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Happy Autumn! The air has a hint of crispness in it, the library is offering activities and entertainment for the community, and people are writing the nicest thank you notes. Mesa Verde & Donald Dungan Libraries have organized a plethora of gatherings that encourage exploring new skills or hobbies, chances to sing with friends during story time, learning about the wonders of science, improving English speaking skills, or engaging in inspirational and thought provoking discussions in book club.

Currently, OCPL has a goal of collecting meaningful feedback and to highlight the positive impact our library services offer. This initiative 'How has the library helped you?' is asking for your positive thoughts and opinions on programs and services you've engaged in. Forms can be found at the library or OCPL's website. In our world of uncertainty and concern there is a bright light, our libraries. Tell them how meaningful they are to you. Let's keep them strong, relevant and thriving.

Our libraries' guiding light is supported by you! Your generous membership renewals and upgrades keep the Costa Mesa community engaged in art, music, science and literature. We thank you.

Wishing you a cozy season full of gratitude and good things!

Best Regards,

Cheryl

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Costa Mesa Libraries Are Here To Serve You!

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.

OC Public Libraries hosts many systemwide events: [A Slice of Literary Orange](#), [Fall Gardening Workshops](#) Looking for an audiobook, try [Blackstone Unlimited EAudiobooks](#), want to explore Orange County, find something on [Discover & Go!](#)



Costa Mesa - Donald Dungan Library

1855 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

949-646-8845

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

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Costa Mesa - Mesa Verde Library

2969 Mesa Verde Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

714-546-5274

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

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Your Membership Matters

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Dear Friends,

Our Members and Volunteers promote Library Services and Resources while sharing their love of books with the community. Our purpose is to foster a positive relationship between the library and the community, secure volunteers, and raise funds to support the library. We are thankful for all our great friends!

The friends are on our fourth 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 friend's book bag or a \$5.00 bookstore coupon. These drawings will be held 4 times a year. Here are the winners for our last drawing for 2025.

Michelle Bemmer>>\$25.00 gift card to Panera

Michael Robbie>> Friend's bookbag

Bert Smith>>\$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, 2026.

We have provided a membership form in the newsletter or you may join on our website.

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

Take care and happy fall!

Cheryl and Maurice Dollison

V.P., Membership

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Banned Books Week – October 5-11, 2025

Even if you missed this week, you can still read one of the books on the list. This year's honorary chair is George Takei – actor, author and activist. The theme of the week is "Censorship is so 1984. Read for Your Rights."

Current efforts to ban books and information held in schools, libraries, archives, and bookstores are a truth close to fiction – namely, the depiction of extreme censorship by an oppressive regime in George Orwell's cautionary and prescient tale 1984. The Banned Books Week 2025 theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.

The Top Ten Most Banned Books of 2024 were:

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
 Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe
 The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
 The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
 Tricks by Ellen Hopkins
 Looking for Alaska by John Green
 Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews
 Crank by Ellen Hopkins
 Sold by Patricia McCormick
 Flamer by Mike Curato



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- Mesa Verde Library
- Donald Dungan Library

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Individual	\$15/year	<i>The Binding</i> newsletter, e-mail notification of special events and activities.
Family	\$20/year	Same as above.
Patron	\$50/year	Same as above, PLUS Friends tote bag & acknowledgement in each issue of <i>The Binding</i> newsletter and our website.
Life	\$200	Same as above, PLUS placement on Life Membership rolls in our libraries and in each issue of <i>The Binding</i> newsletter.
Business/ Organization	\$100/ year	Same as Patron, PLUS business card size advertisement in each issue of newsletter and a framed sponsorship certificate suitable for framing.
Benefactor	\$500	Same as Patron, PLUS recognition at our book used stores.
Life Business	\$1,000	Same as Business/Organization for Life.

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Membership, Circle one: New or Renewing

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Mail check & Membership Application to address listed under
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Thank you for your membership and help.

Want to help more?

Please volunteer a little of your time. We Train!

If your interested in volunteering,
please circle areas of interest below or specify an interest,
we will give you a call.

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| • Bookstore | Serve on a Committee | • Serve on Friends' Board |
| • Public Relations | Membership | • Other _____ |
| • Marketing | Book Sale Day | |

“The Binding” is published four times each year—Winter (January), Spring (April), Summer (July), Fall (October). The Binding is for the staff, volunteers, and members of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries.

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- V.P. Membership—Cheryl & Maurice Dollison
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Articles for submission should be written in Microsoft Word and emailed to scampbell0128@gmail.com with “Newsletter Submission” in the subject line. Photos are encouraged. Submission does not guarantee publication.



Don’t Forget to Vote -

Just a reminder that we have a Special Election on November 4th!

October 6	Ballots Mailed to All Registered Voters
October 6	Ballot Drop-Off Boxes Open
October 19	Last Day to Update Voter Registration
October 20	Last Day to Register AND Still Receive a Ballot in the Mail
October 25	Early In-Person Voting Begins
November 4	Election Day; All Vote Centers & Polling Places Open