

Friends of the Ramona Library (FORL) Newsletter February 2022



Hope you had a great Valentine's Day! It's membership time for the FORL, and I urge you to renew your membership and maybe add a little more. You can renew by sending a check, or even easier, by using PayPal. Just follow the link on our website, friendsoframonalibrary.org.

Our 10-Year Celebration on Saturday, February 12, was a lot of fun and very successful. It was wonderful to see our community enjoying various activities. Matt Nuth and Eric Dickerson played some beautiful music. 2Create Gallery loaned the library some artwork that brightened the day. And the Ramona Junior of Commerce from Ramona High School did a great job setting up, staffing the activities, and helping to clean up. Their energy was contagious!

Unfortunately, Dianne Jacob was unable to join us, but FORL Board Director Princess Norman planned the formal presentation very well. Speakers included Honorary Mayor John Degenfelder, FORL lifetime member Dick Wayman, Library Director Migell Acosta, FORL lifetime member Joan Gansert, and Policy Advisor Tori Floyd from Supervisor Joel Anderson's Office. They talked about the history of funding the building, what the library means to Ramona, and how the library will serve the community in the future.

And, thank you to library staff for planning the activities! The library birthday cake was unique, fashioned by folding book pages. The Ramona Garden Club donated some gorgeous flower arrangements for decoration and our drawing. Carole Gatwood, FORL member, took some lovely pictures for our website. Thank you also to *Ramona Sentinel* reporter Julie Gallant for her [comprehensive article and pictures about the event](#). A good time was had by all!

The library is open now from 10 – 4 PM from Monday through Friday and is able to plan programs for customers over 12 years of age. Since the County of San Diego sets health guidelines, the library must comply. The indoor mask mandate for the vaccinated has been lifted as of February 15. We hope that in the near future, the library will be able to increase its hours and offer evening and weekend times.

How can you help us support the library?

- Renew your membership when it's due and consider giving a little extra.
- Volunteer at the Open Book Store. An application is available at the store.
- Donate money to the FORL or gently used books at the Book Store. Because of limited staff, please keep your donation to one bag or box.
- Sign up for the Amazon Smile program, smile.amazon.com. On your first visit, you'll be prompted to choose a charity. If you would like to change your existing choice to FORL, [please see these instructions](#).
- Encourage your friends and relatives to become members.
- Purchase a tile on our donor wall; the application is on our website at friendsoframonalibrary.org/donor-wall.

Sincerely,

Maxine McNamara
President

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Upcoming Events at the Ramona Library

For up-to-date information about events at the Ramona Library, plus contact information and details about features and facilities, please visit their website at www.sdcl.org/locations/28/.

Note that the free tax assistance through AARP coming up March 5 & 19 and April 2 & 9 is for all ages. Registration is required. Please sign up at the library Help Desk or call 760-788-5270 ext. 3. For tax questions, call AARP at 888-687-2277.



Emergency Broadband Benefit recipients fully enrolled as of December 31, 2021 will automatically continue to receive their current monthly benefit until March 1, 2022. You can learn more about the program transition and steps you may need to take to stay enrolled after March 1st, by visiting fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program). If your household is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. To receive the connected device discount, consumers need to enroll in the ACP with a participating provider that offers connected devices. Learn more at acpbenefit.org.

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