



Friends of the Library

a letter from the chair

Dear Friends - The new watchword for FOL's "Save Our Library" campaign is "Sustainability." We have experienced truly wonderful success thus far with this campaign, which will allow us in a very significant way to help defray the operating costs for our library this year, including the reintroduction of Mondays.

However, with the elimination of any state funding and the uncertainty of what our county and our city will be able to contribute in future years to the running of our library, your Board has undertaken the task to consider what we can do to ensure the financial sustainability of our library going forward. Led by our Fundraising Committee Chair, Kris McGuire, we are researching what other counties and cities have done in this regard. We will continue to keep you apprised of our thinking and plans to ensure "Sustainability."

If you haven't yet done so, stop by the bookstore to see and appreciate the exciting new paintings by local artist Sharon Shock.

Soon we will announce the program, including guest speaker, for our annual meeting in June. Until we are able to decide the exact date, please hold June 9 and 16 open on your calendars. I hope to see you all there, or sooner at our library and wonderful bookstore.

Best Regards, Foster Markolf

Spring

What a Difference a Day Makes!

Having the library open on Mondays makes a huge difference for many, many people.

Well who exactly?

Everybody! Job searchers, planners, researchers, people who want to work on computers, read newspapers, reserve books, check books out, read. Children who need a safe, quiet place to do their homework (and they do have homework on Mondays.)

How many people use the library on Mondays?

Same as on other days. From 300 to 500 people.

When do they come?

It's one of the long days. Like Wednesdays, the library is now open from 10 am to 7:30 pm on Mondays.

What do the people say?

"It's about time!" "Isn't it wonderful!" It's clear that the library's financial problems are far from over, but thanks to the Friends of the Library and the public, many library users are now celebrating: *the library's open on Mondays.*



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amazing Grace

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Generations of Carpinterians have been welcomed into our library and the world of books by Grace Moyer, who began working there in 1965, became the library manager in 1980,



Grace in the 1960's

retired in 1993, and still volunteers twice a week. Countless children have become lifelong library patrons under her tutelage. We honor Grace Moyer, a true Library Friend, for her priceless contribution to our community.

As Lea Boyd remembers: "Mrs. Moyer, as I still think of her now,

made children feel welcomed and calmed between the library walls, and in her gentle way,

she cultivated a deep respect for books and an excitement for reading. At the time, nothing beat the stamps I collected in my cardstock summer reading passport, worn from use and bearing significance far beyond the understanding of most adults. Mrs. Moyer understood the magic of my passport. How proud I felt every time she added a stamp to the booklet when I returned a book and gave me an encouraging word and a spot-on suggestion for my next reading project. My passion now to keep our library open, accessible, and well stocked with books can certainly be traced back to the relationship I developed with the institution thanks to Grace Moyer."

It is not the all-knowing look that shines through her blue eyes that gives the strongest impression. Rather, her soothing and secure presence allows the children to have an extra grandmother to open up to.

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To Grace Moyer a library card, available for free in any county branch library, is just about the greatest bargain on earth. "That little card opens the door to so many places," she said. After the card opens the door, it's usually the librarian who guides the way.

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Marisa Kuizenga looks back: "Grace was a part of the bones of the library itself, someone who was always

there, and as such, one of the reassuring faces that a young girl could grow up with in a

small town. She is, like Dr. Carty on a bicycle, a part of Carpinteria that I celebrate and love deeply. People like Grace provide not only assistance, but also reassurance that some things remain the same, at least for a while, and that is a lovely thing to grow up with. I don't

know how many thousands of books and summers worth of reading programs she helped me with, but the numbers are irrelevant, as the memories and love of books remain firmly imbedded in my heart."

Thank you, Grace, and all the best.



Grace in the 1980's

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Odds and Ends...

Lawn Sale at the Bookstore

Spend a spring Saturday out in the open browsing some wonderful books. Friends of the Carpinteria Library Book Sales have returned to the front lawn on the First Saturdays of the month. The upcoming scheduled dates are April 7th and Cinco de Mayo.

Membership Update

It is renewal season for the Friends of the Carpinteria Library. Currently, our organization has 371 members. If you are part of the **42%** of those who have already renewed their memberships for 2012, thank you for doing so. If you are part of the **58%** who have yet to respond, please renew this month. The library benefits greatly from a strong group of Friends giving their support. Thank you.

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Library Bookstore

DROP BY AND BUY!

Is your book club planning on reading the latest from Julian *Barnes and Noble* House by James Clavell this year? At the Carpinteria Friends of the Library bookstore the selection *borders* on the sublime—so much to choose. Come by and watch as *the curious cup* their hands and pray that a treasure awaits them on the tidy shelves. And, if you dream of finding an early edition of *Chaucer's* Canterbury Tales, get thee to our *book den*, but beware that your prize may be marked with a red dot, and cost a bit more.

Well, enough silliness. Your board of directors would like to thank Susan Williams and April Ueoka and their extensive team of dedicated, helpful volunteers for the great job they do to keep your bookstore humming and profitable. Income has more than doubled since we moved into the current space next to the library and 100% of those crucial funds goes directly to support your library. Thanks to all who donate books and other materials, our inventory is fresh and interesting. Currently, Earle Stanley Gardner is a featured author, with a donated collection of over 50 Perry Mason mysteries on hand.

Drop by and buy: Monday through Thursday 10 to 4, Friday noon to 6, Saturday 10 to 4.
Open on Sundays in the summer.

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Art On The Walls

SHARON SCHOCK'S ART ARRIVES AT THE BOOKSTORE



Come to the Friends of the Library Bookstore and feast your eyes on local artist Sharon Schock's oil paintings featuring refreshing local scenes and landscapes.

Sharon lives and works in Carpinteria. She paints a small painting daily in order to keep a loose perspective. Her work shows her dedication and fresh approach to the beautiful and vibrant community we live in. A portion of each painting sold during the show will benefit the Carpinteria Library.

Visit the Bookstore during normal business hours Monday through Thursday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m.

