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The President's Message—Bob Ooten



Bob Ooten

The new library building is progressing nicely. The steel framework is going up and the old Community Center is long gone.

The Friends of the Costa Mesa Library Foundation Committee presented the City with three separate checks to fund important sections of the new library. The Committee donated approximately \$25,000 to the new library (**SEE: Foundation Presents Checks** on page 3). The City of Costa Mesa is actively soliciting donations to fund a number of additional needs for the new library.

The Friends are in talks with the City to determine what the City needs for the new library and their priorities for more donations in the future. Several Board members would like to donate outdoor musical instruments. However, the City is hesitant to change the current construction contract, but may consider adding this feature in the future after construction is complete.

On a separate note, nominations for the Board President and Vice President of Membership will be conducted just prior to the next author event that is on April 8th. The attached flyer contains all the information about this event.

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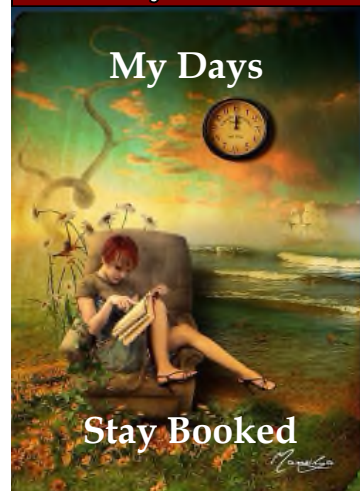
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Still Going Strong at the Dungan

By Kristina Jones

There is a lot still happening at the current Donald Dungan Library. We have new staff and a variety of fabulous programs for you.

Our new staff include Nancy Pe'a as our new Adult Services Librarian. With other ten years of experience, Nancy hopes to add more activities and programs for the adult community of Costa Mesa. Also, we welcome Liana Lujan who will present our Bilingual Storytime on Thursdays. Liana enjoys doing outreach with our Spanish speaking community members.



Nancy Pe'a, our new Adult Librarian, on the left and Liana Lujan, our new Library Assistant, on the right stand among the book shelves at the Dungan Library.

We have some exciting new programs for children and teens. In addition to our ongoing Toddler Storytime, scheduled every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., also we present a Bilingual Storytime in

both Spanish and English every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Our new Children's Librarian, Jessi Gutierrez, is introducing S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) every fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Children from the ages of 5 to 10 years old will make S.T.E.A.M. related projects that will allow their creativity to flourish. Registration is required. Additionally, teens will have fun and make new friends being involved in two new programs: One is called Teen Game Night scheduled every second Wednesday of the month beginning at 3:30 p.m.; the other is Teen Color Night that occurs every third Wednesday at the same time. Materials for both programs will be provided.

For our adults, we have the Book Club that will meet the first Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. with lively discussions and refreshing cups of tea. Next, we have The Tuesday Evening Film Club at 4:45 p.m. showing award winning films. Stay tuned for upcoming Chess Time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Cryptocurrency Meet-ups beginning in April on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., an Adult Coloring Club to be scheduled, and a lecture or two from a master gardener.

Our **Special Event** happens on Saturday, March 31st at 1:30 p.m. when the South Coast Repertory visits us once again with a chance to win tickets to their newest production of *SHREW!* This event will be followed by a free screening of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton (**SEE ATTACHED FLYER**).

Membership Matters

By Donna Stapleton

I first want to say, *THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWALS!* What a joy it is to check my Membership mailbox and find a stack of renewals and new member applications. I appreciate your dedication to and support of our Costa Mesa Libraries and thank you to those of you who have chosen to upgrade your memberships. You know our need is great, especially as we prepare for the opening of the new Dungan Library next February. For those of you have not yet renewed your memberships for 2018, I hope to hear from you soon. If you are not sure if you have renewed, please give me a call at (714) 432-7752 or email me at stapleton4@sbcglobal.net. Your membership does matter!

If you want to become more involved with The Friends, let us know. We are in need of bookstore workers (as little as two hours a week) and we can accommodate busy schedules. Also, we have a few board positions to fill. The pay is not great, but the rewards are many!



Foundation Presents Checks

By Barbara Steck

The Costa Mesa Library Foundation was formed for the sole purpose of raising awareness and money for new library services in Costa Mesa. It has been a long struggle, but our goal was met in July, 2017 when ground was broken for the new Donald Dungan Library that is located on Park Avenue between 19th Street and Newport Boulevard. We call it our “Next Chapter” in confirming that Costa Mesa is truly a City of the Arts.

Since the Foundation has met its goal, it has been disbanded. The money that was raised has been transferred to The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries and put in a separate account to be used only for the new library. It was the Foundation Committee’s privilege to present to the City of Costa Mesa three checks at their March 6, 2018 Council meeting. These checks will fully fund three areas inside the new library that include:

- **\$15,000 for the Teen Library Technology bar (Mary Ellen)**
- **\$6,000 for the Children’s Library Early Childhood Play and Learn Island (Charlene)**
- **\$5,000 for the interactive Media Display (Barbara)**

We thank the Council for their support. Special thanks are extended to Tammy LeTourneau and her hard-working staff for their efforts to keep construction on time and on budget. We look forward to Spring 2019 when the new library will be completed.



The Costa Mesa Library Foundation displays the three checks at the Council meeting that will be deposited in a separate account for the new Donald Dungan Library that will open in the Spring of 2019.

3-D Design and Pi in March

By Katherine Ralson

At the Costa Mesa Technology Library, Girl Scout Troop 1255 and Girl Scout Troop 1454 will present the third installment of the 3-D Design Workshop Using Tinkercad. Attendees will design their own objects and Library staff will print them. The objects can then be picked up by the designers once completed.

Also back by popular demand, the Library will host the fourth installment of the Raspberry Pi program on Saturday, March 31st. The Raspberry Pi program workshop, intended for tweens and teens, is a



Austin Huynh, a teen volunteer, designed projects used in the Raspberry Pi program workshop.

program designed to guide participants through simple games and projects designed by our teen volunteer, Austin Huynh. The projects involve using Raspberry Pi micro-computers, a few electronic parts, and the Python programming language. To see Austin and the program in action, visit the Orange County Public Libraries Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ocpubliclibraries/>, click on the “videos” button, scroll down to “all videos,” and select the February 25th video titled *Costa Mesa Technology Library—Raspberry Pi*. More Raspberry Pi programs are coming after March!

Thank you to The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries for their support in obtaining Google Grants funding for the technology. We are elated to continue using Raspberry Pi micro-computers and supplies, laptops, iPads, and our 3-D printer to offer these great programs and provide learning opportunities for our community.

Volunteer in the Spotlight

By Donna Stapleton



(l-r) Jon and Katie with their children Maeve and Abe. Simon, the boxer, stands behind them.

Katie Crawford is our Spring 2018 Volunteer in the Spotlight. Katie has been our Vice President of Programs for the last two years. As the V.P., she coordinated programs, selected authors and venues, determined how the author's books would be sold and coordinated audio-visuals, snacks and even pitched in to set up tables, chairs, or whatever was necessary to make the event a success.

When asked what she likes about volunteering for The Friends, Katie said she loves being a part of the organization especially at a time when so much is going on with our Costa Mesa libraries. She feels it is important to bring cultural events to our city, "The City of the Arts," and the literary arts are especially important to celebrate.

Katie is a very busy gal! She is married with two small children and is a first grade teacher in the Ocean View School District in Huntington Beach. She enjoys coaching soccer and being active at her children's schools. She met her husband, Jon, while attending the University of California at Santa Barbara. Their children, daughter Maeve (4 years old) and son Abe (six years old) are very active and involved in a variety of activities. Additionally, the family includes a sweet Boxer named Simon. The

Crawfords enjoy traveling, camping, sports and a slew of outdoor activities.

Katie grew up in Costa Mesa and attended California, Tewinkle and Estancia schools. Reading and crafting are her favorite hobbies along with membership in a book club with her many friends. She believes if you have an idea, you can create it as she did recently when she made a door mat from heavy rope!

Unfortunately, Katie felt she had to step down from her post as V.P. of Programs for The Friends. As her children get older and their activities become more demanding, she wants to devote her life to them and their interests. She counts among her enjoyable experiences the ones she had working with The Friends and their remarkable board members. She will continue being an active contributor to The Friends in many of their endeavors. We thank Katie for her truly amazing support—past, present, and future!

Love for Libraries

By Kasey Covarrubias

In February of this year, the Mesa Verde Library celebrated our love for libraries—specifically, our Mesa Verde library. Patrons were welcome to write why they loved the library on pre-cut heart shapes and post them on the front of our Service Desk. The comments from children about why they loved the library ranged from because we have their favorite books to our creative story and craft times. Other comments included a myriad of other fun, recreational, and instructional reasons to love the library as well. To help us celebrate, Buster Balloon made an appearance and entertained us with his stories, tricks, and animal balloons.

We are extremely grateful to our community for supporting their library. We love Costa Mesa and they proved they love us as well!



A child points to a book held by Buster Balloon.



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Two little girls show off their animal balloons made by Buster Balloon.

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