

July 20, 1962

Dear Member of the  
HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY;

A special invitation to you -- mark your calendar for August 10, 1962, at 2:00 p.m. for the long awaited dedication of our new library. This is the realization of years of planning and work by the entire community of Hermosa Beach and especially the FRIENDS. Since September 1959, when our strongest supporter, Mayor Pat Gazin, called the first meeting of a small group which constituted the actual beginning of the Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library, this library has been our goal. Each of you may take some credit for the library becoming a reality -- a strong educational and cultural asset to our city.

There will be no story hour until very late in the summer this year because of the move into the new building. The library will be closed for three weeks during the move.

The FRIENDS were the grateful recipients of a gift of \$15.00 from LACEY DUNCE DAMAS, a local philanthropic group, toward the purchase of Book Review Digests for the library. Many thanks to this thoughtful group. The FRIENDS welcome gifts and donations from organizations and individuals at any time.

The following is quoted in part from an article appearing in the Los Angeles County Public Library NEWSLETTER:

"The large, new, impressive library building at 550 Pier Avenue will make the Hermosa Beach branch one of the major outlets of the County Library system.

The City constructed the \$131,599 building. The Library holds a five-year lease with option to purchase any time after the first two years. The building has floor area of 6,500 square feet and shelving for 21,900 books. The furniture and shelving, costing \$19,341, is being provided by the County Library.

According to Betty Addison, Regional Librarian, the already sizeable branch collection in the fields of art, drama and music -- the type of reading much in demand in the community -- will be increased materially by the opening. She is also adding eight new periodicals to the subscription list, to make a total of 62 magazines the branch will receive regularly. Now subscriptions include the Unabridged Reader's Guide. She has also ordered a complete set of the Book Review Digest for the 1940's for the library. Since the Friends are giving a complete set of the same periodical for the 1950's and the branch has been subscribing to it since January 1960, the library will have complete back files of the magazine covering the last 22 years.

Mrs. James Edgerton, president of the Friends, said that other gifts, including a world globe, are in the offing to be unveiled at the dedication."

We were proud and pleased that the FRIENDS nominations for Woman of the Year - Mayor Pat Gazin; and Man of the Year - Pier Avenue School Principal James Boston, received these awards at the 50th Chamber of Commerce installation dinner July 12. Congratulations to these two outstanding citizens!

In closing may we wish our librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Olney, a very happy and relaxing vacation this month. Have a good rest, Dorothy, we'll need you soon. Many thanks to librarians Mrs. Katherine Dittmar, Mrs. [Name], and [Name]. May I wish you all a happy [Name].

Mrs. Pat Hoorn  
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Sincerely,  
HELEN BEACH FRIENDS OF LIBRARY  
Mary Edgerton  
Mary Edgerton, President

Office, punch and cookies will be furnished and served by the FRIENDS at the dedication. Anyone wishing to help, please call me at BR. 2-9367. If you have 1/4 or 1/2 of a Blue Chip Stamp Book to spare, please drop it off at the Library for our lace tablecloth.

Carol Hall, and Mrs. Alice Michelson for their never-tiring assistance and patience.