The President’s Message—Cheryl Fletcher

“The greatest gift is the passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral illumination.”
~Elizabeth Hardwick

The Friends are proud to support your passion for reading and appreciate your contribution towards our community. Donald Dungan and Mesa Verde Libraries provide a plethora of programs, and we hope the books and programs offer you wide experiences. Autumn is the season for thankfulness. So thank you for being a part of Friends of Costa Mesa Libraries.

Please consider some more ways to extend a passion for reading and literacy:

♦ You can become a board member.
♦ You can donate gently loved books.
♦ You can let us know of any fundraising ideas that we could try.
♦ You could encourage friends, family, or neighbors to become a member.
♦ You can gift a membership to a loved one.
♦ You can purchase a book bag for $10 and fill it with books purchased at one of our bookstores for someone that needs cheering up or for a birthday gift.

Take care and enjoy the autumn splendor.

Kind Regards,

Cheryl

“Books break the shackles of time, proof that humans can work magic.” —Carl Sagan

Save the Date! December 2nd

Mesa Verde Bookstore is having a sale on Saturday, December 2nd, specializing in Holiday Books, Children’s Books, Cooking, and other delights for the holidays! Contact the Mesa Verde Bookstore for more details.
LET’S RAISE SOME DOUGH!

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OCPL helps our communities learn, explore, connect and have fun! Our programs explore arts, culture, health, civics, science, history and technology. Career and business resources assist job seekers and small businesses. Online, library patrons access databases, research materials, stream videos, listen to ebooks and receive reference services and homework help via chat.

Systemwide programs:

In-N-Out Cover to Cover Club  October 7 – November 18, 2023

Children ages 4 to 12 who read five books will earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger. If the children are unable to read themselves, their parents or caregivers may read five books to them.

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

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

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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,
Come to our Collectibles Sale on November 4th 10:00 to 4:00

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Our sale will feature classic authors like Dickens, Hemingway, and Twain. There will be some first editions and some books signed by the author. Some books will be new to you and worth investigating. Plus, we will have some classic children’s books.

Books will be priced from $5 and up. Rare items will also be on sale.

You might find a valuable addition to your personal library, at an affordable price, or it could be an opportunity for holiday shopping for the book lover on your list!

Some collectibles have fine handmade bindings, and some have original photographs, color plates, and fine illustrations. We have art books, novels, book sets, interesting dictionaries, history books and more. We know you can't really make a solid purchasing decision without leafing through a book and admiring its cover and artwork. That’s why shopping collectibles at this sale will be so rewarding.

Questions: friendsofcmlibraries@gmail.com or call: 949-646-8845 or 714-299-4551
Dear Friends,

I am happy that the fall/winter season is almost here. It is a great time to enjoy a good book. The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries have decided we will continue our membership perks into the next year.

All members who have joined or renewed for 2023/2024 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 last drawing of the 2023 year.

- Peggy Lenhart>> $25.00 Mountain Mike’s Pizza gift card
- Ruth Hargiss>> Friends Book bag
- Kristi Borenski>> $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. Become a Friend now and your membership will not expire until December 31, 2024.

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.

Be sure and stop by one or both of our great bookstores for some great bargains on books. We appreciate your continuing support very much and hope to hear from you soon. We hope that you have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

Cheryl and Maurice Dollison
V.P., Membership

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If you are interested in volunteering,

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we will give you a call.

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