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Newsletter



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: HILDA SEIBERT

Ever so charming, ever so helpful and ever so kind, Hilda Seibert, at 97 years old, is a priceless asset to the Friends of the Library Used Books Store volunteer crew. The sweet lady behind the desk of the bookstore every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. swapped her Wisconsin zip code for a California one decades ago and has been enjoying the left coast lifestyle ever since.

Hilda and her husband married in 1939, which is about the time she started dedicating a substantial portion of her waking hours to volunteer causes. When the couple moved to Carpinteria in 1976, Hilda quickly became involved in local organiza-

tions such as the Carpinteria Valley Museum of History and the Santa Barbara Zoo. Since the earliest days of Friends of the Library, Hilda has been a steadfast contributor to the bookstore team, giving freely of her time in order to maintain Carpinterians' access to their little library.

"I've always liked books," she said simply when asked why she has devoted hundreds and hundreds of hours to the bookstore over the years.

Books aren't Hilda's only interest. Just a few years away from triple digits, Hilda still loves her daily walks at Rincon Beach and still drives, though carefully, she emphasized. She enjoys

"puttering around" in her succulent garden, pitching in at HELP of Carpinteria when needed and attending aqua aerobic classes four times a week at the Y.

Somewhere between all her hobbies and volunteer commitments, she also managed to raise children. Now she relishes visits from her four kids, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"I enjoy life and people," she says. Stop by the bookstore on a Tuesday afternoon and find out more about Hilda.



2 WAYS TO BECOME A FRIEND:

#1

Mail or take a check written to FOL to:
The Carpinteria Library,
5141 Carpinteria Ave.,
Carpinteria, CA 93013

#2

Visit
friendsofcarpinterialibrary.org
and donate through PayPal

SAVE THE DATE!
Friends of the Library's annual meeting is always a must-attend event, and this year will be no different. Mark your calendar for a dinner and a panel discussion on Carpinteria's 50 years of cityhood on **Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Carpinteria Woman's Club, 1059 Vallecito Road. The event will also include an update on the past year of Friends accomplishments, as well as a preview of challenges the Carpinteria Library is expected to face in the future.

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY:



BUY BOOKS



"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library."

- Jorge Luis Borges

"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man"

- T.S. Eliot

"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth."

- John Lubbock, *The Pleasures of Life*

"Libraries raised me."

- Ray Bradbury

"When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you."

- Keith Richards

"Harry – I think I've just understood something! I've got to go to the library!"

And she sprinted away, up the stairs.

"What does she understand?" said Harry distractedly, still looking around, trying to tell where the voice had come from.

"Loads more than I do," said Ron, shaking his head.

"But why's she got to go to the library?"

"Because that's what Hermione does," said Ron, shrugging. "When in doubt, go to the library."

- J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

"Civilized nations build libraries; lands that have lost their soul close them down."

- Toby Forward

Keeping the doors open six days a week at Carpinteria Library depends heavily on sales of books at the Friends Used Books Store and the generosity of Friends members (that's you, right?). So tell your friends how important the library is. Remind your neighbors that libraries around the country are closing for good. Encourage your co-workers to become Friends of the Library members. Then turn off your Kindle, visit the bookstore at 5103 Carpinteria Ave. and put a good old fashioned book in your hands, one that was loved by someone before you and will be loved by someone after you. Find out more about Friends at friendsofcarpinterialibrary.org/

"A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library."

- Shelby Foote

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

- Albert Einstein

"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth."

- John Lubbock, *The Pleasures of Life*

"The public library is where place and possibility meet."

- Stuart Dybek

"I received the fundamentals of my education in school, but that was not enough. My real education, the superstructure, the details, the true architecture, I got out of the public library. For an impoverished child whose family could not afford to buy books, the library was the open door to wonder and achievement, and I can never be sufficiently grateful that I had the wit to charge through that door and make the most of it. Now, when I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that the door is closing and that American society has found one more way to destroy itself."

- Isaac Asimov, *I. Asimov*

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

- Walter Cronkite

"The library is like a candy store where everything is free."

- Jamie Ford, *"Songs of Willow Frost"*

Blair Harper art show

FEBRUARY - APRIL



Carpinterian Blair Harper paints his love of coastal California. The soft brush strokes and warm colors of his canvases offer romantic and familiar vistas of mountains, bluffs and the sea. These inviting pieces will hang at the Friends of the Library Used Books Store through the month of April.

Harper, who now lives in Carpinteria with his wife and two children, was born in Ojai in 1976. He was educated in art at Santa Barbara City College, as well as Nordhordland Folkehogskule, Norway. Although he enjoys working in his home studio, most of his paintings are done on location in oil. Harper is a member of Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment (SCAPE), which has raised funds to save open spaces including Ellwood Mesa and Douglas Family preserve.

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