PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Annual Meeting: The Friends annual meeting is set for the 8th of November at 6:00 pm. On the docket, in addition to voting for new two-year terms for vice president, co-treasurers, and an at-large director, are the just-concluded year’s fiscal report, approval of the new fiscal year’s budget, and a package of proposed amendments of the By-laws. The amendments are to clarify certain sections of the existing document and to bring it into line with the evolution of our mission, officers’ responsibilities, and practices that have developed over the past seven years.

A nominating committee has drawn up a slate of candidates for the board positions. These candidates are usually from our group of active book store volunteers but could be any member in good standing. It’s a chance to become actively involved in a worthwhile contribution to our community.

Please plan to attend this once-a-year event to meet the directors who spend so much time during the year in keeping the Friends on course in support of the Castro Valley branch. As a dues-paying member, you have a vote at this time in determining our direction. You not only have a vote but are also eligible to make nominations for officers from the floor at the meeting.

Volunteering: A good way to see how it feels is to start as a book sale volunteer as I did. From there you can either limit yourself to book sale setups or move on to become a book store backup volunteer, a regular shift volunteer, or onto board level.

I’m repeating the following from the last newsletter as I don’t think it can be said enough.

BookStore Volunteers: As you already know, the Friends BookStore is staffed by volunteers who receive the book, magazine, and multimedia donations, ensure that the material is clean and saleable, sort between Book Store and book sale quality, and sell the merchandise and memberships. These volunteers usually work a set shift each week. Some are in on multiple days. We try to have consistent standards applied by the various volunteers as to operation of the Book Store through our policies and procedures directives. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for improvement.

Membership Information: Often, in the busy times at the Book Store, vital information is missing from the membership forms and thus from our database. This can become an issue at the Members Only Book Sale night. Please help us by ensuring that your membership information is complete when filling out a renewal or new membership form. Thank you.

Roger Caswell, 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
- Second 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.
- State Sen. Bob Wiechowski Representative 3rd Wed. 3—5 p.m.
- 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.
- Creative Writing Group, 2nd Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (preregistration required for this group).

Partial List of Events Coming Up in November
- 11/5 and 11/19 10:30-12:30 Adult I-Phone/Pad 101: 2-part class; preregistration and device required.
- 11/7 6:30-8:00 p.m. Paws to Read
- 11/8 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friends of CV Library Annual Meeting
- 11/10 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Driver Traffic Safety Seminar
- 11/12 10:00-2:30 SAT/ACT Practice Test
- 11/12 10:30-12:00 STEAM Saturday
- 11/12 1:00-4:00 Hollywood Before Censorship (pre-code films)
- 11/19 10:30-11:45 Yoga for Beginners (teen and adult)
- 11/22 6:00-8:00 p.m. Start Smart Teen Driving
- 11/28 10:30-12:00 STEAM Saturday

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:
- Thursday November 24th for Thanksgiving
- Sunday December 25th for Christmas
- Sunday January 1 for New Year’s Day
- Monday January 16th for Martin Luther King Day

Watch for more announcements in the Forum, on the Library’s website and readerboard, and on the CV Library Facebook Page. Also, remember to visit the quarterly art displays near the BookStore and the special features in the lobby display cases.
MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER
By Carolyn Moskovitz

Debate Watch has been fascinating. Thanks to our Friends group, we have been able to stage watch parties for all 4 Presidential Debates. We have started out with a very nice light supper, followed by watching the debates on the big screen, and ending with a moderated discussion lead by the Eden Area League of Women Voters. Everyone has raved about the food and really appreciate the support from our Friends in providing it. Many have told me the experience of watching the debates on the big screen with their friends and neighbors has been quite different than watching in their homes. A number of people told me that don’t have a television and really appreciated the opportunity to see the debates. In this time of harsh rhetoric and political polarity I have appreciated the respect that people have shown for each other, and the opportunity for the Library to bring people together.

We also hosted Eden Area League of Women Voters debates for both the School Board and Sanitary District candidates. And as always we gave out lots of voter registration forms at the Library as well.

Thanks to the Friends, we were able to purchase a Prowise screen for the Learning Center. This 84” screen is large enough to be seen from the back as well as the front of the room. It has a built in computer and is easy for our instructors to use. It is a much better experience for our computer classes and should have additional uses as well. The other building improvement we were able to put in place, thanks to the Friends, was adding spot lights to the third section of mural in the Children’s area of the Library. When the mural was originally commissioned the third section was not included, but was added at a later date. Unfortunately spot lights were not planned for or installed as a result. We added them in October—stop by and take a look—the very nice third section really pops now.

We have a very special program planned for November 12 at the Library. San Francisco Chronicle film critic Mick LaSalle will be here to talk about “Hollywood before Censorship”. During the early 1930s films were not subject to the Motion Picture Production Code. Mick LaSalle has written two books on film during this time period. After his talk we will be showing one of the best known films from the era, “Baby Face”. It should be great fun.

Again in December, we will be hosting a variety of Holiday Concerts. Swinging Holidays with Milt Bowerman is scheduled for December 11th. The Hillside Wood Quintet and the Montecito Brass Ensemble will perform on December 17th. And finally we will finish up with our Hanukkah concert on December 27th. We have a holiday card making event scheduled for December 3rd as well. We hope you can join us for these festive programs.

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AUTUMN UPDATES
By Vivian Jaquette, Children’s Librarian

Just as surely as the temperature gradually cools, leaves change color and drift down from the trees, early rains arrive and the creek refills, the fall season brings a change of pace to the library. In the children’s area, the click-click-click of the summer reading game wheel is gone and mornings and early afternoons are typically quiet again with children back at school. (Other than days when we offer welcome local classes for a tour!) After school, both the children’s and teen rooms are bustling with students of all ages. The Homework Center is up and running again, with an adult aide and teenage volunteers coming back to help younger kids learn.

October special events at the library included televised presidential debates followed by thoughtful discussions moderated by the League of Women voters. Thank you, Friends, for the appetizer spread you provided at these dinnertime events; it was much appreciated by all. Thanks also to librarian Chris Selig, who organized the debate-watch logistics.

This month, children’s librarian Dawn Balestri brings “Dinovember” back to the children’s room, which last year featured a hunt for hidden dinosaurs and prizes for little ones who found them among the stacks. This year we’ll build on the theme with STEAM programs (crafts that incorporate science, art and math concepts) and a storytime to get kids thinking and learning about dinosaurs and prehistoric times.

On Saturday, November 12, librarian Chris Selig presents a special event on the theme “Hollywood Before Censorship.” San Francisco Chronicle film critic Mick LaSalle, who has written books on the topic, will speak before a showing of the Pre-Code film Baby Face.

The library recently acquired a large-screen Prowise touch-screen computer/projector/media player that brings with it new presentation and programming opportunities. The high-tech station will be kept in the Learning Center, where many of our classes and gatherings for adults take place. A genealogy group that meets here was among the first to try out the new technology and gave it a big thumbs-up. Library staff will receive training on the software that drives the Prowise and explore other ways it can be used. Alameda County branches throughout the county will be experimenting and sharing success stories.

November Holidays
Veteran’s Day is on Friday, November 11. Schools will be closed (as will the library, as it always is on Fridays). The library will also be closed on Thanksgiving (and closing at 5pm on Thanksgiving Eve). Our staff will be enjoying the day with family and friends, perhaps enjoying a holiday feast or getting outdoors to feel the crisp autumn air and look at the colorful autumn landscape. We wish all our Friends and community members a happy holiday and a peaceful fall season.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

The success of the Friends of the Castro Valley Library depends on your generous donations of books, CD’s, and DVD’s. We are happy to receive your donations any time the BookStore is open. If you have a large donation (more than a few cartons) please contact us ahead of time, as we may want to make arrangements for your donation to be dropped off at our storage facility rather than at the Library. Please do not leave donations outside the Library as they are subject to weather or vandalism damage and detract from the appearance of our beautiful Library.

At this time, we are accepting donations of most types of books, DVD’s, and music CD’s in good, saleable condition. We do not accept sets of books such as encyclopedias, Time-Life sets, condensed books, textbooks older than 3 years, or books that are dirty, moldy, smoky, or otherwise damaged. We also cannot accept VHS tapes (except Disney), vinyl records, or cassette tapes (music or audiobooks).

We will gladly accept magazines that are no older than 6 months. Unfortunately, most magazines that are not current will not sell.

Books and other media that are in the best condition are offered for sale in the Friends’ BookStore. Most other donations are kept in storage for our three annual big book sales. We may also donate books to other organizations such as the jails, educational facilities, or St. Vincent DePaul. Books that are in poor condition or are otherwise unsaleable will be recycled.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 6:00 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; changes to the Bylaws, 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 funds raised from the sale of books and other media pay for Library programs and amenities that might otherwise not be available. Please consider attending our Annual Meeting to hear a synopsis of the Library Wish List for the upcoming year.

If you don’t have items to donate, please consider making a monetary donation, either by check or by PayPal on our website. Thanks for your generosity.

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!)

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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 this year; but will be due January 1st beginning in 2018.

I would like to be an active Friend and help with:
☐ Book store ☐ Sales events ☐ Membership ☐ Publications
☐ Information Technology/Website ☐ Public Relations/Advocacy

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Radio Girls by Sarah-Jane Stratford (2016 fiction): Canadian-American Maisie Musgrave is thrilled to land a job as secretary at the brand-new BBC in 1926. Despite the challenges of a brand-new industry, fast pace, and demanding staff, Maisie eventually discovers an affinity for the work and becomes an assistant and then a producer for the popular “Talks” programming under the tutelage of director Hilda Matheson. Along the way, Maisie unearths a shocking conspiracy, and she and Hilda face the dangerous consequences of telling the truth for a living. Although this is a work of fiction, and Maisie Musgrave is not a real person, this book contains a great deal of history, and many of its characters are real: Hilda Matheson, director of “Talks,” John Reith, the director-general, Mary Somerville, who was another BBC director, Lady Astor, and a collection of well-known figures. The late 1920’s and early 1930’s were a time of great change in Britain, when women were finally allowed to vote, and the great storm of Fascism was sweeping across Europe. This is a fascinating and well-told tale. Recommended. (Ginger Russell)

Inside of a Dog by Alexandra Horowitz (2009 nonfiction): If you love a dog or have loved a dog or just want to understand dogs better, this book will be an informative and entertaining read. Subtitled “What Dogs See, Smell and Know”, the author (a cognitive scientist) mixes observations of dog behavior – frequently those of her own dog – with the likely scientific reason behind it. The tone of the book is frequently humorous. (How can it not be; it’s about dog behavior!) But the science is serious, describing the studies that produced the cited results. The author clearly loves dogs and the personality of her dog Pumpernickel permeates the book. The derivation of the title (from Groucho Marx) and the cover photos add to the pleasure of reading this book. (Stephanie Dorward)

The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean (2006 fiction): My sister-in-law’s grandparents were awarded medals for their bravery in sneaking out at night across the frozen river for potatoes during the 1941-42 siege of Leningrad. I have myself wandered through the Hermitage, Leningrad’s unsurpassed art gallery. And I recognize the Alzheimer’s tsunami scattering my contemporaries’ minds – don’t ask for details! Debra Dean has interwoven these three themes in this mesmerizing book. The horrors of the siege are conveyed through the experiences of the gallery staff, storing paintings and people in the netheast basement to avoid nightly German bombing. There isn’t enough food. There is no water supply – only thawed ice. There is no heating. There are no medicines. And the galleries are artless, adorned with empty frames. Marina, main protagonist and eventual Alzheimer’s victim, survives by reinstalling in their vacant places the Madonna paintings. She walks the arcades, forcing her imagination to visualize each painting in every detail: Velazquez, Gainsborough, Fragonard, Caraffe, Giorgione, Spada, Caracci, diLorenzo, Martini, daVinci, Rembrandt, Raphael, Rubens, Titian, vanDyke, Caravaggio, Murillo, Zurbaran. Dean intersperses the Hermitage episodes with Marina’s granddaughter’s American wedding two generations later. Marina’s Alzheimer’s provides heartbreaking recollections and connections. Her distant past is preserved. Leningrad moments appear. Her present existence is shattered into totally independent experiences. I found The Madonnas of Leningrad sobering, enriching, rewarding. (Martin Waldron)

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein (2009 fiction): At first I disdained the thought of novels told through a dog’s voice, but many friends had enthusiastically recommended The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein so I was willing to give it a try. On the cover Sara Gruen (Water for Elephants) says “This old soul of a dog has much to teach us about being human.” Besides that, there is much to teach (some of us) about race car driving as well. Excellently crafted and at times laugh-out-loud funny, this novel is about relationships, loyalty, love and hope as seen through the eyes of the “old soul” retriever-terrier mix, Enzo. From there I delved into two other books “written” by dogs, A Dog’s Purpose and A Dog’s Journey by Bruce Cameron. Again wise books in which the dogs have the inherited memories of their previous lives and as such can become old souls too as they strive to find and fulfill their purpose in life. (Dogs have a purpose; cats just sit around and are useless according to Dog wisdom.) Whether you’re a dog lover or not, the insights into dog thought processes and understandings give one pause (paws?) for thought. All of these books are available in the Castro Valley library in formats including e-books and large print. (Carol Lyke)

BOOK REVIEWS WANTED! Have you read something you really enjoyed? Let your Friends know by writing a brief book, music, TV, or movie review. Reviews may be submitted at any time; just drop off a copy at the BookStore or email us at Friends.CVl@gmail.com.
**Available on Amazon.com**

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

- **Range Rover, the Complete Story**, Taylor & Dimbleby 1996, $47.00
- **Offenbach in America, Notes of a Traveling Musician**, Jacques Offenbach 1877, $49.00
- **American Seacoast Defenses**, M. A. Berhow 2004, $45.00
- **Videodrome, Studies in the Horror Film**, Tim Lucas 2008, $56.00
- **Seguy’s Butterflies and Insects in Full Color**, E.A. Seguy 1977, $35.00
- **LEGO City, the Ultimate Sticker Book**, Mary Ling 2000, $42.00
- **History of Haitian Medicine**, signed, R.P. Parsons 1930, $135.00
- **The Shiniest Star**, Beth Vardon 1950, $70.00

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

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

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**Check Out Our Bookstore Monthly Themes!**

*By Marie Blackmon*

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

**November:** Turn your clocks back to Standard Time, exercise your right to vote, thank our Veterans, celebrate American Heritage Month and Thanksgiving.

**December:** Pick up a cookbook for those Cookie Exchanges, remember Pearl Harbor, get snug for the Winter Solstice, and all those December holidays—Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

**January:** Celebrate a New Year You, make a life improvement, watch the Presidential Inauguration, remember Martin Luther King Jr.

**February:** Time for Superbowl 51, look for your shadow on Groundhog Day, celebrate President’s Day and Valentine’s Day.

**March:** Recognize International Women’s Day, wear green for St. Patrick’s Day, celebrate Holy Week, and it’s time for Spring!

**April:** Watch out for April Fool, read or create for National Poetry Month, celebrate Passover and Easter, be kind to Mother Earth, and plant a tree for Arbor Day.

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**Financial Report**

*By Barbara Kissling, Co-Treasurer*

The close of our 2015-16 Fiscal Year was September 30th, and we are pleased that we were able to completely fund the Library Wishlist.

The Board of Directors anticipates providing additional funding in the coming year.

The Board will be presenting our budget and the coming year’s Wishlist at the Annual Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, November 8th. We hope many of you will be able to attend and see what the Friends are doing and how we will continue to support the Library.

As always, details of the financial condition of the Friends are available to members in the BookStore office.
MEET YOUR FRIENDS
Ned Lyke

Ned Lyke has been a member of the Friends of the Castro Valley Library since the early 2000s and a very active volunteer since about 2005. Prior to the opening of the new library, Ned was a book sorter, storage guru and book sale leader. In 2008, Ned became Chair of the Transition Committee to direct the Friends move to the new library and establishment of the BookStore. He then was President of the Friends from 2009 – 2013 during which time he orchestrated with many other volunteers numerous changes in the Friends operations. Ned has served as Chair of the weekend book sales more than 25 times, continues as storage organizer, is the PIC for Science, Sports and Textbooks, has moved thousands of boxes of books over the years, and continues to do many other things too numerous to count or remember.

Ned and his lovely wife Carol (“Team Lyke”) have lived in Castro Valley since late 1970. Prior to then they lived in Hayward and Madison, Wisconsin where they met at the University of Wisconsin.

Ned was a Professor of Biological Sciences at Cal-State Hayward/East Bay for 35 years, where he specialized in Invertebrate Zoology, Marine Biology and Science Education programs. Over the years, he held many leadership positions in the department, school, and university as well as at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories.

He was instrumental in establishing and serves as Chair of the Friends of the Libraries of Alameda County, was a long-time Chair of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee to the Hayward Shoreline Planning Agency, and is currently also on the Board of the Emeritus Faculty Association of Cal-State, and on the Board of the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association. When he finds time for other things he enjoys wood turning, gardening, bird-watching, entertaining friends, hiking, camping and trips to other parts of the world with Carol.

If you haven’t met Ned yet, please attend (or sign up to volunteer at) the next book sale!
Mark your calendars now—the next book sale is

**DECEMBER 2-4**

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)

We will again feature a nice selection of gift quality books and holiday books, 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 (2017) 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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. THE 2017 BOOK SALES WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

- **APRIL** 7th, 8th and 9th
- **AUGUST** 18th, 19th and 20th
- **DECEMBER** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

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!
LIBRARY HOURS
Monday & Tuesday  12 noon to 8 p.m.
Wed. & Thursday  10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday            Closed
Saturday          10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday            1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Wed. & Thursday   10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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MEETING SCHEDULE!!!
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Circle of Friends is published quarterly. Please check your newsletter or our website for upcoming meeting dates and other events.

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