

HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Welcome from the Friends of the Library! FOL was established in the 1950s and since then has been dedicated to enhancing the Hermosa Beach Public Library experience and improving literacy in the South Bay.

Benefitting from a recent, very generous donation from the Mary Hawkins' estate, we find ourselves financially able to sponsor even more charitable activities than in the past. Notably, we recently increased our funding to the Hermosa Library to significantly expand their onsite programming, including the well-received arts and crafts seminars and the always popular children's activity programs. We also generously increased our perennial Library funding for the purchase of new and replacement books, for critical supplies, and for the annual subscriptions to a broad assortment of customer favored periodicals. Similarly, we are helping with some badly needed Library equipment upgrades.

In support of community literacy, we reached out to all three Hermosa K-8 schools, Valley, View and Vista, regarding their book needs. Based on their response, we provided generous grants to fund the purchase of much needed books for the school libraries and for some of the children's classrooms. FOL Board members had the opportunity to tour the recently renovated, but nearly bare, View school library, and the visit helped us recognize the need for some additional funding to purchase library furniture and bookcases. We are extremely fortunate to be able to impact our schools and community literacy this way. The Schools' showed their gratitude with a huge thank you in their recent e-newsletter!

Meet our Volunteers!

The Friends of the Library operates due to the benevolence of community members who donate their time and expertise towards making our little corner of the world a better place. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and share a deep love and appreciation for books. Our President, George Ceman is a retired engineer; our Vice President, Robin Lehrer, is a retired school teacher. Linda Marr, our Secretary is a writer, and Teena Moody, our Treasurer is a retired neuroscientist and has an identical twin -- and they were born on April 1st!

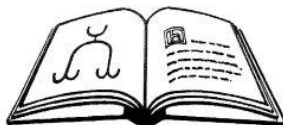
Sue de la Camp, our dedicated Bookstore Manager, keeps the bookshelves under control, helps sort and organize the generous donations of books from all corners of the community, and still has time to pursue her hobby of hand weaving. Tania Gillespie, our Social Media Chair has been tireless in her goal to inform the public about our group, and comes from South Africa. Betty Starr, our Website Chair, is enthusiastic about all things to do with reading, and as Sue says about all of us, "has always been a book person."

How can you help?

There are many ways to help the Friends of the Library. Become a Member – there are lots of membership levels! Donate Books - we greatly appreciate receiving donated books in good condition, and also accept DVDs, CDs, board games and jigsaw puzzles for resale in our Bookstore. All donations can be dropped off directly at the Bookstore during open hours, or the Library can take donations as well.

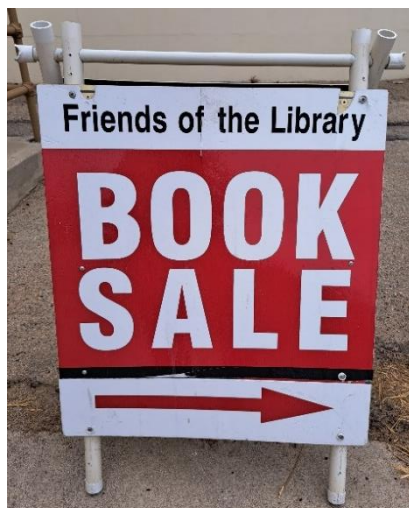
Volunteer – we welcome volunteers of all types with open arms. In fact, we are currently in urgent need of help in maintaining our membership list and planning member events.

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For much of our group's life, our community focal point has been the FOL Bookstore, well stocked by generous donations of Books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games. The money we receive from sales (and donations) helps fund our broad range of charitable efforts. Please take a moment to find us in our new location, especially so we can welcome you into our book-loving, literary enclave. While you're here, peruse our well-organized shelves, read a few snippets from a new found treasure, and reflect on the marvelous gift that reading brings into each of our lives!



Our new Bookstore is a free-standing building located on 11th Street at the back (or south) side of the Pier Avenue Community Center, and on the eastern edge of the free parking lot near the tennis courts. We may seem hard to find at first, but once you do, our accessibility and the abundant free parking will make it worthwhile!

Not to be overly boastful (but this is worth mentioning!), we have the best prices in the South Bay! And with prices going up all around us, we have pledged to keep our prices low. Adult hardbacks are \$1.00, and paperbacks a mere two-bits (50 cents); Children's books are half these prices.

Our book shelves are well organized, with fiction categorized by author, and non-fiction sorted by subject matter. We have a classic literature section, another with the "good older titles" located by the back entrance, many shelves filled with cookbooks and self-help, a full wall of history books, and so much more. Join us!

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

We have a great collection of children's books – from picture books for the younger set to chapter books for those who are expanding their reading skills. There's also a good collection of family-oriented DVDs and board games, as well as both adult and children's jigsaw puzzles for Family Game Night! And don't forget, children's books are half the price of adult books.

HBFOL Library Donations focused on Children

Many Children's reading and activity programs at the Hermosa Library are funded by Friends of the Library donations, as well as awards and prizes for bookmark and reading contests.

Spread the Word

Please let the community know about our great organization, and about all the great deals available at the HBFOL Bookstore!



Don't forget to check out the selection of large print books!

BOOK STORE

Location: 701 11th Place (behind Community Center)

HOURS

Mondays: 9am to 1pm • Fridays: 9am to 4pm

Saturday Sales - Third Saturday of the month – 10am to 1pm