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The President's Message—Bob Ooten



Bob Ooten



Hope you all had wonderful Holidays! This year has been

very successful for The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries. The Library Foundation Board combined with The Friends to strengthen our commitment to obtaining a new Donald Dungan Library that resulted in an effective venture with the City Council who approved the new construction.

The construction is progressing on the new Dungan Library. The old Neighborhood Community Center has been razed and the steel frame for the new library is in place. It is due to open in the Spring of 2019 when the current Dungan Library will transition to the new construction. At that time, the

old Dungan will be re-purposed into a new community center. Everything appears to be on schedule.

The Foundation Committee is also working actively with the City to solicit funds that will be used to enhance the new construction. If you would like to get involved in these efforts, the process is explained on The Friends' new website. Please check it out. Additionally, you can Google "Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries" or visit the City of Costa Mesa's website for information as well.

The Friends purchased new furniture for the Mesa Verde Library that has arrived and been assembled. Most all of the furniture was replaced. Please stop by and take a peek. It looks great!

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Membership Matters

By Donna Stapleton

Wow! How can it be 2018? Happy New Year!

As you know, unless you are a life member or you have already paid your 2018 dues, your membership in The Friends ended December 31st. Let me be the first one to remind you to please send in your check along with the application that is enclosed with this newsletter. You can use your Pay Pal account as well. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, call Donna Stapleton at 714-432-7752. Your membership DOES MATTER!

This year we have twice the need. Not only will we continue providing support for each of our three branch libraries so that they can continue their great work by providing programs for all ages, purchasing needed books, affording materials and infrastructure, we now need to purchase amenities for the new Dungan branch that will open in early 2019.

Today's Quote



The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.

Albert Einstein

Tinkercad to Makey Makey

By Katherine Ralson

The Costa Mesa Technology Library continued its STEM programming for youth in September and October. Austin Huynh gave his third presentation in the Raspberry Pi series on September 30th. During this workshop, teens and tweens learned to use Raspberry Pi microcomputers and the Python programming language to play sound files for different musical instruments. The sound of electronic drums emitting from small speakers (purchased using funds from the Google Grant obtained by The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries) brought smiles to the participants' faces.

Again, Girl Scout Troop 1255 brought their 3-D design skills to the Tech Library on October 7th. The adolescents used Tinkercad software to design pumpkins and other items. The library used its 3-D Makerbot printer to print out the items the contributors designed.



Marlene Mendoza (left) and Allan Tan (right) work on their Raspberry Pi projects at the Technology Library.

The Technology library is ready to roll in 2018! It will host Girl Scout Troop 1255's Makey Makey Workshop on Saturday, January 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Makey Makey is an electronic invention tool and toy that allows users to connect everyday objects to computer programs. Austin Huynh returns Saturday, January 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 pm. with a new Raspberry Pi project using Python programming for adolescents.



Teens and tweens at Girl Scout Troop 1255's 3-D Design Using Tinkercad workshop.

A BIG THANK YOU to The Friends who, through obtaining Google Grants, have provided us with laptops, iPads, and the 3-D Printer so that we can continue to offer innovative STEM programming for our community.

A Holiday Parable: The Tale of Two Wolves



An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil: He is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt, and ego. The other one is good: He is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old chief answered, "The one you feed."

Fine Art: First Donation to New Dungan

By Charlene Ashendorf

The Foundation Committee is thrilled to announce receipt of its first donation for the new Dungan Library. The original artwork, titled *The Journal of Recorded Adventures*, is donated by the artist Jeff T. Miller.

The painting takes its inspiration from the stories of Jules Verne and Jonathan Swift. It depicts a miniature galleon hot air balloon coming to rest on the upper shelves of a library. The predominance of pale blues, greens and browns within the body of the painting were specifically chosen to help contrast and offset the colors of the flames emanating from the balloon. While the books on the shelves are composed in a haphazard manner, its purposeful arrangement ensures that the principal point of interest is the sailing vessel. Its placement in the upper left corner of the composition is in observance of the Rule of Thirds.



Original artwork, *The Journal of Recorded Adventures*, by Jeff T. Miller.



Jeff T. Miller, the artist, is welcomed by Charlene Ashendorf, Cultural Arts and Library Foundation committee member.

Jeff T. Miller is a native Californian who was born in Anaheim in 1964. He has spent much of his adult life working for the Walt Disney Company starting out as a Jungle Cruise Skipper. Since that time, he has filled many roles and worked for numerous divisions that included Disneyland, Tokyo Disney Sea, Buena Vista Pictures and Imagineering to name just a few.

His expertise is in the technical and safety fields, but in 2011 he branched out to “test the waters” of his creative side in his spare time. He began doing oil paintings and fell in love with the creative process. Now, not only does Jeff work in oils, he has expanded his artistic repertoire to include pastels and producing welded steel sculptures as well. Currently, Jeff resides in Costa Mesa with his wife of seventeen years, Helen.

We are very grateful for Jeff’s talents and for making a gift of this beautiful painting to the new Dungan Library for all of its staff and patrons to appreciate.

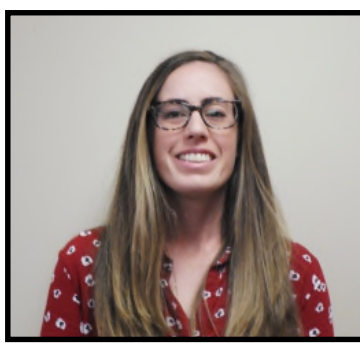


New Additions

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



Jessi Gutierrez, new Children's Librarian at the Donald Dungan Library.



Rylee Gagne is our new part-time Clerk at the Dungan Library.



Viet Vu is the new Branch Manager at the Costa Mesa Technology Library.

The Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library and the Costa Mesa Technology Library have both added new staff to their branches.

First up is Jessi Gutierrez who is the new Children's Librarian at the Dungan Library. She brings exciting programming ideas and will focus on preparing our children's collection for the new library. Additionally, she is tasked with enhancing our outreach to the community.

Next, we have Rylee Gagne, our new part-time Clerk who also has thrilling ideas that will enliven the Dungan's environment. In fact, she has already demonstrated her creative side by some of the eye-catching displays she has done to highlight our collection.

Last, but certainly not least is Viet Vu, the new Branch Manager at the Costa Mesa Technology Library. Viet is a resident of Costa Mesa and previously worked at the Rancho Santa Margarita Library as a Teen Services Librarian for one year and as an Adult Services Librarian for two. At the Orange County Public Libraries, he serves on the Historical Images Committee, the Social Media Committee, and the Comic Orange Committee where he develops videos, flyers, and promotional materials. Prior to joining OC Public Libraries, Viet was a Technology Librarian at the Santa Ana Public Library. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and received his Masters in Library Sciences from San Jose State University. When he is not working, Viet likes to draw and study graphic arts.

We welcome all of you to our library family and wish you every success in your new positions! You are all very important to us and we are happy to add your unique expertise to our libraries.

Children's Programs

Joins us for a variety of programs at Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library!

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