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The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

The long-awaited Grand Opening of our beautiful new Donald Dungan Library was on May 24th. Many dignitaries spoke; there was music and food; and Mayor Katrina Foley read Is Your Mama a Llama? to a group of preschoolers just before the highly anticipated ribbon cutting. Once everyone was invited in, many “ooo”s and “aaah”s were heard as people toured the two spectacular light-filled floors. If you haven't been to see it, you really need to. The architecture is amazing!

One of the highlights of the morning's ceremony was when past president of The Friends, Mary Ellen Goddard and her husband Art lead the flag salute. It was fitting for the Goddard's to be a part of the ceremony since they were instrumental in getting this new library for our community. We thank them for their diligence and persistence. I doubt we would have this beautiful new library without their many years of encouraging the city to build it.

Thank you to all members of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries. Because of your many years of support the Friends were able to donate \$101,000 for amenities in the new library. Your generous support donated: the Media Wall at the main entrance, the Play and Learn Island in the children's area, the Teen Library Technology Bar, and the interactive Media Display. Also check out The Friends' bookstore. It is amazing!

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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

WE DID IT!

Thanks to your generous donations, other grants and corporate support, **we reached our fundraising goal of \$18,423** for the outdoor musical instruments for the Mesa Verde Library. The instruments have been ordered, and we look forward to their delivery and installation sometime in July or August. You will receive more information about the ribbon cutting when we have definite dates.

I cannot express how your generosity for this project touched my heart. It was truly overwhelming. I felt a little like George Bailey in "It's A Wonderful Life" when everyone in Bedford Falls brought money to George in his time of need. Really I did!

Many, many thanks for the generosity of all our donors:

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Thank you very much, everyone! You made it happen! I look forward to playing music with you soon!

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Your Membership Matters!

By Stephanie Campbell

I would like to take this issue of The Binding to introduce myself to everyone as the new VP of Membership as well as send out a huge “thank you” to Tracey Daschbach for all her work as well as filling in for me when I was gone.

As all of you know, memberships are our life blood and it is what enables us to do so much of what we do. Since our new library opened, we have had 15 new members and more joining all the time – too many to thank individually here. But to our newest members – a huge thank you! And for those of you who are current, a big thank you! As you probably know, if you are receiving this newsletter by postal mail, your label indicates when your membership expires. If we have it wrong, or if you have questions about your membership because you are receiving an email version of the newsletter, please email me at friendscmlibraries@att.net. Also, you can always renew or upgrade your membership at our Mesa Verde bookstore. You can also turn this into an opportunity to visit the brand new fabulous Friends Wall at the Dungan Library and renew there!

For those of you who haven't renewed I will be sending out gentle reminders later this month.

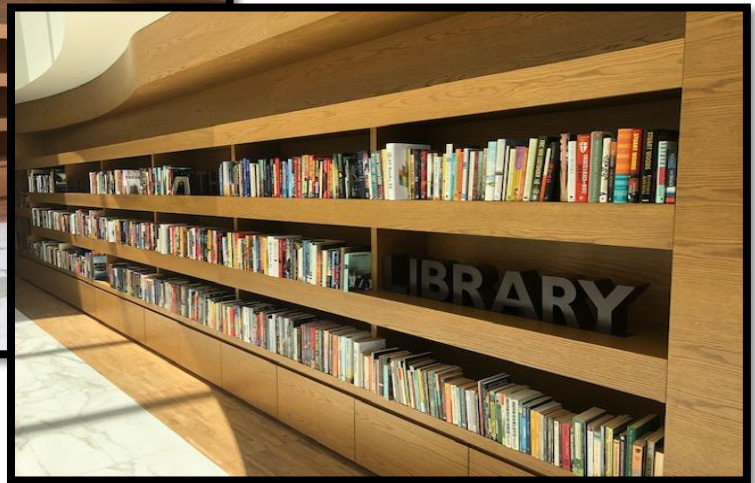
Thanks for all your support!

Donald Dungan Friends Bookstore Re-Opens!!

By Mary Leshure

If the library is open, so are we! Our Friends' Bookstore re-opened May 24 amid much fanfare, hard hats and effort by our All-Star Team of volunteers! Carolyn Bjork and I were equipped with hard hats and neon vests to unpack and shelve our entire collection of beautiful, gently-used books!

We are very pleased to announce our new "Open All-Hours" policy. You now have access to our classics, best-sellers, collectibles, favorite fiction/non-fiction and children's books during all library hours : Mon-Thurs 10-7 and Fri-Sun 9-5. Please stop by soon and see our contemporary newly-designed store!



A special thank you to our many dedicated volunteers: Carolyn Bjork, Mary Ellen Goddard, Donna Stapleton, Tracey Daschbach, Steph Campbell, Ali Wright, Ruth Ann Miller, Jacqui Lopez, Bert Smith, Lynn Walker, Janet Torsney, Cheryl Dollison, Dennis Leshure, Margaret Forsyth.

An extra special thank you to Kristina Jones, our Donald Dungan branch manager, and to Barbara Steck for their support throughout this project.

Christina Lynch – Author & Champion of Books

By Alison Wright

We were honored to have Christina Lynch as our guest author last month and we wanted to give her a special thanks for coming to speak to us on her own time and dime about her debut novel, **The Italian Party**. We also learned about her passion for literacy, love of libraries, dedication to education, and her four years of living in Tuscany as a residence writer for an Inn in Tuscany which inspired her to write this engrossing story that makes you feel like you are right there with the characters. To really capture the story she wanted to tell, Christina wrote 22 drafts and had to cut a lot out of the original 450 page book she wrote. It took about a year and a half to write the first draft and approximately two years to do all of the revisions. A true labor of love.

The Italian Party takes place in Italy during the summer of 1956 when an American newlywed couple first moves there. This was a time of enormous uncertainty with the Hungarian uprising, the denouncing of Stalin, and Italy teetering on the brink of democratically electing the communist party. Although the couple is there to sway the Italians by promoting capitalism and their way of life, it is they who discover “that you can live in another culture all your life and you will never completely understand it, but you will come to understand your own”. Advice that Edward T. Hall, the cultural anthropologist, gave to members of the State Department in the 50s.



Conan O'Brien, who wrote with Christina at the *Lampoon Journal* during their college days at Harvard, said in his review, "I've always wanted to take a trip to Italy in the 1950's and *The Italian Party* is my ticket. Like the best Italian paintings, this smart and funny book deftly combines the light and the dark." *Bustle's* review said it is a "sweltering thriller set against the backdrop of what is probably your dream getaway destination: Tuscany."

During her talk she shared a poignant story about how the power of books changed her friend's daughter from a struggling to stellar student. When her friend's daughter was in 6th grade and going away to camp, her mom put a magical book in her bag, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. This one act ignited her daughter's love of reading and was an important step in her future success.

A big thank you to the Costa Mesa Women's Club for hosting us and Lido Village Books for providing books to purchase at the event. We also want to give a special thank you to the Vitaly Italian Homemade restaurant located at The Camp on Bristol for hosting us for lunch after the event. The owners, who are from Emilia Romagna (known as the capital of Italian food), were able to join us for some of the meal and spoke about all things Italian with Christina...in Italian.

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 20th from 2:00pm - 3:30pm** for Abbi Waxman's talk. We will be hosting her the first day of National Friends of the Library Week.

Please don't hesitate to email me at cmfolevents@gmail.com with suggestions of local authors who you would like to hear from and/or your preferred day/time for events.

Mesa Vervi's new Branch Manager - Vivian Strabala

By Kristina Jones

Please stop by and say hi to Vivian at Mesa Verde when you get a chance!

Vivian has worked in education for six years and then for Huntington Beach Public Library (HBPL) for another six years. At HBPL, she worked her way up as a volunteer to a Library Clerk, then a Library Specialist, and the a Librarian.

Vivian has been serving as Adult Services Librarian at Heritage Park Library for the past year and a half. She brings much experience to Mesa Verde as she served as one of the branch managers at many of the HBPL branches and has been an integral part of the in-charge team at our busy Heritage Park branch. She really enjoys bringing a wide array of resources and programming to a diverse group of library patrons and has especially enjoyed moderating the many book clubs she has facilitated. She is excited to collaborate with the Costa Mesa FOL in serving our community. Vivian is very familiar with the FOL Bookstore, as she has personally shopped there many times over the years!

Updates from the Costa Mesa Libraries

By Kristina Jones

Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library

Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library opened on May 24th!

The beautiful, new library boasts a separate children's library, teen "ESC" room, 2 study rooms, Laptop Kiosk (borrow one of our laptops!), plentiful seating areas, Friends of the Library Book Sale, and stunning architecture & spectacular views.

Our summer is filled with activities and events. A few of our many events:

Mon at 10:30: Baby Band

Tues at 10:30: Toddler Storytime

Wed at 10:30: Summer Reading Show

Thurs at 10:30: Bilingual Storytime

Mon-Fri 12pm-1pm: Lunch at the Library (June 24- Aug 2) for ages 0-18

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

We hope to see you soon at the beautiful Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library.

Mesa Verde Library

Mesa Verde Library has several upcoming programs:

Story times

Pre-School Story time, **Mondays** at 11 AM

Family Story time, **Wednesdays** at 11 AM



S.T.E.A.M. Workshop

Every Thursday from 4-5pm. Located at the Children's Craft Table area. Drop in for fun educational activities about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration is required. While supplies last**

Tech Help

This is a one-on-one, appointment based, tech help program for patrons who have questions and need assistance with computers or other electronic devices. Available in English/Spanish.

Read to a Dog!

This event is for beginning readers. No registration is required. Dogs love listening to stories! Make a dog happy and come to the Children's Area on the second Saturday of every month! Walk-ins welcome!

All Day Drop in Craft

Visit the Children's area and pick up a fun Make & Take Craft! This program takes place the second Saturday of each month.

All day. While Supplies Last***

Summer Reading Program

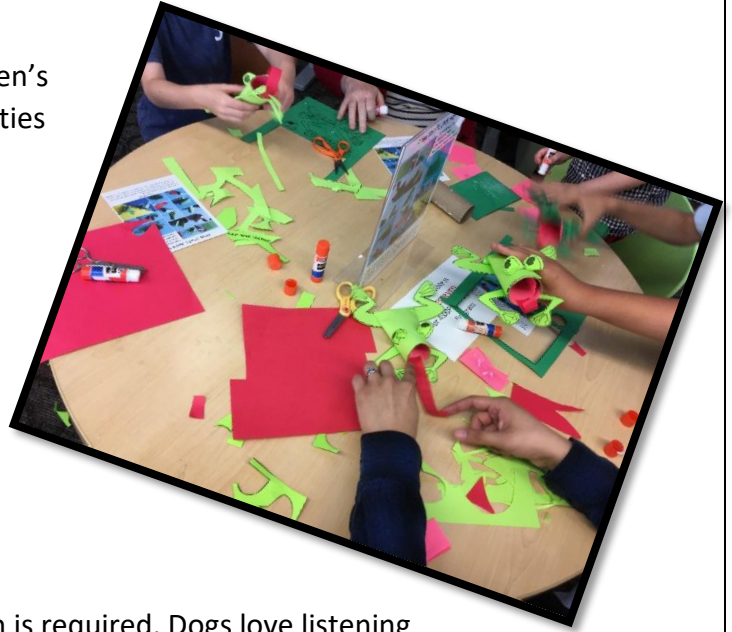
June 25 at 11:00AM – Slime Party

July 2 at 11:00AM – Pacific Animal Productions

July 9 at 11:00AM – Arty Loon Magic Show

July 16 at 11:00AM – It's Almost Showtime - A Puppet Show

July 23 at 11:00AM – End of Summer Reading Program Party



Recognizing great work – Little Libraries

By Nathan White

There are people out there doing some truly great work to bring the power of books to their communities. Each library does not only strengthen literacy, but it builds community, it strengthens the relationships amongst neighbors, and it increases the likelihood the youth will grow up to be thoughtful and successful.

Last year Anthony Formosi wrote a \$20,000 grant to build 6 Little Free Libraries in Long Beach. It was a matching grant, so He had to find \$10,000 from the community to match the 10k that the city was going to give me. So, he had different neighborhood and business groups all donate their time and money to make this happen. Anthony had over 12 different groups and 3 elected officials all put into this project. There was a Grand Unveiling event acknowledging all the people involved, highlighting each Little Free Library all in one place. Elected officials and each recipient gave speeches on the importance of literacy, community, and working together.

These Little Free Libraries are also popping up around Costa mesa, from the streets of Eastside Costa Mesa to a local Homeless Shelter. Every time you create an opportunity for a someone to pick up a book, you create an opportunity to have their lives changed. These Little Free Libraries have an impact.



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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)

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Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan 949-646-8845

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

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