

HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Hermosa Schools Get Funding to Furnish Libraries

In March, the FOL Board approved two new grants for Hermosa Vista and View Schools to buy much needed furnishings for their newly renovated libraries. Items to be purchased include: a mobile book cart, organizing bins, a large floor rug, two-sided book cart, a white board and various markers. We are so pleased to be part of helping make the new libraries at these two schools a warm and welcoming place for the students in our community.

From Alika Shivers, Hermosa Vista librarian: "The children here at Hermosa Vista have a special place in our hearts and we want to establish a solid library that will assist the students in gaining the skills they will need to succeed."



FOL Funds New Books for Hermosa Public Library

Travis Hernandez, Hermosa Beach Library's Community Library Manager reports, "Thanks to the Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library organization and their generous funding, approximately 80 new and replacement books were purchased and placed on bookshelves at the HB Public Library. Subjects ranged from Children's books, Young Adult novels, popular Adult fiction, Travel and Self-Help."

A few selected titles:

Adult Non-Fiction: *What Your Contractor Can't Tell You: The Essential Guide to Building and Renovating* by Amy Johnston; *Fodor's London*

Adult Fiction: *Next in Line* by Jeffrey Archer; *Long Shadows* by David Baldacci; *Mother Daughter Traitor Spy: a Novel* by Susan Elia MacNeal; *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny

Childrens' Books: *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor; *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Mac Barnett; *Bad Kitty Does Not Like Valentine's Day* by Nick Bruel; *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume; *Demon slayer (Kimetsu no Yaiba)* by Koyoharu Gotoge; *Where's Waldo?: The Fantastic Journey* by Martin Handford

Programs Funded by FOL off to a Great Start

The Hermosa Public Library has been putting our increased donations to great use kicking off a slate of activities for both children and adults. Some programs are geared towards building cognitive and motor skills in very young children (Baby Band) to just being a whole lot of fun (Michael Rayner, Juggler Extraordinaire).

Smarty Pants Storytime, aimed for children ages 2 - 5, helps teach school readiness skills through using books, songs, rhymes and movement. It has been especially popular and is scheduled frequently during the month.

Pre-teen activities include craft programs, magicians and juggling demonstrations as well as holding a special live sea animal exhibit featuring the amazing sea star.

There's also a teen afternoon event demonstrating the power of bath explosions and how to make your own bath fizzies with all materials provided.

Don't forget to sign-up for these events through the HB Library's website – places fill up fast!

Register at the Library or online at: <https://lacountylibrary.org/hermosa-beach-library>

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City Hall Thank You Ceremony for HBFOL School Donations



To show their appreciation for our recent donation to the Hermosa Schools, a special ceremony was held at Hermosa City Hall with a charming presentation of Thank You cards signed by many of the school's students. All three Hermosa Schools are benefiting from our generosity and have been busy using our funds to update their libraries at View and Vista, while filling out 5th Grade classroom libraries at Valley.

Present at the ceremony was (from left to right) School Board President Douglas Gardner, School Superintendent Jason Johnson, our FOL Vice-President Robin Lehrer, Hermosa School Superintendent Katherine O'Connor, View Principal Hillary Overbeck, and PTO President Nicole Ellison with her son and daughter.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Just a warning about some holes that you may see in the children's and young adult section. Peter Lattey who collects books for the Rotary Club is headed to Kenya and wanted to take some children's books. Robin, Peter and I culled about three boxes. I suspect that you will not miss them...except for the milk crate of classics. Anyway, just a heads up. They are going to a place that needs books.

Together with Brett Weiss and the Weiss Scholarship Foundation, the Hermosa Rotary provides scholarships to Kenyan students who otherwise would not receive a high school education. Peter reports: "Our scholars just started high school via boarding school and it is a very big deal! If it wasn't for outside support, many would be home instead." Peter and Brett share hopes to empower and improve the structure for educational opportunity, embodying the Foundation's core belief that education is the only long-term, sustainable solution to poverty.

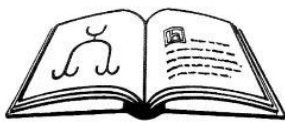
Peter Lattey with an update from Kenya:

"What I have been doing for books up until now is to bring small quantities of kids' books each time I come to Kenya. I donate these to the library in one of the local schools. Usually they are almost the only books in the library.

However, I am about to start on a much bigger project. The town of Migori has a population of about 100,000. There is no public library. Last week I met with the governor of the county and reached an agreement with them that the county will build a new public library building and provide staff for it. Rotary International will provide books, bookshelves, furniture, computers, etc. As you can imagine I am very excited about this."



HERMOSA BEACH



**FRIENDS of
the LIBRARY**

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