

A Summer of Learning, Fun, and Community

What a summer it was at the Oceanside Public Library! Thanks to the continued generosity and hard work of Friends members, donors, and volunteers, the Library was able to offer a full season of engaging programs and activities for participants of all ages throughout our community.

One of the highlights was the Library's Summer Reading Programs for Kids, Teens, and Adults. Through a combination of Friends funding and grants, the Library was able to offer incentives such as free entry to the San Diego County Fair, along with prize bags filled with goodies for participating children and teens. These incentives helped encourage reading and participation, with more than 10,000 books read by youth participants this summer.



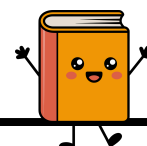
But reading books was just one part of a busy summer! Young patrons enjoyed programs such as Totally Tide Pools, Christopher T. Magician, Foam Parties, STEAM Camps, and Lunch at the Library. Teens took part in sewing workshops, a tie-dye party, an ice cream social, Math Club, and Laser Tag, while adults enjoyed several planting and gardening workshops designed to encourage creativity, learning, and connection.

Programs like these are a large part of what your support of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library helps make possible. With Friends-supported Library programs welcoming approximately 27,000 attendees this summer, the impact of your membership, donations, purchases, and volunteer hours reaches thousands of people across our community.

This summer's success is something all of us can celebrate. Every book purchased at a Friends bookstore, every membership renewed, every event staffed by a volunteer, and every donation made, contributes to the resources that allow the Library to provide these experiences.

And there is plenty more work ahead! As the Library continues expanding opportunities for our community, so does the Friends' need for dedicated volunteers, members, and supporters. If you have ever thought about getting more involved, now is a great time to join us. Whether you can volunteer regularly, help at an event, recruit a new member, or simply spread the word about the Friends, your participation helps us continue saying "yes" to programs that educate, inspire, and bring our community together.

Thank you for making this summer and so many Library programs throughout the year possible!



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2855 Cedar Rd
Oceanside, CA 92056

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804 Pier View Way # 101
Oceanside, CA 92054

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.

Oceanside Farmers Market
Pier View Way
& N. Coast Hwy.
Thurs: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Get ahead of the cozy reading season...



Head on over to the Farmer's Market book sale every Thursday morning, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of the Civic Center Library

The Friends' Amazon Store:

www.amazon.com/shops/check_out_books

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Friends Events

It's Time Again for the 21st Annual



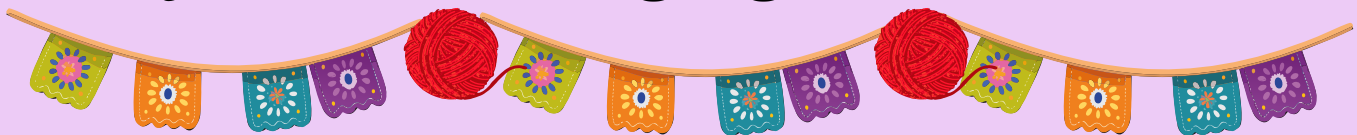
Make the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library your running buddy.
All funds go toward programming and supplies for the Oceanside Public Library.

To register, go to
<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/127035/osite-turkey-trot> or scan the QR code

Choose the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library from the drop down menu of non-profit recipients to ensure a portion of your registration goes toward supporting our Library.



Did you catch a Crafting Bug over summer Break?



The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library are hosting their annual holiday craft sale event and are looking for donations of crafted items that would make incredible gifts!

Starting October 1, drop off all crafted donations to any of our three locations:



**Civic Center Library
Mission Branch Library
Jane and Evie's Used Books**



*Be sure to fill out a donation form (page 10/insert) listing your items, and identify if you want unsold items returned to you!

Your donations and community support allow the Friends to continue providing the Library with funding that makes Library programming possible.

Remembering Suzanne Williams

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library celebrate the life and legacy of longtime volunteer, Board member, and Friend, Suzanne Williams. Suzanne's dedication to public education, literacy, and nonprofit advocacy made a lasting and positive impact on our community. We are grateful for the many years she shared her time, knowledge, and passion in support of the Library.

Suzanne's love of libraries began during her childhood in Riverside, California. She spent much of her childhood and teenage years roaming the stacks of the Riverside City Library, where she came to rely on the expertise and research skills of the librarians who helped guide her. Their assistance even played a role in helping Suzanne find scholarships that supported her education at Westmont College and UCLA. She later attended UC Berkeley and CSU Hayward, earning Secondary Teaching Credentials and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Pupil Personnel.



Suzanne dedicated 30 years to education. Throughout her career, she worked alongside school librarians to support student literacy and research skills, carrying forward the same appreciation for libraries and the people who make them places of learning and discovery.

During a weekend trip to Oceanside, Suzanne's two sons, knowing their mother's love of libraries, brought her to the front of the Civic Center Library. She immediately fell in love with the building and the community, and before long, Suzanne had decided to make Oceanside her home in retirement.

Her dedication to libraries continued in her new community. Suzanne served on the Board of the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library from 2004 to 2020 and also held a seat on the Library Foundation Board for 13 years. She served as editor of the See Gull newsletter, sharing her talents as a writer and editor with the Library community. Upon retirement from the Library, Suzanne received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library in recognition of her active participation and consistent contributions.

For so many years, Suzanne was a familiar and valued presence in the Oceanside Library community. Her lifelong belief in education, literacy, and the importance of libraries was reflected not only in the work she contributed, but in the care and enthusiasm she brought to everything she did. She remained a steadfast Friend and pillar of our community until her passing earlier this year.

We will remember Suzanne with gratitude and affection, and we are honored to celebrate the legacy she leaves behind.

Those wishing to honor Suzanne's memory may consider making a donation to the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library in support of the Library and the programs that meant so much to her. For information about making a donation in Suzanne's honor, please contact Cheri Noel at cnoel@oceansideca.org or (760) 435-5564.

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR DONATIONS...

- **In Honor of Friends Volunteer Hilary Schmalz** *from Susan Botts*
- **In Honor of Marge Howard-Jones** *from Karin de Baay*
- **In Honor of Blake Kern** *from Dale & Rita Geldert*

GIFT BOOK DONATIONS

- **In Memory of Jerry Hogan**

Always Remember

Marcus Aurelius Meditations

Mythos

The Ocean

The Odyssey

Donated by:

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NATIONAL Friends
of Libraries WEEK

AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

***The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library
was established in 1971 and has raised
more than two million dollars for the
Oceanside Public Library to date!
The Friends are an enormous factor in the
Library's progress, advocating for funding
and volunteering their time to assist with
fundraising efforts.***

WE LOVE YOU FRIENDS!!

**Celebrate National Friends of Libraries week October 18- 24, 2026,
by becoming a friends volunteer!**

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



all things **Membership...**

BECOME A

Member

It's easier than you think.

- Open the Camera app on your phone
- Scan the QR code
- Choose your membership



Members get:

- Early access to Friends Events
- Up-to-date information about Library programming and Friends support
- Volunteer opportunities to support the Library you love

NEW MEMBERS

Gina Medina

Scott Gore

Andrea Rosenthal

Erlinda Collier

all things **MEMBERSHIP**

Join the Friends in Thanking Our Generous Business and Community Members!



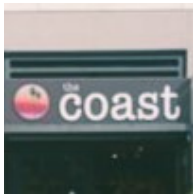
Studio Ace
3861 Mission Ave. B#3
Oceanside, CA, 92058
(760) 730-5203
studioace.org



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.

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.

Jane and Evie's

Used Books

Fall and Winter Hours

Monday

11 am - 3 pm

Tuesday

11 am - 3 pm

Wednesday

10 am - 5 pm

Thursday

10 am - 5 pm

Friday

10 am - 5 pm

Saturday

10 am - 5 pm

Sunday

11 am - 3 pm



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.

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 CA Cultural District.

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



HOLIDAY CRAFT & BOOK SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY MAY ENTER AT 9 AM

Created and curated with care by Friends of the
Oceanside Public Library members, volunteers,
and Library staff. Every purchase helps
support your Library this holiday season.





Friends of the Oceanside Public Library
330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, California 92054
760/435-5560

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your donation to the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. **All Funds Generated by this event will benefit the Oceanside Public Library.** The event will take place on:

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Oceanside Public Library Community Room
330 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA
Members: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Non-members:
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Please fill out the form below so that we can reach out to you if we have any questions regarding your donation(s). Reminder: all items must be handcrafted.

Please Print:

Name: First _____ Last: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Please List Each Item **Separately** with Estimated value for **each item**

*Continue on reverse if more space is needed

Description:

Donation Deadline: Wednesday, November 25, 2026

All donations can be dropped off at Civic Center and Mission Branch Library.

☐ Check here if you would like your unsold items returned to you.