



Friends of the Oakley Library

E-Newsletter

June, 2019

Upcoming Events

June 8-August 8

Summer Reading Program

June 18

6:30pm Weekend Adventures in Northern California

July 6

Oakley Cityhood Celebration

September 21

Heart of Oakley

Upcoming Friend's Meeting

June 20

6:30 PM @ Oakley Library

September 19

6:30PM@ Oakley Library

Board of Directors

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A Message from the President

Like many of you, the Oakley Library has been near and dear to my heart since I was a child. As your new president, my vision for our Friends group is to get the Oakley community to recognize the value that each and every one of us sees in our Library. This place is more than a building that houses books, it is a place in the community where children and teens can explore new ideas through events and programs and adults engage in activities such as Beading and Book Clubs.

As President of the Friends of the Oakley library, I want to take the opportunity to welcome everyone who has become a Friend of our Oakley Library! Your continued support allows our Library to purchase the materials that make all of their innovative programming possible. From our popular STEAM Up programs to our story-time crafts, all member dues and funds raised by our amazing organization makes these events possible for our community.

For over 100 years, the Oakley Library has served as the heart of our community. Though the community has evolved and grown, the Library has remained its one constant and the one remaining institution that doesn't have a permanent home.

At this time, I am extending an open invitation for new member's to join our group and our effort to get the Oakley Library the recognition and the home it deserves. With continuous and new support for our Library we can get the Library and our beloved Library staff the support it deserves.

I hope to see all of you at our next Friends meeting and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with all of your wonderful ideas to help get our Library and our Library Staff the recognition and the home it deserves!

Brittany Matous

President@oakleylibrary.org

Membership

As the needs of the Library continue to expand, our library will need more Friends! We will be forming a membership committee to address our current and future needs for Friend volunteers in our Library.

Additionally, we will be redoing the way we interact and engage with our members. Keep a look out for e-mails from our President and check out our website (www.oakleylibrary.org) for all updates!

Our Book Sale

As many of you are aware, our book sale area is where we raise most of our funds for our Library Programs. What many of you do not know, are the persons who make this possible.

Joy Kick and Jennifer Fryer are our two friends who are dedicated to sorting and shelving all the donations that we receive at our Library. We cannot thank these two ladies enough for making our bookstore possible.

We are looking for other dedicated "Friends" to join our Fabulous Friend Shelves to sort through donations and keep our book sale area looking good.

If you are interested in joining our bookstore volunteers please feel free to contact the President at president@oakleylibrary.org.

The Librarian's Corner

I am very excited to write my first "Librarian's Corner" for the Friends of the Oakley Library. I first joined the Friends of the Oakley Library more than 20 years ago. I did not realize that I needed to renew my membership annually. I am proud to say that I have been a member for the last four years. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the Friends of the Oakley Library. Your support makes story-times, Summer Reading, and many more programs possible. We couldn't do the things we do at the library without you!

The Oakley Library has a great team. Their experience, creativity, and energy have allowed us to make improvements in our shared space to provide better programs and services. I want to introduce you to our team.

Since 2011, Lisa Loomis, Youth Service Librarian, also known as Ms. Lisa, has been at the Oakley Library sharing stories, songs, and programs that help children grow, develop, and learn literacy skills.

Doug Thomas is Oakley's first Adult and Teen Services Librarian. He is passionate about improving library services and programs to meet the needs of the community. He has brought several new programs to the library, and including art exhibits, author talks, and coding classes.

Lorie Butler, Library Clerk, grew up in Oakley. Her library career began in the 7th grade when she started volunteering at the Oakley Elementary Library (Oakley Elementary was a K-8 school before O'Hara Park opened in 1989). Lorie says, "I feel lucky to have found something that I loved so much so early on."

Chamanie Davis, Library Clerk, started at the Oakley Library this year, yet she has been with the Contra Costa County Library for nine years. Her friendliness and experience have made her a great addition to the team.

Lucia Flores, Library Assistant-Bilingual, is the newest addition to the Oakley Library. She is currently working towards her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS). Her expertise and creativity will help us improve library services and programs at the Oakley Library.

If you haven't met me, I'm Andrea Freyler, Community Library Manager and I love working at the Oakley Library. My roots run deep in Oakley, and I feel fortunate to work in and serve a community that I love so much. It is truly a dream come true.

Please stop by the library to say hi. I know that the rest of the team and I would like to meet you. Oakley Library is the pulse of our community. Working together, we spark imagination, fuel potential, and connect people with ideas and each other.

Meet our Board of Directors!

President- Brittany Matous

I first fell in love with the Library when I was about 6 years old. My parents had taken me to the Oakley Library for a magic show. That day I got my first Library card and I have continued to visit the Library on a regular basis. Today, I volunteer at the Library with our amazing children's librarian Lisa Loomis to create crafts for our Pajama Story time program. Through volunteering at our Library, I understand the vital role that Friends plays to make Library programs possible and as President of the Friends, I hope to continue to make those programs possible.

Vice President-Arnold Fitzpatrick Jr.

For me, Libraries play an important role in communities and in society. From story-time programming, to teen activities, to adult programs, libraries are lifelong learning centers that impact everyone from pre-school age to after school years. A number of these programs require funds and volunteers beyond what is provided by the city and the country. The Friends of Oakley Library steps in to that role to obtain volunteers and fundraise to provide funds to keep the Library and it's programming possible.

Secretary-Nancy Huffaker

My name is Nancy Huffaker. I have been an Oakley resident for 40 years! My husband and I raised four children in Oakley. I taught here as well. I love to read and the library has always been a special place for me since I was young and, as a teacher, a great resource. Come join us!

Treasurer-Linda Pennock

I joined the Friends of the Oakley Library over 20 years ago. At that time I was working in the library at O'Hara Park School and wanted to form a partnership between the public and school libraries to help bring opportunities and resources to the children. Libraries have been a big part of my personal and professional life. I have seen how valuable they can be to all members of our community. The Friends support the library staff's efforts to bring awesome programming to our library. It is rewarding to be a part of this group.

Join Us

Sign up online at www.oakleylibrary.org or in person at the Oakley Library. We hope to see you soon!

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help out our Librarians during their Summer Reading Program Events. Please contact the President (president@oakleylibrary.org) if you are interested in Volunteering. We hope to see you soon!
