



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Friends of the Castro Valley Library
November 2014

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 25TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHABOT/CANYON ROOM.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November is a time of celebration for the *Friends of Castro Valley Library*! It is Annual Meeting time. On **November 25, 2014** we will have our annual meeting – as the name implies we only have one each year. Please come if you can; you will meet with some of the most amazing people on the planet (well at least in Castro Valley). Other good reasons for attending the annual meeting:

- To elect the new members of the board: vice-president, 2 treasurers, member-at-large
- To congratulate the outgoing board members
- To meet all the board members
- To hear a report from the head of Castro Valley Library: Library Branch Manager, Carolyn Moskowitz
- To learn how the Friends of Castro Valley Library have supported our library
- To discover the ways the Friends will support the library in the months ahead
- To have delicious cookies

The December Book Sale is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for December 5 - 7 and come prepared to shop. Bring your gift list. There will be many gift quality books for sale at very reasonable prices. **The book sale needs lots of volunteers; sign up at the book store to be one of the amazing volunteers who make the sale a huge success.**

November will mark the end of my first year as your president. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you this year. I look forward to another year working with the Friends as we continue to serve the Castro Valley community.

*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.)*

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. 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.
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 November

11/3—6:30-8:00 p.m. **Paws to Read**
11/4—12:15-1:00 p.m. **Tuff Tumblers**
11/15—12:00-2:00 p.m. **International Games Day! (family event)**
11/19—1:30 p.m. **"Never Too Late" musical theater revue**

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:

Tuesday November 11th for Veterans Day
Thursday November 27th for Thanksgiving
Thursday December 25th for Christmas
Thursday January 1, 2015, for New Year's Day

Watch for more announcements in the *Forum*, 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.

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library wish you a very happy holiday season.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

By Carolyn Moskowitz

As always, I have a few exciting items to report. First of all, after a long period of hiring freezes, we have been able to start hiring staff again. In the next few months look for a number of new faces. Many of you remember Donna Krehbiel, our long-time adult services librarian. Donna retired in March of 2013, and her position has been vacant ever since. In October it was finally filled by Chris Selig. Chris is the former branch manager of the Manor Branch in San Leandro. She also worked at the San Leandro Main Library for 5 years. Please say hi, and welcome her if you get the chance.

The other long-time-coming piece of news is that we were finally able to complete the upgrade of our audio visual system in the Chabot and Canyon rooms. Our equipment was 6 years old and in the AV world, ancient. It was difficult to use and the quality was substandard. Thanks to the support of the Friends we were able to completely redo the system. It is easy to operate, reliable, and the quality is great. When I demonstrated it to acting County Librarian Carmen Martinez and told her the Friends had raised the money to pay for it, she was impressed and told me she thought it was an outstanding example of Friends support.

We also were able to improve the public internet computer experience. New printing equipment was installed, and we extended the time limits in internet use from 60 minutes to 90 minutes per day. On Mondays and Wednesdays, additional time is available for job hunters through Job Lab as well.

In early October, we had a packed house for an event we co-sponsored with the Eden Area League of Women Voters. We hosted the Castro Valley School Board and AC Transit Board candidate debates. They were informative and lively and gave community members a good chance to get a look at the candidates and their positions. We were also a site for a drug take-back event, where the public could safely drop off expired or no longer needed prescription drugs. This is the second time we have been a drop off site, and on both occasions people told me they really appreciated the convenience.

On November 19th at 1:30 p.m. we are happy to be offering a marvelous performance by the Stagebridge theater company called "Never Too Late", a musical review. The performance will feature music, skits and comedy and is sure to be entertaining for all.

And finally, we will once again be working in partnership with Covered California to help people register for health care during the upcoming open enrollment period. Agents will be at the Library and will available to assist with enrollment.

MAKER PROGRAMS COMING UP THIS FALL!!!

By Dawn Balestreri, Children's Librarian

We had a wonderful all-staff day at the Castro Valley Library on Friday, October 10th. Hundreds of library staff converged at the library for training and team building. Our Alameda County Library System includes 10 branches from Albany to Fremont, and a Bookmobile. There are approximately 400 employees in the system, and it was a great opportunity to reacquire ourselves and in some cases, become acquainted. The Castro Valley branch employs 23 employees total. All staff attended a 2 hour customer service workshop and also a Maker gadget activity program. The Maker movement focuses on hands-on learning in many areas, including electronics, robotics, woodworking and crafts, to name a few. The Maker equipment will be coming to a library near you soon if it hasn't already. Castro Valley unveiled a 3-D printer in October.



3D printing, or additive manufacturing, is a process of making three dimensional solid objects from a digital file. In an additive process an object is created by laying down successive layers of material until the entire object is created. Each of these layers can be seen as a thinly sliced horizontal cross-sections of the eventual object. Our 3-D printer used strands of plastic to create its objects. Staff has been experimenting and has created bracelets, chess pieces, and a comb.

In addition to 3-D printing, there are many other programs coming, including a Press a Tote Workshop in November. TechShop Staff will be here with their Heat Press station to help you create your own designs and press them into tote bags. (Ages 15 and up). Sewing machines and squishy circuits are some of the other great hands-on programs coming to Castro Valley and all of our other wonderful libraries in the next few months. You can view the current programming @ <http://guides.aclibrary.org/maker>. Of course, all of the programs are free.

Books are personal, passionate. They stir emotions and spark thoughts in a manner all their own, and I'm convinced that the shattered world has less hope for repair if reading becomes an even smaller part of it.

Frank Bruni

Op-Ed Columnist, New York Times

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library will hold its annual meeting on **Tuesday, November 25, 2014**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the Chabot/Canyon Room of the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, California.

Agenda items include election of officers (Vice President, Co-Treasurers, one Member at Large) for two-year terms that begin following the election; the annual Financial Report and budget for the upcoming fiscal year; discussion regarding the Fall/Winter Book Sale; and other subjects as may be determined by the Board of Directors or requested by attendees.

Members of the Friends and members of the general public are invited to attend this meeting and comment on the issues being discussed. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to provide input, please feel free to contact the Friends at the Castro Valley Library BookStore, in person or by calling 510-733-3285 or e-mailing Friends.CVL@gmail.com.

NOT A MEMBER??? PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE FRIENDS OF THE CASTRO VALLEY LIBRARY. JUST FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW. APPLICATIONS MAY BE MAILED, OR YOU MAY DROP BY THE BOOKSTORE DURING OUR NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. THANKS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library appreciate your generous donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and other media. Funds generated from the sale of these items pay for many library programs and amenities that could not otherwise be offered.

We generally accept all types of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in good condition, except that we *cannot* accept encyclopedias or other sets of books, condensed books, textbooks older than 3 years, and magazines older than about 6 months. We also cannot accept books that have gotten damp, moldy, dirty, or smoky. A complete list of donation guidelines is available at the Friends office or on our website.

When we are approaching the date of a big book sale, our offsite storage is usually full and we are very busy cleaning and sorting books. So if you have a pending donation, we ask that you either bring your items prior to Thanksgiving or wait until after December 7th if at all possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you don't have items to donate but would like to help, the Friends will also accept monetary donations. All donations are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided. We accept cash or checks, and you may also donate via PayPal on our website.

Finally, as year-end approaches, we would like to say thanks again for your generosity and support. We could not do it without you!!

I want to join the Friends of the Castro Valley Library as a new renewing member (IMPORTANT—so that we have accurate information, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!)

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____

E-MAIL _____

Make tax-deductible check payable to
Friends of the Castro Valley Library
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Castro Valley CA 94546

I do do not wish to receive the newsletter and other Friends' information by e-mail

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- \$10 Individual \$20 Family \$5 Youth \$35 Corporate Sponsor
 - \$50 Benefactor \$200 Lifetime—Individual \$300 Lifetime—Family
- Membership renewals are due in October of each year.*

I would like to be an active Friend and help with:

- Book store Sales events Membership Publications

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Drift—*The Unmooring of American Military Power* by Rachel Maddow (2012 nonfiction): This is an entertaining yet scary book. Rachel Maddow (of CVHS, Stanford, and Oxford) examines various facets of the American Armed Forces, and discovers a monster out of control. She never refers to Eisenhower’s military industrial complex warning, but his 1961 warning foreshadowed *Drift*. The U.S. Army is more powerful than all other world forces combined, and its costs are unchecked and over half that of the rest of the world. The basic Constitutional check of Congress on Presidential executive war making power has been eroded and ignored since Lyndon Johnson. Presidents now act first and consult later. The historic composition of the Army has been altered from that of Jefferson’s citizen soldier army to an excessive reliance on National Guard, Reserves, and an unknown degree of privatization. Maddow spares no one and lets the documented facts speak. Reagan and the Grenada fiasco make amusing reading. The never-ending and irrational nuclear shield is described, complete with terrifying mishaps and inept inspections. The scandals, financial and humanitarian, of unsupervised privatization are recalled. She concludes with eight bullets, steps leading to recovering our national inheritance—America as a deliberately peaceable nation. Read and ??????. (Martin Waldron)

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn (2012 Fiction) and 20th Century Fox/Regency Enterprises production: **The Novel:** Gillian Flynn’s novel is a page-turner, although it isn’t one of those books you can read in a weekend. The plot concerns a 30-something couple, Nick and Amy Dunne, working through difficulties in their relationship. On their fifth anniversary, Amy disappears and Nick becomes the town whipping boy. Related in alternating chapters by the two protagonists, the story twists and turns until it eventually reaches its conclusion. **The Film:** Fans of the book will not be disappointed. Gillian Flynn was able to translate her very tense, thrilling novel into a very tense, thrilling screenplay. The cast is excellent, and the plot twists are pretty much all there and just as provocative as they are in the book. I don’t want to tell anything else about it, but fans of thrillers and mysteries will love this one. The book and the film are both recommended. (Ginger Russell)

The Truth is a Cave in the Black Mountains by Neil Gaiman (2014 Fiction): The brilliant illustrations and the intermixing of pictures and text make this novel seem like a rich chocolate dessert, one which you take in small bites and slowly savor each one. So rich is the mixture that it quickly draws you into the tale based on a legend from the Isle of Skye. It is only 73 pages long, but you nevertheless are sated by the end. Available in the Castro Valley Library. (Carol Lyke)

Three Stations by Martin Cruz Smith (2010 Fiction): This is one of three recent books by Smith which I have read. The others were *December 6th* and *Stallion Gate*. He conjures up detailed worlds filled with accurately etched characters. The

characters are whirled along inevitable and irresistible plot lines which correspond to real life situations. Moscow in 2010 (*Three Stations*), Tokyo in 1941 (*December 6th*), and Los Alamos in 1945 (*Stallion Gate*) are brought to life and populated with fascinating people, a mixture of historical and fictional. *Three Stations* is a heart-wrenching story of a stolen baby, born to a child prostitute. Smith’s lead protagonist is Arkady Renko, a flawed police detective. The setting is Moscow’s version of San Francisco’s Tenderloin, an urban jungle filled with vice and evil, and yet redeemed by flashes of love and loyalty. The community of children has unforgettable qualities, reminiscent of *Lord of the Flies*, but more diverse and hopeful. The adult world is uniquely Russian but compelling, ranging through billionaires, ballet dancers, and thugs. The stolen baby’s fate runs parallel to a serial killer, but Renko perseveres, and justice is done. *Three Stations* is eventually heart-warming rather than wrenching. (Martin Waldron)

The Presidents Club: Inside the World’s Most Exclusive Fraternity – Nancy Gibbs and Michael McDuffy (2012 Nonfiction): Although there is no official club, the only way to join this elite group is to be a past president of the United States. Gibbs and McDuffy explore in detail the relationships of past and present presidents, beginning with President Truman who enlisted the aid of Herbert Hoover to coordinate and oversee getting food supplies to 100 million starving Europeans after WWII. It highlights the cooperation, sometimes intrigue and betrayal, of past presidents with the sitting Commander in Chief. There is no party bias in this account and it is endlessly fascinating. A long book (over 650 pages including an extensive bibliography and attributions), it is available from the Castro Valley Library. (Carol Lyke)

Twenty Feet From Stardom – Anchor Bay Entertainment (Documentary, 2013): This film chronicles the careers of several of the music industry’s most “invisible” performers, those known as back-up or background singers. Notables include Darlene Love (the Crystals, the Blossoms), Merry Clayton, Lisa Fischer, Claudia Lennear, and Judith Hill; interviews include Bruce Springsteen, Mick Jagger, Stevie Wonder, and Bette Midler. The film includes both present-day interviews and performances and historical footage. Of interest to fans of pop music and music history, as well as those of us who grew up with “the sound,” this film is well-documented and photographed. It is available on DVD. (Ginger Russell)

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!



THANK YOU CORNER

By Jane Kraut, President

A very special thank you to Bill Welte and Bob Bell of Welte Construction for the many hours of work and generous donation of truck power to make sure the book sales happen. If one of Bill's construction trucks wasn't available, he provided a rental for us to use. Have you ever wondered how all those boxes of books were brought to the library? Well, Bill's providing of the truck and Bob's driving, and loading and unloading 375-plus boxes, have been critical to our efforts to set up the sale. Bill says we owe their diligence to Jack Conner because when "Jack says jump, we jump." Thank you Bill and Bob!



Be sure to remember the service provided by: Welte Construction, Inc., 1105 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577.

Thanks also to Rich Adams for providing a pickup truck and muscle to haul twelve heavy rental tables to and from the library, and to Gloria Bonora for also providing a pickup truck to move many items from storage for use at the sale. These "behind the scenes" volunteers are very important in getting those big weekend sales ready for our customers. Thanks to everyone!

VINTAGE USF YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE!

Did you attend the University of San Francisco in 1969, 1970, or 1971, or do you know someone who did? We recently received a generous donation of USF yearbooks (*The Don*) from those 3 years. These are in nice condition with no notes or signatures.

These yearbooks may be purchased for \$50 each, or all three for \$125, first come-first served. (Reprints are available on *Amazon.com* for \$100 each, but you can now have the original publication for half that price.)

If you're interested, please call 733-3285 or drop by the BookStore to see if these are still available. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Ginger Russell, or call me when I'm working in the store on Wednesdays from noon until 3 p.m. If not sold by December 5th, these will be located in the Special Price section of the Friends Book Sale, December 5—7 (see next page).

MEET YOUR FRIENDS Elizabeth McCune

Elizabeth has been a member of the Friends of the Castro Valley Library since 2009, joining the group just prior to the move into the new building. She is a Member-At-Large of the Friends Board, as well as the PIC for the History, Commentary, and Political Science section. She works in the BookStore on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



She has lived in Castro Valley for the past 17 years. She also volunteers as a docent for the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, conducting tours of the gravesites. The next tour she is co-leading is entitled "Oral Traditions" on April 25, 2015, a specialized tour covering Food Pioneers and Literary Lions.

Elizabeth is retired from the airline industry; she spent 14 years at United Airlines in Airport Operations (SFO) and Sales, and 8 years with Jet Blue in their Human Resources Department. She has traveled all over the world, been on 6 of the 7 continents, and says that if it hadn't been for bad weather out of Ushuaia in Tierra Del Fuego, she would have made it to Antarctica too.

The photo includes her friend Sparky, who was adopted in 2010. She says adopting Sparky is the best thing she's done since retirement (except joining the Friends, of course.)

Stop by the BookStore on Wednesday morning and meet Elizabeth!

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 Friends of the Castro Valley Library
Fall/Winter Book Sale is
Friday December 5 ♦ 6—8 p.m.
(Member Preview)
Saturday December 6 ♦ 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Sunday December 7 ♦ 1—4 p.m. (Bag Day)

This sale includes our usual large selection of fiction and mystery books, many categories of nonfiction, children's, and antiquarian and special price books. We also have a great selection of holiday and gift-quality books!

SPECIAL FEATURE: Many pop-up books will be available at this sale!!!

Over 300 cartons of books will be available.
You will be glad you came!

**Volunteers will be needed for all 3 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 sign-up sheet will be available in the
Friends office approximately one month
prior to the book sale date.**

*Please remember to bring your 2014-15
Friends of the Castro Valley Library
membership card in order to
take advantage of your \$2.00 discount.
Not a member? You can join at the door or
purchase a membership ahead of time.
(See page 3 for details.)*

JUST SCHEDULED: THE 2015 BOOK SALES!

**APRIL 17—19
AUGUST 21—23
DECEMBER 4—6**

**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!**

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MEETING SCHEDULE!!!

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