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Library and Friends Happenings



Friends of the Library volunteers Suzie Botts and Shauna Stokes, SDGE representative Nhu Tran, and Joy Whatley, Interim Library Director.

SDGE Supports Library

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE) funded a major upgrade to the Civic Center Library's lower level corridor. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 16 to showcase new "Smart City" large scale, lively graphic novel-themed murals throughout the corridor leading to the Innovation Station area. New flooring and hydration stations enhance the artwork and messages that feature many tips on sustainability and energy efficiency. SDGE also presented a grant check for \$5,000 to the Friends of the Library that same day to support a new program, FUSE:

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Family History Day

Have you ever wondered where your ancestors came from? Would you like help to find out? If so, come join the Chula Vista Genealogical Society (cvgenealogy.org) on Saturday, September 30, 2017 for a day of fun and information as they celebrate their second annual 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. Teens will be introduced to the basics of genealogy and they will learn the importance of preserving their family history.

Volunteers will be available to help the adults start a family tree or ancestor chart, and help them find one or more ancestors on the Internet. You are asked to bring information about your parents, grandparents, or great grandparents, if interested. The Society donated \$500 to the Friends of the Library for the purchase of Library genealogy books.

The highlight of the day will be the presentation of the family history of retired Chula Vista Police Chief David Bejarano.

Friends Volunteers Needed

The Friends are always looking for people who love the library and who love books and have a few extra hours to help out. If you like to sell, we can always use volunteers in our two used bookstores and at book sales at Civic Center and South Chula Vista library branches.

If you like working behind the scenes, we always need help sorting through donations, stocking shelves, setting up and taking down book sales. If you prefer administrative work, you can serve on our chapter boards or executive boards in a variety of capacities – at large, secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and president.



Civic Center Friends President Virginia Taylor and Secretary Suzie Botts



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In Memory of Friends Volunteer Mary Koppel



Mary Koppel, a 10+ year volunteer for the Friends of the Library passed away on July 5, 2017. Mary served as president of the Otay Ranch Friends Board, vice-president of the Civic Center Friends Board, and represented the Otay Ranch Friends on the Friends Executive Board. Mary volunteered many hours at the Civic Center library branch for the Friends, from sorting and stocking, working in the bookstore and at booksales, to working membership tables and greeting attendees at Friends' events and annual meeting. We will miss her smile, friendliness, kindness, and energy very much.

If you would like to make a donation to the Friends of the Library, in her memory, her family would appreciate it.

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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