



Among Friends

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Civic Center Branch Celebrates #40

The Civic Center branch celebrated its 40th anniversary on July 4, 2016. The Library commemorated the historic occasion in style – 1970s style – at its public party on July 8. Joan and Frank Roseman were honored at the event for their many contributions to making this library possible. The Civic Center Friends funded the celebration.

This branch formally opened in 1976 as the Chula Vista celebrated the nation's Bicentennial. The 55,000 square foot library was financed with federal revenue-sharing funds, and was officially dedicated on July 4 of that year. Bluma Levine served as city librarian. Chula Vista's first library opened in 1917 on F Street, funded by the Carnegie Corporation. That building was replaced by a new library in 1955 that was part of the City's new Civic Center at Fourth Avenue and F Streets. Betty Waznis is the current Library Director and oversees three library branches.

Here is what Library Director Betty Waznis had to say about this anniversary:

"The Civic Center Library is still the cherished community anchor it was from its first day. It now reflects not only its respected heritage but the excitement and change of the 21st century, blended into one responsive and dynamic organization.

We opened with a beautiful collection of print books, magazines and reference material. We still have them but have added items from our new world of digital information - eBooks, online reference databases, digital magazines, audiobooks to listen to on your phone or tablet.

We started the summer of 1976 with a vigorous Summer Reading Program for children - and that is still alive, well and thriving today, thanks to your sustaining interest. Now we incorporate dance, science, intergenerational activities, interactive technology - all to enhance the magic of story, which is just as powerful as ever.

We thank you for being our partners in this transformation and look forward to another wonderful 40 years of learning, reading, culture and community in Chula Vista."



Decorations made by Library staffer Ruth Vasquez



Raymond Ornellas & Friends perform in the auditorium



DJ John Phillips plays '70s music

Take a seat – well, buy one as a gift (for yourself too)

The holidays are approaching! Consider giving the gift of a chair. The auditorium in the Civic Center branch of the Chula Vista Library has brand new seats, which can be affixed with a special permanent plaque to honor a loved one. For a \$100 donation, you get an engraved plaque that is approximately 2 inches wide and 1 inch high- enough space for two lines of 15 characters each. A third of the 152 chairs are already gone! To reserve “your” seat, pick up a donation form at the Civic Center library branch or donate through our website at www.thefcvl.org.

You can also give the gift of membership. For \$25, you will get a FCVL book bag and a beautiful hardcover book on the City’s 100-year history. Just fill out the form below or visit our website.



From the Director

Greetings to all the outstanding Friends and supporters of the Chula Vista Public Library. I would like to share some comments about our library programs from our library patrons. Thank you for all your support – that’s what makes this wonderful public service possible.



Betty Waznis

“I received excellent help to find information about cursive writing from ---- in the Children’s area. I found wonderful books in the book store and the book on hold was waiting for me. I love the library and appreciate the staff. Thank you for being here”.

“We love to spend Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the library being tutored and doing homework. Thank you so very much for cleaning out and providing a second tutoring room!”

“I am very excited to learn that The Film Forum is coming to CV Civic Center Library. I used to go to

downtown San Diego Library to attend the film screenings. They suddenly decided to stop the program. Many people were greatly disappointed and disturbed after years of good attendance. I think it is so great that Chula Vista Library is going to begin this in their updated auditorium. I also

went to a great concert of African music in the new auditorium and it was great!”

“My son did not attend preschool so I thought this [Kindergarten Boot Camp] program might be helpful to prepare him for kindergarten. He has learned social skills and how to work with others without his family around.

Thank you for providing this program. This truly gave him a good understanding of what to expect when he starts kindergarten.”

Betty Waznis, Director
Chula Vista Public Library

Smile! That shopping spree just helped the library

Shopping online? When you buy through AmazonSmile, you can also generate a contribution to the Friends. Purchases must be made on the Smile site, rather than the “regular” Amazon site, but all of your account settings (and the prices you pay) are the same. Just select the Friends as your charity-of-choice, and every dollar you spend will earn a half a cent for library programs. It adds up!.

Join, renew or share to make a new Friend!

Yes, I want to support the Chula Vista Public Library and the Chula Vista Heritage Museum as a member of the Friends of the Chula Vista Library. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution, payable to FCVL:

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What's happening at the library?

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What's going on at your library branch? More than you might think. Here are just a few programs and services that might be of interest to you. Most of these programs are funded by the Friends.

Civic Center

Innovation Station

Former office space downstairs has been converted to a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) learning space, with furniture and ideas provided by Qualcomm. The Friends and the State Library provided funding for the renovation and materials, respectively. Fifth and sixth grade classes from Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) schools started attending August 1, with field trips every Monday through Thursday that CVESD is in session. Sessions last five and one half hours, and are led by CVESD engineering teacher Michael Bruder. Public community classes held during after school, evening, and weekend hours started in September.

Film Forum

FILM FORUM is a free film series held in the newly renovated auditorium, on the second Wednesday of each month. Movies begin at 6 p.m., with free mini-concerts featuring local musicians



offered every-other month at 5:30 p.m. The monthly film series is sponsored by the Friends and is funded this year by a City of Chula Vista Performing and Visual Arts Grant. FILM FORUM was founded by Ralph DeLauro in 1984, and was previously held at the San Diego Central Library for more than three decades. FILM FORUM offers audiences a unique opportunity to view quality films in a theater setting at no cost.

South Chula Vista

New furniture coming

The Friends are paying for new patio furniture and other library chairs to replace these 25 year old items. Look for a new look soon. Library staff has been "adopting" library chairs and personally paying for getting them reupholstered.

Ladies Night Out

The second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 is for adult women to come to the library for something new each month. A salsa making contest was held in September.

Otay Ranch

Passport Fairs

Passport Fairs are held the first and third Saturdays of each month in The Hub from 9am-3pm. Many, many used books provided by the Friends

are for sale at this time. Walk-ins, along with appointments, are welcome.

Online

Career Online High School Scholarships

The Library is offering qualified community members aged 19+ an opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate, a program through Gale, part of Cengage Learning, an accredited, private online school district. This free program is funded by the State Library and the Friends of the Library. See the Library's website or ask Library staff for more information.

Wi-Fi Hot-Spots are Available for Checkout

Library patrons can now check out Internet Hot Spots at the Chula Vista Public Library. These devices provide wireless internet access nearly everywhere and fit in your pocket. Users can connect up to 10 Wi-Fi enabled devices at blazing fast speeds.



Summer Reading Program Concludes

The Library hosted its annual free Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults. "Read for the Win!" followed a Summer Olympics theme, and ran from Saturday, June 4 through Friday, July 22. Participants read for designated lengths of time, and received a prize at each level. Family members were encouraged to read to those unable to read yet.

Each library branch offered a variety of activities for various age groups, including magicians, musical performances, craft sessions, story times, fitness programs, painting classes, interactive shows with musical instruments, S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities, and much more. The Friends of the Chula Vista Library and a City of Chula Vista Performing and Visual Arts grant sponsored many of the summer events, at a cost of \$5,000.

Participants included 1,249 children, 259 teens, and 248 adults, logging over 10,000 hours of reading.

According to the Library, Summer Reading Programs help children and teens retain and enhance reading skills gained during the school year, and promotes academic success in every area. With teens and adults joining, the Summer Reading Program encourages the entire family to read for pleasure, individually or together.





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The Chula Vista Genealogical Society and the Chula Vista Library Present

Family History Day

Ancestors Matter!
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Saturday, October 22, 2016

Chula Vista Public Library 365 F Street, Chula Vista

FREE **COME & GO** 10am-3pm

Bring the Family * Activities for All Ages

Learn:	How to Build a Family Tree
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Special Presentation at Noon: "Who is Chula Vista Mayor Mary Casillas Salas?"
Explore the Family Tree of Our Mayor and Her Ancestors

For more info go to cvgenealogy.org, or call toll free 1-844-268-2847
If you want help with your family tree, please bring names and dates

Family History Day at the Library

Have you always been told you are German or Italian or Irish or whatever? Do you have proof? If you have no proof would you like to find out? If so come join the Chula Vista Genealogical Society on Saturday, October 22 for a day of fun and information at our Family History Day. It will take place at Civic Center Branch from 10:00am-3:00pm.

There will be children's activities for all ages with some presented in Spanish. There will be two story times for the little ones.

Teens will be introduced to the basics of genealogy and they will learn the importance of preserving their family history. The Genealogical Society donated \$500 to the Friends of the Library for the purchase of children's genealogy books.

Volunteers will be available to help the adults start a family tree or ancestor chart. Then they will move into the Computer Lab where there will be more volunteers to help them find one or more ancestors on the internet. Please bring any information you have on your parents, grandparents or even great grandparents.

The library staff will be providing tours of the library so you can learn of all the different places to look for genealogy information.

The day will begin with the Society's Randy Seaver giving the keynote talk "Be An Ancestor Detective".

At noon will be highlight of the day. One of our own members will present Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas with her family history for both sides of her family. Visit the website (cvgenealogy.org) for more details.