

Friends Vintage & Book Sale Raises Over \$4,000 for Library Programs



The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library celebrated another successful fundraising event on Saturday, June 20, with a Vintage & Book Sale at the Civic Center Library. The sale brought together book lovers, treasure hunters, and community members for a fun-filled day of shopping while supporting the Library.

The event made full use of the Library's beautiful courtyard, which was renovated just two years ago, where shoppers browsed an extensive selection of bargain-priced books spanning every genre imaginable. Inside the Community Room, visitors discovered a variety of vintage treasures, including home goods, small appliances, apparel, décor pieces, and unique collectibles.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the sale coincided with the annual Juneteenth Cultural Celebration, bringing even more community members downtown to enjoy the day's activities and support local organizations.

Thanks to the generosity of our shoppers and supporters, the Friends raised almost \$4,500. Every dollar earned will go directly toward supporting Library programs, services, and resources that benefit our Oceanside community.



The Friends would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the Friends members, volunteers, and community supporters who stopped by, made a purchase, or helped spread the word about the event. Your continued support makes these fundraisers possible and helps strengthen the Library's ability to serve our community.

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

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Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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Friends News

Celebrating Community, Independence, and 122 Years of Our Library

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library were proud to join the community at the Oceanside Independence Parade in downtown Oceanside on Saturday, June 27. It was a wonderful morning filled with patriotic spirit, smiling faces, and an opportunity to celebrate everything that makes our city such a special place to call home.

This year's celebration was especially meaningful as our nation marks its 250th year, we also celebrate an important milestone much closer to home - 122 years of the Oceanside Public Library serving our community. For more than a century, the Library has been a place where people gather to learn, discover, connect, and grow - and the Friends are honored to support its mission.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all Friends members and volunteers who took the time to participate in the parade, and to represent the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. The enthusiasm, dedication, and community spirit help remind everyone of the important role our Library plays in the lives of Oceanside residents.

To everyone who came out to cheer along the parade route, thank you for your support. The Friends hope you continue to enjoy all the Library has to offer throughout the summer, whether you're discovering your next favorite book, attending a program, or stopping by one of our Friends' bookstores.

From all of us at the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, we wish you a safe, happy, and memorable summer and look forward to seeing you at the Library, and at future community events!



Reflection From Alma Sisco-Smith

It has taken some time for many of us to understand that Memorial Day is a day of remembering those who fought for our country, truly a day of respect for the dead, and not the celebration of us who are still here, now, enjoying ourselves. While Memorial Day has been on the last Monday in May since 1971, some relatively few years ago I also learned that it was once known and celebrated by wishing each other, "Happy Decoration Day!"

By either name, Memorial Day or Decoration Day, it is a profound piece of history, rooted in the aftermath of the Civil War. Just this year, 2026, I learned historians had, years ago, uncovered that the earliest and largest recorded precursor of Memorial Day was organized by newly freed African Americans.

On May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina, to honor these Union soldiers, formerly enslaved men gathered and properly reburied prisoners left in a mass grave there, in the Civil War. Though there was not yet a national holiday, there were localized acts of remembrance following the Civil War, leading up to the call to communities by Union veterans' leader General John A. Logan to make May 30 their official Decoration Day in 1868.

Read more about this at the Zinn Education Project: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/>

Thank You for Bee-ing a Friend

Oceanside Public Library volunteers attended a Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition event on Friday, June 26. Bees were a feature of the decorative scheme and guests received honey from Aliza's Honey, along with honey flavored sweets. The attendees enjoyed the "Thank You for Bee-ing a Friend" theme, a buffet lunch from Rim Talay, and listened to speakers. Guests also cheered for the year's chosen fellow volunteers who received special recognition and gifts.



Notably present to congratulate the attendees for their hard work were Library Director CJ Di Mento, Volunteer Coordinator Cheri Noel, and Senior Librarian for READS Learning Center Chelsea Genack Egli.



Featured Keynote Speaker Larry Hatter (pictured bottom, right) is an original founding member of the Friends, chairing their first membership drive in 1971. Mr. Hatter gave an enthusiastic and informative talk, sharing the historical efforts that were essential in starting the move of Oceanside away from its earlier, somewhat disreputable days to the upstanding, exciting, and energetic community it is today. He urged all those present to find what they personally can do to move Oceanside Public Library even further forward.



Library Volunteers Honored

Library volunteers especially honored for their 2025 service at the recent *Thank You for Bee-ing a Friend* Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition event are as follows:

Lifetime Achievement: **Mary Ellen Reese**

3,900 Lifetime Hours (pictured on left with Chelsea Genack Eggli)

All Star: **Erin Arding and Joe McCluskey**

Behind the Scenes: **Rachel Pine**

Board of Excellence: **Linda Arce and Gigi Gleason**

Event Planner Extraordinaire: **Ashley Nelson**

Program Presenter: **Jim Larson**

Rookie of the Year: **Jillian Anderson**

Super Salesperson: **Thomas Lindert and Lulu Stone**

Terrific Tutor: **Steve Franklin, Martha Stott, and Erika Vergara**



Also awarded, was a State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer to **Chris Wilson**, who has volunteered for the Library since 2011 and currently serves on the Library Foundation Board, as a Library Board Trustee, and as President of the Friends of the Library since 2018.

Volunteer with the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library!

How it works:

- **Open your phone's camera app.**
- **Scan the QR code to your right.**
- **Tap the link that appears.**
- **Follow the directions on the website to apply for volunteer opportunities that fit your schedule.**

We're excited to introduce a new and easier way to submit an application for Friends volunteer opportunities. The same great volunteer roles remain available, now with a new sign-up process using the below QR code.



Donations, Editor's Corner, and Membership

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Editor's Corner

Have you been thinking about volunteering? Be sure to look for our new volunteer QR code; it makes signing up to volunteer easier than ever. We hope to welcome you to the Friends family soon!



*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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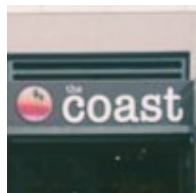
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***Friends of the Oceanside Public Library
Celebrating 55 Years of Community Service***

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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