

Celebrating a Wonderful Success: Friends of the Oceanside Public Library 2nd Annual Craft & Book Sale



The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library are delighted to celebrate the tremendous success of its 2nd Annual Craft, Book Sale, and Silent Auction held on December 6th in the Civic Center Library's community room and courtyard. This festive fundraiser brought together the creativity, generosity, and community spirit that make Oceanside such a special place.

Thanks to the remarkable support of Friends members, volunteers, Library staff, and the many generous local business partners, this year's event raised nearly \$3,500. These funds will directly support the much-needed Library programs, services, and resources that enrich the lives of readers and families throughout Oceanside.

Our dedicated volunteers and Events Committee poured countless hours into planning, organizing, crafting, sorting, decorating, and welcoming attendees, and their hard work truly shone. The community room was full of vibrant handmade treasures, crafted with care, offering attendees the chance to purchase timeless, one-of-a-kind gifts that are sure to become cherished keepsakes for years to come.

Of course, no Friends event would be complete without a fantastic book sale! Shoppers browsed an inviting selection of gently used books, from bestsellers and classics to children's favorites, each one finding a new home while helping support the much-loved Library.

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Oceanside, CA 92054

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The Friends also extend their heartfelt thanks to the wider community for attending, bidding in the silent auction, and spreading the word. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and warm presence helped make this event not only a fundraising success but a joyful celebration of creativity, literacy, and togetherness.

Thank you, Oceanside, for continuing to champion your public library. The Friends look forward to welcoming you back next year!



Editors Corner

A new year always brings a sense of possibility, and with it, those familiar resolutions. Maybe this is the year to slow down, try something new, or finally tackle that ever-growing reading list.



*Have an idea for an article or ways to improve our See Gull Newsletter?
Let me know at anelson@oceansideca.org.*

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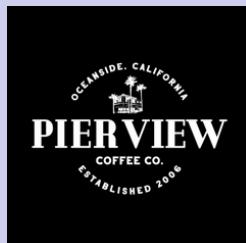
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Special Appreciation to Oceanside Businesses!!

The Friends are deeply grateful to the local Oceanside businesses whose generosity made the success of the Craft and Book Sale/Silent Auction possible. Each of the businesses listed below took time and care to donate items in support of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library.



*Oceanside Florist,
Inc*



Their contributions raised funds that support programs that protect literacy initiatives and sustain activities that enrich the Library and strengthen the community.



Friends Events...

Friends Present Donation to Oceanside Public Library

The Friends are proud to announce the presentation of its donation to the Oceanside Public Library in the amount of \$102,300. This significant contribution reflects the continued generosity of its members and supporters, as well as the shared commitment to enhancing Library services for the entire community. This year's donations will support a wide range of Library initiatives, including makerspace funding, cultural celebrations, marketing efforts, and literacy tools, in addition to public programs for adults, teens, and children.

The check was formally presented to Library Director CJ Di Mento by members of the Friends Board, marking another meaningful milestone in the ongoing partnership of the Friends and the Oceanside Public Library. Together, they continue to support the Library's mission and adapt to the evolving needs of the community. The Friends extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes time, energy, and donations to the organization. This support makes moments like these possible and helps keep the Library thriving year after year.



Friends' Bookstore

Locations:

Civic Center Library
330 N. Coast Hwy.

Oceanside, CA 92054

Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun: Closed

Mission Branch Library

3861-B Mission Avenue

Oceanside, CA 92056

Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Jane & Evie's Used Books

323 N. Coast Hwy.

Oceanside, CA 92054

Mon-Tue: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wed-Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The time has come to collect some springtime favorites.

**Visit our Civic Center Bookstore
and step into a land of wonder.....**



Oceanside Farmers Market

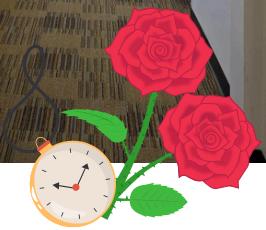
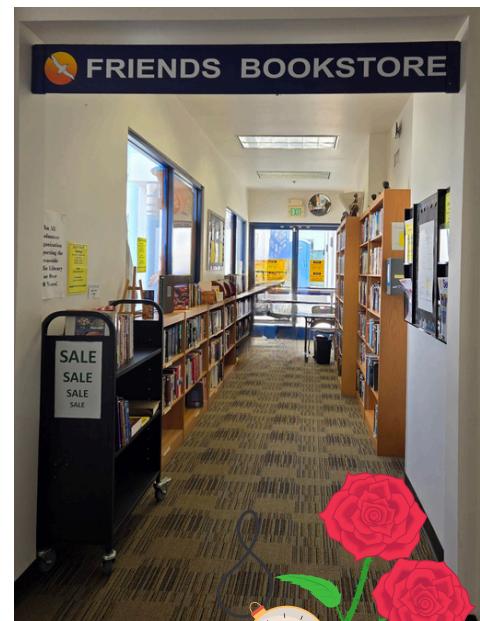
Pier View Way

& N. Coast Hwy.

Thurs: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Friends' Amazon Store:

www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books



Gift Books, Memorials and Honorariums

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR DONATIONS...



In Memory of Rita Oja

From Virginia Bitzer



In Memory of Frances Ann Cockrill

From Ann Mortland

In Honor of Blake Kern

From Dale and Rita Geldert

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In Memory of Patsy Downs

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El Camino Book Club

History Matters

El Camino Book Club

Horse Crazy

El Camino Book Club

The Learning Household

El Camino Book Club

String Theory

El Camino Book Club

A Walk in the Park

El Camino Book Club

In Memory of Greg Williams

The Blue Bottle Craft of Coffee

Cathie & Larry Hatter

The Hawai'i Coffee Table Book

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The World Atlas of Coffee 3rd Edition

Cathie & Larry Hatter





ATTENTION **Members**

It's that time again!

Our Annual Membership Board Meeting is coming up this February, and we invite all Friends and interested community members to join us.

This meeting is a chance to get a first-hand sneak peek at what the Board has been working on and to learn more about the direction of the Friends group for the year ahead. You'll hear the latest updates and discover meaningful ways you can contribute to and support the organization.



When: Tuesday, February 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Zoom Meeting ID 404 039 1267

Passcode 760928

NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Rae

James and Diane McDaniel

Donna and Craig Johnson

Valerie Berry

Treva Adams

Mary and John Podesta

Deirdre Terry

all things **MEMBERSHIP...**

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Oceanside Sea Lions Club
PO Box 771
Oceanside, CA 92049
(760) 753-1064
oceansidesealionsclub.com



Woman's Club of Oceanside
PO Box 1744
Oceanside, CA, 92057
(760) 721-6141



The Coast
250 Mission Ave
Oceanside, CA 92054
(760) 429-9913



Filipino American Cultural Association
P. O. Box 6276
Oceanside, CA 92052-6276
president@filamcultural.org

For more information on how to become a business donor visit our website oplfriends.org.

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Annual Individual Membership:

(Please circle membership level)

Individual – \$20

Family – \$35

Booster – \$50

Patron – \$100

Sponsor – \$250

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(Please circle membership level)

Business Basic – \$50

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Business Gold – \$500

Business Platinum – \$1000+

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Email _____

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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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Friends of the Oceanside Public Library Celebrating 55 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.

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, Mission Branch, and John Landes 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.

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