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FRIENDS SPONSOR GRAND OPENING OF FOURTH MINI-LIBRARY



Oceanside Public Library, the Friends and the community recently celebrated the opening of our newest mini-library, now located at the Joe Balderrama Recreation Center, with a “Plant-a-Flower Storytime” along with springtime activities and snacks.

The goal of the mini-libraries is to make Library resources more accessible to the community, and the curated collection includes books for all age groups, with an emphasis on items specific to each center’s needs.

All Oceanside Public Library cardholders are welcome to check out mini-library materials. Staff and volunteers at the various centers are available to sign residents up for Library cards, check out materials, check-in returned items and assist customers as needed.

The Friends encourage you to visit the mini-libraries, and see the [Library website](#) for the latest information on all Library resources.

The Friends proudly support Oceanside Public Library’s outreach services, including mini-libraries, bookmobiles and home deliveries. The mini-libraries are made possible with partnership from Oceanside Parks & Recreation and support



from the Oceanside Public Library Foundation.

Oceanside Public Library Mini-library Locations

Joe Balderrama Recreation Center
709 San Diego Street, Oceanside

Melba Bishop Recreation Center
5306 N. River Road, Oceanside

El Corazon Senior Center
3302 Senior Center Drive, Oceanside

Country Club Lane Senior Center
455 Country Club Lane, Oceanside

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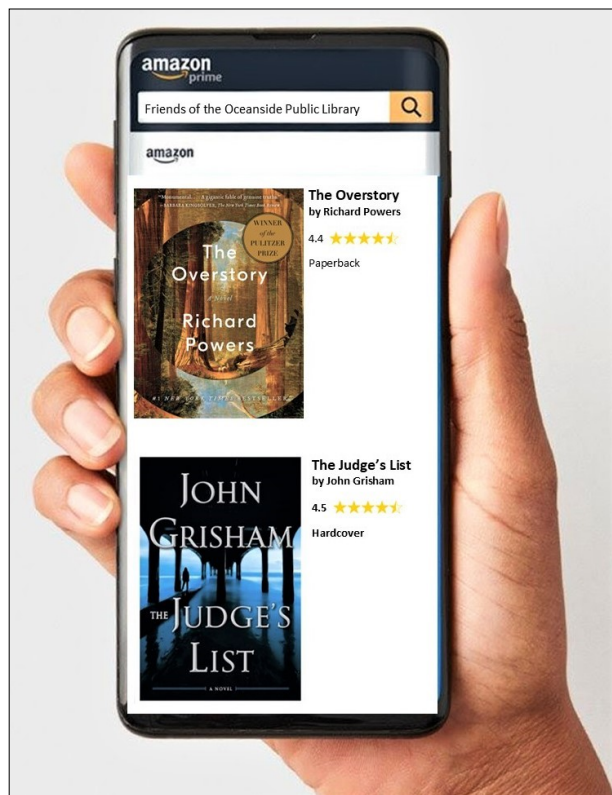
Civic Center Library:
330 N. Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054

Mission Branch:
3861-B Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92058

John Landes
Community Center Library:
2855 Cedar Road
Oceanside, CA 92056

READS Learning Center:
804 Pier View Way #101
Oceanside, CA 92054

**SHOP ONLINE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME +
GREAT BOOKS AT GREAT PRICES =
WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?**



The Friends' Amazon Store:
www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books
or **[click here](#)**.

Thursday Oceanside Farmers Market
Pier View Way and N. Coast Hwy.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shop at the Friends' Amazon Store and *all* the Friends' bookstores – indoors, outdoors and online.

Friends' Bookstore Locations:

Civic Center Library
330 N. Coast Hwy.
Oceanside, CA 92054
Mon-Thur, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri-Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Mission Branch Library
3861-B Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92056
Mon-Thur, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri-Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Jane & Evie's Used Books
323 N. Coast Hwy.
Oceanside, CA 92054
Mon-Wed, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thur-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
(summer hours may vary)



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Instagram.com/friendsbookstores

SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING
FRIENDS OF THE OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS!

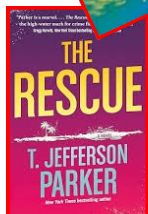
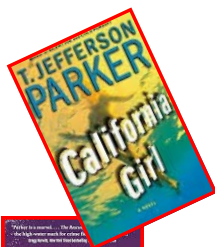
Authors, Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres

Civic Center Library
Sunday, October 13, 2024
12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Meet special guest
authors:

**T. Jefferson
Parker**

Edgar Allan Poe award
winning author of
mystery novels set in
Southern California



Jim Kempton

Local surfer and author of
Women on Waves:
A Cultural History of
Surfing

- Author Panel Moderated by Library Director CJ Di Mento
- Food and Beverages
- Silent Auction
- Opportunity Drawings

Ticket Prices

\$50 Friends Members

\$60 General Public

Watch your email for more information
including how and when tickets will be
available for purchase.

Additional author TBD

All proceeds benefit Oceanside Public Library

Bring your Holiday Shopping List to the...

Library Friends Craft Sale

Civic Center Library Community Room

Saturday, December 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Hand-crafted items including quilts, crochet,
paper, pottery and more

Watch your email for more information
All proceeds benefit Oceanside Public Library



all things MEMBERSHIP...



OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023 IMPACT REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023:



John Landes Community Center Library

Opened a new library location in the City at the John Landes Community Center, in partnership with Parks & Recreation and Housing & Neighborhood Services



Creando Memorias en Oceanside

Celebrated Oaxacan culture with a dance, culinary, art and music program series for the community, through the Cal Humanities Library Innovation Lab Grant



Oceanside, CA Cultural District

Led redesignation of downtown Oceanside as a Cultural District, through the Cal Humanities Library Innovation Lab Grant

"The library is a magical place."

How does your support of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library make an impact?

Read all about it... in the Library 2023 Impact Report!
Copies are available at all Library locations.



REAL ANNI CELEBRATION

Commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the Oceanside Public Library's "Our Oceanside Anthology" and expanded its establishment

OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023 IMPACT REPORT

IN 2023...

49,308
PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS & OUTREACH EVENTS - A 33% INCREASE

35,000+
SEEDS DISTRIBUTED PER MONTH

218
PUBLIC PROGRAMS PROVIDED AT THE JOHN LANDES COMMUNITY CENTER LIBRARY

450,000+
BOOKS & MATERIALS CHECKED OUT - AN INCREASE OF OVER 5%

147
LEARNERS PARTICIPATED IN READS PROGRAMS & CLASSES

4,048
SUMMER MEALS & FOOD BOXES SERVED THROUGH LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

Grants Awarded or Implemented

- Adult Literacy Services
- Community Health & Well-being Initiative
- Early Learning Hub
- E-Rate Program
- ESL Services
- Family Literacy Services
- Library Innovation Lab
- Lunch at the Library
- Oceanside CA Cultural District
- Stay & Play
- Youth Engagement & Leadership Project
- Teens Work Internships
- Uke Can Do It

\$1.25+ million

FRIENDS: TAKE A BOW!

In its Vision Statement, the Library's goal is defined "as the cultural heart of Oceanside, promoting the joy of reading, fostering cultural arts, nurturing civic engagement and encouraging openness to new ideas."

The 2023 Impact Report shows how your support of the Friends helps make that possible – thank you!

Marie Wilson
Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Membership Chair

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2028 GOALS

High-level goals the Library will accomplish:

- Enhance community awareness
- Expand library usage
- Foster cultural inclusivity
- Promote sustainability
- Strengthen community engagement & partnerships



Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and Oceanside Public Library Foundation support was essential in providing Library programs, collections and furnishings in 2023.
Visit oplfriends.org and oceansidelibraryfoundation.org to learn how to support the Library!

Thank You Laura!

Please join us in showing our true appreciation to Laura Arnsbarger, who's been the wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteer author and designer of the See Gull and Friend-ly News newsletters since 2019. As Laura moves on to fully enjoying her retirement, the Friends want to note how proud they are of the quality work she has produced, a role that will be difficult to match. In addition to her work on the See Gull, Laura has also contributed her

efforts to the design of flyers advertising Friends events, images for the website and social media posts and much more.

Laura has been one of the key people ensuring the vital lines of communication that the See Gull and Friend-ly News represent. Many hours of work go into each issue, and Laura's commitment to making these publications the powerful tools that they are has shone through in each and every page.

Thank you, Laura, for everything you have given to the Library and community during your tenure as a Friends volunteer. You will be missed and we wish you all the best.

Meet and Greet...

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Brewer

Doris Pfalmer

MEET THE BUSINESS FRIENDS OF OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Please thank our Business Friends for their support by patronizing them and inviting others to do the same:

North County Glass and Mirror
Studio ACE
Whim of Iron

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOUR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP AT OPLFRIENDS.ORG OR USE THIS FORM

Annual Individual Membership:

(Please circle membership level)

Annual Business Friend Membership:

(Please circle membership level)

Individual – \$20

Patron – \$100

Business Basic – \$50

Business Gold – \$500

Family – \$35

Sponsor – \$250

Business Bronze – \$100

Business Platinum – \$1000+

Booster – \$50

Benefactor – \$500

Business Silver – \$250

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name or Business Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Business Contact _____ Website _____

☐ Please do not acknowledge my membership publicly.

Donation: I've enclosed an extra \$_____ to help the Friends.

Volunteering: Contact me about volunteering ☐

I would like to make a donation ☐ In Honor of ☐ In Memory of _____

Make check payable to: Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. Membership and donations are tax deductible.

To return by mail: Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054-2824

Comments: _____

Friends and Volunteer Information: (760) 435-5560

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To upgrade your membership or make a donation please visit oplfriends.org.

ALMA'S THINGS CONSIDERED

A Look to the Future: Meet Our New Members of the Library Board of Trustees

New to the Library's Board of Trustees, but not new to the Oceanside Public Library, in their respective roles, they have been supporting the Library for many years.



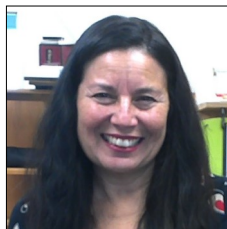
Gigi Gleason is an Oceanside native, and her love for our community and philanthropy was nurtured by her parents. She's been involved in many local organizations including the Tri-City Hospital Foundation, Oceanside Promise, Boys & Girls Club of Oceanside, New Haven Youth and Family Services, the Women's Resource Center, the Oceanside Public Library Foundation and now on the Library Board of Trustees. She believes that it's an honor and a privilege to do all that she can for the community that she dearly loves.

Gigi spent many, many hours of her childhood at the Oceanside Library (when it was on Nevada Street) and her father served on the Library Board in the late 1990s! Gigi loves that anyone of any age, toddler to retired, can find programs to enrich their lives within the Library. She views it as a vibrant hub enriching our community building connections and creating a sense of belonging, from showcasing arts and culture, to fostering lifelong learning.



Chris Wilson, a lifelong user of public libraries, serves on the Board of Directors of both the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and the Oceanside Public Library Foundation. With almost 15 years of experience in the Information Technology field. Chris has assisted in meeting current and future computing needs for the Library, the Foundation and the Friends. He has also volunteered to assist Library patrons at the Adult Reference Desk, and in using the public computers.

Chris got his love of libraries from his parents who often took him to their local libraries in Orange County. Arriving in Oceanside after attending school back east, he navigated his way to the Library in 2011 where he started volunteering. Now on the Board of Trustees, Chris has his eyes on ways for the Library to expand and address health needs and inequities in our community, opening up opportunities with specific focus on health and education.



Monica Chapa Domercq served as Adult Services Manager and retired from the Oceanside Public Library after 18 years of service. Her work included expanding the books on the shelf that raised up cultural awareness and developing programs such as community-wide reads—all of which help foster connection with others and build community in Oceanside. Upon retirement she rewired back into support of libraries by working as an equity advisor for California State Library grant projects that primarily benefit marginalized communities.

Monica was an avid reader growing up in the Library, taking after her mother who was and is a lifelong library user. She found herself in books and felt she could see herself. To her, she says, books are “windows, mirrors and sliding glass doors,” a phrase coined by Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop in an essay about the importance of providing young readers with diverse books that reflect the multicultural nature of the world. Monica followed her aunt, who was a librarian, and attended an American Library Association conference with her. She felt her love grow, sensing the library as a great equalizer. She decided to go for her Masters in Library and Information Science. Grants became targets of interest in creating racial equity and inclusion - resulting in a successful grant program for staff to become the embracing arms between the Library and the community.

Also serving on the Library Board of Trustees are Linda Arce, a member since 2021 and Alma Sisco-Smith since 2012.

THE FRIENDS HAVE A NEW WEBSITE AND YOU'RE INVITED TO EXPLORE, ENJOY – AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

Our all-volunteer website team put in long hours designing and testing to ensure that our new website is easy to navigate and truly user *friend*-ly. To get started exploring visit oplfriends.org or [click here](#).

The website team – Friends Vice President Mona Mara, Friends Board member Marie Wilson, Webmaster Brian Nakagawa, Friends Newsletters Editor Laura Arnsbarger and Friends volunteer Pamela Jackson, invite you to check out the new website now – and to come back often.

Please share your comments and suggestions: Just scroll to the bottom of any page and click “Contact Us.”



Above: Before, and below, new!



FRIENDS WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Friends volunteer Luisa “Lulu” Stone’s roots in Oceanside run deep: “My grandparents came here in the early 1900s, my Dad was born in the Eastside neighborhood and I was raised there. My daughter was born and raised here, and she’s the third generation to graduate from Oceanside High School. Go, Pirates!”

During her growing-up years, she’d visit Oceanside Public Library and remembers it this way: “It was big! It was a meeting place for learning and discussions, and the staff was always kind.”

Lulu was and is an avid reader and after retiring from her nursing career she “wanted to help the Library, the place that was always there for me.” And “help” she has – Lulu began volunteering for Adult Services in the Library in 2017, then Support Services and currently at the Friends’ Sorting Room, at the Civic Center Bookstore and Jane & Evie’s Used Books, at the Friends’ Oceanside Farmers Market booth, at Friends’ Special Events, and now...

As the Friends’ newest Board member she’s taking “helping the place that was always there for me” to a new level.

Welcome, Lulu, and thank you!



SAVE MONEY – SWITCH TO “E”!



If you’re receiving the *See Gull* newsletter by U.S. mail, the Friends encourage you to switch your delivery to email. You’ll receive the newsletter sooner, save the Friends money on postage and paper, and those Friends’ funds will help the Library continue as the vibrant heart of the Oceanside community.

To change how you receive the newsletter please call (760) 435-5560 or email FriendsOfOceansidePublicLibrary@hotmail.com.

Memorial, Honorarium and Gift Book Donations April-June 2024

Donated by Cathie and Larry Hatter

In Memory of Dick Goedert and Jim Goedert

- *Inspirational Baseball Stories for Young Readers*
 - *Little League Perfect Game*
 - *Win the Next Pitch!*

In Memory of George Lopez

- *GED Test Prep Plus 2024-2025*
- *GRE Prep Plus 2024-2025*
 - *The Lean Startup*

Donated by Brenda Robinson

In Memory of Ken Harrison

- *Guinness World Records 2024*

In Memory of Peggy Harrison

- *Our Nipa Hut: A Story in the Philippines*

In Memory of Helen Kennedy

- *The Lego Christmas Ornaments Book*

In Memory of Sam Williamson

- *All Aboard: The Complete North American Travel Guide*

The Friends thank these donors for their cash gifts to Oceanside Public Library:

Anonymous Jane & Evie's
Used Books Customer

Howard Pippin

COOKING WITH FRIENDS

by Genevieve Wunder, Friends Board Member

Lemon Stampers

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 package (3 oz) cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 2 cups flour

Instructions:

1. In large bowl, beat butter and cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with a spoon. Stir in sugar and lemon peel. Gradually stir in flour. Cover and refrigerate for about two hours or until firm.
2. Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Shape dough into one-inch balls. On an ungreased cookie sheet, place balls about two inches apart. Dipping first into additional sugar, "stamp" balls to about ¾ inch thickness using a potato masher, the bottom of a glass, the bumpy side of a meat mallet or the end of an empty spool of thread or a cookie press.
3. Bake seven to nine minutes or until set but not brown. Remove from cookie sheet to cooling rack. Cool completely, for about 30 minutes.



Genevieve invites you to share your family recipes for possible use in future issues of the *See Gull*; mail to Oceanside Public Library, Attention: See Gull Recipe, 330 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054, or email her at 1ndrwmn@sbcglobal.net, typing "FOPLIB Cooking" in the subject line. Please include your name, the preparation instructions and a fun fact about the recipe.



Thank You for Making The Friends' June 1 Bring Your Books Day A Great Success!

Your donations help Oceanside Public Library purchase books and other print and digital media; provide programs and events for all ages; offer technology resources such as 3D printing; and enhance outreach efforts through bookmobiles, mini-libraries and home deliveries.

If You Missed Bring Your Books Day...

All year round, the Friends welcome your donations of gently used books, DVDs and CDs (opened and unopened), magazines and puzzles.

For donation locations and other information please visit the "Bookstores" page at oplfriends.org or [click here](#), or call (760) 435-5600.

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

"Do you guys sell used e-books?"

"Do you have a copy of *Fiddler on a Hot Tin Roof*?"

"Where's your true fiction section?"

"If I buy a book and read it, can I bring it back and exchange it for another book?"

"Who is the author of the Shakespeare plays?"

"I'm going to run to the store and leave my sons here, OK? They're three and five. They're no trouble."

"Do you have a copy of *Tequila Mockingbird*?"

– From *Weird Things Customers Say in Bookshops*
by Jen Campbell



WHAT ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS DOING WHEN THEY'RE NOT DOING VOLUNTEERING?

Late last year, Oceanside Public Library Director CJ Di Mento and Library staff came together to record a video thanking Library volunteers for their dedication and generous giving of their time and talent.*

Here are some 2023 numbers that show just how well-deserved those thanks were, and continue to be:

Total number of volunteers: 183

Volunteer hours for 2023: 19,027

Also in 2023, approximately 70 *teens* volunteered an additional 1,300 hours.

If you think in terms of an eight-hour workday, it's the equivalent of more than 2,500 days...in one year.

That's a lot of volunteering, and it made us curious – do our volunteers have *time* to do anything else? And if so, what are our volunteers doing when they're *not* doing volunteering?

We learned that our volunteers enjoy plenty of other activities and those activities are as varied and interesting as the volunteers are. Here are just a few – with even more on page 11:



David Strauss (left) and Friends volunteer Craig Tedman are part of the “heavy lifting” team who set up and take down for the Friends’ booth at the Thursday Oceanside Farmers Market. They add to that workout by bicycling and hiking.



Ricka Sprunk is a READS Conversation Group Leader; she and her husband Eric are avid eclipse chasers, here in Texas for the full eclipse in April.



Friends' volunteer and Sorting Room Manager Blake Kern is also a talented artist who loves experimenting with using ‘found’ items. See more of Blake's artwork at https://www.instagram.com/blake_kern_art/?hl=en or [click here](#).



Two Crazy Ladies: Jane & Evie's Used Books manager Maggie Mula is crazy for crochet (left) and Friends Vice President Mona Marra (right) is crazy for quilt making. You'll see examples of their artistry at the Friends' December 7 Library Friends Craft Sale (read more about the event on page 3).



*You can view the video [here](#), or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://vimeo.com/907711596?share=copy>.



When webmaster Brian Nakagawa (back row, far right) isn't updating the Friends' website and social media, he enjoys lots of time with his extended family, here in Irvine, December 2023.



Teen volunteer Emily Campbell has been helping to run the monthly Teen Book Club and summer Lunch at the Library program. At school she's in the National Honor Society and secretary for the Creative Writing Club and after school she hits the gym. Emily recently graduated – congratulations!



Meet The Pajama Lady! READS Tutor, Margaret Daily, also volunteers making pajamas for The Pajama Project, sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Encinitas. The pajamas go to organizations in need, including homeless children, war veterans and abused spouses. Here's a fun video: <https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/zevely-zone-pajama-lady-sews-7000-pairs-of-pjs/509-b47ba4d1-9cce-45ac-bd83-92bd033dd436> or [click here](#).



Friends' Board member Hilarie Schmalz is committed to being a one-person cleanup crew, picking up trash along a section of the San Luis Rey bike path. She also does multiple crafts and you'll find her creations at the Friends' December 7 Library Friends Craft Sale (read more about the event on page 3).



Marie and Rick Wilson love volunteering – she, as a Friends' Board member and its Membership Chair, in the Friends' Sorting Room and at Jane & Evie's Used Books, and he at the California Surf Museum. They also love traveling – this is from their most recent annual trip to Hawaii, at Lawai on Kauai.

Our volunteers enjoy all sorts of activities! And that includes helping to ensure that our Library continues as a source of education, entertainment and enrichment for our community.

The Library offers a variety of volunteer opportunities – from helping manage the Library collection to assisting with children and adult programs, to organizing fundraisers, staffing the Friends' bookstores and more.

If volunteering sounds like something you'd like to experience, you can click the "I Want to..." tab on the Library homepage, then click on "Volunteer at the Library," [click here](#) or call Volunteer Coordinator Cheri Noel at (760) 435-5564.

We ♥ Our Volunteers!

THE FRIENDS INVITE YOU TO...

Oceanside Public Library's Summer Reading Program:

Read, Renew, Repeat

For Kids, Teens and Adults, now through August 3,
become more eco-friendly and live more sustainably.

Read books to earn prizes including free books!

Select your summer reading from fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, manga, audiobooks or magazines.

Kids (ages 0-12): Read, or be read to, 10 books or for 10 hours – you choose! Once finished, pick up your prize bag, which includes craft kits, a free book and coupons

Teens (ages 13-17): Read three books of your choice and once finished, pick up your prize bag, which includes free books, coupons and other goodies.

Adults (ages 18+): Register for a free book and read three books for a specially designed pencil pouch. Take on an extra challenge: Read two extra books and complete specific reading-activity badges to get a Super Reader prize!



Visit the Civic Center Library, Mission Branch Library,
John Landes Community Center Library or Bookmobiles to claim your prize bag.

To register [click here](https://oceansidepubliclibrary.beanstack.org) or copy and paste this link into your browser:
oceansidepubliclibrary.beanstack.org.

For a schedule of related events on the Library website homepage "Events" tab,
click "Library Event Calendar" or [click here](#).

The Friends are proud supporters of Oceanside Public Library's programs and events for all ages.

The *See Gull* newsletter is published quarterly by the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and is available at their bookstores in the Civic Center and Mission Branch Libraries; at Jane and Evie's Used Books store; at the READS Learning Center; at oplfriends.org; and via email and regular mail. If you have an article idea or suggestion for the *See Gull* newsletter, please email cnoel@oceansideca.org, Attn: *See Gull* Editor.

Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Celebrating 53 Years of Community Service

Founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization, the mission of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library is to support and promote the services and resources of the Oceanside Public Library through community involvement, volunteer activities, and fundraising. The organization maintains a membership of persons interested in the Library, sponsors special programs and cultural events for both children and adults, and works to enhance the Library's collection and facilities.