MARK YOUR CALENDAR—OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10th at 6:30 p.m.

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.
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.
Cal Fresh Enrollment Clinic—2nd Tuesdays 3-5 p.m. (appt. req’d.)
Partial List of Events Coming Up in November
11/2 6:30-8:00 p.m. Paws to Read
11/3 12:15-1:00 p.m. Tuff Tumblers
11/3 12:30-2:30 p.m. Adult Computer Class—Managing Files & Folders
11/3 6:15-6:45 p.m. Yoga for Kids
11/3 7:00-7:30 p.m. Pajama Time (also 11/17)
11/4 10:15-10:45 a.m. Yoga for Kids
11/7 10:30-11:45 a.m. Yoga for Beginners
11/7 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Chinese Characters Workshop (K-6 grade)
11/7 2:30-4:30 p.m. Coding for Teens & Tweens (3 week class)
11/7 6:00-5:00 p.m. Morrison Theater Sneak Peek
11/10 12:30-2:30 p.m. Adult Computer Class E-mail (also 11/17)
11/10 6:30-8:00 p.m. Streaming Author Visit with Andy Weir (The Martian) – live virtual discussion
11/10 6:30-8:00 p.m. Friends of CV Library Annual Meeting
11/14 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. NEW SAT/ACT Practice Test
11/17 1:00-3:00 p.m. Movie Matinee—Mr. Holmes
11/21 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Covered California Enrollment Assistance

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:
Wednesday November 11th for Veterans Day
Thursday November 26th for Thanksgiving
Monday January 18, 2016, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Please note the library will close at 5:00 p.m. on both Christmas Eve (December 24) and New Year’s Eve (December 31).

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.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

November is a time of celebration for the Friends of the Castro Valley Library! It is Annual meeting time.

Friends of Castro Valley Library
Annual Meeting
November 10, 2015
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Chabot Room
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Avenue
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Please read the announcement in this newsletter (page 3) for more details. Please plan to attend and encourage all your friends and neighbors to attend as well. There will be dessert.

The December Book Sale is just around the corner. The book sale is December 4-6, 2015.
• Come prepared to shop.
• Bring your gift list.
• Bring your friends.
• Bring your neighbors.
• Spread the word.

There will be a special gift quality book section at sale. 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.

In case you cannot find what you need at the book sale and decide to use Amazon be sure to use our “Amazon Smile account”: smile.amazon.com, just search for the Friends of Castro Valley Library. See page 5 for more information.

November will mark the end of my term year as your president. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you. As the organization moves forward with new leadership, I know we will continue to support the wonderful Castro Valley Library through the efforts of our many volunteers. Thank you all for your support during the past two years.

Jane Kraut, President
Friends of the Castro Valley Library
We have just added some really exciting technology at the Library. For many years people have been asking if they could FAX from the Library. I’m pleased to say they can now FAX and scan. Our new equipment was installed in October. We also are now able to offer wireless printing to those using their own computers and needing to print. And finally, we have added a laptop/IPad kiosk. The new “Tech it Out” kiosk is equipped with 12 IPads and 18 laptops. With a library card, a member can check out either item for 2 hours. The laptops and IPads connect to our network right away, work with our wireless printing, and from what I hear are pretty fast and powerful. They are for use in the library and already seem to be a big hit. With the addition of this new equipment we were able to extend internet use on our desktop computers to 2 hours.

And as remarkable as the new technology is, even more surprising to me is the way pre-school story time has evolved. We used to have 25 kids come to the library weekly to listen to stories. Now we have a weekly musical story time that for the last three weeks has averaged audiences of over 300! The story times are held in two sessions, and thanks to the generosity of the Friends, are conducted by professional musicians/story tellers. They are followed by “stay and play” activities that allow parents to visit with each other while their kids are having fun. We constantly have people tell us that this is the best pre-school program of any in the Bay Area, and the fact that we get such a consistently enormous crowd lead me to believe it’s true. Our incredibly talented children’s librarian Dawn Balestreri conceived of and manages this program.

I am pleased to announce that we have added a second Children’s librarian to our staff. Vivian Jacquette has joined us. Vivian is a talented and experienced librarian. She previously worked at the Albany Library and at the Marin Public Library. In one of her first ventures, she is putting together a Coding class for Middle School and manages this program.

As Presidential politics heat up, rest assured that we will once again be holding “Debate Watch” at the library. Four years ago, as many as 150 people came out to watch the Presidential Debate together, enjoy a light dinner, and participate in a spirited discussion following each debate. Depending on the nominees, it could even be bigger in 2016.

And finally, as we pass our 6th anniversary in the building, I just wanted to say how wonderful this experience has been in a large part because of the Friends. Without the resources made available to us from your hard work, we would never have been able to provide the very high level of service to our community. Thanks – you make it all possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER
By Carolyn Moskovitz

Special Programs for Adult Patrons
By Chris Selig
Adult Services Librarian

The support of the Friends of the Castro Valley Library allows us to produce many innovative and educational programs for our patrons. A recent example was the successful Castro Valley Creates.

Castro Valley Creates was a weekend festival of do-it-yourself classes that took place on September 19 and 20. We offered five classes on Saturday and three on Sunday. Many patrons signed up for more than class. There was something for everyone.

On Saturdays, we offered classes on raising bees, raising chickens, aromatherapy, henna tattoos, and woodblock printing. On Sunday we had workshops on pastry-making, caring for succulent plants, and sashiko, a special Japanese mending technique. People left each workshop with a gift, whether it was a delicious berry pastry or a small bottle of their favorite essential oil. Over the course of the weekend we inspired our patrons to try something new and awaken their creativity.

We also have great programs coming up in November. On Saturday, November 7, from 4 pm to 5 pm, we will present Sneak Peek with the Douglas Morrisson Theatre (DMT). That day, patrons can watch a couple of scenes from the musical Love’s Labour’s Lost and then talk with the actors and director about the show and their craft. The musical is based on the Shakespeare play by the same name and is described as a “giddy mashup of the Bard and boy bands.” Attendees of this special library performance will receive a two-for-one coupon for a full performance of the show. This is our third such event with DMT; it’s become a great partnership that allows us to offer high quality arts events to our patrons.

Lastly, we are joining a group of libraries around the Bay Area for a new way to bring best-selling authors to our patrons. It’s called The Library Talks, and it is being spearheaded by The Mountain View Public Library. The Library Talks produces live streaming virtual author events that allow even the smallest libraries to offer events with popular authors. On Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm we will connect to a live interview with Andy Weir, author of The Martian, which is now a hit movie starring Matt Damon. During the interview our patrons can submit questions that will appear on the moderator’s screen, creating an interactive experience for the viewers.

Please join us for these and other events. If you have any ideas for next year’s Castro Valley Creates or any other programs, please let us know. And thank you for your continued support!
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Membership renewals are due in October of each year.

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THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!
The Friends of the Castro Valley Library appreciate your donations of books, magazines, DVD’s, music CD’s and other media. With our book sale coming up the first weekend in December, we would like to request that donations intended for the sale be dropped off no later than the day before Thanksgiving. This will give our volunteers plenty of time to sort the books. If you have a very large donation (more than 2 or 3 cartons), please call ahead to arrange a drop-off time.

We are happy to receive any fiction or nonfiction books in good condition with the following exceptions: we cannot take encyclopedias or other sets of books, textbooks older than 3 years, or books that are very dirty, moldy, or smell of dampness or smoke. Magazines may be up to 6 months old. We will accept audio books, movies, and TV programs on DVD only, as well as music on CD. The only VHS we can accept at this time are Disney movies. We are no longer accepting audio books or music on cassette tapes.

Books and other media that are in exceptionally good condition are placed in our BookStore inside the Castro Valley Library. Those that have a greater value may be sold on line through Amazon.com (see page 5 for more information). Those items that are older or in average condition are saved for our tri-annual big book sales. Books that are not sold through either of these venues may be sold at one of our offsite locations or donated to the jail or another nonprofit organization. If there are no other alternatives or the items are in very poor condition, they are recycled.

Donations are tax deductible; a receipt is provided on request.

Funds generated through the sale of these items pay for Library programs or other amenities that would not otherwise be provided. We are grateful to our generous donors for these opportunities. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
The Friends of the Castro Valley Library will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 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 (President, Secretary, 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.
The Train to Crystal City: FDR’s Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America’s Only Family Internment Camp During WWII by Jan Jaboe Russell (2015 nonfiction). Newly released, this book adds another chapter to the sad sagas of the well-known U.S. internment camps of the Second World War. For this book, subtitled: FDR’s Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America’s Only Family Internment Camp During WWII, the author extensively researched personal and historical documents and interviewed many of the internees of the Crystal City Camp located in Southwest Texas. People of Japanese, German and Italian descent, along with their American born children were gathered here to be used in exchange for Americans caught in the war zones - diplomats, missionaries, businessmen, POWs – during and after WWII. Although many, along with their children were American citizens or fiercely loyal to the United States, their nationality made them suspect and led to their “repatriation”, repatriation to a country that they didn’t know or had changed drastically during the war and whose language was unknown to many of them. A few of the adults were eager to return to their homeland which was totally foreign to their children. Numbers and facts are fleshed out by the author, putting real faces of real families and their confusion at being singled out for exile from their homeland of America. Despite the degradation, privation and fear endured by these individuals and families, this is a story of many - their resilience, hope and loyalty to a country that no longer recognized them as patriots and contributing citizens. It is a sobering insight into another aspect of this lamentable time in our nation’s history. (Carol Lyke)

The Paris Key by Juliet Blackwell (2015 Fiction): After the death of her mother, 12-year-old Genevieve Martin spent a summer with her uncle in Paris. As a means of dealing with her grief, she learned the art of locksmithing from her uncle, which she pursued as a hobby and a distraction after returning to a less-than-ideal existence in the States. When her marriage crumbles and her beloved uncle passes, she returns to Paris with the idea of taking over the locksmith shop. In the process, she discovers secrets about her mother that could change her life forever. This novel contains some interesting details about locks and locksmithing and a heartfelt chronicle of Genevieve’s efforts to fit into the Paris culture and to come to terms with her family’s history. Light reading. Recommended. (Ginger Russell)

Broken Harbor by Tana French (2012 fiction): I read this book twice, and ‘twas no mistake. If you want a first class police investigation of a family massacre, you have it. The Dublin Murder Squad flails away at a slowly evolving mystery story. Witnesses and clues contradict each other, but “Scorcher” Kennedy stays the excruciating course. Excruciating is a word I do not use lightly. The Spain family, stabbed and suffocated, arrived at their appalling denouement over a period of months, months which mirrored a period of Ireland’s steady economic downfall. If you want a harrowing tale of love and affection eroded by outside forces of recession and unemployment and bad financial decisions, here you have it. Good people are eaten alive by circumstances beyond their control and understanding. You will look in vain for a flicker of hope, a ray of sunshine, a reason for Irish eyes to smile. Finally, there runs alongside the police investigation and family tragedy a subplot of mental illness. “Scorcher” assumes partial responsibility for a younger sister who exhibits a bewildering array of moods and behaviors. Tana French’s description of the sibling relationship is masterful, heart-wrenching, and convincingly integrated in Broken Harbor. (Martin Waldron)

Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult (2014 fiction): Thirteen-year-old Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident when Jenna was three years old. After searching through Alice’s old journals and Internet websites to no avail, Jenna enlists the aid of Virgil Stanhope, a private investigator who originally investigated the case, and Serenity Jones, a once-popular psychic. The unlikely threesome begins to piece together the events that occurred ten years ago, uncovering a completely unexpected set of circumstances. Interspersed with this story is that of Alice’s career as a scientist dedicated to the study of elephants, which is wonderful and full of fascinating information. For fans of Jodi Picoult, this book was written with her usual well-researched attention to detail. Its twists and turns hold the reader’s attention until the last page. The book also includes a (prequel) novella about Alice’s elephant research in Africa, which is also entertaining and enlightening. Recommended. (Ginger Russell)

Over 50 years ago, Americans were captivated by John Steinbeck’s road trip around the US with his blue standard poodle, Charley. Does his journey still resonate many decades later? Some of the dirt roads he traveled are now asphalted highways; the people he met are long gone, but others with similar stories, opinions and life styles remain in our midst; his eyes and ears, as conveyed by his descriptive pen, bring nods of recognition. He still is capable of taking us along on his contemplative journey, filled with beauty, insights and humor. Travels with Charley: In Search of America by John Steinbeck is a delightful return to yesteryear as we recognize truths that aptly apply today. (Carol Lyke)
In addition to our successful book sales earlier in the year, we held a special pop-up Sci-Fi sale October 18. The donated materials netted the Friends Bookstore $709 which will be used by the library for special programs as usual.

The Board of Directors will be presenting the '14-'15 Annual Report and the Budget (with Wish List from the Library Manager) for the '15-'16 fiscal year at the Annual Meeting on the evening of November 10, 2015. These reports will also be available in the Bookstore Office.

We hope that any of you who may be interested in what the Friends are all about will attend the Annual Meeting and continue to support our Library.
CONGRATULATIONS TO PRISCILLA KALISH for the very successful science fiction and fantasy pop-up sale. The sale made just over $700 for the Friends. It was Priscilla’s vision and hard work which made this event possible. It all started with a very large donation of very nice science fiction books, just right for a special sale. Priscilla asked all the right questions of all the right people and was able to assemble a team and develop an excellent working relationship with the library staff so that everything went smoothly. As with any sale, a great number of people contributed to the success of the sale. Thank you all!

I also want to thank all our volunteers who work in so many capacities year round. Forty-eight volunteers keep the bookstore open on a regular basis. The public knows they can depend on us because we can depend on our volunteers. In addition to bookstore shift workers we have ten volunteers available to haul books to and from storage as needed. We also have a large number of additional volunteers who provide extra help at our sales. Every volunteer is important!!

HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

Our BookStore and the December book sales provide a great opportunity to obtain gifts at very reasonable prices. If you don’t see what you want for that special occasion, we have BookStore gift cards and gift certificates available in various amounts.

These cards and certificates don’t expire and can be used by the recipient to purchase items in our BookStore throughout the year.

Please ask at the BookStore window if you are interested in this wonderful gift opportunity!

MEET YOUR FRIENDS

Carole Lundell

Some of you know Carole as the “magazine lady.” For the past almost 6 years, she has managed the magazine section of the Friends’ BookStore, in addition to working her regular shift on Thursday afternoon. This is no small task, as we receive literally hundreds of magazines from our generous donors, which then have to be divested of any personal information and sorted into categories. Although most magazines sell for “only” a quarter, they are a valuable part of the Friends’ income, and we appreciate Carole’s hard work.

Carole has lived in Castro Valley for 27 years. She was a 6th grade teacher for a couple of years, and then “took a break” to raise her family of 3 daughters. During that time, she also tutored other children. When she decided to return to the work force, she went back to school to study accounting and then served as the controller for a corporation until retirement. In addition to her 3 daughters, she is now enjoying 3 grandsons between the ages of 4 and 8.

In her spare time, Carole pursues both watercolor and pastel artwork. She also likes to travel and most recently visited Springfield, Illinois, to learn about Abraham Lincoln’s life in that area. She has also volunteered at the Senior Center.

Carole would like everyone to know that she appreciates any help she receives with the magazines in terms of obscuring names and addresses and sorting. Feel free to stop by the BookStore between 12:30 and 3:00 on Thursdays to say hi.

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

DECEMBER 4–6

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 many gift-quality books for holiday shopping, as well as our usual wonderful selection of fiction, nonfiction, and children’s books. We anticipate having at least 300 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 (2015-2016) Friends of the Castro Valley Library membership card in order to take advantage of your $2.00 discount.
You can join or renew at the door or purchase a membership ahead of time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE 2016 BOOK SALES!
APRIL 15-17
AUGUST 19-21
DECEMBER 2-4

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, AS WELL AS ANY SPECIAL BOOKS OR COLLECTIONS THAT COME INTO THE BOOKSTORE!
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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!!!
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