

THE CALL SLIP

FRIENDS of the ENCINITAS LIBRARY

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JANUARY 2006

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED

The Annual meeting of the Friends will be held on **Thursday, February 23rd at President Kathy Anderson's home, 502 Shanas Lane, Encinitas, at 6:30 PM.** Please call 753-6970 if you need directions.

The Board members up for election are Kathy Anderson, Julie Callis, and Willie Ginaven. Please do plan to come and hear an update on the new library.

WHAT A GREAT JOB BY LIBRARY LOVERS!

On January 18th, the City Council met to decide the fate of the new Library. In the face of bids which came in significantly higher than expected, City staff recommended that all four bids for the new library be rejected, a "moderate" redesign be done, and the project be rebid in about 6 months. Sixty or seventy Friends members and other lovers of libraries and reading attended the Council meeting, wearing their "Build Our Library Now" badges. Many others emailed, phone and wrote to the Council supporting a speedy start to the construction project. Residents spoke eloquently of the importance of libraries for a first class town, its children and families.

The outpouring of support helped to convince the Council to vote 5 to 0 to direct the City staff accept the lowest bid, find the extra funding needed and start the building process! What a great job friends of the library and reading did!

BUILD OUR LIBRARY NOW!

We want to sincerely thank everyone who called the City, sent an e-mail, attended the meeting and wore one of our "BUILD OUR LIBRARY NOW" badges. We certainly sent a message to the Council.

Here is what will happen now. The contractor will be awarded the bid, and we can expect a groundbreaking ceremony within a few months. We are told to expect construction to last about 18 months. We can only hope that there will not be any shortages of materials due to the reconstruction of New Orleans and all the other events that are triggering construction problems throughout the world.

Your annual membership renewal letter is included in this letter. Please share it with your friends and renew your own membership. Use Friends membership to let everyone know that you are interested in our new Library. The Friends continue to build up a pot of money to be used to buy needed materials for our new facility – remember we will have five times as much space for books, but only a small collection stored from the old library. Books are very expensive, so there can not be too much money gathered to help the Library collection grow. Since we are not able to have book sales now, your membership dues are even more important to help us add to the new library materials fund. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the City's request to the Friends to conduct a fundraising campaign to furnish the new library. That will be a completely different source of money — solicited donations from community members. Please renew your membership or join the Friends now!
Kathy Anderson, President

THANK YOU SMART SELF STORAGE

Our thanks, as always, to Smart Self Storage of Solana Beach, who are allowing us to rent a space for great books for the new bookstore at a very inexpensive rate. Thank you, Smart Self Storage!!

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DONATION

The City has asked the Friends to raise funds for the new library's furnishing, bookshelves, tables, chairs, etc. We are working out the details of an agreement between the City and the Friends to delineate exactly what we are to do. It turns out that a direct contribution to a city is not tax deductible, whereas the Friends are a 501 (c) 3 organization and thus any contributions are tax deductible.

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.

FRIENDS of the ENCINITAS LIBRARY



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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.

NOCHE DE FAMILIA

The Encinitas Friends of the Library are very happy to join with Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and the San Diego County Library to sponsor a program called "Noche de Familia."

This will take place every Wednesday, from January 25th through March 1st, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, at the cafeteria at San Dieguito Academy High School.

This award winning program originated at the Solana Beach Library and provides educational programs for parents and entertainment for their children. Topics range from how to budget to tips on child rearing and family relations. The Friends will be helping with food and books for the children.

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