



Friends of the Oakley Library Newsletter

Fall 2020

Upcoming Friend's Meeting

October 8
4:00 PM on Zoom
November 12
4:00 PM on Zoom
December 10
4:00 PM on Zoom

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A Message from the President

Fall has arrived! During this time of the year we are usually out and about at the various community events in Oakley and preparing for our annual Howl La La Boo event. Unfortunately, due to events beyond our control we have not been able to engage with the public like we would and have had to cancel event that we usually hold.

However, we have still been hard at work coordinating with the Library to bring amazing content to the Oakley Library. During the month of October, we will be sponsoring science themed Take & Make kits. These science experiment kits will be given out weekly and the Library showing how to do the science experiments on their YouTube page. We are also working with the Library to provide additional content, which we will be revealing on our [Facebook Page](#) and [Instagram](#).

We are holding our meetings on Zoom, and will do so for the foreseeable future. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP on our Facebook page and you will be sent the Zoom link.

Unfortunately, due to lack of participation, the New Library Committee is not holding any meetings at this time. We will be starting back up the meetings, via Zoom, starting November 3rd. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP on our Facebook page and we will send you the link.

Thank you to all of our members for their continued support and we hope that you have a safe and wonderful Fall!

Brittany Matous

The Librarian's Corner

The Oakley Library is focused on providing important services in new ways. We have seen a big increase in the use of our digital resources and are looking for ways to better serve you. You can find Doug every other Friday at the Senior Center Food Distribution. You don't have to be a senior to participate. Everyone in need is welcome to pickup food, books, and learn about the library. Ms. Lisa has been visiting elementary classrooms and other community groups online to share Storytime's, information and answer questions. We understand that it can be hard to find videos on our [Facebook](#) page, so we have started posting Storytime's, songs, and other videos on our [YouTube](#) page. You can see the library one photo at a time on our new [Instagram](#) page.

Thanks to the Friends of the Oakley Library for sponsoring "Take & Makes". You can expect to see bi-weekly STEAM experiments or Storytime crafts available for pick up at the library. We will post videos of us doing each activity on our social media pages. We hope that everyone who does the activities shares them with us too. We will have other fun games and activities that can be played online or at our front door.

I hope you've tried our front door service. It's easy and convenient...just make an appointment by phone or at ccclib.org/front-door-service, and your holds will be checked out and ready. Drop-ins for holds pickup is fine, too – you may just have to wait an extra minute or two while we check them out.

Unfortunately, we have had a lot of bad air days recently. When local air quality hits 150 or higher on the Air Quality Index, the library suspends Front Door service. On bad air days, please call before your visit to make sure that the library will be open. Do not worry. We keep your holds a little longer for pickup when this happens.

Sometimes it's hard to decide what to read, and that's where librarian know-how kicks in. Staff have been creating booklists for all ages and interests, accessible from ccclib.org. You can call us anytime at 625-625-2400. We are supporting busy families with curated “grab bags,” an assortment of five books that can be requested by appointment online or by phone and borrowed for three weeks. Grab bags are available for baby board books, picture books, beginning readers, early/upper elementary, family audiobooks and Spanish.

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon, you can help the Oakley Library? When you shop using Amazon Smile, choose the Friends of the Oakley Library as your charity. What this does, is that a portion of your purchase (0.05%) will go to support the Oakley Library.

Remember, 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 online or at our front door!

Andrea Freyler

Grant Writer Wanted

We are currently looking for someone to help us write grants so that we can fund the following projects:

- A new library for Oakley
- Programming for the Oakley Library

This person should be fun, dynamic and passionate about libraries. For students who are looking for experience or a member of the community who is looking to give back, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. Please contact the President (president@oakleylibrary.org) if you are interested.

How to Renew my Membership

With the advent of COVID-19 many of our members are wondering how they can renew their membership. You can renew your using one of two ways: online or by mail.

If you go to our Membership page on our website you have the option to renew online. The page uses PayPal to process the payments, so once you have entered your information you will be directed to the PayPal site to process your payment. Once your payment has been processed your membership is considered current with our organization.

For those who do not want to process their payment online you can download our membership renewal form. This form is also located online under Memberships. Once you have downloaded and filled out the form please mail the form for our address: 1050 Neroly Road Oakley, CA 94561.

If you have any questions about membership renewal please feel free to contact us!
