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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

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NEW LIBRARY WELCOME

What a wonderful whirlwind these first three months have been for the new Encinitas Library! Although we, the staff, tend to zero in on the issues and problems to be solved, in truth the real story is the overwhelming welcome we have been given by the community. You can always tell the first time visitors – they enter the front doors and many times stop in their tracks with a wide-eyed stare. I asked one such young man if this was his first time in the library and he just nodded. Then he commented, “How did my little Podunk town get a library like this!” The library has become the place to bring out of town visitors, to meet to talk on the deck, or to sit by the windows to read as well as to check out books, DVDs, etc. And the coffee cart for the entry courtyard is scheduled to make its appearance sometime this summer.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE – BE A FRIEND!

Thank you and a warm welcome to all of the people who renewed or joined as ‘Friends’ in 2008. You are now part of our inaugural year at the new Encinitas Library. This is the first of our regular newsletters to provide you information about your new library, and what it has to offer. Your donations helped make the grand opening great, with the wonderful collection of books, furniture, and legacy program. In gratitude we have given all our donors honorary membership in the Friends of the Encinitas Library for the coming year.

Visit the library and the Friends Bookstore to see what a difference your participation has made already, and continue to enjoy what the library has to offer you in the coming year. Invite your friends to join us and accompany you to upcoming events at your library!

QUALITY BOOKS FOR SALE!

Move over Barnes and Noble! There is a new bookstore in town!

Along with the much anticipated opening of the new Encinitas Library our Friends of the Library bookstore opened on Saturday February 23, 2008.

Located on the south side of the main entrance to the library our 750 square foot bookstore is staffed by over 40 friendly, dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers. As one would suspect the selection of books is absolutely amazing. Our shelves hold an eclectic selection from contemporary fiction to vintage books along with a large selection of non-fiction and even books on tape and CDs.

How do we obtain and maintain such a large collection of books? The answer is easy, through the generosity of this tremendous community. From the day we opened our doors thousands of wonderful books have been donated by you and your neighbors. The volume and quality of the books we receive are tribute to the love of the written word by the citizens of Encinitas.

Not a day has gone by since we opened the bookstore that donation have not arrived. So we encourage you, your friends and family to continue to donate your previously loved books. It is those donations that are at the heart of the bookstore’s success.

If you have not visited the bookstore please make plans to do so soon. The store is open from 10AM – 4PM Monday through Saturday. We look forward to seeing you!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been quite the year for the Friends of the Encinitas Library so far! We are so proud of our Board members Judy Thum, Anne Fragasso, Jane Larsen and Willie Ginaven for securing a National Endowment for the Arts grant and then creating and managing a fun-filled Big Read Program for Encinitas. City residents from grade school to seniors enjoyed the common experience of reading and discussing the book 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and learning about it's context in history.

We are also so proud of Anne Omsted, Connie Louis, David Jones and their team of dedicated volunteers who took the empty space in front of the new Library and transformed it in short order into a comfortable, well-run used bookstore. Since Encinitans love to read and then donate their books, the bookstore has an ever-changing array of bargain "reads". Come and visit — bet you'll soon want to come with each library trip to check out the new treasures.!

So what is next? We are on to setting up some monthly programming. Under the capable guidance of Megan Pearson, a committee is working away at setting up free mini-concerts on the first Sunday of each month, from 2-3 in the afternoon.. See more details on this page.

Since many hands make work light, we are always looking for volunteers to take a shift at the bookstore, to help with setting up programs, to serve on the hospitality committee, to write grants, to edit the newsletter, give financial support, etc. Please let us know if you would like to help out and what your special interests are. We will find a place for you! Leave your name at the bookstore and we will be in touch.

Kathy Anderson
Co-President

INTRODUCING MUSICAL PROGRAMS AT YOUR LIBRARY

The programming committee kicked off its First Sunday Music Series with musical artists Adrienne Nims and Semisi. As a part of Asian/Pacific Islander Month, Adrienne and Semisi played south pacific inspired tunes. Semisi also shared stories from his rich Tongan and Fijian culture. We hope to have them back to play in the future.

On Sunday, June 1 the "Party of 4" performed. San Diego's premier vocal quartet - Lillian Palmer, Kimberly Miller, Michael Ruhl, and Leonard Patton, sang music from the Big Band era, Doo Wop, Pop and Contemporary Jazz. Party of 4 has been an opening act for the legendary comedian Phyllis Diller. Other credits include Seaworld San Diego, East County Performing Arts Center, and Poway Center for the Performing Arts. They are proud to have entertained our troops on the USS John C. Stennis.

Coming up for the First Sunday Music Series we have the following concerts. All are free to the public.

The Dixie Strutters. This six-piece Dixieland band will get your feet tapping and your hands clapping to those great traditional tunes from Dixie! The Dixie Strutters have entertained all over Southern California in concerts and programs, and they make every performance a special event.

Sunday, July 6, 2-3 pm.

San Diego Taiko. Taiko ("drum" in Japanese) combines elements of dance, music and theater into a spectacular, visceral performance for the whole family. The performance will be approximately 30 minutes, with an additional audience participation segment at the end.

Sunday, August 3, 2-3 pm.

If you would like to suggest ideas for future programs please e-mail Megan Pierson, meopierson@yahoo.com

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YOUR LIBRARY SERVES YOU!

LIBRARIAN'S NOTES

NEW MATERIALS

We have been constantly ordering new materials since Opening Day so even though the shelves are looking a little bare because of so many items being checked out, reinforcements are on the way! We maintain “Wish Lists” at both the Adult and Children’s desks so that we can note what the community is looking for that we don’t have and respond to that with new purchases. And we also encourage people to use the advantage of being a part of the 33-branch San Diego County Library system to request any items from any branch. This makes your library much larger than our building and in normal circumstances the materials arrive in Encinitas within a few days. Our goal is to mold the library around the community and make everyone feel it is truly their library. We welcome your input to achieve this.

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SAN DIEGO CIRCUIT

The San Diego County Library is the only public library member of the San Diego Circuit. The Circuit began as a consortium of the county’s academic libraries: University of California San Diego, San Diego State University, California State University San Marcos, and University of San Diego. With our membership, anyone with a county library card may borrow circulating books from Circuit members. This puts at your disposal many academic titles that would not be a part of a public library collection. If you do a search in the library catalog and do not find what you are looking for, just click the “Search in SD Circuit” button at the top of the page and see the further options this partnership allows. Please ask staff if you need any help using the Circuit or requesting books through them.

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SUMMER READING ON THE WAY!

The Encinitas Library will host 3 different Summer Reading programs beginning in June. The children’s Summer Reading Club “Catch the Reading Bug” kicks off on June 22 with a “Bug Magic” show with the Amazing Dana and continues through August 1. Teens will be invited to participate in “Metamorphosis @ Your Library” during the same time period with special crafts and games. And, last but not least, from June 7 – July 31, Adults are encouraged to “Go Green @ Your Library” with special incentives to spend the summer reading. Many special events are planned for all -- see our calendar at your library!

MEET THE STAFF

Sandy Housley – Branch Librarian

I began my career in libraries in the Central Valley of California as a substitute in a small rural branch. I then enrolled in a Masters in Library Science program through San Jose State University, finishing in 1990, and accepting a reference librarian position at the main Tulare County Library in Visalia, where I eventually became Head of Reference. In 1994, my husband and I moved to San Diego. Before coming to Encinitas, I worked at the Vista Regional Reference Center for 12 years as head of reference there.

Jackie Dzugan – Adult Services Librarian

I received my Masters in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. I worked as a Social Sciences librarian for the Free Library of Philadelphia for 10 years. Prior to joining the San Diego County Library this past February, I worked at the Escondido Public Library and San Diego State University-Love Library as a librarian.

Honey Notley – Branch Operations Manager

I began my library career as a Hire-a-Youth worker at the Solana Beach Library, shelving books for two summers before being hired permanently as a library page. I was promoted and worked as a Tech I at the Encinitas Library for 5 years before further advancing to a Tech II and later at Tech III at the Vista Branch. I was then happily able to come back to Encinitas, only to have the branch be closed in 2004. During those 4 years I had the opportunity to work as a Tech IV at Library Headquarters in Facilities. But when Encinitas reopened, I came back home (I’m a 4th generation “Encinitan”)!

FRIENDS' 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.

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ARE YOU ON THE DONOR WALL?

The City plans to honor persons who contribute \$500 or more to the Library or its Endowment Fund by putting their names on the donor wall. The Donor Wall will be to the left of the checkout desk. Here is a way for you to memorialize your family, friends, sport team, boy/girl scout troop, etc. Donations can be for library books and materials, additional furnishings, or for the endowment fund that will help the Library stay current with books and programming in tight economic times. There are a number of donor categories, starting at \$500. Please stop by the Friends Bookstore or the Library to pick up a donation form. If you have any questions about how to donate, call Anne Omsted at 760-753-6970.

THE BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS

Our Bookstore has taken off with great energy! We have averaged about \$1,000 per week since opening, all because of the efforts of our volunteers - more than four dozen strong. We organize books, price them, search the internet for special finds, shelve them and arrange special displays. We answer questions when we serve our shifts, sell lots of books and encourage customers to become more than just one time customers, but to become patrons and Friends of the Encinitas Library. We welcome volunteers with time, talents and positive energy to share with us in making our Bookstore the best library bookstore in the county. For information on volunteering, stop by the Bookstore and leave your name and phone number or call Connie Louis at 760-942-1574.

GAME ON! TEEN VIDEO GAME KICK-OFF PARTY

The Friends of the Encinitas Library and the Encinitas Library proudly announce the inauguration of a new service for teens at the new Encinitas Library. Using money from the County of San Diego and Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, the Friends have purchased 2 Wii consoles and one Xbox console and a wide array of games for teens to play together in the Community Room at the new library on a regular basis.

Friends Co-President Kathy Anderson said "The Friends Board is very pleased to fund this new way for teens to interact in the library and become aware of all that the library can offer to any student. Supervisor Slater-Price has always been a staunch supporter of libraries, and we appreciate her gift to the Friends. We anticipate that this Game Night concept will bring more and more teens to the library, thereby introducing them to the many free benefits that the library contributes to our community. And we are looking at the possibility of using the Wii during non-teen times for seniors to exercise while bowling or playing other Wii games."

The opening day ceremony for Teen Game Night will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the new Encinitas Library, on Tuesday, June 10th. The games include Wii Sports and Rock Band and more. Pizza will be provided by Leucadia Pizzeria, and soft drinks will also be available. Contact Patricia William, Teen Services Team member, at 760-634-6453 with questions.