

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Friends of the Castro Valley Library August 2014



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The August book sale is rapidly approaching, August 22—24. Look for details about the sale elsewhere in this newsletter. Looking for a home for your wonderful books that you no longer want

taking up valuable space in your home? Now is the time to donate them to the Friends. Please drop them off before August 15th. For large donations (more than two banker's boxes); contact the office at (510)733-3285 and arrange a time for drop off. Donation guidelines can be found at: http://friendsofcvlibrary.org/index.php/donations/42guidelines or at the bookstore office. The Friends of the Castro Valley Library have a hard working group of dedicated volunteers who look over each book, sort and clean the books for resale. The week before the sale we need to take the time to ensure that the books for sale are sorted and cleaned, so please, no large donations the week before the sale. Working at the book sale is a good way to start your career as a "Friends of the Library Volunteer." Sign up at the office now.

The Friends were presented with a \$1,045 check from the Castro Valley Sanitary District as a result of their efforts for Earth Day. I want to extend a warm thank you to the CV Sanitary Board: Daniel M. Akagi, President; Dave Sadoff, President Pro Tem; Ralph Johnson, Secretary; Melody Appleton, Secretary Pro Tem; and Timothy McGowan, Board Member.

This group selected the Friends of the Castro Valley Library as one of three nonprofit organizations to receive donations from the Earth Day event. Thank you also to all 209 individuals who supported the Friends of the Castro Valley Library by selecting us to benefit from their work in cleaning up Castro Valley. All monies raised by the Friends are used by the Castro Valley Library to improve library services to our local community.

Now is a good time to consider renewing your membership for the new season which begins on October 1, 2014. Encourage your friends and neighbors to become members as well.

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.) 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. Lawyer in the Library 2nd Mondays 6-8 p.m. Appt. reg'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. Assemblyman Bill Quirk's representative-first Tuesday of every month from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Cal-Fresh Enrollment Clinic-second Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. Partial List of Events Coming Up in August 8/4 2-3 p.m. Maker Monday—Graffiti Art (ages 10-14) 8/5 2-4 p.m. Movie "Back to the Future" 8/6 1-3 p.m. Jungle James Reptile Petting Zoo 8/7 10:30-11:30 a.m. Summer Storytime-Musical Play 8/9 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sulphur Creek: Creepy Crawly Critters Adult Computer Classes: (registration required) Google & Beyond, 8/5, 12:30-2:30 p.m. E-Mail Basics (2 sessions) 8/12 & 19 12:30-2:30 p.m. Excel 2010 (2 sessions) 8/2 & 16 12:30-2:30 p.m. Publisher 2010 (2 sessions) 8/14 & 28 12:30-2:30 p.m. Note, there are lots and lots of summer programs so please check the Library's website for complete information!!!

The Library will be closed on the following days: Monday September 1st for Labor Day Tuesday November 11th for Veterans Day Thursday November 27th for Thanksgiving

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 Friends of Castro Valley Library is an important organization for everyone in the community. It is especially important for all of us who are lucky enough to be one of the volunteers. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who make this organization work.

Jane Kraut, President Friends of the Castro Valley Library

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

By Carolyn Moskovitz

As always, we are having a very busy summer. Besides the multifaceted program produced by the Children's department, we are offering book groups, movies, discussion groups, computer classes, and informational programs for Adults and Teens as well. This is all possible because of the ongoing generous support of our Friends. I always feel that we are extremely fortunate to have the support we do, but especially in summer when we are able to offer so many wonderful programs in our community.

Another reason we can offer all we do is that so many take the time to volunteer at the library. Because we try to provide volunteer opportunities for the many high school students that ask, we limit our adult volunteers to those with particular skills. For example we have adults volunteering at our Tech and Gadget Lab, our Job Lab, and at our advanced Math and Science tutoring class. When an adult asks about volunteering I ask about skills. We recently had a retired engineer who is interested in helping out with advanced math and science tutoring, and a retired HR manager who is working in Job Lab. We do need more volunteers with tech skills to assist in our Tech Lab. If you are interested I'd love to hear from you.

We also need a person who is skilled at Facebook to help with the Friends' Facebook page. And we are looking for people with accounting or finance backgrounds to help the Friends out as well. Again, if you are interested please let me know.

We have finally scheduled the upgrade of our audiovisual equipment. We are approaching our 5th anniversary in the new library and the original audio visual equipment is no longer up to date. Again thanks to the Friends we are able to vastly improve our equipment and we expect to be able to offer an audio visual experience that is higher quality, reliable and easy to use. Installation is scheduled for early September.

As reported, County Librarian Jean Hofacket retired in April. Recruitment for her position is expected to begin in the Fall. In the meantime, Carmen Martinez, former Oakland Public Library City Librarian, has been hired as Acting County Librarian.

U. S Congressman Eric Swalwell will be at the Library in the evening of August 19th. He'll be joining us to talk about recent job related legislation. We will have a speaker as well presenting a program entitled "Sure fire Job Strategies for people over 50".

Finally, we sadly bid adieu to Jennifer Young, who is leaving us after 9 years to take a promotion with the Pleasanton Library. Jennifer is fabulous and we are really going to miss her. I know she will miss the many friends she has both among the staff and in the Castro Valley community as well.

SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING!!

By Dawn Balestreri, Children's Librarian

Summer is in full swing at the Children's Department! While school's getting out and teachers are looking forward to a relax-

ing summer break, librarians are just getting started. We couldn't provide the amazing programming we offer every summer without our Friends. Special thanks to the Friends of the Castro Valley Library for their generous funding of the Summer Reading Game & programming. This year's game kicked off on June 9th with the theme "Paws to Read." Children of all



ages have until August 31st to read (or be read to) and fill in their game boards. Last year's game reached more than 1,700 participants and this year we're on pace to top that number!

We have nearly 100 middle school volunteers to help participants play the Summer Reading Game this summer. These volunteers are critical to providing great service to our customers and we love rewarding them at the end of the summer with a party. Volunteers who have completed a minimum of 8 hours are invited to a pizza party and performance at the library, all thanks to the Friends of the Castro Valley Library.

Children's Services offers a great blog during the summer that provides ideas for summer fun and book recommendations of course. Check out the summer reading blog at: <u>http://</u><u>summereadingame.wordpress.com/</u>

Castro Valley Library also offers non-stop programming while school is out. Families with kids 0-5 are flocking to the weekly Playtime for stories, crafts, and toys. June and July drew crowds for music (Didgeridoos Down Under, Hipwaders), movies (*Frozen, Lego Movie*), and magic (Brian Scott, Zappo the Magician). Audience members took a starring turn in Kenn Adams' Adventure Time Theatre improv extravaganza. Maker Mondays gave budding DIYers a chance to build with Legos, make African beads, and enter the 2nd Annual Egg Drop Device Competition (no winners this year). Our Thursday, Summer Art and Science Series inspired young minds to build bugs, bounce bubbles, and design distant planets. Many Saturdays we headed outside to meet critters of all shapes and sizes with Sulphur Creek Nature Center. In addition, Game Day is every Thursday afternoon.

Summer may not be over yet, but we've already begun our Fall programming. Come into the branch for a calendar or find all our offerings online at:

<u>http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?</u> <u>curOrg=ACL&curKeyl=Castro%20Valley%</u> 20Branch&curMonth=7&curYear=2014&setRef=new

My father always said, "Never trust anyone whose TV is bigger than their bookshelf."

- Emilia Clarke, actress

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 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

YOUR DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!!!

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library greatly appreciate all of the books and other media that you donate. All funds from the sale of donated items are used to pay for programs and amenities at the Castro Valley Library. For a list of donation guidelines, please drop by our BookStore or visit our website.

Our offsite storage becomes extremely full the last couple of weeks prior to a book sale; therefore, if you have a pending donation, we would greatly appreciate receiving it by August 15th, or we ask that you hold on to the items until after our August sale if at all possible. We will have another sale in December, so items donated in late August will become the foundation for the next sale.

Thank you for your understanding and help! We look forward to seeing you soon!

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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.

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■Book store ■Sales events ■Membership ■Puble ■Information Technology/Website ■ Public Relations/A		



HHhH Reinhard Heydrich by Laurent Binet (2009 fiction; English translation 2012): This is an extraordinary read. I learned for the first time of Operation Anthropoid, a successful 1942 Czechoslovakian WWII resistance exploit initiated from London by exiled President Benes. Binet immerses his reader in a mixture of historical fact and imaginative musing that flows in starts and fits, in 257 chapterless paragraphs. The episodic narrative takes getting used to, but eventually I was carried along. Binet keeps interrupting his facts with whimsical insertions and authorial concerns. The form is highly original, but it enables Binet to fill puzzling gaps and to maintain pace. The substance of the book is the life and attempted assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, the Blonde Beast, the Hangman of Prague, chief German official in Czechoslovakia. Heydrich's career is outlined against the mesmerizing background of what evolved into Hitler's Final Solution. Binet's description of the Babi Yar massacre alone makes the book memorable. Nor can I forget the erasure of Lidice town. And all along, Heydrich lives like a Roman emperor. Nazidom's tribute to him was to name the Final Solution Aktion Reinhard. Operation Anthropoid is detailed in all its fragile complexity, involving multiple heroes and heroines, and a traitor. The denouement is spectacular -Thermopylae reenacted in the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, seven men withstanding thousands, killing 800. The aftermath is the extermination in reprisal of thousands, including everyone who made contact with the seven parachutists, all fingered by Karel Curda, rewarded with 1,000,000 marks. Unforgettable. (Martin Waldron)

The Invention of Wings - Sue Monk Kidd (2014 Fiction): Sue Monk Kidd's latest novel is a biographical/ historical fiction based on the life of Sarah Grimke in Charleston, South Carolina, who, on her 11th birthday, was given Hetty (otherwise known as Handful), a 10year-old plantation slave, to be her own handmaiden. Sarah doesn't want to own another human being and tries unsuccessfully to give Hetty back to her parents or to free her. Neither solution is possible, and their two lives become intertwined as they both try their wings to freedom, Sarah from the patriarchal, rigid Southern slave-holding society, and Handful from her restrictions as a slave. Told in alternating chapters, the first-person narratives of Sarah and Handful provide stunning revelations of life in the early to mid-19th century in the South. Kidd masterfully interweaves the stores of an abolitionist and early feminist and a fictional slave with true historical figures and events. Available as a hardback book, large print, on CD, audiobook, and ebook in the Castro Valley Library. (Carol Lyke)

Legendary Locals of Castro Valley, Hayward, and San Lorenzo - Doris Marciel and the Hayward Area Historical Society (2013 nonfiction): Last year, the library presented a program relative to this book and some of the very interesting information contained within. You have no doubt heard of at least some of the "locals" featured, but if not, you will certainly recognize many of their namesakes: streets, schools, parks, geographical features, and other points of interest. In this book, you will also discover the valuable contributions these individuals have made to our community. Ms. Marciel and the Historical Society have done an outstanding job recounting brief biographies and/or other information regarding well over 100 individuals and organizations. Recommended for local history buffs and those who love our community. (Ginger Russell)

Quiet: The Power of the Introvert in a World That *Can't Stop Talking* – Susan Cain (2012 nonfiction): Susan Cain's landmark book has been on the bestseller lists for months, and with good reason. It is informatively written and researched (to the point of redundancy in some parts) but explains basic differences between introverts (at least 1/3 of the population) and extroverts – how they approach problems, how they respond in group situations, how they revive themselves to get ready for the next activity. It gives introverts an insight into their personalities and how to use them to best advantage. A valuable section of this book is on parenting introverted children, how to support them and be their advocates. Available as a hardback book in the Library, and also available in large print, on CD, and as an audiobook. (Carol Lyke)

Have you read a book, seen a film, or listened to a CD that you absolutely love? Please share it with us! *Circle of Friends* accepts reviews at any time. We look forward to hearing from you!



Licorice Pizza!

(That's a term of endearment for the black vinyl records which were the standard for music releases before 8-track, cassettes, MDs or CDs ruled the sound waves.) It is a fact that vinyl disk releases are all the



rage now, and many of the CD replicators are offering LP and EP products on vinyl again!

The Castro Valley Library BookStore was given a beautiful set of these black disks

which play at 33-1/3 RPM (revolutions per minute) on turntables, which were called "record players." These records were called LPs because they were longer playing than the earlier 45's or 78's.

This nearly complete collection of the "Great Men of Music" is in our overflow storage today. We have a 26 volume set of records produced by Time Life. This premium vinyl collection for the discerning audiophile and classical music lover comes in boxed sets, organized by composer. Most of these boxed sets are still in the original shrink wrap, never played before. These sets of 4 records include a pamphlet giving the background on the composer and a listening guide to individual tracks.

If you are interested, please call us at 733-3285 or ask at the BookStore window see if the set is still available, as we have ONE ONLY of this 26 volume set,

AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.COM

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

Indochine Style (2009) Walker & Graham (\$132)

Hell's Canyon, A River Trip (1990) Earl (\$19)

Merchants of Labor, the Mexican Bracero Story (1964) Galarza (\$30)

HSPT Flashcard Study System (2013) (\$37)

Puyulek Pu'irtugI People of the Volcanoes (1998) Morseth (\$225)

The Portuguese in California Vaz (1965) (\$25.00)

1972 Buick Chassis Service Manual (1971) (\$27.00)

Just listed! Beautiful Franklin Library <u>signed</u> editions of *Gimpel the Fool and Other Stories* (Isaac Bashevis Singer) and *The Confessions of Nat Turner* (William Styron)

Our name on Amazon is FriendsofBooks, and our entire store can be viewed at *http://www.amazon.com/shops/ A1AE92DUB78GQ4*.

We are also now registered on Amazon Smile. When purchasing a product through Amazon Smile, please select Friends of the Castro Valley Library as your charity of choice, and we will receive a 0.5% donation. For more information, see *http://smile.amazon.com*. You must start at this Smile website (rather than at the regular Amazon site) to participate in this program. Thank you!

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKSTORE MONTHLY THEMES!

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

August: Continue the travel season. Then take a look at the minds of Kindergarteners as they get ready to start school.

September: It's Official! School is back in session! For those who are out of school, update your resume. Study some job options or the history of working folks for Labor Day. And watch for a selection of books that were (at one time) banned.

October: Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness, anything goes for National Book Month, support National Bullying Prevention Month, and get ready for Hallowe'en, when

you can be anyone or anything you wish.



FINANCIAL REPORT

By Joan King, Co-Treasurer

We are pleased to report that book sales continue to be strong. For the first three guarters of our



fiscal year, we are showing a 9% increase in sales over last year.

We were also honored to be selected as a recipient of the Castro Valley Sanitary District's Charity Group Donations. For this program, each volunteer that worked during Earth Day 2014 was able to select one of three charities, and CVSan donated \$5 per person. We received a check for \$1,045, which will help us continue to fund the many programs held at our Library.

I have a theory that people who are addicted to reading are trying to re-create the joy of being read to as a child by a parent or a sibling. Being read to as a child is one of the great experiences of life.

- Billy Collins, Poet, in Paris Review

THANK YOU CORNER



By Jane Kraut, President

For this issue of the Circle of Friends I would like to give special recognition to the many members who are not currently volunteers. This is a very quiet group that regularly visits the bookstore, donates books when appropriate and attends our triannual sales. Members receive more in benefits than the cost of the membership. However, for most of you, that is not your primary motivation. You want to support our wonderful Castro Valley Library by supporting the Friends of the Castro Valley Library. In this social media age we all want "friends". The Friends of the Castro Valley Library are no exception; we want lots and lots of Friends. Spread the word, tell all your neighbors, family and yes, even your friends what a great deal it is to join the Friends of Castro Valley Library.

Another benefit of membership is that you may become a volunteer!! As the Mastercard advertisements of a few years ago reminded us, some things are "priceless". The benefits of being a Friend of Castro Valley Library are priceless.

NOVEMBER ELECTION!

The annual election of officers will be held at the November Annual Meeting. We are looking for possible candidates for the offices of VICE PRESIDENT and **CO-TREASURER** (two needed). This is your chance to serve a very rewarding two-year term with a great nonprofit organization and work with some wonderful folks. The outgoing officers are happy to talk with you about these positions and will be available after the election to answer questions and "show you the ropes."

A nominating committee is being formed NOW. If you're interested in either of these positions, please contact any Board member by calling the Friends' office at 510-733-3285.

You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. -Cesar Chavez

MEET YOUR FRIENDS Kay Wetherwax

Kay Wetherwax has been an enthusiastic library patron and supporter all her life. As a child, she would ride her bicycle to the local library in Pigua, Ohio, during the summer and spend most of her day in the stacks. She is an avid reader, particularly of novels and mysteries.



She moved to the Bay Area in 1992 and to Castro Valley 17 years ago. She is retired from the City of Alameda Housing Authority, where she served as Supervisor of the Section 8 Department.

Kay became an active Friend of the Castro Valley Library at the "Great Book Pass" when our new library opened. When she retired, she became a BookStore volunteer, and she currently serves as a most excellent Secretary.

An amateur musician, Kay plays the oboe. She and her husband, who also plays oboe as well as clarinet, are regulars with the Castro Valley Community Band, the Castro Valley Orchestra, and the Hillside Woodwind Quintet. (You can see the Quintet at its annual concert at the Library in December!) They also occasionally play in the pit orchestras for local community theater productions.

When not playing music, Kay enjoys reading, gardening, sewing, and travel.

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.



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

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday12 noon to 8 p.m.Wed. & Thursday10 a.m. to 6 p.m.FridayClosedSaturday10 a.m. to 5 p.m.Sunday1 p.m. to 5 p.m.Please call 667-7900 or visit the Library website atwww.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 <i>Friends.CVL@gmail.com</i> 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. The August meeting has been cancelled. The Annual Meeting will be held on November 18th. *Circle of Friends* is published quarterly. Please check your newsletter or our website for upcoming meeting dates and other events.

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