries Are Here To Serve You!

See the QR Code for the Calendar



Sarita Dangond, Branch Manager
Donald Dungan Library
 1855 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa
 949/646-8845



Vivian Strabala, Branch Manager
Mesa Verde Library
 2969 Mesa Verde Drive, Costa Mesa
 714/546-5274

Hours: Mon – Thurs 10am – 7pm and Fri - Sun 9am – 5pm

OC Public Libraries (OCPL)

A Library for Everyone

Costa Mesa Libraries, part of OCPL, are community hubs, connecting people to essential services and resources and building communities of lifelong learners.

OCPL helps our communities learn, explore, connect and have fun! Our programs explore arts, culture, health, civics, science, history and technology. Career and business resources assist job seekers and small businesses. Online, library patrons access databases, research materials, stream videos, listen to eBooks and receive reference services and homework help via chat.

OCPL introduced the [Library of Things](#) collection in 2024. Costa Mesa Donald Dungan houses a portion of the collection. Mesa Verde Library recently held an Open House to display its Library of Things collection, which includes musical instruments, outside games, and toys. Why buy when you can borrow?

Summer is coming! It's time to Level Up at OC Public Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge, which runs from June 16 to August 3. Visit the library or sign up online this summer! Check the online calendar for special performers and programs being scheduled at both Costa Mesa branches.

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OC Public Libraries Presents

LEVEL UP!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 16, 2025 - AUGUST 3, 2025

PRESS START BUTTON ...

Join us for some summer fun at your local branch! Read books and complete challenges to earn badges. Register at ocpl.beanstack.org

Lunch at the Library Monday – Friday, 12pm-1pm for children and teens 18 and under this summer! Check the calendar for upcoming dates for lunch, performances and activities!

See the QR Code above for the Calendar

Your Membership Matters

Dear Friends,

I always love this time of year. The days are longer for hiking, enjoying nature and reading. We have had some beautiful weather. We look forward to being involved in some great book sales.

The Friends are on our second membership perks contest this year.

All members who have joined or renewed for 2025 or have a Lifetime Membership will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$25.00 gift card to a local business, a Friends book bag or a \$5.00 bookstore coupon. These drawings will be held 4 times a year. Here are the winners for our second drawing for 2025:

Chloe and Edward Conti>>\$25.00 gift card to Kenwood's

Lynne Coenen>> Friends bookbag

Scott and Mary DeBoom>>\$5.00 bookstore coupon

The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries invite you to join or renew your membership if you haven't already done so, become a Friend now and your membership will not expire until December 31, 2025.

We have provided a membership form in the newsletter or you may join on our website. Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter address label. For our members who receive the Binding by email please contact us for your expiration date.

Be sure and stop by one or both of our great bookstores for some great bargains on books. We hope that you are able to join us at our next book sale event.

We appreciate your continuing support very much and hope to hear from you soon.

Cheryl and Maurice Dollison

V.P., Membership

Special Thanks to Our 2025 Patrons!

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Free Summer Meals for Kids at the Library!

Starting on June 20, Donald Dungan will offer healthy lunches to children and teens 18 and under on weekdays around noon. All meals are served on a first-come-first-served basis, and no registration, identification or application is needed. The initiative collaborates with libraries across the state to offer nourishment along with activities to help prevent summer learning loss for children and teens, particularly in lower-income communities.

Our Very Special Friends Our Life Members

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What is Being Done in California About the Executive Order Halting Library Funding

As National Library Week begins, California announced a lawsuit against the federal administration after millions of dollars in grants to state libraries were terminated abruptly. This threatens federal funding to California libraries that support library staff and critical library programs, including literacy and language tutoring and summer reading and activity programs.

In California, we know libraries hold more than books. Libraries, and librarians, stand at the crossroads of opportunity and information, offering countless programs and supports for everyone in the community, from career help to free meals for children. An attack on libraries is an attack on communities – and California is fighting back.

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Friends Used Book Stores

located at

- Mesa Verde Library
- Donald Dungan Library

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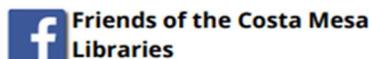
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