



# HBFOL NEWSLETTER

**2019 HOLIDAY BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**9 A.M. TO 12 NOON**

**1309 BARD STREET, HERMOSA BEACH**

**1/2 BLOCK WEST OF THE LIBRARY**



## **PERFECT TIMING**

Our year-end Saturday sale provides an excellent excuse to avoid crowds at the mall and Big Box warehouse stores, not to mention internet nightmares. So give yourself the gift of shopping at our bookstore. The alphabetically organized inventory includes hardcover and paperback fiction, biographies, fine art, books on travel or stay-at-home pleasures like cooking and gardening, children's books and games: the list is endless and the price is ridiculously low: \$1 for hardcovers, 50¢ for paperbacks. Also available: an entire bookcase of DVDs for a mere \$1 per disk. Buy some treasures for others or for yourselves.

**FOR MORE SALE INFORMATION: Check out our web page: [hbfol.org](http://hbfol.org).**

**REGULAR STORE HOURS:** 9:00 - 12:00 A.M. MONDAY and FRIDAY: 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. (closed on holidays)

## **BARDGATE: OUR LATEST CHALLENGE**

The formidable permanent security gate that now guards the entrance to Bard Street from Pier Avenue has become slightly more daunting because of the Fire Department's \$1.8 million renovation project which began in October and is not expected to be completed until at least March of 2020. However, pedestrians still have access through the small side gate on Pier, as well as the established access gate on 11th Place, on the south side of City Hall. The security gates and construction impediments have resulted in a 30% drop in revenue on monthly Saturday sale dates. Fortunately, revenue from the Friday open hours, added this year, are compensating for the loss. Many thanks to the FOL volunteers who have made these additional hours possible. We are currently open 9 a.m. to noon Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, and the third Saturday of every month. Access by car through the Eleventh Place gate for large donations and pickups during our open hours is still available. Delivering book donations directly to Bard Street has two big advantages: (1) one or more volunteers can help you unload, and (2) you can avoid hauling boxes of books up the stairs from the City Hall parking lot to the library's back entrance. However, you can leave book donations at the library when the bookstore is closed, and you can contact us for special help if needed.

### **For help with picking up large book donations:**

Leave a message for the HBFOL at the library: 310-379-8475

Leave a message with HBFOL volunteer Greg Gazin: 213-215-1458

Contact us by email: [Folhb16@gmail.com](mailto:Folhb16@gmail.com)

## **HOW TO HELP THE HERMOSA BEACH LIBRARY AND THE HBFOL:**

**Donate** books in good condition (i.e. gently read). All gifts are tax-deductible, so ask for a donation slip from one of our volunteers.

**Volunteer** at the Bard Street Book Store. We need help unloading, sorting, and shelving books, updating the inventory, vacuuming and dusting, bringing book donations from the library to Bard Street, helping at the cashier's table, publicizing our existence, and setting up a database of email addresses.

**Renew your membership** for 2020. Use the enclosed envelope or coupon on the other side. Dues help defray the cost of printing and postage. They also pay for library acquisitions and special events.

**Make an additional end-of year gift by using the enclosed envelope.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: WE WILL BE DELETING YOU FROM THE DATABASE AND YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST THREE YEARS!** Check the mailing label for your current membership status and and renew by mail or in person at the library or bookstore. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The HBFOL held its 60th birthday party on Saturday, September 15, our regular monthly sale day, in front of the Bard Street Book Store. The weather was still summery, and FOL volunteers Dorothy Yost and Marilyn Shaw served refreshments under an outside canopy to new and returning patrons and guests. Over the past 60 years our organization has provided funds for books, computers, children's reading program entertainment and craft supplies, refreshments for special library events, holiday decorations, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, and occasionally for office equipment and supplies. We look forward to another 60 years of support for the Hermosa Beach Library, one of our most important community assets.

## BOOKSTORE GREEN INTO LIBRARY GOLD

The HBFOL has allocated \$1,778 to supplement periodical subscriptions for 2020 and \$2,500 for books and audiovisual materials. Librarian Sarah Harper has used these funds to refresh the Classics collection, primarily Shakespeare plays, and to buy children's favorites like the Harry Potter books in their new illustrated iteration. She has also bought new copies of several popular children's beginner reading series and graphic novels. During the summer she used FOL funds to sponsor prize packs for all ages and to pay for performers at the weekly Summer Discovery programs. Finally, the FOL will award winners of the 2019 Children's Bookmark Contest winners with Barnes and Noble gift certificates, to be presented at the January 2020 City Council meeting. This year's local winners in each grade category:

K - 2: Ruby Mundell – Hermosa View School

6 - 8: Isla Mundell – Hermosa Valley

3 - 5: Hugh Saetia – Hermosa Valley

9 - 12: Kevin Bolsajian – Mira Costa High

Once the County grants permission, their artwork will be used on our bookmarks to promote the Bard Street Bookstore Saturday book sales in 2020.

**THE HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WILL MEET AT THE BARD STREET BOOKSTORE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, AT 2:30 P.M. TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2020. ALL HBFOL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

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**PLEASE RENEW YOUR HBFOL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020: YOUR DUES ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL HELP TO PAY FOR PRINTING & MAILING OUR NEWSLETTER. DUES RECEIVED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, WILL EXTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2020.**

**YOU WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN OUR MAILING LIST IF YOUR LAST PAYMENT WAS IN 2016 or EARLIER!**

FRIEND: \$10, FAMILY: \$25, PATRON: \$50, LIFETIME: \$500

Fill out the enclosed envelope or use this form. Include your check and mail to HBFOL, P.O. Box 515, Hermosa Beach CA 90254. You can also drop it off at the library circulation desk or the Bard Street Bookstore during open hours. Another option: use the **donate** link on the [hbfol.org](http://hbfol.org) home page. **We accept PayPal.**

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