



The President's Message—Cheryl Fletcher

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Happy Summer Friends & Members of the Costa Mesa Libraries.

We are at the beginning of summer and it's time for us to GROW. This topic has me thinking of the different ways we can expand and GROW. It began when a Donald Dungan patron reminded me of the importance of trying something new. He had given a generous donation to Friends to purchase books and audio books of author John Scalzi's Old Man's War series for the Donald Dungan Library. He enthusiastically recommended reading books in the sci-fi genre; since it's always a good idea to try something new and to look at the world through a new lens. I gave this some thought and checked out audio books in the Young Adult genre. It was time for me to explore new authors and new voices, and so I checked out The Partition Project by Saadia Faruqi and Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley. Each story involved two teenagers trying to navigate through their lives with all the current demands of teenagers, social media, class, culture and family influence. The books traversed through Native American life, Pakistani traditions, history, and current bigotry, shame, confusion and desire.

For me, each story was a glimpse into history and the weight of a family's ancestors' experiences impacting their children, our children, today.

I encourage you to read a new genre. Look at the world through a new lens.

Libraries have so much to offer. They are a grand institution that give so much. Take advantage of all the books, computer access, and programs at your local library. Explore something new to help you GROW this summer.

Kind Regards,
Cheryl Fletcher

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Do you need a new project?

Desire to serve your community?

Ready to volunteer with a great group of people?

Reach out to us at friendscmlibraries@att.net and become part of a dynamic community.

We have so many ways for you to become more involved by volunteering with us. It is so rewarding to support your local libraries at The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries. Can't wait to hear from you!

Help Save Library Funding!

We need your help to restore the California State Library's FY2024-25 budget for online tutoring services and Lunch at the Library.

Without your help, critically important services could end. The Lunch at the Library program uses public libraries to address summer hunger among the 2 million Californian children who qualify for free or subsidized meals.

HelpNow Online Tutoring provides 24/7 live homework assistance across all core subjects, offers bilingual support, and bridges the educational gaps in all communities, especially underprivileged ones.

Although these programs have an incredibly impactful impact, the California State Assembly is considering eliminating them.

Please send an email to your Assembly Member and State Senator to reverse these proposed cuts.

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See the QR Code for the Calendar



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Summer Reading Challenge: June 17 – August 4, 2024

This summer, OC Public Libraries is offering a reading challenge, in-branch programming, grab & go craft kits, author events, reading lists, and special reading incentives. For a digital log, visit ocpl.beanstack.org

Lunch at the Library provides children and teens 18 and under with free summer meals, reading programs, and other activities that support learning, health, and wellness. Meals are distributed Mon – Fri from Noon - 1pm at Costa Mesa-Donald Dungan Library while supplies last. No registration is required.

Systemwide programs:

[KINDERGARTEN READINESS](#) OC Public Libraries has compiled resources and designed programs to support our families in getting ready for school.

[LIBRARY OF THINGS](#) You have access to more than books with OCPL's Library of Things collection, including games, backpacks and recently added musical instruments.

[DISCOVER & GO](#) Explore Orange County museums and attractions through this exciting partnership between OC Public Libraries and local cultural institutions.

[PARK PASSES](#) Check out free State Parks vehicle-day use pass!

Please visit your branch in person or online at www.ocpl.org/events for current programming information, including storytimes, author events, book clubs, and fun events for children, teens, and adults!

Your Membership Matters

Dear Friends,

We are happy that summer is almost here. Summertime is a great time to head out to the beach with a good book to read. We have been enjoying the California State parking pass that we checked out from the library.

The friend's membership perks is still going strong and we just recently had our summer drawing.

All members who have joined or renewed for 2024 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 summer (third) drawing of the 2024 year.

Ilona Albert >> \$25.00 gift card to the Broken Yolk

Alan and Victoria Baer >> Friends Book bag

Hiroaki Nakamura >> \$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.

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. For our members who receive the Binding by email please contact us for your expiration date.

We will have a booth at the Lion's Club Fish Fry June 28-June 30, 2024 with our popular spinning wheel and books for sale. We are offering a membership special if you join or renew at the Fish Fry. We hope that you are able to stop by and say "hello"

We appreciate your continuing support very much and wish you all a wonderful summer.

Cheryl and Maurice Dollison

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Summer Events at our Libraries

At Donald Dungan:

June 19th 4 PM – Families can learn how to make a simple and delicious homemade mac and cheese from scratch!

June 20th 1 PM– Drawing Along Class for school age and teens. Students will have 3 pictures by the end of the event.

June 24th 11 AM – Meet author of *The Last Beekeeper*, Pablo Cartaya.

July 2, 9 & 16 11 AM – OC Department of Education food event. OCDE will present a different food each session, read a story around that food, and then demonstrate a simple recipe with a chance to taste the recipe at the end.

July 2nd 1 PM – The Tide Pool Experience animal presentation.

July 3rd 1 PM – Full Spectrum Science “The magic of science” show.

July 8th 1 PM – Children's book author Lucky Diaz. Preschool - School age children. Books include “Paletero Man” and “La Guitarrista, The Rock Star.”

At Mesa Verde:

June 20th 11am - Summer Reading Kick Off Event: Enjoy some refreshing watermelon, a craft, and learn about composting!

June 26th 11am - Family Lawn Games with Games Master Dave Skale: Participate in outdoor activity with wacky contests and fun.

July 10th 11am – Sun Print Bookmarks: Make a special bookmark using the power of the sun!

July 13th 11am - Balloon Storytelling with Annie Banannie: Annie tells stories with balloons and invites children to participate.

July 18th 11am - Magic Show with Justin Rivera: Enjoy this nationally recognized comedian and magician.

July 30th 2pm - Dig Dug & his Dino Friends Puppet Show: Hey Hey Entertainment presents a dino-mite puppet show!



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