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The President's Messages – Cheryl Fletcher

First, I'd like to mention that spring is a time of awakening and growth. Our days here in Southern California become longer and the weather is warmer. I know I will enjoy preparing my herb and vegetable garden, and spending more time outside. Please take a few moments this spring and give thanks for our democracy and sense of safety we are so fortunate to have in the United States. We have experienced so much change with Covid, but nothing compares to the upheaval Ukrainians are experiencing right now. Hello I'm Cheryl Fletcher, the current president of The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries (FOCML). I've lived with my husband Jonathan in Costa Mesa for 30 years, and we've been fortunate to raise our two children, dogs, cats and turtles here. I worked as an educator for NMUSD for thirteen years and know the importance of literacy and how vital libraries and librarians are in our schools and community. I have a wonderful team to work with at FOCML, and everyone strives to do what we can for our two wonderful libraries in Costa Mesa. Combined we have years of experience volunteering for the Friends, working with the City of Costa Mesa, parenting, teaching and in the workforce. FOCML are always striving to stay current and knowledgeable of our libraries and citizens' needs. We hope you'll support our many and varied fundraisers. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to become members of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries so we can continue to help our libraries reach their essential needs. Upcoming Events You'll Find Us At:

- Mesa Verde Patio Party Celebration-Sat. April 9 @ 11:00 am
- Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Fish Fry-June 3rd to 5th

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*"A capacity, and taste,
for reading gives
access to whatever
has already been
discovered by others"*

-Abraham Lincoln

Donald Dungan Bookstore Receives a Large Estate Donation – Available now for sale!!

By Mary Leshure

Our Donald Dungan Friends Bookstore has received a large donation of "like-new" non-fiction books. A big thank you to the Dave Gardner Family for this generous donation of quality non-fiction. Dave, as many of you may know, was a long-time Costa Mesa resident and former President of the Costa Mesa Historical Society. This collection is made up largely of history, biographies and science.

There are so many wonderful finds in this donation. All are now available at our store and priced for quick sale. You're definitely not going to want to miss this unique opportunity!

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Dungan Musical Instruments!

Great News! The musical instruments are currently in the City's warehouse waiting to be installed outside the Donald Dungan Library. The 6 large instruments will be placed just outside the children's room and overlooking the new playground. We hope to have a ribbon cutting ceremony soon after they are installed, and we will let you know the date and time.



We thank all who donated toward the purchase of the instruments. We especially want to thank Life Member Richard Alexander who generously donated the final \$3,174.70 in honor of his wife Charlotte who passed away recently.

Patio Project Ribbon Cutting at Mesa Verde

Vivian Strabala, the Branch Manager of the Mesa Verde Library, has very much wanted to be able to have outdoor programs on the patio outside the Children's section of the library. Because of the way the original space was designed, it was not conducive or safe for either child or adult programs. Bob Ooten met several times with the city and outside contractors to get the project approved. The contractor removed the old concrete and installed wall to wall new concrete on the patio and in the entrance walkway. The Friends paid for this work and has purchased planters and plants to enhance the space. The city is currently working hard cleaning and painting the area. Because of your support, we were able to do this project. Thank you!

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m.

The Mesa Verde staff has the entire day planned with fun activities for all ages. Please come and see the new patio and join in the fun. Please look on our website under Events for more information. www.friendscmlibraries.org

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Sarita Dangond
Branch Manager
Donald Dungan Library



Vivian Strabala
Branch Manager
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Orange County Public Libraries Are Open!

OC Public Libraries News:

In Person Programming is back beginning March 1, 2022.

Books by Mail – a free service that delivers books and audiobooks on CD through the US Postal Service to homebound, eligible residents in Orange County who are unable to visit the library because of a physical disability, long-term illness, and/or lack of transportation. An application and more information can be found here: <https://ocpl.org/booksbymail>

Zip Books – This is a new grant program funded by the California State Library. The Zip Book program delivers books (print or audio) directly to patrons free and directly from Amazon. Items must be available from Amazon and not available from OCPL. Items are returned to branches. This is an alternative to the InterLibrary Loan program to provide faster service and enhance our library collection. An application and more information can be found here: <https://ocpl.org/zipbooks>

Look at all the programs at Donald Dungan and Mesa Verdi Libraries!

Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library

Sarita Dangond, Branch Manager

1855 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/646-8845

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

Donald Dungan is excited to resume in-person programming for all ages!

For Children

Bilingual Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Stories, songs and movement in Spanish and English for age 0-5.

Toddler Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30 am

Stories, songs and movement in English for age 0-5.

Full Steam Ahead: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm

Interactive STEAM program to learn more about for age 5-10. Preregistration is required. Register at the front Service Desk. or email: ocpl.costamesadd@occr.ocgov.com.

April 12th: DIY Slime, May 10th: Water Cycle: Rain, June 14th: Marshmallow Launchers.

For Teens

Volunteer Opportunity: Calling all teens! The library is looking for volunteers, ages 12 to 17 years old. Teens are required to fill out an application and attend a mandatory orientation meeting. Teens may earn hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) to assist with teen programs and other library events, assemble crafts and shelve books.

Bite of Reality Watch Party: April 23, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Age 12 – 18 are invited to join an interactive program which will teach teens how to spend wisely, distinguish needs from wants and budget properly.

Demon Slayer Watch Party: April 23, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Age 12 – 18 are invited to a special viewing of Demon Slayer, the Mugen Train Arc! Teens will make a warding Fox Mask, just like the ones Sensei Urokodaki crafted himself. Please register at the front Service Desk to reserve a mask or email: ocpl.costamesadd@occr.ocgov.com.

For Adults

Book Club: Join us every third Thursday at 1:00 pm for a lively discussion! We will be meeting in the Adams room as well as on Zoom.

Tech Help: One-on-one computer help by appointment **Saturdays, 10am-11am**. Register at the front Service Desk or email: ocpl.costamesadd@occr.ocgov.com.

Earth Day Celebration: April 20, 5pm-6pm

Adults! Celebrate Earth Day by planting their own succulents! The library will provide all needed materials. Please register at the front Service Desk or email: ocpl.costamesadd@occr.ocgov.com.

Craft and Chat: 4th Wednesday of the month (starting in May), 5:00pm-6:00 pm

Adults! Need a space to work on your craft project? Want to start something new? Come to our monthly craft and chat! You can bring your own project, or we will have a different craft every month. All supplies will be provided.

Mesa Verde Library

Vivian Strabala, Branch Manager

2969 Mesa Verde Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/546-5274

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

Mesa Verde Welcomes 2022!

Mesa Verde Library is excited to have a new programming patio outside the Children's wing of the branch. This project was generously funded by Costa Mesa Friends of the Library. A kickoff on Saturday, April 9th at 11am celebrates the new patio with a special Storytime featuring book characters Ladybug Girl and Froggy; Crafts for Children; and a Terrarium Making Workshop for Teens and Adults.

For Children

Family Storytime: Thursdays at 11am

For Teens

Volunteer Opportunity: Is your teen looking to fulfill high school volunteer hours? Teens under 18 years of age can stop by the branch for a volunteer application and may be able to earn hours by shelving books, helping with Summer Reading Challenge programming, or assembling craft kits.

For Adults

Branch Book Club: The 4th Sunday of the Month at 3pm

Meet your neighbors for a lively discussion led by library staff. Visit or call the branch for more information and to receive a personal email invitation.

Special Programs

Builder's Club; Crafternoon; Play & Stay Hour: Call or visit the branch in person or online for dates and times.

Summer Reading Challenge: *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*

June 13th – July 30th - Mark your calendar to sign up for this year's challenge! Watch for visiting performers, an opportunity drawing for Barnes & Noble gift cards, and special summer reading challenge events!

Your Membership Matters!

By Cheryl and Maurice Dollison

The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries is an organization of volunteers who work together to promote and expand programs, resources, and services for all people in the community.

Membership in the Friends group is a great way to support the FOCML. We want to take a moment to "Thank" all of our friends for their membership and donations this year.

We hope that you have enjoyed some of our winter/spring fundraising events. We recently reopened our wonderful bookstores after a short closure. We had a great spring sale at the Mesa Verde bookstore on March 19th. We plan to host more book sales in the future.

We need and value your continuing support so please renew your membership if you have not done so. Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter mailing label.

We have provided a membership form in the newsletter, or you may join on our website. We hope to hear from you soon!

New Officers on The Friends OF the Library Board

Several new officers were elected at our virtual Friends’ meeting on February 24. The current board members are:

ELECTED OFFICERS

- President—Cheryl Fletcher
- V.P. Membership—Cheryl and Maurice Dollison
- V.P. of Fundraising—Elena Perez
- V.P. of Programs--*VACANT*
- Secretary—Steph Campbell
- Treasurer—Branka Hubbard

- Newsletter Editor—Nathan White
- Mesa Verde Bookstore Manager—Michele Jett
- Costa Mesa/Dungan Bookstore Manager—Mary Leshure
- Volunteer Coordinator—Marty Green
- Parliamentarian—Steph Campbell
- Public Relations—*VACANT*
- Purchaser—Branka Hubbard
- Webmaster—Emily Ntschyk
- Women’s Club Liaison—Cheryl Fletcher

NON-ELECTED MEMBERS

Immediate Past President—Donna Stapleton

As you can see, we have two board positions that are currently vacant: VP of Programs and Public Relations. If you would like to become more involved with the Friends, we would **love** to talk to you about the positions. The board meets once a month on the first Thursday, 6:30-8:00. You will not be alone in the job. We have a wonderful board who are very happy to help with all projects. Please call Cheryl Fletcher at 949-378-3505 or Donna Stapleton at 714-350-0842 for more information.

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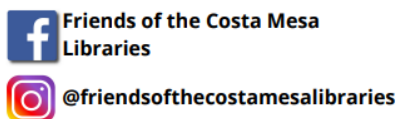
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