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Bibliophilia, Uncensored and Promoted By David Estes, President

I maintain that I volunteer at Friends of the Library because I am committed to the causes of enlightenment, learning, literature and a literate community. A community's library is both its memory and its soul, and I am duty-bound to do my best to see that it thrives.

My wife says I volunteer at the bookstore because I like to talk to people about books. I can't deny it, but really, where's the harm? Anything else that feels this good is either illegal, immoral or ungodly expensive.

As a child, my parents would regularly take my sister and I to bookstores where we were expected to browse for hours. My youthful attention span may have limited the pleasure I experienced at the time, but I am now extremely grateful that they exposed me to a world filled with books. Like them, I always have at least one going. They did not see the need for a television, at least until all of the other families in the neighborhood had one, and I can now appreciate why.

The bookstores we frequented were not Barnes & Nobles, which did not exist, but most often small, hole in the wall kind of places crammed with who knows what. Finding out what was there was the fun of it, not unlike at FOL's little corner of the literary world. I've yet to find a book I was looking for on the shelves of the San Clemente Friends of the Library Bookstore.

But, never mind, I *always* find a book I absolutely need but didn't know it until then.

My point is that volunteering is not a chore. Believe me, it's a lot more fun than waiting in court- which I get paid to do- and more rewarding than washing the car. With the probable exception of yours truly, the volunteers are among the best and the brightest of our community. The customers are invariably in good moods, but who wouldn't be when you can buy a Le Carré for 50¢? And shifts last only three hours.

So it comes as a real surprise that we sometimes have trouble filling volunteer slots. I think it is a crime that we are closed Friday afternoons, especially in the summer, which would have to be one of the busiest times of the week if we could find two people willing to keep the store open.

There is no minimum number of shifts to sign up for. Once or twice a month is just fine, but I'll bet like any true addiction, if you try it once you won't be able to stay away. If you're interested, come by the bookstore or better yet, call Rachael Mitchell.

If I were you, I'd sign up right away. Before long, I bet we will be charging new volunteers for the privilege of sitting behind the register.

SILENT AUCTION!

See page 3 for details.

My childhood library was small enough not to be intimidating. And yet I felt the whole world was contained in those two rooms. I could walk any aisle and smell wisdom.

-U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove

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Wanted: Your Small Boxes

Our online sales department is requesting **book-sized boxes** for mailing purchased books to buyers. Any small, well-conditioned, unneeded boxes you may have from Amazon, etc. would be greatly appreciated as this would prevent Virginia from having to go dumpster diving to save us money!

The Newsletter Goes Digital

By Kathy Housley, Membership Director

In an effort to make your money go further, we will no longer be mailing the quarterly newsletters or membership cards to all members. Your Friends of the Library group wants to join the digital age while saving money and helping preserve Mother Earth.

When renewing your membership, please include your email address, if you have one, and we will begin to email newsletter and membership updates to you. Some of

you have given us this information but we have entered it incorrectly in our database so you may receive a phone call to verify this.

For those who do not have email accounts, don't worry, we will still mail everything to your home address. If we can cut our printing and mailing expenses down to half, it would be a tremendous savings and your dues would go much further in support of our library.

Remembering Betty Limberg



Betty Limberg, prominent pioneer leader of the San Clemente Friends of the Library, died suddenly June 29, following a stroke. She served as president of the organization for three years, 1997-2000. She touched many lives with her visionary foresight, and her extraordinary enthusiasm that brought forth many notable accomplishments. During her presidency she was engaged in the construction of the FOL bookstore, adjacent to the San Clemente Library.

The bookstore is the major revenue source for the thousands of dollars contributed annually by the FOL to the library. She will be remembered most for launching the highly successful annual FOL's San Clemente Meet the Authors Luncheon and her continuous leadership in that event. Survivors include her husband, Bob, a former city councilman and mayor, a daughter, Peggy, two sons, Steven and Keith, and two grandchildren, Phoebe and Andrew.

Bookstore Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1st Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For bookstore information or to volunteer please call: 949.276.6342

Branch Manager's Report

By Karen Wall, Senior Branch Manager

Make a SPLASH @ the Library this summer! Kids and teens are the focus in the summer months at the library. Our reading programs are a good way to keep everyone reading through the warm season, including adults. Teen volunteers also help run the programs by signing kids up and handing out incentives. This summer, the reading programs run the month of July 1-31.

The summer reading program is fun not only for the community but for staff as well. We love seeing folks get excited about books, reading, winning prizes and enjoying the performers Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center Auditorium. Local service organizations help sponsor some of these weekly shows, and local businesses donate a variety of items to support the community, which also helps defray program costs.

Membership in the Friends, shopping in the bookstore and donations all help support programming at the library year-round, and especially

during the summer.

Looking towards the fall, programs for toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children will begin in September. These classes are always popular and fill up quickly. We will have more information at the end of the summer, but for those anxious to plan ahead, signups for our Fall Series of programs will begin on Monday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m., and can be taken in person or over the telephone.

Children's programming isn't all we do here, by any means. If you haven't been in lately, you may not realize we have 20 computer terminals available free for use. Each terminal is loaded with an Internet connection, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Publisher. All OC Public Libraries also have free Wi-Fi.

If all this "tech talk" sounds like so much ancient Greek, stop by the Information Desk with your library card. Staff will be happy to show you how to log on and set up with a free email account, so you can start surfing-

the web! Now would be a great time, since the FOL newsletter is going as green- and paperless, as possible.

Just imagine, by the time the fall newsletter comes out, you could be reading it on a computer screen, free at the Library. Think of the time you could save, and the postage, trees and money you can help the Friends put to better use!

We'll look forward to seeing all of you this summer. If it takes a few extra minutes to check out due to so many people, just remember, they wouldn't all be here if they didn't love the library as much as all of you do, and it's thanks to your support that we're overrun every summer! Thanks for all you do!

San Clemente Friends Of the Library Bookstore SILENT AUCTION



- #1 **Jane Austen's Letters** Collected, Edited & Introduced by Deidre Le Faye.
Starting Bid \$25.00
- #2 **The Art of Mark King** Martin Lawrence Limited Editions. Signed by Mark King.
Starting Bid \$30.00
- #3 **Expect a Miracle: My Life and Ministry an Autobiography**
By Oral Roberts. Signed by Oral Roberts.
Starting Bid \$20.00
- #4 **Fifteen Volumes** (Various Titles) London 1901
Printed for Subscribers Only **Limited to 247 numbered Copies. This #179.**
Starting Bid \$50.00

Books will be displayed in the Library lobby case.

Bids taken at the Friends Bookstore only! All proceeds benefit the San Clemente Library.

Final bids taken on August 6th at 12:00 noon!

We Need More Muscle

FOL's First Sunday sales continue to earn a lot of dough for the bookstore cause and our staff needs help setting up for this important monthly sale. If you've got the inside scoop on someone with a little hustle or muscle who can spare an hour or so moving book boxes or arranging book tables, we'd like to give these people a rewarding once-a-month gig!

Shifts are 7:30 a.m. for box movers and 8 a.m. for table organizers. You can sign up by calling the bookstore to have your name put on the calendar.

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Membership Level		Benefits
INDIVIDUAL	\$10	Membership card & \$1 off Bookstore purchase.
FAMILY	\$20	Membership card & \$5 off Bookstore purchase.
PATRON	\$50	Membership card & \$10 off Bookstore purchase.
BEST SELLER	\$100	All benefits of prior level plus free book bag or T-shirt.
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