



Friends of the Oakley Library Newsletter

Summer 2020

Upcoming Friend's Meeting

July 16

4:00 PM via Zoom

August 6

4:00 PM via Zoom

New Library Committee

August 4

6:00 PM via Zoom

September 1

6:00 PM via Zoom

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A Message from the Oakley Library!

We have missed you! It was hard being away for so long. We are happy that so many of you are using our front door service. Your voices are music to our ears and your waves make our day!

Our mission is to bring people and ideas together. Know that we are committed to serving our community with a core goal of championing literacy and reading. The library has so much to offer and I know that it can sometimes be hard to find, but we are here. Call us (925-625-2400) if you have questions or reference needs.

We have expanded our online services to include additional eBooks, streaming movies, and databases (access to Ancestry has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely), storytimes, events, and so much more. Our own Ms. Lucia has a Bilingual Spanish Storytime that airs Mondays on Contra Costa County Library's Facebook page.

Haven't tried our Front Door Service? It is easy.

- Place a hold at ccclib.org
- Wait for notification that the hold is ready
- Schedule an appointment (walkups welcome, but you may have to wait)
- Pick up

There are signs outside of the library with phone numbers that you can call or text us at when you arrive to pick up your items. Materials are placed on a table at the front door with your name. It is a safe, contactless process. For the safety of you and staff, library items are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours in between each use. Staff wash their hands frequently, wear masks and observe social distancing protocols.

We do not have a specific timeline for reopening but know that we have been developing a plan that meets State and County guidelines for reopening. In the meantime, visit us at ccclib.org to Dive Deep into Summer Reading. Adults, teens, kids, and babies can get swept away with summer fun and entered in a drawing for a chance to win prizes including an Xbox One X.

We are here Tuesday and Wednesday 12-8, and Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10-6. Give us a call 925-625-2400 or email me at andrea.freyler@library.cccounty.us. We hope to see you soon at our front door!

Andrea Freyler



A Message from the President

There have been a lot of changes that have occurred in the past several months. Before I address these changes, I want to extend a huge thank you to those who supported our T-shirt fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$2,000 to fund programs at the Oakley Library. To date, this has been our most successful fundraiser in the history of our organization. I want to extend a special thank you to Mary Enfield -Campbell, who generously donated \$1,000 (in memory of her sister Thelma) which put us close to our \$4,000 fundraising goal!

Unfortunately, the pandemic led to the temporary closure of the Oakley Library and the suspension of all library programming. As of June 16th, our library has reopened for front door service, but our programming remains suspended and our Book Sale area remains closed. Despite these challenges and changes, our organization is committed to providing support to our library and the Oakley community.

Currently, we are working with the Oakley Library to figure out ways we can provide programming, and give support to our community during these challenging times. We hope, in the coming weeks, to be able to announce several new programs that we will be providing and participating in. All announcements will be made on our social media platforms and our websites.

There can be no doubt, that there will be tough and challenging times ahead for our community. It is during times such as these when libraries are highly utilized and needed. Have no doubt, that Friends of the Oakley Library will do all that we can to assist the Library and our community in what ever capacity that is needed.

I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy during this pandemic and I hope to see everyone when we are able to open our library to the public.

Brittany Matous

Virtual Library Services!

While the libraries are closed, there are tons of free digital resources you can access with your library card:

- Download and read e-books and eAudiobooks
- Stream movies and TV with Kanopy
- Download and read Magazines and Periodicals
- Research family history and genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition
- Get homework help for the kids with Lynda and Learning Express
- And so much more!

For all available online resources go to ccclib.org/digital-resources/.
Happy Reading/Watching/Learning!

Summer Reading Online!



Join us online for activities and events related to the ocean. Readers of all ages can participate by going to ccclib.org/summer. Each completed entry will be entered for a chance to win prizes, including a chance to win an X-box One X.

The programs include all kinds of activities and online events each week. For our STEM learners, a new science experiment is highlighted each week. Go to ccclib.org/summer to print and watch experiment demonstrations.
