



The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

As you know, the Friends activities have sadly come to a screeching halt. Since our libraries and bookstores are closed and all our volunteers are "sheltering in place" at home, we are only communicating via email and text messages. I just checked with our printer, and as of now they are still open, so our printed copy will go out as always.

We have had to cancel all the programs we had scheduled and were working on, including our winter general meeting with author, Ariana Neumann, who wrote When Time Stopped. We also canceled our volunteer appreciation event, a work day to build a few Little Free Libraries for our community, and the 60th Anniversary Party of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries which was to coincide with the one year anniversary of the opening of the new Dungan Library. We will work to reschedule everything as soon as we can. I know you understand, and we appreciate it.

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. Take care! I hope to see you soon when we are back in business!

WHILE OUR BOOKSTORES ARE CLOSED

We cannot accept donations while our libraries and bookstores are closed, but please save your good quality books, CDs and DVDs until we are open again. *Thank you very much!*

As of March 24th, all mail service to the libraries and bookstores have been stopped. It will be held at the post office for at least 30 days. Please don't let that stop you from renewing your membership if needed. We will be thrilled to open it when we do get our mail!

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"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

-John Wesley

A Letter From The County Librarian



April 2, 2020

Dear library advocates and community,

Although doors are temporarily closed, OC Public Libraries continues to strive to give you free access to available services through other channels. OC Public Libraries cardholders can access robust digital services and online resources 24/7, including thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, <a href="mailto:ma

Those without an active OC Public Libraries card can still <u>apply for an eCard</u> to gain access to online databases and downloadable eMedia. The <u>eCard application</u> is available now on OC Public Libraries' website at <u>www.ocpl.org</u>. The eCard is now available to children, teens, and adults. OC Public Libraries is working daily to upgrade and expand services by providing <u>eLearning resources</u> for all ages and engaging in digital outreach among all of OC Public Libraries' social media platforms.

OC Public Libraries continues to increase the eBook collection and invites you to download eBooks and eAudiobooks through the *Libby* or *OverDrive* apps. Alternatively, cardholders may visit the <u>OverDrive</u> page on the OC Public Libraries' website (under the *eLibrary* tab) and read directly from their browser while connected to the internet or WiFi.

Other free online resources accessible through your OC Public Libraries card/eCard are:

- <u>Hoopla</u> in addition to digital movies and television shows, *Hoopla* provides a wide selection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, and comics.
- <u>Rita Recommends</u> if students or families would like book recommendations, <u>Rita Recommends</u> is at
 your service. Fill out the custom questionnaire, and you will receive five personalized book
 recommendations tailored just for you by library staff.
- <u>Universal Class</u> with over 500 online continuing education courses, <u>Universal Class</u> is an online
 resource providing a variety of classes to serve educational and entertainment needs for patrons of
 all ages.
- <u>eLearning</u> an exciting new service, <u>eLearning</u> provides links to fun, free educational resources, games and family-friendly activities with new content being added regularly.
- <u>ReferenceUSA</u> New, current, closed and historical business database, jobs/internships postings, healthcare physicians and dentist and U.S. consumer/lifestyle listings.

For a full list of free electronic and digitized resources available to patrons, visit the eLibrary page at http://www.ocpl.org/elib.

OC Public Libraries serves millions of members across Orange County. While it can be challenging to tailor a service or program to all needs, OC Public Libraries strives to remain a trusted community partner. If you'd like to reach out to OC Public Libraries, please email your local library branch. Contact information for all 33 library branches can be found on the OC Public Libraries' website under <u>Contact the Library</u>. Library staff is readily available to respond to your inquiries via email or social media as OC Public Libraries continues to engage, educate, and support you.

Julie Quillman County Librarian

Shop Dungan Collectibles From Home!!!

Big 50% OFF SALE

Missing our book store? We are now offering our entire stock of collectibles at a 50% discount. To reserve yours today, follow these easy steps:

- 1. Visit our Friends website: friendscmlibraries.org
- 2. Select Our Bookstores
- 3. Scroll down to "Dungan's Complete List of Collectibles"
- 4. Download the PDF highlighted in blue and make your selection
- 5. Reserve your book by emailing the book store: friendsofcmlibraries@gmail.com
- 6. Your book will be waiting for you upon Re-Opening of our beautiful library! Payment due upon receipt of book.

NOTE: Should there be multiple requests for the same collectible, priority is given for first request.

Mary Leshure Mgr, Dungan Friends Book Store

Volunteer In The Spotlight!!

Recently, we received a generous donation of vintage Hardy Boys books to our collectibles offerings. Mary Leshure did such an excellent job of making the donation process easy and embodying the spirit and love for books that our group represents, the donor sent the following email:

"I just wanted to say thanks to you and the library for accepting my donation of the Hardy Boys books this morning. Those books were the first to introduce me to a lifetime of reading, and they mean a lot to me. I am so glad you were able to offer them a good home going forward, and I appreciate the enthusiasm you showed this morning upon receiving them more than I can ever explain. I couldn't have imagined a better way to move them to their next home. Thank you so very much."

Thank you Mary for being such a great representative of the Friends!

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Alexis Rivera Is Here To Help!

We are so pleased that The Friends is partnering with Alexis Rivera, who is working on her Masters Degree in Communications at CSU—Fullerton. Alexis is a Marketing & Communications Specialist at Orange County's Credit Union. Her job includes overseeing the social media & public relations strategy, copywriting for marketing campaigns, and developing communications strategies for associates and members.

Alexis has 3 objectives for her work with the Friends:

- 1. Develop a media outreach strategy to increase awareness of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries and how they support our local libraries.
- 2. Increase member engagement by developing new forms of content.
- 3. Once this crisis has past, help raise money for our community projects by promoting current donation channels.

Mesa Verde is Expanding

Mesa Verde has two patio areas on the sides of the library that have virtually never been usable spaces. As you know, the library's increasing number of meetings and programs have outgrown the indoor space available. The Board voted at our meeting in January to allocate money to re-do one of the patio areas. The enhancement will include the removal of old concrete and replacing it with "wall-to-wall" concrete which will make it accessible to all patrons and provide a much larger usable area. In addition, we will purchase an awning-type shade cover for the space. When this is completed it will be used by both children and adults.

Because our bookstores (our main sources of income) are closed, we may need to do a fundraiser to help with this project. More on this later.

Your Membership Matters

By Cheryl Dollison

To our valued Friends, just a short note to thank each and every one of you for being wonderful supporters. In light of the current situation, we continue to stress that membership dues and monetary donations are truly important in support of our libraries.

- Those membership contributions allow us to provide needed books, magazines, equipment, and infrastructure upgrades and plan future programs for our libraries.
- Please note your membership expiration on the mailing label. If your membership has expired please take a moment and renew.
- We have included a membership form in this issue of the Binding for your convenience to renew, or use the online form. We hope to hear from you soon.

We think of books as treasures but no treasures are greater than the people we hold so very dear. *Take care and wishing you health and wellness.*

Guest Speaker – Ann Napolitano

By Alison Wright

We were honored to be able to host New York Times bestselling author, Ann Napolitano, and the Editorial Director of Dial Press, Whitney Frick, at the Donald Dungan Library this past February. She spoke about her incredible book, Dear Edward, which tells the story of a young boy who survived a horrific plane crash that killed everyone on board but him. When you've lost everything, how do you find the strength to put one foot in front of the other? How do you learn to feel safe again? How do you find meaning in your life? Dear Edward is at once a transcendent coming-of-age story, a multidimensional portrait of an unforgettable cast of characters, and a breathtaking illustration of all the ways a broken heart learns to love again.

Ann discussed the genesis of the book from inception to the marketplace. She also shared about the real live news story which inspired the book.

"I never thought I would write a novel about a plane crash. I'm a nervous flyer, and fictionally I've always gravitated more toward family drama than novels filled with crashes and explosions. But in 2010, I became obsessed with a news story about a nine-year-old Dutch boy who was the sole survivor of the crash of Afriqiyah Airways Flight 771. I couldn't stop thinking about this child who lost everything—his parents, his brother, his entire world—in one sweeping moment. My own sons were one and three years old at the time, and I needed to believe that if they ever had to endure such a loss, they would somehow be able to go on. I wanted to think that they could go to school, make new friends, fall in love. That need to believe in a path forward after unimaginable tragedy drove me to write one for my fictional Edward."

Ann stopped working outside the home (a mother of two who lives in New York City) in order to write the book. Living in one of the most expensive cities in the world without having two incomes, she said that she watched her spending and was able to refocus on what is really important.

"I started writing *Dear Edward* in an effort to discover how someone—in this case, a young boy—can learn not just to survive, but to truly live. It took me eight years to write this story. In that time, I found that the empathy of others is essential in clearing a path through grief. I hope readers of *Dear Edward* discover similar wells of kindness in their own lives."

Praise for Dear Edward:

- Dear Edward debuted at #2 on The New York Times bestseller list!
- The novel is an Editor's Choice in The New York Times Book Review.
- Dear Edward chosen as the January 2020 Today Show #ReadwithJenna book club pick.
- The Barnes & Noble Book Club selected Dear Edward as their January 2020 book.
- Books-A-Million selected *Dear Edward* as their 2020 President's Pick.
- Dear Edward chosen as a December 2019 Book of the Month.
- Dear Edward chosen as a <u>January 2020 Indie Next Pick</u>.
- Library Reads selected Dear Edward as their number one pick of January 2020 books.
- An Amazon <u>Best Book of the Month</u> for January 2020.

"Dear Edward is a masterpiece that should be at the top of everyone's reading list," J. Courtney Sullivan, bestselling author of Saints for All Occasions.

We want to give a special thank you to Creating Conversations for helping us connect with the author and for providing books that Ann signed and personalized after her talk.

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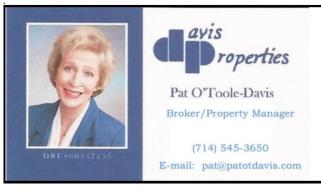














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