

friends OF THE COSTA MESA LIBRARIES

THE BINDING

The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

WOW! 2020 is here! It doesn't seem that long ago I was worried about Y2K.

2019 was a huge year for the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries. Here are some of the highlights **YOU** made possible.

In May the Donald Dungan opened in its new location in Lions Park. The Friends donated \$101,000 for amenities in the new library. The Friends' bookstore/wall of books opened the same day, stocked with an amazing selection of fiction, non-fiction, classics and children's books. Bookstore Manager, Mary Leshure, and her Chief Assistant, Carolyn Bjork, worked tirelessly to make sure the books were ready for sale on that first day. Bookstore volunteer, Steph Campbell, worked with Mary and Carolyn to organize and advertise our collectable books. You can view the list of collectibles on our website at www.friendscmlibraries.org



Let's not forget our Mesa Verde Bookstore continues to be our biggest money maker. Bookstore manager, Michele Jett, and her team of volunteers do a fantastic job of keeping the bookstore clean, organized and fully stocked with every kind of books. They are an amazing team!

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-Jane Austen*

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The Friends worked for 6 months to raise money to purchase and install four outdoor musical instruments at our Mesa Verde Library. It was a true collaboration between the Friends, the City and Orange County Public Libraries. Over 125 people attended the ribbon cutting in October, and everyone enjoyed playing the instruments and/or listening to their beautiful tones. Library manager, Vivian Strabala, says the instruments are played by patrons, young and not so young, throughout the day, every day. They have also been a magnet, drawing new people to the library. It was a true honor to be presented with the Harmony Circle plaque that commemorates the contributions of the FOL and the generous citizens of Costa Mesa who donated \$100 or more.



We also had so many great author speakers this year! Critically Acclaimed author, Victor Villaseñor delivered a powerful talk about overcoming adversity. Abbi Waxman caught us up on the Bookish Life of Nina Hill, her third novel. Christina Lynch invited us all to the Italian Party, her debut novel that was born from her experience living in Tuscany. We were also treated to a talk by Newport Harbor High School Alumni, Jeanne McWilliams Blasberg, author of *The Nine*.



The President's Messages - Continued

The Costa Mesa Friends of the Library was founded in 1960, and between the beautiful new Library, the inspiring musical instruments, and our fantastic showcase of speakers, it's safe to say this may be one of our most prolific years ever. Not bad for our 59th anniversary. Let's make our 60th even more special!

I want to wish each of our wonderful members a very happy and healthy year in 2020. Without **YOU** the Friends would be unable to do all the things that "support excellence in library services" at our two Costa Mesa libraries. Thank you, all!

Help Us Keep Up Our Tradition Of Giving!

By Mary Ellen Goddard

Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. Our group has, like most organizations, had good and not-so-good years in terms of the amount of monetary support we have been able to give our libraries. And now, because we have been lucky enough in Costa Mesa to have a new, larger library, we really need to be able to provide more funds to support the additional services we have long wanted to have available for our community. We have a committee set up to discuss how this might be done. I am sure that some of you members have ideas that might be helpful in this endeavor. Maybe your cousin in Dallas or Boston is a Friends of the Library volunteer and has told you all about what she or he is doing. Please let us know. You can contact me at megoddard572@gmail.com. Thanks!

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Speaking of ways to give. We want to thank everyone who uses **smile.amazon.com** when you order things from Amazon. When you buy, Amazon contributes to the Friends. We really appreciate your contribution that help the FOL so much. THANK YOU!!

Your Membership Matters!

It's that time of year again: time to renew your Friends' membership for 2020. (If you have already done it, we thank you very much!) You can renew by using the membership application in this issue of the Binding, or use the form on our website. Just write a check payable to the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries (or FOCML), mail it or drop it off at either library and write FOCML on the envelope. We thank you for your support!

Many thanks to our V.P. of Membership Steph Campbell who has served for about 2 years. We appreciate all she has done for the Friends, including streamlining the membership process and our database in many ways. Steph recently resigned her position. We will miss her. Luckily

Luckily, Cheryl Dollison has volunteered and been appointed to take Steph's place. Cheryl also volunteers at both the Dungan and Mesa Verde bookstores. We are thrilled to have her as our new V.P. of Membership and member of the board!

Mesa Verde Has Something For Everyone!

By Vivian Stabala

This past Fall, patrons of all ages enjoyed an interactive musical performance and presentation by a professional Harpist. Teens participated in a Spooky Scavenger Hunt and children joined library led programs including: S.T.E.A.M. workshops; Special Storytimes; Builder's Club; Homework Help; and Make & Take Crafts. The branch hosted a National Endowment of the Arts Big Read event with a lively discussion of the book "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?: A Memoir" by New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast. **Check out all our great programs in 2020:**

For Children

Preschool Storytime: Mondays at 11am

Baby & Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays at 11am

Bilingual Storytime: Thursdays at 11am

For Teens

S.T.E.A.M. Workshop: Thursdays at 4pm

BARK! Read to a Dog: The 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11am

Special Programs

***The Honey Bus* by Meredith May,** Sunday, January 26th at 2pm

***The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes,** Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm,

Please check our calendar at www.ocpl.org for full listings.



So Much Is Happening At Donald Dungan In 2020!

By Kristina Jones

We have lots of program coming to the library in 2020! Thank you to our Friends of the Library for funding for many events. We hope to see you at the library soon.

For children

Baby Band Storytime: Monday at 10:30am

Toddler Storytime: Tuesday at 10:30am

Bilingual Storytime: Thursday at 10:30am

Homework Help: Tuesday and Thursday 4pm-6pm

We also have S.T.E.A.M. programs, weekly family movies, parachute playtime, and more.

For teens

Game On: Trivia Night: Wed, Jan 8 at 5pm

Teen Movie Club: 1st Wednesday at 3:30pm

Teen Art Hour: 3rd Wednesday at 5pm

For adults

Regularly scheduled programs:

The Book Club: 1st Monday at 5:30pm

Film Club: Tuesday at 4pm

Club de Lecture: 2nd Saturday at 11am

ESL Conversation Club: Last Friday at 10:30am

New Voices Playwrights: Last Sunday at 11am

Special programs:

Tidy with Spark: the Konmari Method: Sunday, January 12 at 10am

100 Things to do in Orange County: Saturday, January 25 at 11am

Love is Always in Style: Special Movie Screening of The Shop Around the Corner: Sunday, January 19 at 1:30am

What is the Story You Are Meant to Tell: A Workshop with Barbara DeMarco Barrett: Saturday, Feb 15 at 12pm

Please check our calendar at www.ocpl.org for full listings.

We Love Our Volunteers!!

The heart of our organization are our phenomenal bookstore volunteers who do every shift with friendliness, dedicated work and the spirit that keeps our patrons coming back. We can't thank you enough for ALL you do. Because some of our volunteers have moved and some have retired from their work at our bookstores, we are in need of additional volunteers at both the Mesa Verde and Donald Dungan bookstores.



Volunteering is fun, you get to meet lots of people and you get to talk about books! (What could be better than that?!) If you have a couple of hours during the week, Mary Leshure at Dungan or Michele Jett at Mesa Verde will be very happy to talk to you about the position and answer any questions you have. Please contact them via email: Mary at dmleshure@aol.com or Michele at ladymysh@sbcglobal.net

They provide ample training before you start. The work is NOT hard, and the work environments are fun!

We are currently looking for a Public Relations Chairman. If you are interested (and I hope you are!) please let Donna Stapleton know at stapleton4@sbcglobal.net.

So Many Events In The Works For 2020

By Alison Wright

The library is planning to hold a 100-person drum circle inspired by the new outdoor instruments that were placed at the Mesa Verde Library. Cheryl Ooten, who held a drum circle at MV Library last year, shared with us about the Native American Legend that says if 100 or more people drum at the same time, the energy in the world shifts to help bring more peace. Stay tuned for the date at Lion's Park. The Costa Mesa Women's Club and others have started collecting and decorating drums.

We are also doing more to bring the library to the community and promoting awareness of library programs and building literacy in our community. We participated in the Concerts in the Park and the Family Health Day at the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living, where we support a Little Free Library.

We are also looking to work with our local City Council Members, the CM Urban Workshop (a community centered workshop and makerspace), and the Neighborhood Beautification Committee for the CM Early Childhood Coalition to build even more Little Free Libraries. We encourage you to check out the Library bookstores if you are looking to donate books to a LFL or planning to build one of your own.

Stay tuned as we roll out all these great programs!!

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Winter 2020

NEW HOURS!

Mesa Verde 714-546-5274

Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 10a.m.—7p.m.
 Friday, Saturday, & Sunday: 9a.m.—5p.m.

Bookstore Hours (behind the library):

Tuesday through Sunday: 1p.m.—4p.m.
 (Closed on Mondays)

*The new Donald Dungan Library
 open now!*

Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan 949-646-8845

Library Hours:

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 Friday through Sunday: 9a.m.—5p.m.

Bookstore Hours

Monday Through Thursday 10a.m. - 7p.m.
 Friday and Sunday 9a.m. - 5p.m.

Bookstore Hours are the same as the library's hours.

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