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LIBRARIES

# THE BINDING

## The President's Message – Donna Stapleton

Have you seen the construction of the new library at Lions Park? It is spectacular and definitely worth your time to go and see it. According to the assistant city manager, Tammy Letourneau, the library is on schedule to open in February and is on budget!

We are currently working with the Orange County Public Library system (which manages all our libraries) and the City of Costa Mesa (who owns the libraries and the property) to coordinate efforts to install permanent outdoor musical instruments in front of the Mesa Verde Library. You can get a quick look at the instruments in the picture below, but please look at [Freenotesharmoniypark.com](http://Freenotesharmoniypark.com) to get an even better idea of what the instruments will be like. They are interactive (fun for all abilities and ages), perfectly tuned and you can't play a wrong note. Our hope is that these instruments will bring harmony and joy to our community for many generations to come. Of course, there are several steps we need to complete, but we are on our way! Once we get the "go ahead" from the city, we will move forward with raising the money needed. The total cost will be approximately \$16,000. Our hope is to fund the project by private and public donations, as well as grants.

I'm sure you have noticed our new logo in this newsletter. We hope you like the new design. This new branding gives The Friends a more contemporary look. Many thanks to Niki Tycholis for her great designs.



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*The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go.*  
-Dr. Seuss

## Attention! A Little Will Go a Long Way!

### ACE HARDWARE Supports The Friends!

During the month of September, the ACE Hardware at 2666 Harbor Blvd. (at the corner of Harbor Blvd. and Mesa Verde Drive East) is featuring The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries as its Charity of the Month.

At checkout, every customer is asked if they would like to “pay up” to the next dollar of their purchase amount. The “pay up” amount will be donated to The Friends. So, if your total is \$14.65, they will ask you if you want to pay up to \$15.00. It is only \$.35 to you, but add that up over a month and it will make a big difference for us!

Please support ACE Hardware and remember to “pay up” to the next dollar! Thanks ACE Hardware and thanks to our web designer Megan Delaney who discovered this fantastic opportunity. We also thank ACE store manager, Jonny Morphis, for choosing The Friends as their September charity of the month.

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5. You are set to do your purchasing just like you always do.
6. Remember: Each time you want to purchase something on Amazon, always log into **smile.amazon.com**

## We Need Your Help

We are looking for a few wonderful people to help us with a few easy jobs. If you have a couple of hours once or twice a month, we would love to have your help in sorting donated books at the Donald Dungan library. Please email Mary Leshure at [dmleshure@aol.com](mailto:dmleshure@aol.com) to get more information. You'll be glad you did!

We also are looking for someone to help us plan our programs. If you are someone who likes to organize events, please email Donna Stapleton at [stapleton4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stapleton4@sbcglobal.net) for more information

## Welcome to Everywhere Island

By Katherine Ralson

Our children, teens and adults at the Costa Mesa Technology Library have completed their trek across Everywhere Island! Children, Teen and Adult readers marked their progress as they read, journeying from the West Coast to the East Coast of Everywhere Island. The Summer Reading Program at the Tech Library included weekly incentives and a final grand prize drawing for each category—Children, Teen,

and Adult. Reading took our program participants EVERYWHERE!

The Costa Mesa Technology Library kicked off our STEM oriented SRP season with a *STEAMPORT Tiny Motorized Robots* program on June 16<sup>th</sup>, followed by a *Linkbot Coding and Robotics* program on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, presented by Girls Scout Troops 1255 and 1454. Our STEM programs for the summer--*STEMUP for Youth* on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and *Bionerds Shark* on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>--were both very successful.

Join us at the Costa Mesa Technology Library for a special musical program, Nathalia Biligual Kids' Music. Talented Musical Educator, Nathalia, will perform at the Costa Mesa Technology Library on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-2 p.m. Check out her story and sample her music at <http://www.nathaliamusic.com/>. And Bionerds will present their *Spectacular Stingray* program on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 11-12 p.m.

Thank you to the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries for their continuing support. We love our much-needed new bookshelf. The Children's Readers now have their own space!



New Beginning Readers Bookshelf

## Collectibles Sale at the Donald Dugan Bookstore

Temperatures are dropping (finally!) and so are the prices at the Donald Dugan Friends Bookstore!! Don't miss our newly donated collectibles, including classics and first editions!! All books are deeply discounted for immediate sale.

Store Hour: Monday – Thursday – Friday – Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00.

Wednesday 10:00 to Noon

Located at 1855 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa

If you would like to contact us with any questions or to make an appointment, please call or contact us through the Friends website at 949-646-8845 or Friendscmlibraries.org - "contact us" - "email the library"

See you at the bookstore!!

## Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library

Come to Our **Fantastic** Programs for Adults, Teens and Children!

By Katrina Jones

# Reading Fun!!

Summer saw over 600 sign-ups for our reading programs! In addition, the library collaborated with Newport Mesa Unified School District for Lunch at the Library, which is a program that provides free meals to children 18 and under. Our first year provided over 1500 meals to children!

Fall will be just as fun (and busy!) with special programs for Hispanic Heritage Month, our new baby program, Baby Band, which will get babies drumming, rapping, and shaking to music.

Adult programs include a special event with Bombardier, Charles N. Stevens, on Sunday, Nov 4 and a Pu-erh Tea Ceremony on Friday, September 4.

Check out our website at [www.ocpl.org](http://www.ocpl.org) for more details or call us at 949-646-8845 for a complete list of all programs.



## Next Guest Speaker and General Meeting

Our next guest speaker is scheduled for Thursday, October 18 at 7:00pm at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Tera Hilliard is president and CEO of Forgotten Children, Inc. and will speak about human trafficking in our area, a very timely topic.

Also, just before the speaker there will be a brief general meeting of our membership. We will vote to accept a few changes to our bylaws. Specific changes are: 1- delete all references to the passport services which we no longer provide, 2-change one of the treasurer's annual requirements to read "complete and file all required forms relating to money on behalf of the Friends, including, but not limited to, a yearly audit as required by the state, state/federal taxes, insurance for board members, and all license renewals approved by the board. Please plan to attend our first meeting of the 2018-19 year to hear a very informative speaker and to vote on the changes to our bylaws.

## Concerts in the Park and a **Big Win** for a New Member

By Donna Stapleton

This summer, The Friends joined other community organizations and participated in all four of the Concerts in the Park at Fairview Park, that the city of Costa Mesa organized. Our booth featured:



- Flyers of all the current library activities that are happening.
- A wagon full of popular books from our used bookstores that were priced at a mere \$1.00 per book.
- A well-received rendering of our new library in Lions Park.
- An opportunity to join The Friends and to win a great raffle prize. You can see our winner to the left!
- A spinning wheel for prizes, which the young kids went crazy for. The lines to spin the wheel and win a prize were fairly constant and we had lots of repeat winners.

Ours was a very popular booth that generated tons of interest about the new library at Lyons Park. Everyone had a lot of fun and participating in these events proved to be a great way to

let the community know about The Friends. Many thanks to Katie Crawford, Olga Reynolds, Nate White, Mary Leshure, Judith Lamb, Carolyn Bjork, Bob Ooten and Donna Stapleton for “manning” our booth.

Above, you can see Rosalynn Scott, one of our dedicated volunteers at the Donald Dugan Library Book Store, presenting our newest member and raffle winner, Myra Keys, with a brand new Kindle Fire HD-8! Congratulations to Myra! We are glad to have you as our newest member of The Friends of The Costa Mesa Libraries!

## Volunteer in the **Spotlight**

By Mary Ellen Goddard



We are proud to introduce our latest Volunteer in the Spotlight, Stephanie Campbell, who works in the Donald Dungan Library bookstore on Fridays. She says, "My job is mostly interacting with customers, talking about books, and making sales."

"Steph" and her husband have lived in Costa Mesa since 1985 and are both retired, but busier than ever. She is on the board of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and runs its Orange County chapter. She is also a member of League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women. Also, Steph is on the board of Women for Orange County as well as the co-team leader for Compassion and Choices in the County. Not to mention, that a couple of times a week she volunteers with MeowwzResQ, a cat rescue group, helping take care of the kittens. When not doing that, she spends time knitting and reading.

Steph is originally from England and spent two years in Israel before her family moved to the America when she was 14. Since then, she has lived in Michigan, Washington State, Massachusetts and California. "But it's Costa Mesa that I call home -- such a great place to live." Glad you are here Steph!

## Your Membership Matters



### By Tracey Daschbach

Hello Friends! I've been amazed twice this week! The first is, I just checked in on the Lions Park Project and, as of August 2018, the opening of the new library is stated to be on SCHEDULE! Normally when you hear about construction projects, all you hear about is how far behind and overbudget they are. In this case, it seems that the City of Costa Mesa, Orange County Public Libraries, and yes, the Costa Mesa Friends of the Libraries (US!) have selected the right people to build us a new library we can all be proud of.

My second amazing experience this week occurred when I was dropping off new membership flyers at the Mesa Verde Library. I struck up a conversation with a lovely woman who was perusing the Friends of the Library (FOL) book carts in front of the library. During our conversation, she mentioned to me that she hoped the bookstore was doing well and seemed a bit curious about the FOL when I let it slip (wink) that I was a member. To my astonishment, she had never heard about the FOL in Costa Mesa or anywhere else. I gave her a quick explanation of FOL and then ducked into the library to get a membership form. When I came out, she took the form and we have a new member!

Was I amazed because she joined? No. Actually if she had not joined I would have been amazed (I'm a good saleswoman in person.) What amazed me was that she had never heard of the Friends of the Library before. I assumed that everyone knows about Friends of the Libraries. I'm wrong.

Here is my pitch. Please don't assume that other people already know about our great organization. Share with everyone you know about the Costa Mesa Friends of the Library. Hand them a membership form (keep one in your pocket) and hopefully a few will join, maybe they all will!

We believe in a better quality of life for all, and that starts in our community! Strong libraries make strong people, which make a strong community and a strong society!

As part of our commitment to that philosophy, the Friend of the Library donated \$75,000 to the new Library! We could only do this with the support of many, many people. As I heard on the radio today, "It doesn't take much, but it does take everyone." I believe in that.

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# FALL 2018

## NEW HOURS!

**Mesa Verde** 714-546-5274

**Library Hours:**  
 Monday through Thursday: 10a.m.—7p.m.  
 Friday, Saturday, & Sunday: 9a.m.—5p.m.

**Bookstore Hours (behind the library):**  
 Tuesday through Sunday: 1p.m.—4p.m.  
 (Closed on Mondays)

**Costa Mesa Tech. Ctr.** 714-754-4431

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 Monday through Thursday: 10a.m.—7p.m.  
 (Closed on Fridays)  
 Saturday: 9a.m.—5p.m.  
 (Closed Sundays)

**No Bookstore Hours**

**Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan** 949-646-8845

**Library Hours:**  
 Monday through Thursday: 10a.m.—7p.m.  
 Friday through Sunday: 9a.m.—5p.m.

**Bookstore Hours:**  
 Monday & Thursday: 10a.m.—3p.m.  
 Tues/Fri/Sat: 10a.m.—2p.m.  
 Wed: 10a.m.—noon

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