



Library Reader

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT- WITH GREAT APPRECIATION AND THANKS.

In June of this year The Friends received the following letter. We know that support for our public libraries comes from many quarters, but found this particularly touching and offer our profound thanks to those wonderful friends of so many decades who not only maintained a close and apparently loving relationship with each other but also with their public library.

Pax amicae.

To the Ojai Valley Library Friends & Foundation

In 1958 a group of women met at my house to join together for sewing. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and we decided to make it a regular time to mend clothes, darn socks (which was a customary job for housewives in those days), address Christmas cards, once I set up an ironing board and did my weekly ironing, we helped raise each other's children, exchanged recipes. We were supportive friends.

We called it the Darn Club. As the years passed it became a custom, as members passed away, to make a collective memoritive donation to the Library. This past year two of our Darn Club have died and, as the last of the group, I am enclosing a check in their memory and sadly ask that you remove the Darn Club from your mailing list.

I would appreciate you acknowledging the donation to their families, in care of The Gables.

Thank you for all you do for the Library.

*Sincerely,
Lerie Bjornstedt *

TWICE-SOLD BOOK STORAGE

By: Julie Rischar,
Bookstore Manager

Behind our quaint little "Twice-Sold Used Bookstore" on Ojai Avenue are two wooden sheds that play a big role in the flow of books from generous donors to book-loving customers.

The first step in a donated book's journey is the smaller collection shed that is always open. Boxes and sacks of books as well as loose volumes are deposited in that shed day and night. Sometimes the shed is bulging and donations spill out into the driveway or are placed on top of the shed. From there the sorters handle each book and decide whether it should be trucked along with others into the store or saved in a designated box in the large, walk-in shed for our patio sales. Any book that is stained, watermarked, dirty or ripped beyond repair is recycled into one of our large bins.

This flow of books from shed to shed to store goes on week after back-breaking week thanks to my three tireless and dedicated sorters: Sue Khougaz, Elisa

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Neville and Donna Rabe. They toil behind the scenes and keep the ‘journey’ going.

Last week I was in the large shed putting the last of the saved books into their boxes when a man walked up and deposited a large sack. When I thanked him he retorted, “Thank YOU for doing this. I don’t suppose many people know about what goes on out here and what a hard job it is.” I assured him that, because of my wonderful helpers, the job is lightened for all of us.

As he was leaving I asked him, “Do you ever go into our store?” “Twice a week,” he replied. “I keep tabs on the cooking and gardening sections.”

And so the flow: Shop the store – pick up reading treasures – read and enjoy – donate the items back to the shed – shop the... 📖

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TWICE-SOLD TALES CONSTRUCTION – UPDATE

Cornerstone Architects have finished the preliminary plans for the rebuilding of our used bookstore with the meeting room addition (see our website for the plans: www.ovlff.com). The plans have been submitted to the Ojai Planning Commission and the project is on the agenda of the Commission’s August 6th meeting (7 pm at City Hall). Once the plans are approved and permits obtained The Friends will commission a “Spec Sheet” for distribution to Ojai Valley construction firms interested in bidding on the project.

The OVLFF Board has decided to limit bidding to Ojai Valley firms because, since the funds that are being used for construction have been donated by the people of Ojai we believe the money should flow back into the valley’s economy. Also, let’s not forget that the City of Ojai is fully supportive of this project with the City Council voting to waive all internal fees for this public works activity.

We look forward to breaking ground within the next couple of months! 📖

SUMMER TIME FUN & GAMES IN THE OJAI VALLEY LIBRARIES!

By: Julie Albright, Ojai Children’s Librarian

Clay, marshmallows, adhesive eyes and lots of dots! That appears to be about all we needed to get a couple hundred kids into the library this summer. Well, that and a magician, some gimcracks and a programmable robot. But they ARE reading as well, which is after all- the whole reason behind the summer reading events. Thanks to our generous Library Friends Group, the valley libraries are hosting close to 50 programs for children this summer, and the kids are definitely having a good time.

In other news, Ojai Library displayed a papier-mâché topographical map of the Ojai Valley for two weeks. It was wonderfully detailed and many people enjoyed spending time looking at it and finding favorite spots.

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After spending two weeks with us, it moved to the Bank of America, so if you didn’t get a chance to see it here, you should drop by the bank and check it out. It was pretty amazing!

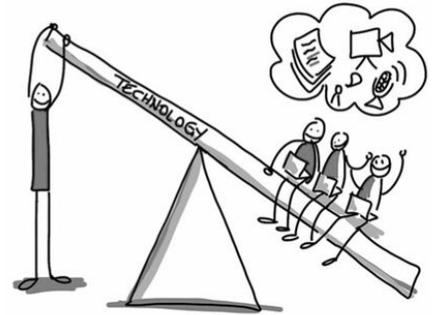
Diana Goodrow, Friend and Story Time reader at the Ojai Library for the last 20 years has decided it’s time for a break. We threw a story time “see you later alligator party” for her, and 78 kids and parents attended. We had bubbles, balloon animals and cupcakes; and the children made a handprint painting for our wonderful Miss Diana to take with her as a going away present. Hopefully, after she has had a rest, I’ll be able to get her to come in for some special story time events. 📖



TECHNOLOGY HELP AT THE OAK VIEW LIBRARY

By: Sharon Dykstra, Oak View Librarian

All Ventura County Library branches have had computers for our public to use for some time. These computers give access to the internet and certain software options, such as Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Power Point. They are also a portal to our ever-growing digital library that includes lendable ebooks (both print and sound-recordings), online test preparation, language learning, as well as streaming music and videos.



For many, this access point is all that is needed and they are ready to use these technologies on their own. For others, there is a steeper learning curve where more explanation and instruction is needed for success. Enter our Oak View Library Tech Coach, who is willing to guide people interested in learning how to better use the various technologies available through the library.

This free, personalized assistance is by appointment and will take place during Oak View Library’s open hours. Please call us at 649-1523 if you are interested in learning how to:

- o Borrow library eBooks on your tablet or eReader
- o Set up a web email or social media account
- o Write an online resume or fill an online job application
- o Use your online library account to place requests and renew materials online
- o Use resources found in our digital library

The Oak View branch of the Ventura County Library is located in the Oak View Park & Resource Center at 555 Mahoney Ave., Oak View. The library is open Monday-Thursday, 1-6 pm and Saturday, 10 am-2 pm. 📖

MEINERS OAKS LIBRARY – DOINGS

By: Deborah Fletcher

We’ve been busy here with weekly craft and game days and our first summer of weekly story times (thank you Diana and Julie!). Join us Tuesdays at 10:30 for story times, Wednesdays from 2-4 for games and puzzles, and Thursdays 1:30-2:30 for crafts. Our final summer event will be a cupcake decorating party August 9th, from 1:30-2:30, for all Summer Reading participants. 📖

LEXOPHILES

...from the internet

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexphillies is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end.

- . When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- . A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- . When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- . The batteries were given out free of charge.
- . A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- . A will is a dead giveaway.
- . With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- . A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- . When you've seen one shopping Center you've seen a mall.
- . Police were called to a day care Center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- . Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- . A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two-tired.
- . When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- . The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- . He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- . When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- . Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
----And the cream of the wretched crop:
- . Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.



COPLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY -

"FOOD FOR FINES" AMNESTY MONTH

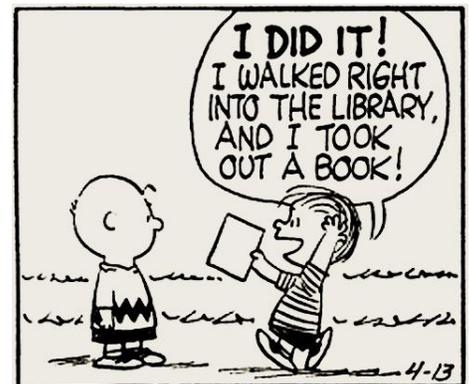
Patrons who racked up fines at Coplay Public Library (PA) could take part in "Food for Fines" Amnesty Month. Throughout the month of June (2014), library members could have \$1 forgiven for each canned, non-perishable item they brought into the library, according to the library's website. All donations went toward the Coplay Rec & Welfare Food Bank. 

WASHINGTON'S OVERDUE BOOK RETURNED

A New York library has finally been recompensed for a library book that George Washington took out 221 years ago and never returned. Earlier this year, it was revealed that the first US president had failed to bring back a copy of Emer de Vattel's, "Law of Nations", that he checked out from New York Society Library on October 5th, 1789. Last month, head librarian Mark Bartlett joked that he was 'not actively pursuing' an overdue fine of \$300,000, but wanted to receive a replacement copy.

In a statement, the library said, 'A few days after learning of the situation, staff at Washington's home in Virginia, Mount Vernon, offered to replace Vattel's "Law of Nations" with another copy of the same edition.'

New York Society Library held a special ceremony which saw the replacement volume taking its rightful place on the shelves.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BROADBAND

by Jon Lambert

Public libraries provide essential services to their communities through Broadband internet technologies:

Technology Access- free use of computers with broadband connectivity and wireless internet; Quality Access- broadband connectivity speeds that are often greater than what is available at work or at home; Digital Literacy- offering a wide range of free computer and internet use instruction, including instruction for seniors on computer and tablet use; and Resources- through the use of broadband the library offers education, health, employment, E-government and other internet-based services.

Although the library's computer services are extensively used, as the complexity of digital programs grow and the amount of resource data increases it is a recognized problem that even the high-speed connectivity available at the library will not be enough. As with all things in this modern and rapidly changing world the public library with its limited financial resources is always struggling to "keep up." Yet, consistent with its mission to serve the public, our library maintains its commitment to be a free access port to the world's information. 📖

COLDPLAY HIDES HANDWRITTEN LYRICS IN LOCAL LIBRARIES

From: Public Libraries on April 30, 2014

Love 'em or hate 'em, Coldplay is a name with worldwide renown in the music world, and now they've got an interesting connection to libraries across the world as well. In publicity moves to garner buzz for their upcoming tour dates and sixth studio album, titled 'Ghost Stories,' the band has looked to libraries around the world to hide memorabilia for fans. Spread across local libraries in nine different countries, the band has hidden their singer's handwritten lyrics for each of the album's tracks. They're hidden in books and collections about ghosts, of course.



Fans will have to follow the band on twitter to grab clues as to the location of each page, and then either have a lot of airfare on hand or hope they're lucky enough to be located in the right parts of the globe. As an added bonus, one of the hidden stashes will contain, along with the song lyrics, a golden ticket that gets the winner into a special show in London this coming July.

As the announcement was just made this past Monday, there's only speculation as to how the band came up with their library-ridden scheme of creating a contest, but for many it'll be nice to see these community gems, at least for a time, back in the spotlight again.

In recent years, libraries in developed countries, and increasingly worldwide, have seen decreasing visitor and usage numbers. As the world starts turning digital pages on screens instead of paper ones in physical books, some libraries have become relics of a recent past in their respective communities. The significance of the contests like the one Coldplay is currently running can't be understated, as libraries can use all the help they can get revitalizing interest in reading, especially among young people with the potential to become lifelong readers. Libraries have run all kinds of promotions in order to get kids interested lately, including a Florence, S.C. library last year that gave away raffle tickets to win a bike to children and teens who checked out a book. It's not that libraries are uninteresting, of course, they just have more distractions and ways to fill time competing for the mind-space of children and teens than ever before. 📖

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Young people on the hunt for Coldplay’s hidden lyrics might just discover a book they like, or realize that the inspiration behind a lot of music has often come from the want of singer/songwriters to be able to tell stories with the same vividness of emotion brought about by a good story. It’s no secret that many great songwriters over time have been avid readers, and have, on more than one occasion, let slip their favorite poets and authors in an interview or two. Could Coldplay have a favorite set of ghost stories inspiring their latest album release and the tracks on it? It might be a bit of a stretch, but it’s not entirely out there. In the meantime, good luck to the lyric hunters around the globe (or is it “ghost hunters?”), and don’t forget to check out a good book or three while you’re at it. 📖

