

The President’s Messages – Donna Stapleton

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Due to an unfortunate setback in the library’s construction, **the Grand Opening of the Donald Dungan Library has been postponed to Friday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m.** Even though there has been a delay, we still want to acknowledge the many people who worked so hard and so long to get it in the City budget, and it will be wonderful to see the library finally completed. The exterior looks amazing, and I am so excited to see the inside! **Thanks to you**, The Friends has donated \$101,000 for amenities at the new library. \$75,000 for the media wall at the entrance, \$15,000 for the Teen Library Technology Bar, \$6,000 went to the Children’s Library Early Childhood Play and Learn Island, and the Children’s Interactive Media Display received \$5,000.

I have seen the plans for Lions Park. It will be beautiful! I hope to see you at the grand opening. Tours of the new library will be given all day Friday through Sunday.

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

The President's Messages - Continued

You have read in the last several issues of The Binding that The Friends plans to purchase and install outdoor musical instruments at Mesa Verde. On March 28, the city gave us the final approval for the project! Now we just have to raise the remainder of the money! Please help us with that! All donations are tax deductible.

When we finish raising the additional \$7,000+ needed, the Friends will purchase and install 4 outdoor musical instruments in the grass area in front of the Mesa Verde Library. It will be a space for musicians and non-musicians (young, old and in between) to easily create an improvised musical experience. The instruments will be available daily and year-round. Grammy winning artist, Richard Cooke, created these outdoor instruments to help people of all ages experience the freedom of playing music instinctively without worrying about wrong notes. Ranging in tones from bass to soprano, the instruments are both aurally and visually pleasing. Playing music in a library setting will be a community building opportunity that encourages creativity, self-confidence, stress release, curiosity and joy. It will also draw people to the library!

A total of \$12,306 has been raised through community donations and grants from the Costa Mesa Foundation and the Costa Mesa Cultural Arts Committee. We have also received donations from Ace Hardware and the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club. We need to raise an additional \$7,667 to reach our goal of \$19,973. In appreciation donors of \$100 or more will receive a Friends tote bag and be highlighted on a donor appreciation list in the library, on our website and in the next edition of The Binding.

*Please consider making a tax deductible donation (large or small) to the **Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries.** Write "Musical Instruments" on the memo line and mail it to:*

Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries
2969 Mesa Verde Drive
East
Costa Mesa, CA 92626



We hope to see you soon, as we make music together at the Mesa Verde Library!

** Note: None of the money for the instruments comes from the money we raise to support our libraries. Money for the instruments comes from other community donations and grants.*

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Your Membership **Matters!**

By Nathan White

We wanted to take a moment and thank everyone who has renewed their memberships this year. It helps us to support some truly great programs that both of Costa Mesa's public libraries provide to the community. Your membership matters!

All memberships (except life memberships) expired on December 31. If you're not sure when yours expires, there is an easy way to tell. If you received this newsletter via USPS, your expiration date will be printed on the mailing label. Any questions, please contact friendscmlibraries@att.net

A big thanks to Tracey Daschbach, the outgoing membership board member. We appreciate all the time and effort you put into getting out the good word about the FOL. Your hard work and the initiatives you put in place will continue to have positive impacts in the years to come. Thanks again!

Valentine's for Volunteers!

By Alison Wright

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

-Dr Seuss

We had a wonderful time honoring our dedicated volunteers at our “Valentine’s for Volunteers” celebration this past February at the *Mesa Verde Country Club (MVCC)*. I want to give a special thank you to all the Costa Mesa Friends of the Library (CM FOL) volunteers. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for all that they do for the library and community. During our luncheon, we celebrated everyone’s commitment to library, along with recognizing Carol Bernstein, Joyce Nichols, and Sue Andersen for five years of service; and, Jeff Jorgenson and Kathy Byrd for ten years of service. We want to extend, once again, a heartfelt thank you to everyone for caring.

In addition to the CM FOL sharing their appreciation and gratitude to the volunteers, we had a few special guests from the city. Mayor Katrina Foley, along with Council Members, Arlis Reynolds and Manuel Chavez, attended with a message of appreciation from themselves and the other city councilmen and officials who were unable to attend.

While we enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet, we were entertained by the **International Peace Choir (IPC)**. As a non-profit organization, the International Peace Choir embraces a vision of worldwide peace. Since its inception in 1987, the International Peace Choir has continued to focus its efforts on promoting peace, love, and brotherhood through its “Peace Ambassadors” and their performances worldwide. Their theme song, “Let There Be Peace On Earth” is a beautiful reminder that it really does begin with each and every one of us



I would also like to thank those who help to make this event special. *Nicole Capp*, at MVCC, for all your time and assistance with the catering details. Also, thanks to the FOL Board Members *Michele Jett*, *Mary Leshure*, *Steph Campbell*, *Donna Stapleton* and *Katie Crawford* for your help with planning and organizing the event. Our generous raffle donations came from: Avila’s El Ranchito, Don Jose’s Restaurant, Yoga Works, Newport Ribs, 24 Hour Fitness, Haus of Pizza, and the CM FOL. Thank you. We are looking forward to making our “Valentine’s for Volunteers” celebration an annual event.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out and contact Mary Leshure at the Donald Dungan Branch Book Store and/or Michele Jett, at the Mesa Verde Branch Book Store.

Updates from the Costa Mesa Libraries

By Kristina Jones

Join us in the weeks after the Grand Opening for Library Tours, E-Library presentations (learn about our free streaming movies and music!), storytimes, book clubs, film screenings, and much more. Special events will be added soon, so be sure to check our calendar

<http://www.ocpl.org/libloc/cmdd/calendar>

Join us this summer for our Summer Reading Program, Lunch at the Library (free lunches for kids 18 and under), fun shows, and more. Join us on Saturday, June 8 for a spectacular Dr. Seuss event.

Come and enjoy the Park during your Library visit! Many Library programs will be held outdoors after the Grand Opening and we'll take advantage of this great area to stay and play after storytimes. The City of Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Department has numerous events scheduled for the Park, too.

A great *Thank You* to our wonderful *Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries* for continued support for many programs and for their generous donations that have made these features available in the new library: The Media Wall, Teen Technology Library Bar, Play and Learn Island, and the Interactive Media Display.

Author Christina Lynch – Guest speaker

By Alison Wright

The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries invite you to the Costa Mesa Women's Club on Saturday, June 8th at 10:00am to meet Christina Lynch as she shares about her debut novel, *The Italian Party*. She is also the co-author of two novels under the pen name Magnus Flyte.

Come hear about her picaresque journey that includes chapters in Chicago and Harvard, where she was an editor on the *Harvard Lampoon*. She was the Milan correspondent for *W Magazine* and *Women's Wear Daily*, and disappeared for four years in Tuscany.



In Los Angeles, she was on the writing staff for the television shows *Unhappily Ever After*, *Encore! Encore!*, *The Dead Zone*, and *Wildfire*. Christina now lives in the Sierra Nevada foothills and teaches at College of the Sequoias.

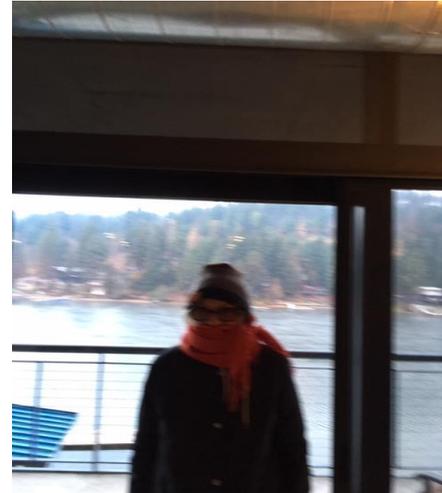
We are proud to be holding this event with The Costa Mesa Women's Club, who were instrumental in working with the County to begin library service in CM in 1923. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is plenty of parking at the CMWC's Hall. Also, we will be asking for a \$10 donation at the door (\$5 for FOL Members). This is a great opportunity to hear such a talented writer and dedicated educator speak about her craft and we sincerely hope you will be able to join us

Volunteer in the Spotlight!

There is definitely Something About Mary. Those of you who know her, know that her three priorities in life are: Beaver Baseball...Beaver Baseball and....Beaver Baseball. And, if she can combine baseball with books, even better!

So, last June, when she cheered on her Beavs to a National Championship at the College World Series, and then spent an hour-long stint as an Honorary Volunteer at the Omaha Friends of the Library Book Sale, can you imagine her delight?

When Mary isn't at the ballpark, you can find her on the patio with a Jane Austin book or relaxing at a lakefront get-a-way. To the right, you can see Mary enjoying a lovely mild fall day in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.



In addition to the daily functions of the Dungan store, Mary runs our quarterly book sales, which have exceeded all prior sales in gross profits. We look forward to our first sale at the new library in early summer!

And, lastly, Mary is always looking for volunteers to assist with sorting, pricing and shelving our book donations, so please contact her thru the Friends at friendscmlibraries@att.net.

Donald Dungan Bookstore -The Great Wall

By Mary Leshure

Please join us at our Grand Opening on May 24th, 2019 for The Great Reveal!! Our new over-sized wall-display of gently-used books is now available all hours. We're also happy to, once again, accept book donations! See you all on May 24!

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