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THE BINDING

The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

What? Is it the beginning of August already? How can this be? Since our last edition of the Binding, nothing much has changed for The Friends. We are definitely still here and “chomping at the bit” to get back in the business of raising money to support our two wonderful libraries in Costa Mesa. Unfortunately, as you know, both Donald Dungan and Mesa Verde libraries remain closed because of the COVID-19 crisis. Happily, both branches are able to offer curbside services to pick up and return borrowed books that have been placed on hold. Please use these very helpful services. Go online at OCPL.org to reserve books and to check out the myriad of other things available on the website. While I was browsing the other day, I found many terrific ideas and directions for crafters of all ages.

Thanks to the work of our past president Bob Ooten, we continue to work toward our goal of providing a canopy covering for one of the enclosed side areas at Mesa Verde Library. Library manager Vivian Strabala hopes to use the outdoor area for speakers, book club meetings, crafts for all ages, and much more. The area also has internet availability and can also be used by patrons for that purpose. Bob is working with the City of Costa Mesa to coordinate the necessary requirements to complete the project, including the flooring. In addition, Bob is working with a group of Boy Scouts who are interested in helping with this project to complete their Eagle Scout requirements. Thanks very much Bob!

Because The Friends are currently not able to open our bookstores, we are not able to earn money for our libraries. Now our only means of earning money is to encourage memberships. If you have not renewed your membership for 2020, we encourage you to do so. We **very much** appreciate our members for their continued support.

As I wrote for the Spring edition, please stay safe and healthy. And please know that we hope to see you **soon**.

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hold in your hand.”
-Neil Gaiman*

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Your Membership Matters

By Cheryl Dollison

Dear friends, I have been a Volunteer and Friend of the Costa Mesa Libraries for almost fourteen years. I am currently serving as VP of Membership and am concerned for the future of our Libraries and Bookstores. With the Friends bookstores closed, membership dues and monetary donations are now more important than ever.

We continue to request that if you are financially able, please renew for 2020. In this issue, please find included a membership form. You may renew online also.

We hope to hear from you soon. Please contact me at friendscmlibraries@att.net if you have any questions concerning membership. We are missing our great friends! Take care and be safe and healthy!

Costa Mesa Libraries Curbside Pickup, Book drops, And Library Chat

From Vivian Strabala and Kristina Jones

While OC Public Libraries remain closed due to COVID-19 related concerns, libraries are offering contactless Curbside Pickup. OCPL current full-service library cardholders can place a hold online for materials at ocpl.org and staff will bring the items outside for you!

Curbside hours at Donald Dungan Library and Mesa Verde Library are Tuesday through Friday from 12 – 6pm and Saturday 10am – 4pm until further notice. You will be notified when your items are available for contactless curbside pickup. Please call your local branch during Curbside hours for more details.



Library bookdrops are open and available. These are open all hours for library returns. **Please note that we cannot accept any donations at this time**, we thank you for your understanding.

In addition, OC Public Libraries also has *Library Chat* available during the same hours as Curbside Pickup.

Librarians are available to chat online with patrons to answer reference and library questions. You will find this service at www.ocpl.org Look for this image:

Ask a question
We're online!

Alexis Rivera – New PR Officer

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