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We come to the end of another year and will soon be welcoming in the next. 2024 promises to bring some new exciting changes to the Friends of the Orange Public Library. Most importantly, we will be celebrating our 65th Anniversary! We will kick the year off with a proclamation at the January 9, 2024 Orange City Council meeting, followed later that week with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the bookstore by the Orange Chamber of Commerce. Look through this edition of the newsletter to find out about the upcoming events and specials we have planned for the remainder of the year.

In addition, we've added the position of Social Media Director to the FOPL Board. One of our

President's Message

new volunteers, **Isabel Nguyen**, has filled the position. With the website utilized more and in order to increase our social media presence, the Friends' Board felt this was an important position for attracting new members and bookstore patrons.

Currently, our Friend's website, www.foplca.com can be used to sign up as a volunteer, renew memberships, make monetary donations and find out about the goings-on of the Friends.

Additionally, after eight years of serving as your FOPL President. I will be stepping down to make room for new leadership. We are currently voting on two Executive Board of Directors positions: President and Treasurer. Make sure to send in your ballots by

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e-mail or drop it off at our bookstore. (You can find a ballot on the back page of this newsletter.) January's General Membership Meeting will be held on January 8, 2024 at 3:00 PM in the Rotary Room. You are all welcome to attend this meeting. Additionally, do not forget to renew your membership for 2024! You can renew very easily on our website www.foplca.com.

As always make sure to check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/foplca> and Instagram at [fopl.ca](https://www.instagram.com/foplca).

Have a wonderful winter,

*Kathleen
Stevens*



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FOPL BOARD NEWS . . .

Our FOPL Board meets monthly, on the second Monday at 3:00 PM in the Rotary Room at the Main Library. We discuss upcoming events, brainstorm new ideas, share updates on what's happening and have a generally informative meeting.

MEET ISABEL NGUYEN



Hi! My name is **Isabel Nguyen** and I'm a recent graduate of Chapman University. I'm pursuing my Masters in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University's iSchool starting this spring. I've always loved reading, writing and libraries. FOPL is a kind and nurturing community, and I'm excited to be part of the team!

Isabel is our new FOPL Social Media Director.

OUTREACH

Director for FOPL Outreach, **Mary-Ellen Manning**, has recently donated boxes of books from the Friends Bookstore to the following non profits: two boxes of Spanish language books to TLC Charter School, one box to the Palmyra Elementary School Crossing Guard and several boxes to Olive Crest. If you know of a non-profit in need, please contact Mary-Ellen at 714-633-1714.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

All non-lifetime memberships expire in December. Are you interesting in 'gifting' a membership to a friend or family member? Use the QR code provided or go to www.foplca.com to get more information. Don't let your membership expire!



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Save
the
Date

12/1/23 Friday

Holiday Boutique Book Sale

Community Room

12 Noon - 5 PM

12/11/23 Monday

Monthly FOPL Board Meeting

Rotary Room

3 PM

1/8/24 Monday

General Membership Meeting

Rotary Room 3 PM

1/9/24 Tuesday

**65th Anniversary
Proclamation**

Orange City Council Meeting

City Hall

6 PM

1/18/2024 Thursday

CWIW Speaker Series

Jane Austen through the

Eyes of Dr. Lynda Hall

Jane Austen Book Sale

Woman's Club of Orange

6:30 - 8:00 PM

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BOOKSTORE HOURS

MON, WED, FRI 10 AM -4 PM

TUES, THURS 10 AM - 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 11 AM - 2 PM

407 E. Chapman Ave.

Orange, CA 92866

GOOD-BYE TO OUTGOING FOPL PRESIDENT, KATHLEEN STEVENS



Although **Kathleen Stevens** is stepping down as FOPL president, you will still find her around the Library. She is currently a Library Board Trustee appointed by the current mayor, Dan Slater. She will also stay on the Friends Board for six months to help with the transition of the new president. Besides working for her family business, she also has a new part-time job at the East Orange Home Depot. If you happen to shop there, stop in and say hi to her.

Kathleen has also become more involved with the Woman's Club of Orange. She is currently serving as the financial secretary and as the chair of the evening section, WCO Social Club. Her goal is to eventually become the president of the Woman's Club, so wish her luck!

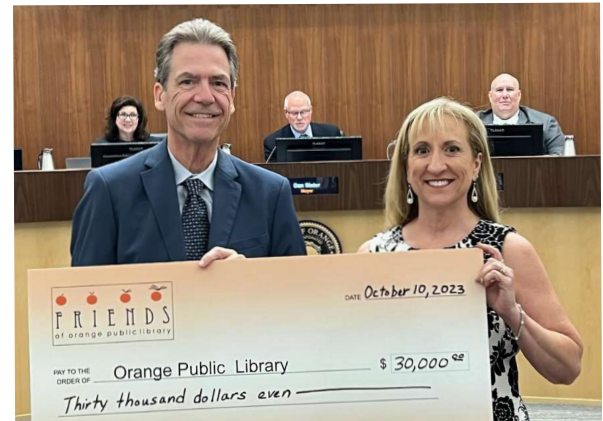
Thank you, **Kathleen**, for your 8 years of dedicated service as our FOPL President. Best of luck for the next chapter in your busy life!

FOPL DONATES \$30,000 TO FULFILL FALL WISH LIST FOR ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

At the October 10 Orange City Council meeting, FOPL Board President, **Kathleen Stevens**, presented Orange Public Library Director, **Dave Curtis**, with a check for \$30,000. This money was raised through book sales, membership dues, donations and bookstore sales.

The Fall 2023 Wish List included

- \$2,000 for Employee Appreciation Program
- \$750 for Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros Program
- \$1,000 for El Modena Gardens and Patio Seating
- \$2,000 for iPads for Volunteer Sign-In Stations
- \$20,000 to go towards El Modena Community Room Equipment
- \$4,250 for Continuing Refresh of the 3 Library Locations



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of the Orange Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of community residents who believe in the value and future of our public library. The Friends support the Library with funds from the Friends Bookstore, by receiving and encouraging personal donations, bequests from estates and distributions from trusts, and by encouraging community support for a better library.

FOPL HAS AN ONLINE BOOKSTORE

Jim Dickinson, Internet Sales Director

Friends of Orange Public Library raises grant money for the Library by selling donated books, movies and music through our Library bookstore as well as our seasonal books sales. But did you know that we also sell books across the country through our store on the Internet? Our Internet store has three locations: Amazon, Biblio and eBay. Our inventory of nearly 1,000 titles covers a wide range of subjects and authors. Vintage books from the 19th and 20th centuries, signed first editions, collectibles, textbooks, art books, comics, and boxed sets as well as brand new books are sold. Prices for our books range from \$15 - \$20 to hundreds of dollars for rare and unique items. Recently, we have listed gently used book sets from the American Girls Doll Collection on eBay.

On our Biblio site, we have listed first editions signed by the authors including Dean Koontz, Michael Connelly, Janet Evanovich, C. J. Box, J. A. Jance, and Michael Caine as well as vintage collectors items.

To see our listings on eBay, you can use this link: <https://www.ebay.com/usr/foplbookstore407>. You can also go to "Advanced Search" on eBay and scroll down to "Sellers" and enter our store name, foplbookstore407.


To see our listings on Biblio, you can use this link: <https://www.biblio.com/bookstore/friends-of-orange-public-library-orange>. You can also search for us by clicking on "Bookstores" and searching by our name on that website, Friends of Orange Public Library.

Unfortunately, Amazon does not allow customers to search by book sellers but if you see an item which states the seller is "bookstore407", that is the Friends of Orange Public Library.



Gently used American Dolls book sets for sale in our Internet bookstore.

CONVERSATIONS WITH
INTERESTING WOMEN



JANE AUSTEN
Through the eyes of Dr. Lynda Hall

Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Woman's Club of Orange
121 S Center St Orange, CA 92866

\$5 pay at the door

Friends of the Orange Public Library will
be selling used Jane Austen books for
reasonable prices.

CALLING ALL JANE AUSTEN FANS

Join us at the Woman's Club of Orange on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 PM for a talk with Dr. Lynda Hall about the life and writings of Jane Austen.

Lynda Hall is Associate Professor and Chair of English at Chapman University, specializing in Austen and the English Gothic Novel. She has served as a Traveling Lecturer, has presented at nine conferences for the Jane Austen Society of North America, and has essays in various journals, including *Persuasions*, *Nineteenth Century Gender Studies*, *Eighteenth Century Fiction*, and *Texas Studies in Language and Learning*, as well as chapters in various books on Austen. She published *Jane Austen and "Value:" Settling, Speculating, and Superfluity* in 2017.

FOPL will be selling used Jane Austen books at the event.

A MESSAGE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Courtney, Membership Director

As 2023 comes to a close, we are looking forward to our anniversary in January. The Friends of Orange Public Library will be celebrating 65 years! In honor of our anniversary, we are excited to offer a new "members only" perk. Beginning January 2, every Tuesday will be a Half Off book deal in our Main Library Bookstore. Show your membership card on Tuesdays and get 50% off, limit of ten regular priced books. You must show your FOPL membership card to get the deal.

Speaking of members, FOPL currently has 48 volunteers (yay!), 38 Family level members, 15 Business level members and 66 Life members!

Also, just a quick reminder that our membership year runs January – December. Don't forget to renew. Do you know someone that loves books as much as you do? How about a gift of membership? Stop in the Bookstore or purchase a membership online. Planning to visit our Holiday Boutique? We will offer complimentary gift bags if you purchase a new membership.

Did you know you can help support the Friends while doing your normal shopping at Ralphs? You tell Ralphs that you want to support us and then we get a (small) reward every time you use your Ralphs ID when shopping.

You need an online account with Ralphs to get this set up. If you do not have an account already here is how to do it.

Go to Ralphs.com and click on “create an account”.
Follow the easy steps to create the account.
After you have created and confirmed your account, click on
“Community Rewards” Choose us.



Organization Name: Friends of Orange Public Library

Organization Number: ML145

Enroll with us and you are done!

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Thank you to our Business Sponsors for 2023

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Orange, CA 92868 info@cordovamediagroup.com (949) 307-5907

The logo for impact, featuring a red square with a white dot and the word "impact" in a bold, lowercase font.

Michael Cucco
Vice President of Sales,
Managed Digital Transformation/Partner

The logo for the Orange North Rotary Club, featuring a yellow gear with a blue banner that says "ORANGE NORTH" and a green leaf.

North Orange Rotary Club

Piano Studio of Carolyn Biller

Carolyn Biller, MA Music
1032 Castlegate Lane
No. Tustin, CA 92705
714.544.0609
Cbiller@sbcglobal.net
Carolynbiller.com
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A graphic of musical notes on a staff.The logo for Darkside Technologies, featuring a blue and green molecular structure.

Darkside Technologies
Shane Huber
Chief Science Officer

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(262)933-1821
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The logo for Paramount Furniture, featuring a mountain range and the text "Paramount Furniture".

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Paramount, CA 90723

562-633-8841

Nominations for Friends Executive Board of Directors

The Slate of Candidates are presented below. Please vote **one** of three ways:

1. Email your vote to FOPL2424@gmail.com **OR**
2. Detach the form at the line below and put it in the drop box and the Friends Book Store located at the Main Branch 407 E. Chapman Avenue Orange, CA 92866 by January 8
3. Attend the Annual General Membership Meeting on January 8 at 3:00 PM.

-----Please detach here -----

President

_____ Mary Galuska

_____ Write in:

Treasurer

_____ Peter Wetzel

_____ Write in:

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Mail in a check or include your credit card info below - Drop your membership off at the Bookstore

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