

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Friends of the Castro Valley Library August 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 10th.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you were not able to come to the pop-up multimedia sale on June 21, never fear, the August book sale will have lots of great media for sale at

very reasonable prices along with lots of books! Mark the dates on your calendar: August 21 - 23. If you have never volunteered for the Friends, this is a great place to start. Sign up to help at the bookstore office. While you are there, pick up a volunteer form to explore other volunteer opportunities.

The Friends support many of the ongoing programs at the library. Everything from A to Z:

- Animal visits (Paws to Read, Sulphur Creek...)
- Computer classes
- Game Day
- Monthly Movie
- Summer Reading Game
- Tuff Tumblers
- Xylophone (sounds like Z) experience (Musical Story time).

This is just a sampling of how we support the Castro Valley Library.

The dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of the community make all of this possible.

If you are interested in being more involved in the activities of the Friends, please join us at a board meeting – the fourth Tuesday of each month in the café area of the library, 9:30 am. Next meeting: August 25, 2015.

Jane Kraut, President Friends of the Castro Valley Library

COMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

There are many regular Library activities, and the event schedule is updated frequently. Please call 667-7900 or visit *www.aclibrary.org* for up to date event information.

Reading Groups:

First Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. *Mystery Book Club* Last Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. *CV Library Book Club*

Third Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. eBesteller Book Club (registration req.)

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Write to Read Literacy Reading Club for adults with English as their second language.

Other Ongoing Activities:

Homework Help Mon. thru Thurs. 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Advanced Math & Science Tutoring Mondays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

(The above two services take place when school is in session.)

Lawyer in the Library 2nd Mondays 6-8 p.m. Appt. req'd.

MAC meeting 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays, 6 p.m.

Job Lab Monday 12:30-3:00, Wednesday 10:30-3:00.

Drop-in gadget help 1st and 3rd Mondays 5:30-7:30 p.m.—(phones, computers, etc.) for adults.

CV Library Genealogy Study Group. 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10:30 to 12:30. Registration required.

Lego Club: Every Monday during the Summer from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Adult Computer Classes: 8/4 12:15-2:30 Internet basics; 8/4 3:15-5:30 Internet Searching; 8/11 & 8/18 12:30-2:30 MS Publisher 2010; 8/15 & 29 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. MS Excel 2010. Registration Required!

Partial List of Events Coming Up in August

8/3 6:30-8:00 p.m. Paws to Read

8/4 12:15-1:00 p.m. Tuff Tumblers

8/4 2:00-3:30 p.m. **Movie—101 Dalmations**

8/4 7:00-7:30 p.m. **Pajama Time** (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

8/5 2:00-3:00 p.m. Summer Reading Prog. Fur, Scales & Tails

8/6 10:00-11:30 a.m. Musical Storytime

8/6 1:00-3:00 p.m. Gameday

8/8 Last day to sign up for the Summer Reading Game

8/8 10:00-11:00 a.m. Backyard Wildlife With Sulphur Creek

8/11 3:00-5:00 p.m. CalFresh Enrollment Clinic

8/11 6:15-6:45 p.m. and 8/12 10:15-10:45 a.m. Yoga for Kids

8/18 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Driver Traffic Safety Seminar

8/18 6:30-8:00 p.m. A Night of Tango

8/25 6:00-8:00 p.m. Start Smart Teen Driving

New events are added frequently! Please visit the library website or check the readerboard in the library lobby for complete information on all events and activities!

The Library will be closed on the following days: Monday September 7th for Labor Day Wednesday November 11th for Veterans Day Thursday November 26th for Thanksgiving

Watch for more announcements in the *Forum*, on the Library's website and readerboard, and on the CV Library Facebook Page.

Also, remember to visit the quarterly art displays near the BookStore and the special features in the lobby display cases.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

By Carolyn Moskovitz

Although we are all concerned about the drought, all of the sunshine has been a real boon to our solar panel efficiency. We are about to hit 2 million kilowatts of generated power since we installed them. Our library continues to run entirely on the sun. I guess that's the silver lining.

The San Lorenzo Library has been closed all summer, and many of the folks that typically use the San Lorenzo Library have been using the Castro Valley Library instead. The grand opening of the new expanded San Lorenzo Library is scheduled to take place on August 29th. All are welcome to take part in the opening day celebrations.

And they have a lot to celebrate. Not only will they have a beautiful new library, but they have a wonderful new manager, our own Danielle Wilson. Danielle was promoted to lead the new library in June. We are very excited and happy for her, but we already miss her intelligence, style, sense of humor and willingness to take on any challenge with creativity and enthusiasm. Mitzi Donohue has taken on her job duties for now, and starting in mid-August, Patty Mangel will be joining us as our new Circulation Services Manager. Special thanks to Mitzi, who is doing a great job, and welcome to Patty!

Librarian Lyn Leone inherited a beautiful teacup collection. She no longer had a place to display the 50 cups and saucers and came up with a great idea of how to share them. We displayed them in the Library's display case and invited everybody to submit an entry form to win the teacup of his or her choice. We received 4,176 entry forms!! I can never remember anything quite so popular. Thanks to Lyn for the great idea and her generosity.

In the last few months, we have had 3 outstanding Adult programs that I wanted to mention. We had our first ever local author fair. In order to participate, an author needed to live in the Castro Valley Library service area and have a published book. 37 local authors took part. Thanks to the Friends for generously funding refreshments and raffle prizes for this event. We also offered a FIXIT clinic, co-sponsored by the Castro Valley Sanitary District. Community members brought in everything from broken bikes to broken toasters and most left with working objects. And finally, over 70 women joined us for a program entitled "Fabulous Fashion for Women over 50".

I wanted to also mention that the Library now has Blu-Rays to check out for both adults and kids. And we have expanded access to on-line magazines. Stop by the reference desk and we will be happy to give a handout on how to gain access to them, as well as all of our online resources.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

By Dawn Balestreri, Children's Librarian.

It's that time of the year, when the teachers get a break and the librarians get busy! Summer is a fantastic time to visit the Castro Valley Library whether you're still a kid or just a kid at heart. Our seven weeks of summer include at least one program every weekday and some weekends.

On Monday we offer Lego Day. Our first Lego Day brought in 215 people! We empty out our bins of Legos and let the kids play for 2 hours. Next time you come into the library, look to your left while walking through the gates at our small display case and the amazing creations the kids have made.

We played Big Hero 6 for our first Movie Tuesday this summer and nearly 200 people attended.

Rockin' Wednesdays offers a variety of acts, including puppetry, live animals and music. We have a lot of music options this summer, including the electric jazz trio, Charged Particles, and the hands-on Drummmm!

Game Day Thursdays is two hours of gaming, including X-Box, board games. and this year we have a 3-D printer available to check out.

In addition, we have our regularly scheduled Pajama Time, Musical Storytime, Yoga for Kids and the Tuff Tumblers gymnastic program.

We're not resting on Saturdays though, when you'll see multiple programs, including Spectrum of Science and Sulphur Creek in the outdoor amphitheater (or inside depending on weather). The Castro Valley School of music will also be here to offer a Ukulele Workshop to our customers, and we'll have a violin concert for families at the end of the summer.

Did I mention this is all FREE! Thousands of people will come through our doors this summer just to enjoy a wide array of programming options. We thank the Friends of the Castro Valley Library for their generous funding of these programs.

We also have the Summer Reading Game from June 8th – August 8th. Our theme this year is "Read to the Rhythm." We have game boards for Prereaders, Kids, Teens and Adults this year. Books, gift cards, passes to local museums, and a Beats headphone raffle for teens are some of the great prizes for reading! We expect to give away more than 2000 prizes this year.

Our Summer Reading Game wouldn't be possible without the 80+ middle school volunteers who help us facilitate the game. They sign the children up, help keep track when the kids are playing/spinning and assist with stuffing the more than 1000 prize bags. The volunteers will put in more than 800 hours combined this summer and enjoy an (Continued on page 5)

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

Memberships in the Friends of the Castro Valley Library organization renew on October 1st of each year. The August issue of the newsletter is snail-mailed to all current members in order to include a mailing envelope, in which you can send us a renewal check. You can also renew your membership in person at the Friends BookStore inside the Castro Valley Library. Membership cards may be picked up at the BookStore or at the August or December book sale (see page 7 for book sale dates). Please allow about 10 working days for us to receive and process your payment. You also have the option of including a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your renewal, and we will mail your card to you.

At \$10 per year, an individual membership in the Friends of the Castro Valley Library includes several benefits: \$7 in discounts at the BookStore, a \$2 discount for each of the 3 annual book sales, and admission to the Friday preview night for each of the 3 annual book sales. This is a total of \$13 in discounts, as well as first chance at the wonderful books available at each of our sales. For \$20 per year, a family membership includes two cards, which doubles the discount value to \$26! All members receive our quarterly newsletter.

Please consider upgrading your membership to the \$50 Benefactor level. Membership dues are an important part of the Friends' income, which in turn directly benefits our beautiful library! Other membership options include Corporate Benefactor at \$35, and Lifetime (\$200) or Family Lifetime (\$300). When submitting your renewal by mail or in person, please include a completed application form (available below or on the mailing envelope) so that we can verify that we have your complete current postal and email addresses. This is also a good time to let us know if you are interested in volunteering with the Friends, in the BookStore, at our 3 annual book sales, or in some other capacity. You must be a current member to volunteer.

Planning to attend the book sale on August 21st through 23rd?? Your current (2014-2015) membership card and its remaining \$2.00 discount is still good for this sale, but you will need your new (2015-2016) card for the December sale. If you're not a member yet, you can join at the door. You will receive a brand-new 2015-2016 membership card AND a \$2.00 coupon to use at the August sale. The new membership cards will also be available at the BookStore starting August 17th for anyone wishing to join or renew. Remember that your membership dues help to fund programs and amenities for our library, the same as proceeds from your generous donations.

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The Road to Character by David Brooks (2015 nonfiction) David Brooks is a well-known political and social columnist for the New York Times and a frequent commentator on PBS News Hour and Meet the Press. In recent years he has written books on a variety of subjects exploring the daily lives of people. His most recent book, The Road to Character, is an intriguing exploration of how men and women have a double nature, one side which illustrates the "resume virtues", those that contribute to external success, pursuit of self-interests, and are reflective of many in our society today. The other side illustrates the "eulogy virtues" which reflect inner moral qualities which are gained by introspection, confrontation with one's weaknesses, and finally development of character and virtue. According to the author the latter virtues are not as well represented in society and he decided to try to understand how a diverse group of men and women, through the ages and in vastly different times and circumstances, overcame their own foibles, sins, and moral weaknesses to develop strong characters. Francis Perkins, Dwight Eisenhower, Dorothy Day, George Marshall, A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin, George Eliot, Augustine, Samuel Johnson and Michel de Montaigne serve the author well in illustrating their inner and outer flaws. Brooks shows how the "character" of these diverse individuals enabled them to become significant leaders in their communities during many of the major periods of human history. The author concludes by presenting a "Humility Code", a series of propositions to allow the reader to explore their own life and how they have developed their personal character. (Ned Lyke)

The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan (2013 nonfiction): In 1942, the U.S. Government began hiring workers and constructing an industrial town that for the next several years would remain a huge secret. Oak Ridge, Tennessee, also known as "Site X" occupied up to 60,000 acres and employed 75,000 people. Its sole purpose was the manufacture of a weapon to end World War II. Most of the workers were women. Using facts gained through interviews, records, and family memorabilia, Kiernan chronicles the specific histories of some of these women and the general history of Site X and the development of the atomic bomb. No matter how you feel about the ultimate use of their work, the story of these women and of Site X and its tough living and working conditions makes interesting reading. Kiernan is additionally able to describe the story of the discovery

of nuclear fission and processing of uranium (called "Tubealloy" for the course of the Manhattan Project) in terms that most laymen can understand. Recommended. (Ginger Russell)

Death in Holy Orders by P.D. James (2001 fiction): This is an Adam Dalgliesh mystery. I was immediately envisioning TV's policemen, authentic monastic scenery. P.D. James makes any such envisioning effort unnecessary. In the tightly controlled environment of an East Anglian country abbey, she conjures up a varied cast of lay and clerical characters. She slowly unravels a fiendishly complicated plot. She invigorates the jerky forward piece with extraordinarily detailed descriptions: works of art, meals, revealing conversations, copulation.

Art: VanDerWeyden's *Doom*—the tenebrious, indecipherable scene; a vivid depiction of the Last Judgment; Christ in glory; the Devil, with scaly tail and grinning lascivious jaws, the personification of horror, prepared to claim his prize; the damned were a squirming mass of black, pot-bellied, open mouthed hermaphrodites. Beside them a group of lesser devils with pitchforks and chains were busily shoving their victims into the jaws of an immense fish with teeth like a row of swords.

<u>A James meal</u>: The first course, baked aubergines and peppers in olive oil; the main course, cassoulet with boiled potatoes, carrots, and beans, followed by fruit and cheese and biscuits.

The weather: A morning of penetrating chill. The first light had spread itself, pink as diluted blood, over the grey waste of sea (p. 303). Again: A perfect day in mid-April in which sky, sea, and the quickening earth conspired in a soft compliance of settled beauty (p. 405).

This is a book to be savored. Parts, chapters, and situations stand alone and yet coalesce in satisfying whole. (Martin Waldron)

REVIEWS WANTED!

Have you read a book, seen a film or television program, or listened to a music album that you loved? Share it with others by writing a review for *Circle of Friends*. Reviews may be submitted at any time by dropping off a written copy at the Friends' BookStore inside the Library or emailing to us at Friends.CVL@gmail.com. We will print as many as space allows. Thanks!

AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.COM



The Friends currently have over 100 books and other media listed on *Amazon.com*. Here are a few of them:

Tie Your Shoes with Woody and Buzz (Disney Learning 2011) \$19.99

The ABC of Bee Culture, A. I. Root,

1901, \$36.00

The New Science-Weaponless Defense, Lewis, 1906, \$249.00

I Wonder Why 12 vol. set \$60.00

Planet Run, Laumer & Dickson, 1967, \$23.00

My Robin, Frances Hodgson Burnett, 1912, \$99.00

The History of Middle Earth 12 vol. set, Tolkien, \$1,750.

The Land of Little Rain, Austin, 1903, \$155.00

This is a Pair of Levi's Jeans, Downey, 1995, \$33.00

Thousandth Night and Minia's Flowers, Reynolds, 2009, \$52.00

Our name on Amazon is FriendsofBooks, and our entire on-line store can be viewed at http://www.amazon.com/shops/A1AE92DUB78GQ4. You can access the store by typing the above string in your browser, or by clicking on our name when viewing one of our listings.

Don't forget to mention us when purchasing through *Amazon Smile*. When you select Friends of the Castro Valley Library as your charity of choice, we will receive a 0.5% donation every time you make a purchase. Many great items "from soup to nuts" are designated as *Smile* products, so please check it out.

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end of summer party and prizes for their hard work. Again, this is compliments of the Friends of the Castro Valley Library.

Whether you come for the Summer Reading Game, the programs or books, the Castro Valley Library has something to offer everyone in the community, and we're already thinking about the fall, when we'll offer a weekend DIY program for adults. A few of the offerings include an introduction to woodcutting, bee-keeping and succulents. Again, these are all FREE thanks to the Friends of the Castro Valley Library!

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKSTORE MONTHLY THEMES!

By Marie Blackmon

Our special theme books are found on the center of the Honesty Shelves.

August: Summer Vacations, Sit Up and Beg for Dog Days, Monor Local Writers (how many can you name???).

September: Remember 9/11

and the City of New York for Patriot's Day, celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, remind your family that this is Kids' Good Manners Month, and head on Back to School.

October:

Think pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, bake up a batch for Cookie Month, take in some Pumpkin Festivals, and dress your best for Halloween.

November: Pick up some health information for Diabetes Awareness Month, celebrate Native American Heritage Month, and take time to give thanks.

Coming up in December: Family Holiday Month, Safe Toys and Gifts Month, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and all celebrations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Barbara Kissling, Co-Treasurer

June 21 marked our second Multi-Media Pop-Up Sale. This was a great success; the \$522

November.

was a great success; the \$522 in proceeds will be used to fund library programs and amenities as do the proceeds from all our sales. We look forward to the August book sale and our upcoming special Sci-Fi and Fantasy sale in October, and to preparing our

budget and reports for the annual meeting in

THANK YOU CORNER By Jane Kraut, President

Sue Choquette is a volunteer extraordinaire; she wears so many hats for the Friends I am sure I will miss some but here goes:

- Graphic designer for all of our signs (advertising flyers, book store labels, notices of all types)
- Computer vigilance keeps track of updates, security software, and backup information.
- · Works a regular shift
- The PIC (PICS) for the Western section
- Attends board meetings
- Attends county-wide Friends meetings (the Friendlies)
- Seems to know everyone and cares about each of us
- Proofreads just about everything she recently caught an error in the new books marks
- Works full time at all the book sales

Thank you, Sue, for all your hard work on behalf of the Friends.

I would also like to thank Mikel Estrin for all his hard work in our recent pop-up media sale. It was a great success, even though it was on a day when many people had other plans – Father's Day. Mikel, along with Carl Stanley, worked hard to organize the large number of CDs, DVDs and tapes that were available to the public for this special sale. If you missed it, don't worry. There will still be a large selection at the August sale.

ATTENTION SCI-FI FANS!

On Sunday, October 18th, we will be holding a special Sci-Fi and Fantasy book sale from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Library. A very generous donation from a collector allows us to offer these items.

This will be a golden opportunity for you to acquire all types of science fiction and fantasy books, including some rare, out of print, and/or special edition volumes. While some of the superspecial books may have special (but reasonable!) prices, most will be priced at our usual bargain rates or better. So whether you're a fan of the genre or shopping for an early holiday gift, don't miss this!!

Life resembles a novel more often than novels resemble life. - George Sand

MEET YOUR FRIENDS Maxine (Max) Willett



This issue we are spotlighting a member with a very special responsibility! Max Willett manages our membership database, which can be a daunting task, including adding new members, processing all of your renewals, creating labels for newsletters that are snail-mailed,

and sending out the issues that are emailed. In addition, Max periodically sends out emails regarding special events and information.

But wait, there's more! Max also works in the Book-Store on Sundays, managing the Crafts and Hobbies and the Paranormal Romance sections.

Max became a member of the Friends in 2008, and began volunteering in the BookStore and with the setup of the database, in 2009.

She has lived in Castro Valley for nearly 35 years, relocating here from Long Island, NY. After working as a Licensed Practical Nurse, she obtained a degree in Data Processing with the idea of doing medical programming. That field was not quite ready for her, so she went into business programming instead. She has worked in Information Technology for over 32 years, as a programmer and in Project Management. She retired in 2000.

Max has always been "into" crafts, starting with crocheting and knitting, and she also does both water-color and acrylic painting, creates greeting cards, and makes pottery and jewelry. She is currently learning to play the piano. Her main pastime is reading, however, and she has purchased (and re-donated) many books from our BookStore. As with many of us, she has a big backlog of books waiting to be read.

Drop by the BookStore on Sundays and say hello to Max!

HOW TO CONTACT CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

If you have any comments or suggestions for regular columns or features that you would like to see in *Circle of Friends*, please let us know.

We also welcome brief news items or articles. Deadlines are typically about one month prior to a regular meeting date. Keep in mind that time-sensitive items must fit within the publication schedule.

Please call 510-733-3285 or e-mail us at *Friends.CVL@gmail.com*.



Mark your calendars now—the next book sale is

AUGUST 21—23

As always, the sale will be at the following times: Friday night Member Preview—6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Bag Sale—1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (\$3 per bag)

This sale will feature our usual wonderful selection of fiction and children's books, as well as most categories of nonfiction. We anticipate having over 400 cartons of books at the sale. You will be glad you came!

Volunteers will be needed for all sale days as well as for the set-up and clean-up days.

Contact us at 510-733-3285 or Friends.CVL@gmail.com if you can volunteer or if you have any questions about the work or requirements.

A signup sheet will be available in the Friends office approximately one month prior to the book sale date.

Planning to attend?
Please remember to bring your current
(2014-2015) Friends of the Castro Valley Library
membership card in order to
take advantage of your \$2.00 discount.

The 2015-2016 memberships are now available beginning August 17th. You can join or renew at the door or purchase a membership ahead of time.
(See page 3 for details.)

THE NEXT REGULAR BOOK SALE WILL BE DECEMBER 4—6

WE MAY ALSO HAVE SPECIAL SALES AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR.

◆ WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL SCI-FI SALE IN OCTOBER (SEE P. 6) ◆
REMEMBER TO CHECK FREQUENTLY FOR NOTICES IN THE NEWSLETTER,
ON OUR WEBSITE, AND POSTED AT THE BOOKSTORE.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND GET UPDATES ON ALL OUR EVENTS,
AS WELL AS ANY SPECIAL BOOKS OR COLLECTIONS
THAT COME INTO THE BOOKSTORE!

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 12 noon to 8 p.m. Wed. & Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday Closed

Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call 667-7900 or visit the Library website at
www.aclibrary.org for more information.

BOOKSTORE HOURS

 Monday
 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.

 Tuesday
 12 noon to 7:30 p.m.

 Wed. & Thursday
 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday Closed

Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 733-3285 or e-mail Friends. CVL@gmail.com for more information.

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Board members may be contacted by calling the Friends office or emailing us as noted under the BookStore information to the left. You may also contact us through our website or by visiting the BookStore during normal operating hours.

MEETING SCHEDULE!!!

Friends meetings are held on an as-needed basis. Circle of Friends is published quarterly. Please check your newsletter or our website for upcoming meeting dates and other events.

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TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL