

# THE CALL SLIP

## *FRIENDS of the ENCINITAS LIBRARY*

<http://encinitaslibfriends.org>



P. O. BOX 231722, ENCINITAS CA 92023-1722

## January 2005

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED**

**Please mark your calendars and join us!** All members of the Friends of the Encinitas Library and any interested library supporters are invited to our Annual General Membership Meeting on **Thursday, February 24, 2005**, 6:30 PM at home of Kathy Anderson, president - 502 Shanas Lane, Encinitas. Call 753-6970 for directions, if desired. Otherwise, hope to see you there!



### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETIRED**

Marilyn Crouch, San Diego County Library Director since 1995, has retired and we want to say thank you and a happy retirement to her. During her time of service to San Diego County Library, eleven (11) new libraries have been built, eight (8) have been completely renovated and six more libraries are designed and await construction. During Marilyn's tenure, Library usage has doubled, open hours have increased by 30%, and the Library's operating budget has tripled.

She had an excellent working relationship with the Board of Supervisors, her staff at all levels, and the various friends of the library groups. The County library system consists of 38 branches, and every single branch has benefited from Marilyn's attention and support. Marilyn herself is a warm, charming, and hard working woman with a delightful sense of humor. It has been a joy working with her, and we wish her well in her new endeavors!

### **FIRST MATCH FUNDS RECEIVED!**

The Friends have received their first donation of \$10,000 to be used for "match funds" to enlarge the book collection at our upcoming new facility! As you may remember, our new library will be approximately 6 times as large as the old one, so there will be lots and lots of empty space on the bookshelves.

An Encinitas resident has most generously made the first contribution to improve and expand our reading materials collection. In the spirit of public radio and television, this contribution will become available to the Friends for the purchase of books as soon as we raise with a matching \$10,000 from the community.

As mentioned above, we will be launching a formal fund drive in the later this year, but in the meantime, anyone wishing to help the Friends make their match, please don't hold back. You can send a check to the Friends of the Encinitas Library, PO Box 231722, Encinitas, CA 92023.



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To support the Encinitas Library as it strives to encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading throughout our diverse community. Through fundraising, we seek to enhance the library's resources, increase the community's access to information and knowledge, and provide a vibrant cultural gathering place.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we break ground for the long, long awaited new library, the Friends Board would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to you for your ongoing support and your deep caring about reading services for our community. These made construction a reality! While the two year construction period might seem like a time when the Friends could sit back and take it easy, we, instead, have lots to do. First, with your assistance, we will need to stay in touch with the construction process and know of any opportunities or problems which arise as the work goes on. We will need to keep the City Council aware of our interest in a high quality, expeditious completion.

For our second focus: The City of Encinitas has graciously set aside funding for the new building, and the County Library system will continue its support for basic day-to-day operation. However, we will be opening our approximately 6-times-bigger facility with only a small book collection from the old library and there will be still be pieces of equipment and furnishings which will be needed to turn the new building into a first-class library "home". Later this year, the Friends will be starting a fundraising campaign within the community to meet these new needs. We hope we can count on your support in one or more of these ways. We are looking for volunteers....

- Do you have some great fund raising ideas?
- Can you help us with some time-limited fundraising projects?
- Can you cheer on the construction project and our efforts?
- Can you contribute or know others who can contribute to our fundraising campaign?

If you can help in any of these ways or have any other great ideas for the new building, we'd love to hear from you. You can reach me at (760)623-2841.

Kathy Anderson, President

## BOOK SIGNING AT BARNES AND NOBLE

On October 30, 2004, the Friends of the Encinitas Library joined with the Encinitas Union Elementary School District, the City of Encinitas, and Barnes and Noble booksellers to host a book signing by Jannell Cannon. Her new book, Pinduli, was the magnet that drew hundreds of children and parents to the Encinitas Barnes and Noble for a very successful evening. The friends helped distribute flyers announcing the event and staffed a table where children could donate books for future book sales and their parents could review the plans for the new Encinitas library.

Special thanks go to Marilyn Phenow at Barnes and Noble for arranging this event, Richard Phillips at the City of Encinitas for helping with handouts and use of the city seal, administrators and board members of the Encinitas Union Elementary School District for agreeing to pitch in and encourage their students to donate books and attend the book signing. Also, thanks to Friends board members Kathy Anderson, Holly Botka-Liu, Sheila Cameron, Jane Larson, and Judy Thum for staffing the table and being there to represent the Friends.

And, finally and very importantly, thanks to the parents and children and grandparents who came and bought the book. Our share of the evenings proceeds was over \$450.00, which will be used to purchase new materials for the new library when it opens.



## NEW ADDRESS

Please make a note of our new temporary address. Because the library building will be gone for about two years while being replaced, the Friends have rented a post office box so we can continue to receive mail. Our new address will be:  
Friends of the Encinitas Library, P. O. Box 231722,  
Encinitas CA 92023-1722.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Friends are looking for a computer savvy person with some spare time to help out with our Internet sales on Amazon.com and the California Friends Library Sales site. If you are interested, please leave your name at the library or call Anne Omsted at 760-753-6970 to find out more about how you can help.

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## HOORAY FOR JUDITH!

Good news regarding our former staff member at Encinitas library, Judith Gregg. She was just selected as a “Librarian of the Year” by the New York Times Corp. She was one of 27 librarians across the country selected for this honor. Judging was based on service to the public, knowledge of the library and it’s resources, and commitment to the public. And to think we had her first! Well done, Judith!



## MEMBERSHIP

Hello Friends of the Encinitas Library! Thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership with us for another year.

If you still want to sign up and have lost your paperwork, call 760-436-2335, and I (Julie Callis) will send you a renewal envelope. New things will be happening soon at our library site. Keep watching!

## LIBRARY INTERNET BOOK SALES

Did you know that the San Diego County Library system has a web site for book buying? The Encinitas Branch currently has an inventory of over 90 books, and the list is continuously expanding. In addition to high quality used books, you will find all kinds of collectibles, including old first editions, signed books, and out of print books.

So go on and have a good browse and look them over at <http://www.librarybooksales.org>. Select the browse button on the left, then click on “s” under libraries. Move down the list to San Diego County Library – Encinitas Branch.

Additionally, to reach all you buyers of books who think of Amazon.com as the only marketplace, we are listing books there as well. So if you see any books for sale on Amazon.com with “encinitas-library” as a seller, that’s us. And if you buy that book, you’ll be supporting The Friends, who in turn, support the library. All the funds we raise from our book sales go directly back to the Encinitas Branch.

So when you think you want to buy a book try the internet sites [www.librarybooksales.org](http://www.librarybooksales.org) and [www.amazon.com/books](http://www.amazon.com/books)

This is a great way to continue to support the Friends during the construction phase of the new library. Give it a try!

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## LIBRARY QUOTES

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improve our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.”

Sidney Sheldon, Author

## OUR LAST BOOKSALE—COMING THIS SPRING

The Friends will be holding a final booksale this Spring. Although the Encinitas Library is gone, the Friends had received some book donations just before the doors closed. Our limited storage space is getting tight, so sell we must, as soon as we find a place to sell, now that the Reader's Park is gone. We will be notifying you of the new location and date (sometime around April) for our last fling.

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### WEBSITE LINKS OF INTEREST

San Diego County Library  
<http://www.sdcl.org/>

City of Encinitas  
<http://ci.encinitas.ca.us/>

Library of Congress  
<http://www.loc.gov/>

California State Library  
<http://www.library.ca.gov/>

Search Engine  
<http://www.google.com>

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2004

Kathy Anderson, Encinitas (2006)  
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Julie Ann Callis, Encinitas (2006)

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Although the Friends activities will be adjusted due to the closure and demolition of the current building, the need for fund raising continues.

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for 2005 and join us to support our new library. More information inside.

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