



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Friends of the Castro Valley Library

November 2022



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Robin Olivier President

Greetings Friends! We had a successful book sale in August, featuring non-fiction as well as children's, gift quality books, CDs and DVDs. One noteworthy sale was made to a Castro Valley High School teacher who is teaching a beginning Mandarin class. She was able to acquire, with the support of the Castro Valley Education Foundation, children's books in Chinese which were perfect for learning vocabulary. The teacher and students presented the Friends with a thank you poster—mostly in Chinese!! It's a great feeling to know that our sale had a personal impact on students at our high school.

Great news! We will have a three day Book Sale, December 2, 3, 4. Friday night, from 6-8 PM is for members only. A membership table will be available for those who wish to join that night. This will be a 2023 membership. Current members can use a coupon from the back of their 2022 membership card. Saturday's sale is from 10-3. Sunday is Bag Day where you will be able to fill a provided paper bag for \$5. There will be a large selection of books in French and Chinese. Be sure to check out the non-English section!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14 at 6 PM in the Chabot Room. Attendees will elect officers, hear a financial report, approve the budget for the upcoming year and hear the library's wish list. Please join us for this important meeting.

2023 memberships will be available at the Annual Meeting. Your membership includes coupons that can be used in our book store and at sales. We are planning three sales in 2023; April, August and December! Each sale will have a members only night. Your membership helps us pay for the special programs the library offers:

- Children's Sing Along Story Time
- After school homework support
- Concerts
- Seed library
- Tiny Art Gallery
- Book clubs

Renew your membership, shop at our book store and support our library!

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGER

By Dawn Balestreri, Branch Manager

Halloween is a time of goblins, ghosts, and cavities for many of us. It's also our anniversary! We recently celebrated our 13th anniversary in the new building (more than 100 years in the community). On Halloween 2009 we passed books from the old library to the new location on Norbridge Ave. We called it "The Great Book Pass," and I'm so thankful to have been a part of the opening celebration. I felt the pride and community connection that day, it was wonderful!

Our Tiny Art Show was a smash success! Members picked up their tiny supplies, created their tiny art, and submitted their tiny work. All submissions were displayed in our lobby in September, and a tiny reception was held with tiny cookies and tiny popcorn.

We recently offered a wonderful program about the Ohlone People: Past, Present and Future in September. Participants were able to learn about the history and heritage of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and their struggle to regain federal recognition. The program was presented by Dr. Alan Leventhal, a retired professor from San Jose State University. Dr. Leventhal has spent 42 years with the tribe as an archaeologist and ethnohistorian.

We were able to secure a Homework Help facilitator! Homework Help is open to assist students with their homework. Kids sign in and start their homework. When they need help, they raise their hand, and a facilitator or volunteer comes over to help. The program has been a lifesaver for families, and we are happy it's back.

Planning is in full gear for the 6th Annual Castro Valley Reads! We are excited to share next year's title with our members. I encourage you to join our community reads event and see what happens when we all read the same book. Teasers coming soon!

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Staff Column by Angela Moffett, Adult Services Librarian

Our garden is growing! Our garden programming, that is. Since early this year when ForestR.org provided the seeds and resources to start a community seed library, we've distributed over 2,000 packets of seeds to library members. The seed library continues to thrive thanks to donations of seeds from community members and ForestR.org. It's truly a community effort and it can't happen without your participation. Thanks to everyone who has donated seeds to date!

On September 24 ForestR.org presented our first in a series of gardening workshops. We learned how to harvest and save seeds from our own gardens so we can replant our gardens the following season, as well as share some of our seeds with the seed library. You can learn more at seedsavers.org and seedalliance.org. Or visit the library and we will help you find books that can guide your process.

Upcoming workshops in our gardening series include *Winter Fruit Tree Pruning and Care*, *Gardening 101*, *Preparing Your Garden for Spring*, *Big Gardens in Small Spaces*, *Eat What You Grow*, *Managing Garden Pests*, *Healthy Soil and Compost*, and more. Registration for *Winter Fruit Tree Pruning and Care* is open now. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or visit us at aclibrary.org to register.

There are many vegetables that grow over the winter in the Bay Area, including beets, broccoli, carrots, chard, cauliflower, dill, kale, onions, mesclun, arugula and other lettuces. You can find most of those in the seed library. Visit the library soon to choose seasonally appropriate seeds to plant in your garden!



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library will hold its annual meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Chabot Room.

Agenda items include the approval of the appointment of President; the election of officers (Vice President, Recording Treasurer, three At Large Board Members) for two year terms after the election; the annual Financial Report and budget for the next fiscal year; the library's wish list; and other subjects that may be determined by the Board 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.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS: AMY FAIN

Amy is one of our newer volunteers, having been with Friends of CV Library for about 2 months. She works the Thursday morning shift in the bookstore and helps with sales on Amazon. A 50+ year CV resident, Amy said, "I settled here because I love the small town feel of Castro Valley and the majority of my relatives live close by."

She explained, "My parents didn't believe in owning a TV so books were my entertainment. I grew up going to the library every week to check out books. I love to read and find it very relaxing."

Amy also enjoys cooking, baking, and collecting old cookbooks.

Thanks to Amy and all the Friends who keep CV Library and Bookstore running!

Friends of the Castro Valley Library

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THANK YOU!

BY ROBIN OLIVIER, PRESIDENT

All of our volunteers were responsible for our successful book sales. Without eager helpers on sale days, we couldn't do it. But before the sales ever begin, we have a person who is ferrying sale books to our storage facility, renting a truck to bring them to the library, helping to organize the tables and with other hearty volunteers, delivering the books. After the sale, this person also coordinates with Discover Books to which we donate the remaining books. Roger Caswell is this pivotal person who has ensured that our two summer sales were so successful. Thank you, Roger!!

Thank you!

By Carol Sholin, Editor

A thank you to all the teachers and librarians who are standing up to book banning. 2022 has been a record year for book banning, mostly of titles by authors of color, books by and about LGBTQ people, and anything that might make someone "uncomfortable". Continue to stand up for the right to read!

FINANCIAL REPORT

BY BARBARA KISSLING, RECORDING TREASURER

September 30 was the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the Board of Directors is pleased to report impressive income figures considering the Bookstore was temporarily closed 1/4/22 thru 2/25/22. Funds were not only generated through the Bookstore, but book sales, pop-up membership book sales, and on-line book sales. We also received funds from donations, memberships and investments.

The Board of Directors will be presenting the 2021-2022 Annual Report and the budget for the coming year, as well as the Library Manager's Wishlist at the Annual Meeting, to be held on the evening of Monday, November 14th. As always, details of the financial condition of the Friends are available to members by request or in the Bookstore Office. We hope that any of you who may be interested in what the Friends are all about will attend this meeting and continue to support our Library.

A BOOK ON EVERY BED BY KAY WETHERWAX

"A Book on Every Bed" is a program developed by New York's Family Reading Partnership to encourage the joy of reading in the winter holiday season! The night before a gift-giving occasion (Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, a birthday, whatever you celebrate) place a gift-wrapped book on the bed of a sleeping child, who will awaken to discover a new reading adventure.

You will find a great selection of gift quality books for children of all ages at our December book sale at bargain prices. Please join us in sharing the pleasures of reading with your favorite child!!

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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Wednesday: 10am – 3pm
Thursday: 10am – 5:30pm
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Saturday: 10am – 4pm

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