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Dear Member of the
HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Thank you for your 1963 membership in the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY! We are now one of the largest FRIENDS groups in the County. Soon we will be able to purchase as our gift to the library, the interesting and informative 56 historical narratives of THE CHRONICLES OF AMERICA.

Before we get into the news for May and June, I'd like you to know the members of your board of directors for this year: Mrs. Kolma Flake, treasurer; Mrs. Lorraine Hales, recording secretary; Mrs. Sako Miho, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Irene Mason, membership; Mrs. Norma Bordelon, hospitality; Mrs. Ruth Treadgold, art chairman; Mrs. Alice Michelsen, publicity; and past-president Mrs. Mary Edgerton. And of course, our head librarian, Mrs. Olney, who has been so helpful to us always. They are an interested and wonderful group to work with.

We'd like to invite you and your friends to our first book discussion, which will be held Thursday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. in our library. Our own Mrs. Frederic W. (Kolma) Flake will speak on "Authors I Have Known" and read excerpts from their books. During 20 years as a Hollywood motion picture publicist, Mrs. Flake had the opportunity to meet and work with many noted writers as well as movie stars, directors and producers. Among the authors she will discuss are two current best-sellers: Mrs. Kemper Campbell, who wrote HERE I RAISE MINE EBENEZER, and Miss Elaine Shepard of FORGIVE US OUR PRESS PASSES. We do hope you will attend, have a cup of coffee with us, and enjoy Mrs. Flake's entertaining discussion.

The 21st annual Spring Book Breakfast will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. at the Statler Hilton Hotel in the Pacific Ballroom. Last year more than 800 librarians, teachers, and friends attended the Breakfast. Sylvia Ziskind, Professor of Children's and Young People's Literature, Immaculate Heart College, will deliver the keynote address, stressing the need to offer children only the best in their young years when life-long tastes are forming. She will stress the short-sighted policy of letting them cut their literary teeth on shoddy, second-rate, uninspired books for children. Authors and illustrators of books for children and young people will be guests of honor and there will be autographing afterwards. Books will be available for purchase. If you are interested in going, call Mrs. Sako Miho, at FRontier 4-5949. Reservations are \$3.00 per person.

Our appreciation is great to all those who have donated books to the library, but we would like to single out for special thanks two recent contributors: Miss Mable Woodworth, a one-time resident of Hermosa Beach, former Professor at USC and composer of note for choral and stringed instruments, as well as piano, has donated 12 books on musical theory, counterpoint, and general reference on music composition; and the Literary Section of the Hermosa Beach Women's Club, who donated two complete sets of the Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe in the Modern Library Edition. Our thanks, too, to the Literary Section of the Women's Club and the philanthropic organization LAS QUINCE DAMAS for their monetary contributions to the FRIENDS.

William Spence Geller, Assistant County Librarian since January 1956, was named County Librarian effective April 1, 1963, to succeed John O. Henderson, who retired at the end of March. Mr. Geller holds a masters degree in public administration from USC and a degree in library science from the University of California.

June 6 at 10:30 a.m. is a great time for joining FRIENDS in a last cup of coffee before the summer begins. And what better reason for getting together than the commemoration of Hermosa's 50th year as a member of the County Library system! We've come a long way from the small circulating library organized by townspeople in 1903--- by the end of June 1913 we were among the first to join the Los Angeles County Public Library System. And to top it off, summer 1963 marks the first anniversary of our excellent new library! We'll see you at the library Thursday morning, June 6 -- then on to the summer reading program (if you haven't turned your name in as a storybook lady, and like to read to small children, call Mrs. Irene Mason, Frontier 4-1885).

Sincerely,

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