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San Clemente
Friends of the Library



Shore Lines

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Meet the Authors
February 25, 2007
Save the date!

Words of Wisdom:

"You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." (Albert Schweitzer)

"Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because as has been said, it is the quality which guarantees all others." (Winston Churchill)

President's Message ~ Carol Evans

Ask yourself:

Is reading a rare indulgence? Do you intend to start that new book - from the Best Seller list - today? Even with good intentions, leisure reading is a challenge in today's lifestyle.

How did we become a nation of "too busy to read" people when we know the value of daily reading? For many, time is the answer. Long work hours, family responsibilities, TV, the Internet and cell phones take time away daily and getting lost in a good book is difficult.

If you make time to read on a regular basis, you are to be commended! In a recent study, readers were asked how they maintained a life of reading at least one book a week. For many, the answer is, "I seldom watch television."

Ask yourself the following questions:

1. How many books have I read in 2006?
2. Is the television set usually on?
3. Do I read a newspaper daily?

4. How much time do I "waste" in one day?

If you answer honestly, chances are you will note where you could find time for reading. As you do this, the following can happen:

- You are an excellent model for children.
- You could become a daily reader.
- You may re-discover the joy of reading.

However time-deprived we may be, we continue to buy

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Children's Librarian Report ~ Karen Wall

Summer is just around the corner, and the Library has been preparing for the **2006 Summer Reading Program** since late January! If that seems like an early start, think about all that summer reading entails.

Summer Reading at the San Clemente Library draws approximately **1,500** children and teens each year. There are weekly events, held next door

in the Community Center Auditorium, at which attendance frequently tops **250** children and adults. Incentives, some of which are supplied by local merchants, are given out to children as reading milestones are reached.

None of this could be accomplished without the **Friends of the Library**. The Friends fund the printing of flyers, distributed to every school-

aged child in San Clemente, as well as made available to those not yet in school. Payment for the weekly performers comes from money raised by sales at the **Bookstore**. The Friends supply many of the reading incentives as well. This summer will be no exception.

Summer Reading Programs

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The Bookstore Beat ~ The Bookstore Committee

April is the month for Antique & Collectibles books on sale. Many beautiful “treasures” are on display and more books will be added throughout the month. Look for “red-lined”

books - they have a red slash through the price sticker. These books are half-price! In March the Bookstore donated a box of quality books to a *Los Angeles Times* program entitled

“**Reading by Nine**”. This program provides many books for children aged 4 - 9 years old and encourages reading at grade level by the age of nine. Stop in and browse.

New donations are added to the shelves daily. Check out the Book Corner for a special display of unique books and make a bid.
The Bookstore Committee

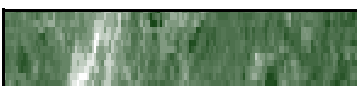
Membership News ~ Carol Stanfield

A hearty greeting to our returning members, and a heart-felt welcome to the newest members of our Friends of the Library; Shirley Block, Barbara A. Bowen, Nicholas & Dale Braun, Caroline Bushner, Joy Cogan, Bonnie Douglass, Susan Elliott, Tony & Anne Ellwood, Henry Franklin, Michael & Dodie Hahn, Lia Ladas, Maryann E. LaNew, Arthur L. Marks, Linda Martin, Barbara Potter, Helen & Bob Reynolds, Sue Schoensiegel, Janis Sekutera, Mary Lynn Smith and Lois E. Tepas.

We hope all of you will acquaint yourself with our FOL Bookstore, which is situated behind the Library. While there, be sure to pick up your membership card from the volunteer at the desk. Take advantage of the offers your card gives you:

*\$1.00 off your first purchase of books

Carol Stanfield, Membership Director



BOOK CORNER

Check out the unique books for sale at the Bookstore. Make a bid on the Bid Sheet by each book!

Damienhirst by Damien Hirst, well-known British author. 1977 Edition. Listed price is \$125. Lavish pop-up pages, posters & transparencies. Rare/unusual book!

Old Testament Miniatures: A Medieval Picture Book by Sydney Cockerell. Folio-sized (12”X15”) First Edition. A beautiful book of scenes from the Old Testament. Listed price is \$68. A “must see”.

Harvard Classics - 13 Volume Set Deluxe Edition of classic literature, beautifully bound in black leatherette with gilt design and titles. The set is in gift-giving condition.

Treasurer’s Report ~ Bob Fisher

YEAR TO DATE—February 28, 2006

Income:

Bookstore Revenue	\$ 6,096
Donations & Grants	\$ 637
Fund Raising	\$ 10,915
Interest Income	# 10
Membership Dues	\$ 1,330
Miscellaneous	\$ 0

Total Income \$18,988

Expense:

Bookstore Operation	\$ 22
Friends of the Library Operation	\$ 1,599
Library Support	\$15,114
Total Expenses	\$16,735

A special grant of continuing support in the amount of \$1,000 has recently been received from Wal-Mart.

President’s Message *(continued from page 1)*

or borrow books. We also add them to our bookshelves with good intentions, where they wait to be read.

Create a new goal for your self. Make time to read! Even 15 minutes a day adds up, and a good book will stretch that time for you.

Our children can become a

nation of life-long readers. Excellent books are available at the **San Clemente Library** and in the **Friends of the Library Bookstore**. Good readers are often good students and they establish a wonderful way to spend their time.

See you at the library!

Carol Evans, President

CHECK THIS OUT!

The Bookstore has a website! Go to: www.sanclementefol.org And read about what’s happening at the Bookstore. Add this site to your Favorites and you can keep current with new information that is added. Note that you can encourage your friends to join the Friends of the Library on-line!

MEET THE AUTHORS ~ POSTSCRIPT

.Comments about the sixth annual authors' luncheon have been extremely favorable. The diversity among the three authors made for an entertaining and informative program. Martin Dugard, a biographer, told how he travels the world in order to learn about the subjects of his books. Theresa Schwegel read from her first mystery, which has been nominated for the coveted Edgar Award. Alan

Sitomer inspired the audience as he related what techniques he has developed in order to interest his inner city high school students in works of literature. For the sixth year, Carol Bonner, our Mistress of Ceremonies, added to our enjoyment with her clever introductions.

We attempt to keep the price as reasonable as possible and are grateful to the following spon-

sors who help keep us in the black. They are: *The Los Angeles Times*, the Newton Family, Diana Hammer, Jim and Carol Evans, Robert Burns - Manager of AG Edwards, and TM Engineering. We also received a special grant from Wal-Mart

I wish to thank the following people for helping to arrange this unique South Orange County event: Audrey Belmont, Edie Biedermann, Ellen

Endersby, Lyn Fisher, Barbara Hamilton, Mary LaHusen, and Sue Peltz. Barbara Potter from the *Sun Post News* and Jack Severs helped spread the word.

The enthusiasm of the book lovers who attend makes this a very special day. We are planning the next one for **February 25, 2007**. I hope to see you there!

Betty Limberg
Committee Chair

Student reaction to the authors:

On Saturday, February 25, I was one of two lucky students who were chosen to attend the Friends of the Library Luncheon. As I enjoyed my delicious lunch, I conversed with one of the guest authors, Alan Sitomer, author of *The Hoopster* and various other novels. His novels were influenced by his experiences teaching in an inner city school. I was amazed by his linking of hip-hop and classical poetry to encourage students to appreciate literature. Sitomer, as well as Martin Dugard and Theresa Schwegel, spoke of their experiences on their journeys as writers, and how their experiences are revealed in their works. Schwegel got into character for her novel, *Officer Down* and Dugard wrote his novel *The Last Voyage of Christopher Columbus* following his discovery of an old ship believed to have belonged to the explorer. As the authors spoke of their voyage to becoming writers, I was inspired to follow the path I have chosen in life, no matter how hard the obstacles. The Friends of the Library Luncheon was a great experience in the sense that I learned, not just about the authors and their novels, but also the importance of making your own choices and doing what makes you happy.

Julie Rodriguez

Student reaction to the authors:

I will admit that I am a person of innate prejudice - not of skin color or any other defining traits that make up a human, but prejudice toward my immediate expectations of people. My assumption before the authors' luncheon presentations was that the most entertaining presentation would be from the author of the murder mystery or the real life adventurer. These presentations would be far more interesting than any other, I thought. But to my great surprise, it was the teacher and his presentation that truly captivated me. I am currently, and forcibly, enrolled in high school, so my immediate reaction to teachers and public education in general is something close to cautious defense. Yet the author managed to break past that and shared with me about the importance of reading, poetry, and the student teacher relationship. What I heard in that luncheon was something unique, and went against any assumption I previously carried.

William Herkewitz

From *Shore Lines* Sept/Oct 1991:

PROVEN PRINCIPLE

I LOVE vast libraries; yet there is a doubt,
If one be better with them or without --
Unless he use them wisely, and indeed,
Knows the high art, of what and how to read.

J. G. Saxe

BOOKSTORE

HOURS

Monday: 10AM - 7 PM

Tuesday - Thursday,

Saturday: 10AM - 4 PM

1st Sunday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Children's Librarian Report (continued from page 1)

begin on Saturday, **June 17th** and continue through Saturday, **August 12th**. Children through age 12 can sign up for "**Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales**" and read for fun and prizes! Teens ages 12 - 18 may participate in the "**Creature Feature**" pro-

gram. A variety of fun, free shows will be held **Thursdays at 10:30 am, June 22 through August 10**. The San Clemente Friends of the Library generously provide funding for everything from animals and magicians to sto-

rytellers and puppets!

As you "kick back" this summer remember, some very hardworking volunteers preceded those long lazy days!

Karen Wall, Children's Librarian

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS

Have you sent in your membership donation for 2006? You may bring it to the bookstore, if you wish. Please support library programs with your tax deductible membership donation!

SAN CLEMENTE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Individual	\$ 10.00
Family	\$ 15.00
Sustaining	\$ 25.00
Patron	\$ 50.00
Benefactor	\$ 100.00

Membership Dues are tax-deductible and are due and payable on January 1st each year. They may be mailed or delivered to the Friends of the Library Bookstore at 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente CA 92672. Please call the bookstore at (949) 492-4593 with any questions.

SAN CLEMENTE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2, 2006	9:00 AM	til 1:00 PM - First Sunday Sale
April 18, 2006	11:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting
May 7, 2006	9:00 AM	til 1:00 PM - First Sunday Sale
May 16, 2006	11:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2006	9:00 AM	til 1:00 PM First Sunday Sale
June 20, 2006	11:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting

BOOK REVIEW

Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II by Robert Kurson

This true tale of riveting adventure begins in 1991 when two weekend scuba divers risk everything to solve a great historical mystery & make history themselves. After diving to a mysterious wreck lying at the perilous depth of 230 feet off the coast of New Jersey, they identify the wreck as a WWII U-boat. No historian, expert or government had a clue as to which U-boat the men had found... in fact, the official records all agreed that there simply couldn't be a sunken U-boat & crew in that location. The divers then undertook a seven-year search for the U-boat's identity. Military history, action, science and mystery combine to make this book very hard to put down. Critics have compared this book to "Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger & "Into This Air" by John Krakauer.

Maureen Gebelein, Librarian