



OJAI VALLEY LIBRARY FRIENDS & FOUNDATION

# Library Reader

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jon Lambert

The Ojai Library Friends Board is really a rather remarkable group of people. At present it consists of thirteen valley residents who reflect a range of age groups, interests, ethnicities, income levels- just like the Ojai Valley in general. All are volunteers with varying tenures with the OVLFF, ranging from 14 years to 2. It is a companionable group and, although there are occasional disagreements over Friends' business, our meetings are conducted genially and with great courtesy.

I have been privileged to serve as a member of this group since 2003 and acted as president since 2005. I have seen ideas come and go with many of them resulting in an addition to the number of ongoing services OVLFF provides and funds to and for our three valley libraries. The Friends have never shied away from discussing and, most often, underwriting new ideas that would promote literacy and participation in the library programs and offerings. The group is extraordinarily fortunate in that, for more than a decade,

we have never had to come to our support base seeking money. This good fortune is due, primarily, to two reasons: the funds donated to OVLFF by our supporting members and the revenue generated by our used bookstore- Twice-Sold Tales.

Twice-Sold Tales has been operating since 1996, when it was given a small place in the Ojai Library. After the purchase of the VanDyke Travel Agency in 2003 (that was the only time The Friends has done fundraising) the bookstore moved next door to the Ojai Library. Today it is operating in a newly renovated building with the addition of a downtown Ojai meeting venue. The recently-completed construction was, again, fully underwritten by the bookstore revenue and donations contributed by our supporting members, including a very large legacy gift.

This year I will be stepping down as president of The Friends. After twelve years it is past time for new leadership. I have been honored by the trust given me by OVLFF board members over

## A CLOSE CALL IN THE BOOKSTORE

by Jon Lambert



On Tuesday (September 12th) one of the bookstore clerks noticed that the ceiling in the bookstore was "bubbling," usually a sign that water was soaking through the ceiling board. We immediately contacted Supan Builders (they, you will recall, were the contractors on the rebuilding project), who called the company that installed the sprinkler system. The next morning a technician from that company arrived at TST to investigate. He cut a hole and found that the sprinkler head was leaking. What happened next triggered a series of quick actions.

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those years and look forward, as a board member, to working with the new president in the year to come. And I thank you for the support and encouragement you have so freely given to the Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation; your ongoing commitment is what has enabled and continues to encourage The Friends to maintain their level of commitment to our public libraries. 📖



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The technician took a wrench and went to tighten the sprinkler head- without first shutting off the water (a 4 inch pressurized line). Sure enough, he broke the sprinkler head and water cascaded into the bookstore. By the time he had managed to find and shut the water valve there was water everywhere. We called Supan and he and a crew arrived almost immediately. They brought in several ShopVacs and vacuumed up the standing water. They then set up a number of large heaters and allowed them to run for nearly 36 hours. A consultation between Scott Supan and a representative from ServePro (the 'we fix it after a disaster' company) authorized the reopening of the store and meeting room after only 2 ½ days of having to be closed.

We lost a fair amount of books, the ceiling has been repaired and the woodwork that sat in water needs some attention... but we are back in operation. Whew! 📖

## PEOPLE! A TWICE-SOLD TALES STORY

In the midst of our water emergency Ron Solórzano, our Ojai Librarian, was helping in the bookstore when a woman walked in. She asked Ron, "Where are the Nora Roberts books?" Ron told her that they were in the section that had become flooded. "I'm sorry," he said, "but we're having a problem with our water." Looking around the woman replied, "Don't worry about me. I grew up on a boat, this is nothing." 📖



# LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

by Kris Humphries

Most Ojai Valley residents know that the OVLFF operates a brick and mortar bookstore, Twice-Sold Tales, but many residents are not aware of our outreach efforts, including several Little Free Libraries (LFL) in the community.

One of the LFLs that the OVLFF maintains is at Topa Topa Elementary School where students and neighbors can access the LFL on a 24/7 basis rather than being tied to specific days and hours of the school, bookstore and the public library. No library card or registration is required- the LFL motto is "Take a Book, Return a Book".

The international Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization (of which OVLFF is a member) that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. It maintains a country-wide, interactive map of LFLs that are registered at: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>.

Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Little Free Libraries play an essential role providing access to books (and encouraging a love of reading!) in areas where books are scarce.

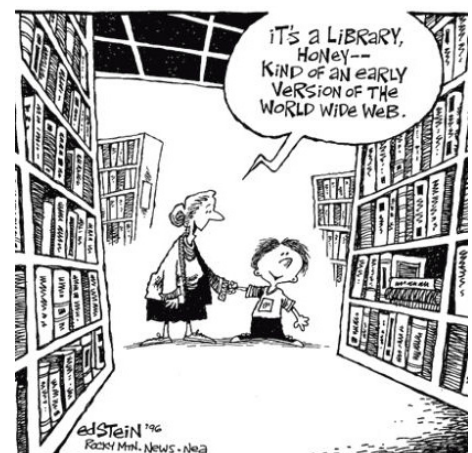
One of the most successful ways to improve the reading achievement of children is to increase their access to books, especially at home (McGill-Franzen & Allington, 2009). But according to the U.S. Department of Education, up to 61% of low-income families do not have any children's books in the home. "2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Over 70% of America's inmates cannot read above a 4th grade level" was reported in a research publication from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (2007). Another published research stated "Less than half of families read to their kindergarten-age children on a daily basis." (West et. al, 2000).

The OVLFF seeks to address the "book deserts" in our community in a cost efficient and effective manner. The LFLs will continue to grow and foster new generations of readers along with the traditional venues of brick and mortar libraries and bookstores. 📖



## OVLFF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board welcomes anyone who is interested in its activities to the Board meetings, fourth Tuesday of each month- 7 pm in the Twice-Sold Tales meeting room. Enter through the Ojai Library. 📖



# CULTURE AND COMMUNITY AT YOUR LIBRARY

by Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian

We had a great summer at the Ojai Library, with more children than ever before signing up online to join us for Summer Reading. Adults were also able to take part in the fun, participating in their own reading contest for a set of special prizes. In addition to this success, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome over 500 people to our library to view the solar eclipse back in August. With more people present at one time than we've ever had before, the event was a remarkable showcase not only of a rare celestial phenomenon but also of the inspirational sense of community that exists here in Ojai. Visitors shared eclipse-viewing glasses and marveled at the view alongside friends and neighbors of all ages.

Your library is proud to be a part of such a wonderful community, and continues to host lots of great events in support of our residents' curiosities and passions. Over the next few months we will be welcoming lecturers from CSU Channel Islands and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art to deliver fascinating programs on a wide variety of topics, and of course we will continue to host our poetry readings, film screenings, early literacy programming, and more. Check out what we have going on by visiting [www.ventcolibrary.org/ojai](http://www.ventcolibrary.org/ojai). If you have ideas for events that you would like to see happen, or if you just want to tell us how we're doing, come by and see us at the library, give us a phone call, or send an email.

## Upcoming and Ongoing Events:

October 21, 1 p.m.: New Option at the End of Life – A lecture by Carol Mack, Ph.D., of CSU Channel Islands.

November 4, 1 p.m.: James Joyce: Rebellion and Salvation – A lecture by Joan Peters, Ph.D., of CSU Channel Islands.

November 11 – 12: WordFest 2017.

December 2, 1 p.m.: The Artful Reader: Art Plus Books! Magic! – A talk by Mary Eckhart of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

December 9, 1 p.m.: The Spiritual Basis of Life: The Link between Body and Soul – A lecture by Nitika Parmar, Ph.D., of CSU Channel Islands.

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.: Knitting & Fiber Arts Club – A drop-in group for people interested in knitting, crochet, and other fiber crafts.

First and Third Mondays, 7 p.m.: Shakespeare Salon – Local Shakespeare fans host readings and discussions of classic plays.

Third Tuesdays, 6 p.m.: Ojai Poetry Series – A chance to share your poetry and be inspired by others.

Third Saturdays, 3 p.m.: Film screenings and discussions with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 📖

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# YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE TWICE-SOLD TALES

When was the last time you visited the Friends' bookstore? This little treasure trove, located next door to the Library, is awash in bargains for the bibliophile or the beach reader. Take 30 minutes to browse through the selection of fine, gently used books and be surprised at the variety of materials priced at very affordable prices.

The book donations keep coming so the bookstore offerings are always changing. We even come across the occasional "treasure"- a letter written by Carl Sandberg, a signed Ray Bradbury book, and we even have a book with over 50 original early pictures of 19th and early 20th century people. So come on in and enjoy looking. 📖





# ACCESS YOUR LIBRARY'S E-OFFERINGS FROM YOUR PHONE WITH LIBBY

by Hayley Tsukayama -  
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One of the worst-kept secrets is that your local library often has way more to offer than a traditional book or two. E-books and audiobooks are as much a part of the catalogue these days.

And Libby is an app from OverDrive — a company that works with libraries around the country to show off their e-books and audiobooks on offer. Users will need a valid library card from a participating system to use Libby. But if you meet those criteria, then the app makes it a snap to check out materials or place holds on the titles you want. You can read or listen to them right in the app.

It can also send your library books to a Kindle. For the kids, you can access graphic novels or picture books with read-along audio. Another bonus: You can sign into multiple library systems, if you hold multiple cards. The app will let you know when what you want is available. (Free, for iOS and Android devices and Windows 10)



# BIENVENIDOS A NUESTRO ESPACIO EN ESPAÑOL

Queremos informarles y compartir los programas gratuitos en las librerías de Ojai.

PROGRAMAS :

1.- Librería de Ojai Padres e hijos juntos interactuando en una clase.

Clase bilingüe impartida por Teodora Reyes. Esta clase es para niños pequeños hasta los del preescolar .

Los días martes y jueves de 10 am a 11 am.

Fechas de la clase del martes en el 2017.

Octubre 3, 10, 17, 24 y 31.

Noviembre 7, 14 y 28.

Diciembre 5 y 12.

Fechas de la clase del martes en el 2018.

Enero 2, 9, 16, 23 y 30.

Febrero 6, 13 y 27.

Marzo 6, 13, 20 y 27.

Abril 10, 17 y 24.

Mayo 1, 8, 15, 24 y 29.

Junio 5, 12 y 19.

Fechas de las clases en jueves en 2017.

Octubre 5, 12, 19 y 26

Enero 4, 11, 18 y 25.

Febrero 1, 8 y 15.

Marzo 1, 8, 15, 22 y 29.

Abril 12, 19 y 26.

Mayo 3, 10, 17, 24 y 31.

Junio 7 y 21

Estas clases están basadas en el currículum preescolar de California.

2.- Tiempo para contar un cuento.

Librería de Meiners Oaks- Martes a las 10:30 am.

Librería de Ojai- Miércoles a las 10:30 am.

Esta clase es en inglés . Recomendación los niños que empiecen a escuchar la lectura en inglés a temprana edad tendrán más éxito para reconocer sonidos y palabras cuando ya empiecen a leer.

En esta clase los niños pueden hablar, cantar y leer con nosotros.

3.- Clase de tejido para todas las edades.

Impartida por Tanya Villaseñor.

Esta clase es los lunes a las 6:30 pm en la librería de Ojai.

Para más preguntas pueden llamar a la librería de Ojai.



## **AUTHOR VISIT: PSEUDONYMOUS BOSCH**

**Author of The Secret Series and The Bad Books – at the Ojai Library**

The famous children's author, Pseudonymous Bosch, visited the Ojai Library on Saturday, May 13, 2017, for an engaging book-signing and interactive session with the kids; he hoped to use the visit to develop new story lines. Pseudonymous Bosch is the author of The Secret Series and The Bad Books and has been described as a cross between Lemony Snicket and Monty Python. He writes children's fiction—scary, funny, and hard-to-put-down books appropriate for elementary school-aged kids. Our friends from Barnes & Noble were there to sell books and gave 10% back to the OVLFF to support library programs. A fantastic time was had by all in attendance! 📖