

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am rolling up my sleeves to get to work being your new Friends' President. What an exciting time to take on this job! In late March, Manuel Oncina, the architect chosen by the city to take on the project of designing a new library and civic center re-configuration, held the first public input session. He introduced the team he has put together to help craft this major project for our city and then solicited input about how Encinitans envisioned their library. What kind of a building do we want—what an important question! Do we want a friendly, comfortable facility? Do we want a building that stands out as a landmark or do we want one that snuggles into the hillside? Should the site lead our thinking or should the functionality of the library? Do we need to incorporate meeting rooms or have enough been included in the Community Center? Your comments and questions on these issues are important! Come to the next input meeting which is being held on April 11 in the Community Center at 7pm. You can also send your input to the City Manager's Office, City of Encinitas, 505 South Vulcan Ave, Encinitas 92024, FAX (760) 633-2627 or email them to LibMPCComments@ci.encinitas.ca.us. Now is the time for people who love libraries to be heard—when we can have an impact on the planning. Please share your ideas and thoughts!

I want to thank the Friends volunteers who have started to research the building design for us. A group of Friends members toured some of the counties newest libraries, including the ones designed by Mr. Oncina, and interviewed staff and worker-volunteers about building features that worked or didn't. Included in this Newsletter is a copy of the letter that we have sent to the architect and the City Council, and now to you, sharing their findings. The prospect of finally developing our "ideal" library is a welcome challenge for us all!

Kathy Anderson, President

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NEW ONLINE DATABASES

CQ Researcher (Congressional Quarterly Researcher) explores, at length, one topic per week. These are well researched, balanced articles offer both sides of current hot topics, e.g., policing the borders, rebuilding Afghanistan and distance learning. You can even get help online on how to cite the text in your work. Highly recommended for high school and college students. Careers Online is designed to help you find what you like to do by comparing your skills and interests to each career. College Source Online covers, verbatim, over 14,000 college catalogs, including 2 & 4-year colleges, graduate and professional schools. LearnATest As of January 1, 2002, GED has completely revised their practice exams. All the practice books published before then are obsolete. While we wait for the new ones, students may practice online. LearnATest will help students improve scores not only on the GED but also on other academic, civil service series and professional licensing and certification exams.

How to access these and other databases from our web pages, www.sdcl.org click on ONLINE DATABASES. Type in your library card number. Your pin # is the last four digits of your phone number. **Note:** Temporarily, there is no remote access to Novelist and LearnATest. That means that until this problem is fixed, you cannot access these two from home, only from the library. Stay tuned.

For more information about library services and what's "New and Noteworthy," check out the Friends website!

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March 28, 2002

Dear Mayor and Council Members;
cc: Manuel Oncina, Architect

A group of the Friends of the Encinitas Library recently toured 6 fairly recent larger libraries in San Diego County and interviewed staff members and volunteers. That group has produced an informal report which we feel both the Council and the Library/Civic Center MasterPlan Architect, Manuel Oncina, need to read. The report is attached.

In discussing what worked well and not so well at these libraries, several things became very clear.

1. Every library had computers for children and a second batch of computers for adults. These are well used and every library would like to have more computers.

2. Sound between the adult and childrens' sections of any library is a major problem. Every librarian suggested a glass wall or some other way to separate the two areas while maintaining critical visibility.

3. Inadequate lighting is common and extra lighting has to be added on later, or sometimes more is not added as so costly.

4. Noisy libraries with poor acoustics are unfortunately common due to design which features surfaces that bounce sound around the library.

5. Every library visited was too small. What happens is that the size is planned with no potential for future expansion and minimum flexibility, so that as book collections grow or new features such as CDs, videos or computers become more significant to the public, there is no place to expand into or even move stacks around to achieve more room. Future expansion needs to be part of planning considerations.

6. Supervision from the Circulation and Reference Desks is very important, and not often planned for. Along the same vein, two separate entrances are not good.

7. Staff work areas are routinely underestimated, too small, and do not take into account future staff increases as public use increases.

8. Teen study areas and glass walled study rooms for 4 -6 are common as group study is a common feature of modern schooling. Most libraries had an area specifically set aside for teens, but most were very small, and often not acoustically separated from the rest of the library.

9. Easy chairs for reading scattered throughout the library are common and very popular. Nooks for such seating are at some libraries while others have easy chairs lined up along any vacant walls.

10. Every library we visited was popular with its community and those that were open while we were present (5 of the 6) was being heavily used by the community.

We hope that this report and the above comments will be useful in focusing the attention of the City on the importance of having a well-planned interior design for our new library. A video tape of some of the trips is available if you would like to review.

Sincerely, Katherine Anderson, President

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

By Jose Clark

Mission Memoirs by Terry Ruscin, is a collection of photographs, illustrations and twentieth-century reflections on this aspect of California's past. Because the author's access to areas not open to the general public and the unearthing of obscure and interesting facts, this title is unique in the cannon of California history.

Spring has Sprung: Of Gardens, Landscapes & Pests. Trees and Shrubs of California is a definitive resource, that presents the magnificent trees and shrubs of the state in one accessible field guide. Taylor's Guide to GroundCovers is an authoritative, complete guide to more than 300 plants for sun and shade. Pests of the Garden and Small Farms: A Grower's Guide to Using Less Pesticide, adapts integrated pest management (IPM) techniques to the needs of the home gardener and small-scale farmer. IPM focuses on biological control, resistant varieties, traps and barriers and less toxic pesticides. Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs: An Integrated Management Guide serves as a companion title to Pests of the Garden. This title assists the reader in designing and maintaining healthy landscapes. Both titles are loaded with diagrams, tables, color photographs and a list of suppliers. The UC Guide to Solving Garden & Landscape Problems, an interactive CD-ROM, offers information on 120 vegetable, fruit tree and ornamental plants.

DONATIONS NEEDED

BOOKS. Please weed through your books and bring your gently used books to the library so the Friends can resell them and make money for the library's use! We appreciate very much your bringing us good, sellable books. Please remember we can't sell textbooks, old romances, magazines, or torn or mildewed books. We will accept books until noon on April 26th. After that, any donations will be used for the October Book Sale.

BAKERS. Its time to rev up the ovens and bake for the book sale. The cold weather has been really good for thinking about turning on the oven and we need baked goods. People prefer the taste of home made because of the love you put into your cooking! If you don't cook however, you can bring something from your favorite bakery. Drop them off at the library Friday, April 26th, or bring them to the Boys and Girls Club the morning of the sale.

TIME. Volunteers are needed to set-up for the sale on Friday, and to cashier and take-down on Saturday. If you can help with any of these very important tasks, please call Elena Pitt at 753-7767.

Thanks to all of you for your efforts to help raise funds for the library!

FRIENDS of the ENCINITAS LIBRARY



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<http://encinitaslibfriends.org>

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9 AM to 1 PM

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