PRESIDENT’S REPORT
The April book sale, which will be over by the time you read this newsletter, appears to be very successful. Ned and Carol Lyke continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the sales run smoothly. These sales generate lots of good will in the community as well as funds for the Friends to use in support of the Castro Valley Library. Thousands of books were moved from storage to the library, organized, sold to the eager buyers; the leftovers were re-boxed and sent on to a good cause, and for the first time we were able to accept credit cards at a major sale. This all happened in the span of five days with the help of many volunteers and some special help from the Castro Valley High School Interact Club. Congratulations to all who participated in any way.

Perhaps you are one of the 222 people who were members of The Friends in 2013 and haven’t yet renewed for 2014. Please consider renewing. This link will give you all the details: http://friendsocvlibrary.org/index.php/join-or-renew-2

A short review of the benefits:

- You receive this fabulous newsletter quarterly.
- You support the amazing Castro Valley Library. Most of the special programs for the children are funded by The Friends.
- You get to attend the Friday evening book sale “members only” event and get a discount at the sale.
- You get discounts in the Bookstore as well as a $2.00 discount at each of the three book sales.
- You are a positive presence in the local community and the entire East Bay.

If you need to renew, do so as soon as possible! Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to join as well.

The bookstore continues to generate several thousand dollars each month for The Friends. Want to know the details? – Consider saying yes to the nominating committee when asked to take one of the treasurer positions. Or better yet, contact us and let us know you are interested. Sheila Keisner and Joan King have served the organization in this capacity since the bookstore opened in 2009. They will be stepping down in November. Be sure to read the article about this important position elsewhere in this newsletter. Other positions to be filled in November are vice president and member-at-large.

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.

Partial List of Events Coming Up in May
5/1 10—10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m. Music Together for kids 5 & under
5/3 2-3 p.m. Sounds of Portugal—Fado Performance
5/5 6:30-8:00 p.m. Paws to Read
5/6 7:00-7:30 p.m. Pajama Time for ages 3-6
5/8 10:05-10:45 a.m. Spring Storytime (0-3 years) 11-11:45 (3-5 years)
5/8 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Preschool Game Time (Thurs. thru 6/5)
5/13 and 27 12:30-2:30 p.m. Adult Computer Classes  MS Word 2010
5/14 1:30-3:00 p.m. Are You Prepared? Estate & Retirement Planning
5/15 10-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m. Music Together for ages 3-6
5/16 7:00-7:30 p.m. Spring Storytime (0-3 years) 11-11:45 (3-5 years)
5/18 10:30-11:30 a.m. (register thru CHP)
5/19 1:30-3:00 p.m. Movie Matinee (Adult) “American Hustle”
5/20 12:30-2:30 p.m. Adult Computer Classes Managing Files & Folders
5/20 1:00-2:30 p.m. Movie Matinee (Adult) “American Hustle”
5/20 6:00-7:00 p.m. Start Smart Teen Driving (register thru CHP)
5/22 6:00-7:30 p.m. SAT Essay Writing Workshop
5/26 7:00-7:30 p.m. SAT Essay Writing Workshop

The Library will be closed on the following days:
Monday May 26th for Memorial Day
Friday July 4th for Independence Day

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 the 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

County Librarian Jean Hofacket is retiring. It was under Jean’s leadership that we were able to open the new Castro Valley Library. Her hard work and commitment to the project was critical to its success. I know she is very proud of our Library, and grateful to the Castro Valley Friends and Community for their tireless championing of the project, and dedication to its completion.

On April 15th the Library co-sponsored a Congressional Debate with the League of Women Voters. Candidates Hugh Busell, Ellen Corbett and Eric Swalwell answered a series of questions on topics including Fracking, Immigration, Campaign Financing and the Minimum Wage. A crowd of over 220 came to listen and meet the candidates.

April 13th through April 19th was National Library Week. In its honor, the Library once again offered a Food for Fines amnesty. Library Members were invited to pay down their fines by donating food to the Alameda County Food Bank. For each item donated fines were reduced by $1 up to a total of $20. It was a win for everybody. We were able to make a substantial donation to the food bank, and many took the opportunity to clear their library accounts and feel good at the same time.

Spring break this year corresponded with National Library Week. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends we were able to offer Children’s programs everyday throughout the week. We showed the movie Frozen, had a puppet show, nature programs and Lego club. We have expanded story times to offer games, play and music as well thanks to the Friends.

Funds raised by the Friends have allowed us to greatly expand commuter classes. We were able to offer classes in EXCEL 2010, Publisher 2010, PowerPoint 2010, Word 2010, as well as a class on Cybershopping. We are continuing to offer basic classes on how to use the Internet. All computer classes are very popular, both those aimed at folks just getting started, and the many who want to acquire advanced skills.

Once again, the Castro Valley Library was the go to place for tax forms. Now that forms are no longer mailed to people’s houses, and fewer and fewer locations have them readily available, we think our role in providing them is more important than ever. The AARP tax assistance program offered free help to anyone who needed it starting in February and more than 200 people took advantage of it. They completed and filed 165 returns for community members.

Finally, I am pleased to report that our Lucky Day Collection is finally up and running. Look for it in the front of the Library in the new book area. Best sellers and hot DVDs are available for checkout with no wait if it happens to be your lucky day. And if you can’t find something now keep an eye out because many more items have been ordered and are on the way.

SOME THOUGHTS ON LIBRARIES
By Jean Hofacket, County Librarian

I am writing this at the beginning of National Library Week, a time set aside nationally for celebrating public libraries, and library staff, and the multitude of ways we change lives and make lives better. Libraries are privileged in having access to powerful data, cutting edge technology and innovative learning initiatives. Libraries are blessed with staffs that are dedicated, hardworking, committed, imaginative individuals who are the heart of any library.

Libraries are in the midst of the same challenges and opportunities as our communities. The Castro Valley Library is a wonderful example of this.

On any given day you will find the library growing lifelong learners, making it possible for people to move from unemployed to employed, reflecting the multicultural nature of the County and helping build healthy communities. You will also find folks sitting contentedly in the sunshine enjoying their favorite books and magazines, finding a brief respite from the business of the world, using computers that give them access to communication, learning, information, exploration and just enjoying the pleasure of being in the midst of folk from their community.

People come to libraries to share with each other; our stories, our cultures, our ideas, our commonalities and differences. And all of these together make us stronger; connected to each other in those special ways that truly make community. Libraries are dream weavers, places of “Infinite Possibilities” that help us dream dreams, journey to destinations of the heart and mind, and are a catalyst for dreams becoming reality.

Just are libraries the heart of their communities, communities are the heart of libraries. We are woven together, interconnected, sharing common goals and aspirations; working together for the good of individuals and communities alike. It is no wonder that those moving across this country, recognized that public libraries were a hallmark of a successful, determined, thriving society and created libraries across the country. It is no wonder that President Franklin Roosevelt recognized the value of libraries and named them specifically as an integral part of the nation’s recovery from the Great Depression.

Throughout all of this, volunteers, citizens groups, members of the community have been integral to the growth and stability of libraries. Many libraries were started by a small group of folk with a vision for a better place to live. As Friends of the Castro Valley Library, you carry on this vision and mission. The Library is stronger, and thrives on your caring and support. You have my heartfelt admiration and gratitude for what you give your neighbors and community through the Library; and you have my heartfelt thanks for giving back, for paying it forward in so many ways.

As we say in Texas, bless your hearts for your good work! Leaving the Alameda County Library and moving into the next adventures of my life, I carry with me memories of times shared, of laughter, of struggle and triumphs, of the opening of a glorious new building; and with the knowledge that the Friends endure, adding to the certainty that the library also endures.
The Friends of the Castro Valley Library will hold an election at the November, 2014, meeting for the following offices: Vice President, 2 Co-Treasurers, and a Member-At-Large. A nominating committee will soon be appointed to seek potential candidates for these offices.

Officers are expected to attend as many of the Board of Directors meetings as possible (currently held the third Tuesday of each month from 9:30 until approximately 11:00 a.m.), as well as the General Meetings (currently held quarterly at 7 p.m.). These are two-year terms. Following are detailed descriptions of duties and expectations for the positions:

**Vice President:** Performs the duties of the President in his/her absence, and any other tasks assigned by the President. The Vice President is expected to understand and be familiar with the bylaws and operating procedures and policies of the Friends, as well as the day-to-day events and activities that take place. This is a creative and enjoyable position!

**Co-Treasurers:** The office of Treasurer has been split into two positions. Presently, one performs the day to day operations while the other performs the general accounting and tax procedures. A background in or familiarity with standard bookkeeping/interest.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information, please give us a call at the Friends Office, 733-3285, email us at Friends.CVL@gmail.com, or drop by our office at the Castro Valley Library. The officers currently holding these positions would be happy to talk with you about their experiences and the requirements. The Friends of the Castro Valley Library is an outstanding organization which provides the funding for many Library programs and amenities. Please consider joining us!
The Man From Beijing – Henning Mankell (2011 Fiction): I am a fan of Henning Mankell, whose Kurt Wallander TV series stars Kenneth Branagh. The Man From Beijing is described as a stand-alone masterpiece, and I started with high hopes. The first 104 pages did not disappoint: a shocking crime committed in a depressing Swedish village in 2006. But then I was whisked back to China in 1863. Three brothers were press-ganged off to California and the transcontinental railway construction site in Nevada. There, they endured brutal conditions and shameful Irish racism. Only one, San, returned to China and respectability in 1868. The plot then leapt to 2005; San’s descendants, Ya Ru and his sister Hong Qiu, highly placed in Communist China, present opposing viewpoints of an epic scheme to transplant poor Chinese peasants to wide open African spaces. The discussion predates today’s U.S. concern about social inequality. The plot proceeds predictably in Mozambique, accurately portrayed by Mankell, who lives and works there. Birgitta Roslin, a Swedish judge, is the plot device, the character whose machinations link the Swedish crime to China. I found her character credible, hardworking, and on sick leave. I found her actions, the threads connecting events separated by continents and centuries, unconvincing. I found the crime’s resolution unsatisfying. (Martin Waldron)

Greetings from the Lincoln Highway – Brian Butko (2013 nonfiction): Most of you have seen the red-white-and-blue “Lincoln Highway” historical signs that were posted along Foothill Road, Grove Way, East Castro Valley Boulevard, Dublin Canyon Road, and other local streets in the Bay Area. This book follows the Lincoln Highway, constructed 100 years ago as the first transcontinental roadway, across the United States from New York to San Francisco. It is a wonderful book that details the first, second, and third generations of the route, with maps, history, and new and old photographs. This book makes you want to holler “Road Trip!” but even if you never visit the eastern stretches, the local history is fascinating, and there are plenty of places to visit right in our own back yard. Recommended, especially for transportation and history buffs. (Ginger Russell)

Quartet (The Weinstein Co. 2013): Everyone knows that a retirement home will be replete with stories, and Beecham House for Retired Musicians is awash with them. The cast in Dustin Hoffman’s 2013 directing debut, Quartet, is filled with recognizable performers and others who, though retired, still are excellent musicians. Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, and Bill Connolly, are the four main characters who have performed together in the past and now find themselves in the same retirement home with the past, present, and future unfolding among them. Set in the picturesque English countryside, it is a warm-hearted, funny, and spirited film, generously filled with operatic and classical music. A winner. Available in DVD format at the Library. (Carol Lyke)

The Lost Squadron by David Hayes (1994 Nonfiction; updated in 2007): In 1942, a squadron of 6 P-38 fighters and 2 B-17 bombers made an emergency landing in Greenland. While the crews were all rescued, the brand-new planes were left behind. Forty years later, the first of several proposed salvage operations began, culminating in the recovery of only one P-38 in 1993. Over the 50-year time span between the abandonment and recovery, the unforgiving climate and geography of arctic had covered the planes with 250 feet of ice and snow. This book chronicles the attempts of several different groups of warbird lovers, engineers, and investors to locate and recover the planes. Complete with detailed histories of the aircraft and beautiful photographs of the original squadron and the recovery missions, it is of particular interest to the fans of World War II era aircraft but also those who are interested in the persistent nature of the human spirit. Today, there are only seven flyable P-38’s in existence, one of which is “Glacier Girl” featured in this story. (Ginger Russell)

Of Dice and Men: The Story of Dungeons and Dragons and the People Who Play It by David M. Ewalt (2013 nonfiction). Did you or your children ever play Dungeons & Dragons? Ever wonder what all the fuss (The Satanic Panic, chapter 10) was about when the game was popular in the 1980s? Ever wonder about the D&D scene in the movie ET? Ewalt answers these questions and many more in this delightful book chronicling the D&D story. He weaves his own D&D adventures with his impeccable and well documented research into a compelling read about this amazing role playing game. (Jane Kraut)

The End of Your Life Book Club – Will Schwalbe (2012 nonfiction): Despite the rather off-putting title of this superbly written autobiography, the book is an engaging and uplifting one. Will’s mother and he, both voracious and eclectic readers, begin discussing their current reads and swapping books while she is undergoing chemotherapy for an advanced stage of pancreatic cancer. Soon they discover they have formed their own ad hoc, two-person book club. Schwalbe uses the current book they are reading together as a springboard to discuss insights into the cancer and therapies, their relationships, relevance to other works they have read, world events, and a variety of topics one would not necessarily expect in such a book. Both Will and Mary Anne Schwalbe have highly interesting professional backgrounds, which further enriches the book. The bibliography at the end entices the reader to add a number of books to his/her own personal reading list. Available in the Castro Valley Library in a number of formats. (Carol Lyke)
WE’RE ON AMAZON!

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library have sold books over the Internet for quite a few years, at first via an agreement with a (Friends member) bookseller. For the past several years, however, a few of our volunteer staff members have researched and posted select books and other media on Amazon.com. While our major source of income is the BookStore and our thrice-annual weekend book sales, we are able to realize some additional income from our on-line sales that we might not otherwise have.

We currently have over 100 books listed on Amazon.com. Here is a random selection:

- Time and Place in New Orleans: Past Geographies in the Present Day (Campanella) $25
- Gwot! Horribly Funny Hairticklers (Mendoza/Kellogg) $75.00
- Meaningful Statistics (Third Custom Ed.) (Davis) $22
- The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome (Bainbridge) $25
- Forgotten Realms: Starlight and Shadows Gift Set (Cunningham) $36
- Rock Shrines: Where the Stars’ Lives Ended and the Myths Began (Green) $30
- Jane’s Military Communications 1982 ed. $74
- A Congregation of Jackals Lg. Print Ed. (Zahler) $20
- Masterworks of European Painting (Nash, Orr, Stewart) $22
- PA4 Locomotive (Anderson & McDermott) $19
- NAS Alameda 1954 Yearbook $109
- Model A Ford Construction, Operation & Repair (Page) $20
- Early Ford V8 Service Manual (Page) $60

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We generally price our books somewhat below the lowest price offered on Amazon for a used copy, and may reduce the price over time until the book sells, or until we remove it. Most of the books in our Amazon store are $20 or higher in price. As always, we are grateful to the generous donors who bring us these extra-special books. THANK YOU!!!

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKSTORE MONTHLY THEMES!

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

May: A lot of special days, including May Day, Cinco De Mayo, Mother’s Day, Bike to Work Day, and honoring our military on Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

June: Celebrate Old Glory on Flag Day, remember your Dad on Father’s Day; take a look at the history of Juneteenth, and mark the beginning of Ramadan.

July: Say Happy Birthday to the U.S.A. and then pick up a travel book or something great to read while you’re traveling!

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Joan King, Co-Treasurer

Thanks to the generous support of our community, book sales are up almost 10% over last year. We continue to work closely with the Library Staff to fund their Wish List, providing top quality programs for all ages and other expenses related to keeping our Library up to date in technology and maintenance. We appreciate your continued support in visiting our Library BookStore and book sales and keeping your membership current. Your contribution makes a difference to our Library!

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.
THANK YOU CORNER

We have just completed a very successful book sale (about $3,500 for the library); if you missed it, save the dates for our August sale: August 22 – 24, 2014. If you have never volunteered for the Friends, a book sale is a great place to start. You will meet many amazing, hard-working volunteers. Bookstore volunteers also volunteer for the sales; the board also works hard on the sale as well as a large number of volunteers whose unique gifts ensure the success of the tri-annual sales. Ned and Carol Lyke were ever present and worked in every capacity at the sale.

Set-up: Sue Choquette, Ginger Russell, Sheila Jones, Dottie Lyons, Tamara Weber, Rick Kalish, Paul Mackel, Jim Shea, Michael Stary, Roger Casell, Bob Kraut, Barbara McGeough, Kay Runyon, Rich Toney, Jo-Anne Partridge, Ruth Forbes, Cathy McCann, Patty Shadden, Colleen Stewart, Gloria Bobora, Joanne Parenti, Tom Tripoli, Paul Macke, Carl Stanley, Melanie Courchaine, Donna Jones, Carole Lundell, and Patty Darfler. This task included moving tables, setting up the room, renting a truck, moving many boxes of books from storage, and arranging the books for sale.

During the sale: Monette Gotwisner, Marie Blackmon, Margie Wiles, Berna Neumiller, Jack Conner, Sheila Keisner, Rick Kalish, Priscilla Kalish, Michael Stary, Tom Tripoli, Margaret Emory-Lenfestey, Jewell Hague, Sue Choquette, Marianne Bagai, Robin Oliver, Cathy McCann, Ruth Forbes, Sheila Keisner, Norma Peterson, Sallianne Dale, Patty Shadden, Sheila Jones, Lorraine Gill, and Joan Kinney. This group kept the customers happy, ensured the sales tables stayed neat and stocked, tallied the orders and accepted the payment all while expressing our thanks to each customer.

Clean-up: Norma Peterson, Roger Caswell, Gloria Bonora, Sheila Jones, Ginger Russell, Bob Kraut, John Keisner and the Castro Valley High School Interact Club. This crew attended to these tasks: Boxing-up all remaining books and stacking them for Monday pick-up, taking down the tables, returning the rental tables, helping to load the St. Vincent DePaul truck, returning to storage all the signage and other reusable supplies.

As you can see a huge number of hard working individuals contributed to the success of this sale, be sure to thank them.

There are two other groups that make the sale work, the donors and the buyers. It wouldn’t happen without the support of the community.

Thank you to the following for their help, donation, and support:

- Chronicles of the Bay Area to attend U. C. Berkeley. After graduating in 1969, I stayed here, living in Berkeley, San Leandro, Dublin (twice), Danville, and Castro Valley, where I have been for the past 17 years.

I truly love being a part of the Friends. All of the volunteers are so dedicated and so much fun to work with. I have the Wednesday mid-shift in the BookStore, where I am the PIC for the Antiquarian, Military, and Transportation sections. I edit this newsletter (so let me know if you have comments or contributions) and work on the on-line sales with Joan King and Tom Tripoli. Currently, I am Vice President, but I will be termed out in the fall, and I hope that someone else will enjoy that position as much as I have.

When I am not in the Library, I can be found at the Eden Garden Club, Hill & Valley Club, doing some serious estate sale shopping, or working on a variety of projects at home. Some of those include mixed media art, reading (yeah!), photography, playing drums and guitar, and working in the yard. I’m also a big fan of airshows.

Next quarter, we should be back to profiles of our more interesting folks! Meanwhile, If you’re in the Library on Wednesday afternoons, come by the BookStore and say hello!

MEANINGFUL INSCRIPTIONS

Inside Western Birds by Harriet Williams Myers (1922):

May the campfire burn brighter for my daughter Tawasi, as she learns more of California’s birds—playmates of summer and companions of hikes.

From Daddy
Christmas 1923
Mark your calendars now—
The Friends of the Castro Valley Library
Summer Book Sale is
Friday August 22 - 6—8 p.m.
(Member Preview)
Saturday August 23 - 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Sunday August 24 - 1—4 p.m. (Bag Day)

This sale includes our usual large selection of fiction and mystery books, many categories of nonfiction, and antiquarian and special price books.

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

Volunteers will be needed for all 3 days.
Contact us at 510-733-3285 or Friends.CVL@gmail.com
A signup sheet will be available in the Friends office approximately one month prior to the book sale date.

Please remember to bring your 2013-14 Friends of the Castro Valley Library membership card in order to take advantage of your $2.00 discount.
(valid on Friday & Saturday only).

THE REMAINING BOOK SALE SCHEDULE FOR 2014 IS:

SUMMER: August 22-24
FALL/WINTER: December 5-7

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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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 May meeting has been cancelled. Circle of Friends is published quarterly. Please check your newsletter or our website for upcoming meeting dates and other events.

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