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The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

I am dedicating this Spring message to a very dear friend of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries and other Costa Mesa organizations. Art Goddard passed away February 13 from cancer and is truly missed by many.

As you probably know Mary Ellen, Art's wife of 55 years, served as president of the Friends for over 20 years. As you may not know, Art was always her "go to" guy. He generally worked behind the scenes to keep the Friends organization running smoothly. When I became the VP of Membership, Art met with me at the Mesa Verde bookstore to introduce me to the membership data base. I believe he had entered all the data into the program. He taught me how to navigate the system by having me "do it". His teaching philosophy was to learn by doing rather than telling me what to do. I got a little frustrated at times, and Art could be a little gruff at times, but I came to realize that was the best and most efficient way for me to learn. After my initial training I had occasional questions or needed help to do something. He willingly came to the bookstore and always began with "Now what have you done?" and always had a twinkle in his eye when he said it. He became a good friend, and I came to realize he was a just a great big teddy bear, a little "growly" on the outside, but a very kind heart on the inside. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tease! Sometimes I wasn't sure if he was teasing...but then I noticed that twinkle!

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"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you"
-Louis L'Amour

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Art and Mary Ellen have done so much for the Friends and our libraries. They were instrumental in getting the Mesa Verde bookstore installed and diligently lobbied to get our new Donald Dungan Library built. They were asked to be a part of its dedication.

Art helped Mary Ellen open the Friends' tiny used bookstore at the former Dungan library and also begin the passport service there. Art's passion for photography made him the perfect "go to" guy to research and purchase the camera, printer and other essentials for the passport photo service. That service earned approximately \$20,000 for our Costa Mesa libraries each year of operation. Art kept the cameras working well, came running when there was a problem, took a shift when necessary and even helped to train our volunteer photographers.



As I hope you can tell the Goddards were a team to be reckoned with. They worked tirelessly for the things they were passionate about. Along with many others I will miss Art and his willingness to help with projects he valued and his sense of humor. And especially his love for and dedication to Mary Ellen.

Cards/notes to Mary Ellen may be sent to
c/o The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries
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Your Membership Matters!

By Cheryl Dollison

Your Membership Matters as Friends help cultivate the future of the libraries. This has been a rough year for everyone. We continue to need your help to provide much needed books, magazines, equipment, infrastructure upgrades and virtual programs for both our libraries.

Membership and donations are ways to raise funds and provide support for our two libraries. So, we are sending a friendly reminder and hope that you will renew your Membership for 2021. We have provided a membership form for your convenience. We appreciate your support very much. Please stay safe and healthy. We hope to hear from you very soon.

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Kristina Jones
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In honor of our centennial, exciting things will happen in 2021 as we reflect on our history during the last 100 years. Join us as we celebrate the past and inspire the future!

Please visit www.ocpl.org
for the latest updates on hours and services.

Grab and Go Service Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 11:00am to 7:00pm
Friday and Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Curbside Hours

Tuesday – Thursday Noon to 6:00pm
Friday and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm



Patrons are invited to visit OCPL library branches

with limited, metered occupancy access for Grab & Go service:

- Designated self-service checkout of holds and popular items.
- Physically distanced single-user computers by reservation.
- Contactless curbside pickup service will continue.
- For safety, staff and visitors must wear face masks and maintain safe physical distancing.

Internet Access Initiative – *Bridging the Digital Divide*

<https://ocpl.org/iai>

W.O.W. (WiFi on Wheels) – Fully equipped WiFi vehicles provide free internet access as a mobile library branch.

WiFi Hotspots – now available at every branch for 3-week checkouts. Holds can be made with a valid library card. Hotspots are non-renewable.

Literary Orange

Literary Orange is Orange County’s premier literary event, bringing together authors, readers and libraries. While we have been gathering since 2007 for a day of author talks, 2021 will be virtual! Join us in April for some exciting keynote speakers from the comfort of your home.

Register online at www.literaryorange.org for dates, scheduled authors, and more details. Tickets for each event are \$25.00 and include a book from the author. Discount and VIP pricing are also available.

Grab & Go Crafts

Stop by the library to pick up specially packaged take home craft kits for young children.

Every month, a different fun-themed craft is available for free to take and make at home (while supplies last). Instructions and craft pieces are included, but may require tape, glue or crayons from home.

Photo: Mesa Verde Library patrons are ready to make a Cute Caterpillar Craft!



Virtual Programs

Visit www.ocpl.org/elibrary/virtual-programs to find Virtual Storytimes, Virtual Book Groups, Virtual Author Talks, How-To Videos, Crafts, Teen Gaming, and more!

Thank you to our Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries for all of their funding and support!

Members of the Friends' Board

Our bylaws state that a general membership meeting be held every February in order to elect board officers. Due to the pandemic, we were not able to convene our 2021 meeting. Up for election this year were secretary, treasurer and V. P. of Programs. Thankfully all three officers have graciously agreed to continue their positions for another 2-year term. On behalf of the membership, the board voted to approve their positions.

Our current board members are:

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V.P. Programs—Alison Wright

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- Mesa Verde Library
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