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Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library.

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"These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds alive on the shelves. From each of them goes out its own voice ... by taking down one of these volumes and opening it, one can call into range the far distant voice in time and space, and hear it speaking to us, mind to mind, heart to heart!"

Gilbert Highet.

There will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library Wednesday June ^{28th} 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. You are all cordially invited to attend.

Report from our book sales chairman, Evelyn Belasco: The April F.O.L. book sale was a great success bringing in \$236.35 in cash, untold amounts in pleasure and good will. Gold stars for providing time, energy and enthusiasm go to Jack Belasco, Jeanne Carr, Betty Evans, Pat and Myron Gazin, Cynthia Godofsky, Lorraine and John Hales, Bill Hudson, Charlotte and Bill Malone, Laura Nation, Delma Peery and Jean Schmeltzer ... Recycling used books to provide new and additional resources for our library makes everybody a winner. Our warmest thanks to those who contributed their used books, to the library staff for their enthusiastic cooperation, to the faithful workers, and to all the magnificent buyers who snapped up our bargains with joy and enthusiasm. It's a great day for book lovers!

Betty Evans reports there are three new books for the California Collections. "West Coast Cook Book" by Helen Evans Brown. Walter Wagner's "Beverly Hills - Inside the Golden Ghetto." "Rancho San Pedro" by Robert Gillingham. Stop by and "adopt" one of the books for some interesting reading.

A personal comment: By now, I am sure you have all heard the incredible news that the County intends to close our treasure house of books the Library. I deplore the scare tactics coming out of Sacramento. Something must be terribly wrong when voters have to be intimidated and frightened into voting for a proposition they do not believe in. Let us assume the responsibility of keeping our Library open with volunteers from our community who will keep our children supplied with books. For our Library building becoming "basically a warehouse of inaccessible books" angers me. To be so presumptuous to even hint of the end of the world if we vote against a tax system that is devastating ALL OF US, is wrong. Worse it is evil and dangerous. I deplore the whole premise that we must do as we are told or else!

Delma Peery.

President.

Board meeting at the Malones
Wed June 21st at 7pm. Please comp