February is the month of love, and book lovers at the Donald Dungan Library are in for a special treat this Valentine season. Award winning author Lisa Cupolo and bestselling author Barbara DeMarco-Barrett will be in conversation at FOCML’s yearly general meeting. Their topic: “Love: the stories we tell.” The two esteemed writers will discuss writing about love with all its complications. Cupolo’s stories explore the tenderness, loss, and longing of romantic as well as familial love. DeMarco-Barrett focuses on the darker side, writing about unrequited love and love gone wrong. It will certainly be a captivating conversation.

Lisa Cupolo is the author of *Have Mercy on Us*, winner of the 2020 W.S. Porter Prize. Her work has been published in *The Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Narrative*, *The Idaho Review*, and elsewhere. She has lived all over the world and currently resides in Southern California, where she teaches fiction writing at Chapman University.

Barbara DeMarco-Barrett is the author of *Palm Springs Noir* (Akashic). Her stories are in *Coolest American Stories 2022*, *Orange County Noir*, *Literary Hatchet*, and more. She received a Distinguished

“*What in the world would we do without our libraries*”
*–Katharine Hepburn*
Instructors Award from UC-Irvine and teaches writing at Chapman University and Saddleback College. *Pen on Fire* was a *Los Angeles Times* bestseller. She hosts the podcast *Writers on Writing*.

Please join us on Saturday, February 25, at 3:00 pm in the Adams Room of the Donald Dungan Library. We hope to see all members of FOCML, and because the event is open to the public, invite your reader friends. The authors’ books will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

The President’s Message – Cheryl Fletcher

Welcome 2023! It’s the time of year to focus on goals and what you hope to accomplish this year. For me, I’ve been inspired to write three good-natured notes a month to family, friends or acquaintances. Maybe it’s because of the beautiful sunny days in the forecast, or that February is just around the corner. Whatever the inspiration may be, it’s heartwarming to receive kind words unexpectedly in the mail. What are you inspired to do in 2023?

In 2023, The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries will continue supporting the Mesa Verde Library and the Donald Dungan Library great programs. This includes the Summer Reading Program, Full Steam Ahead, Storytimes, Pages & Paws, Teen Taco Time, and much more.

**Highlights from 2022:**

Donald Dungan’s ‘*Afternoon at the Movies*’ presented by Theo Siegel, The Movie Guy, on the 4th Sunday of the month. FOCML purchased this monthly event that showcases movies and Theo presents interesting facts about the movie and its stars. While you’re at Donald Dungan, take time to check out the beautiful sound sculptures we had installed near Lions’ Park.

Mesa Verde hosted a New Year Celebration for their younger patrons on December 29. **Noon Day Year** had a whopping 87 attendees celebrating the arrival of 2023 with a countdown to noon and a balloon drop!! Families enjoyed constructing noise makers and sequin masks to help with the celebratory event.
Goals for 2023:

- Organizing and placing five Little Free Libraries in Costa Mesa neighborhoods.
- Refurbishing the ramp that leads into our Mesa Verde used bookstore.
- Purchasing and placement of sunshades in the patio at Mesa Verde Library.
- Participating at the Lions’ Club Fish Fry.
- We will continue working with Discover Books, sending them our donations that we can’t use so they can be resold, redistributed or recycled.

Please join us on Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 3:00 at Donald Dungan Library for our General Meeting and Authors event. We’ll conduct a quick 10 minute Friends’ Board Meeting voting on officers:

V.P. Programs-Candi Sary

Treasurer-Branka Hubbard

Secretary-Position Open

The position of Secretary will entail recording minutes at all meetings, and provide minutes of the previous Board meeting for approval.

If you’re interested in being a part of our dynamic board please notify us at friendscmlibraries@att.net

I wish you a happy and healthy 2023!! Thank you for your continued support of our libraries, our City of Costa Mesa, and all the residents that benefit from our library programs and books.

Your Membership Matters

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.

I am so excited for our members of The Friends. We are planning some new perks for members who join or renew by April 1, 2023. All members who have joined or renewed for 2023 will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a $25.00 gift card to a local restaurant. We will have drawings 4 times a year for members to
win a free Friends book bag or a $5.00 bookstore coupon. Members will also be notified by email and on our website of book sales and author events. The first author event with Lisa Cupolo and Barbara Demarco Barrett will be on February 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Adams room at Donald Dungan Library. We will have a local restaurant gift card drawing for this event too!

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, 2023.

We have provided a membership form in the newsletter or you may join on our website. Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter address label.

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

Costa Mesa Libraries Are Here to Serve You!

Sarita Dangond  
Branch Manager  
Donald Dungan Library

Vivian Strabala  
Branch Manager  
Mesa Verde Library

Orange County Public Libraries Are Open!

Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library  
1855 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/646-8845  
Hours: Mon – Thurs 10am – 7pm and Fri - Sun 9am – 5pm

Mesa Verde Library  
2969 Mesa Verde Drive East, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/546-5274  
Hours: Mon – Thurs 10am – 7pm and Fri - Sun 9am – 5pm

Costa Mesa Libraries, part of OCPL, are community hubs, connecting people to essential services, 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, receive reference services and homework help via chat.

OCPL began 2022 with all libraries fully open and, following state guidelines, able to resume in-person events. Our Costa Mesa communities were glad to come back.

Combined 2022 Donald Dungan and Mesa Verde Library statistics:
- Over 200,000 patrons visited.
- Nearly 350,000 items were borrowed.
- Approx. 18,000 patrons attended 576 programs, story times, book clubs, craft and author events.
- Over 36,000 hours of internet time was logged.

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

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- Serve on Friends’ Board
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The Donald Dungan and Mesa Verde Libraries are now open!!!

Donald Dungan
Monday – Thursday 10:00 - 7:00
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