

Library Re-opening



As of October 12, Huntington Beach Public Library, Central Branch only, re-opened to the community on a limited basis with restrictions for safety. Patrons are limited to a one hour stay during the following hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9 am – 1 pm & 2 – 6 pm
Friday: 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm
Sunday: Closed

Available items/services include

- Book and media checkout
- Computer lab
- Research and Information

Not available

- Sitting or use of tables
- Gift shop
- Used bookstore
- Periodicals
- No donations accepted

For safety purposes the number of people in the building will be limited, face masks required, and enhanced cleaning implemented. As State restrictions change, these guidelines will be revised; for more details see the library website at hbpl.org.



Winter Virtual Author Events



Sarah Morgenthaler
DECEMBER 10, 4 p.m.



Sarah Morgenthaler is a romantic comedy and contemporary romance author. She has won several awards for her books and her latest is “Mistletoe and Mr.

Right”, a romance set in Alaska which takes place around the holidays. Sarah enjoys travelling and hiking and lives with her husband and pit bull.

Stuart Turton
JANUARY 14, 3 p.m. (Note time)



Stuart Turton is a freelance journalist and has won several awards for his writing. His latest book is “The Devil and the Dark Water”, a historical mystery featuring

detective Samuel PIPPS, who is being transported to Amsterdam to be executed for a crime he supposedly committed. Stuart lives in London with his wife and daughter.

Michelle Gable
JANUARY 28, 4 p.m.



Michelle Gable is a NY Times bestselling author of several historical novels. Her latest book is “The Summer I Met Jack”, based on a true story

involving John F. Kennedy and a beautiful Polish refugee who worked for his family. Michelle lives near San Diego with her husband, two daughters and a menagerie of animals.

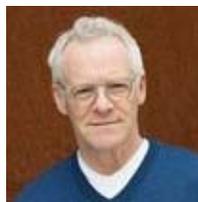
Patricia Wynn
FEBRUARY 11, 4 p.m.



Patricia Wynn is a best selling historical and mystery romance writer. Her latest book is the seventh book in the Blue Satan Mystery series and entitled “

Private Ends”, featuring Heather Kean as a detective asked by the King to solve the murder of Lord Chamberlin. Patricia lives in Newport Beach with her husband, and dog, Puppet.

Matt Goldman
FEBRUARY 25, 4 p.m.



Matt Goldman is a NY Times bestselling author, as well as Emmy award winning TV writer. He has written 4 mysteries, the latest being “Dead West”,

which features detective Nils Shapior, who accepts a job investigating a rich young man’s fiancée’s death in Los Angeles. The author lives in Minneapolis, with his wife, two dogs and two cats.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL WASSAIL PARTY



Due to concerns about the Coronavirus, unfortunately our annual Wassail Party has been cancelled this year. Instead, please join us at our virtual author event with a holiday theme, on December 10 at 4 p.m. You can even dress up in holiday clothing if you like! Look for more details in the mail. Happy holidays!



Looking for a Christmas Gift?

Save yourself some effort and benefit the library at the same time, either by purchasing a library membership for a friend or relative, or to make a donation to have a book plate with the giftee's name put in a book for the library collection under the Adopt-A-Book program.

For more details on membership see <https://www.fotlhb.com/fotl-membership.html> or for the book plate see <https://www.fotlhb.com/direct-donations.html>

Vogelweid Family Leaves Generous Donation to FOTL

The Friends of the Huntington Beach Library recently received a generous donation of over \$17,000 from the Vogelweid Family Trust. Lloyd and Hanni Vogelweid were longtime residents of Huntington Beach and faithful members of FOTL since 2003. Lloyd had served in the US Army during WW II and met Hanni after she had emigrated from Lithuania via Japan to the United States. Lloyd was a manager for a local oil firm in Huntington Beach for many years and they were known for their philanthropy.

There is some interesting history involving Hanni and her family. With the onset of WW II, and the impending invasion of Lithuania by the German army, her family decided to leave the country. A diplomat from the Japanese Consulate in Lithuania facilitated the emigration of several thousand Jews from the country. Hanni and her family were a part of this group. They first landed in Japan but were eventually settled in the United States.

Many years later, an Academy Award documentary was produced telling the story of these immigrants and the Japanese diplomat who facilitated their rescue from the Nazis. Hanni was an integral part of this project. After her passing, Lloyd donated her artifacts and papers to the Jewish-American Archives at CSU Northridge and to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Friends of the Library appreciates the generosity of the Vogelweid family and thanks them for including the library in their estate plan.

MEET THE NEWSLETTER STAFF

This year the Friends of the Library Newsletter welcomes some new staff!



Betty Iseri, Editor

Betty is a California native who grew up in Los Angeles, but lived on the East Coast for a good part of her adult life. She worked as a financial advisor for many years. She previously served as a writer for the FOTL newsletter, and was recently promoted to editor. Her hobbies include walking, reading,

cooking and travelling. Betty lives in Huntington Beach and has 2 adult daughters and 2 cats.



Gloria Hu, Newsletter Designer

Gloria was born in Hong Kong and moved to Southern California when she was six years old. She did newsletter design at her children's schools and at her church. In the past, Gloria has worked as a Computer Design Automation Engineer, and she currently does bookkeeping. Her hobbies include skiing, scrapbooking and sewing.

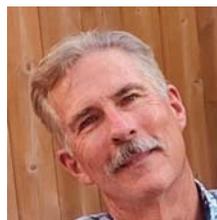
Gloria and her husband live in Huntington Beach and have 2 adult children.



Kath Davis, Writer

Kath came to Huntington Beach in the 60's, when there was still plenty of farmland. She was a homeschooling mom and then was Executive Director for a non-profit youth orchestra. Kath has spent much of her life writing, with her own monthly book column for home schoolers,

and many grants for the orchestra. She lives in Huntington Beach with her husband, a cat, and a dog.



Mike Smith, Writer

Mike has been a resident of Huntington Beach for 33 years. His varied professional life includes 35 years as a high school football coach at 12 different high schools a career in law enforcement and teaching college. He enjoys trout fishing in his spare time in the Sierras. Mike and his wife Lori have 2 sons and 6 grandchildren.

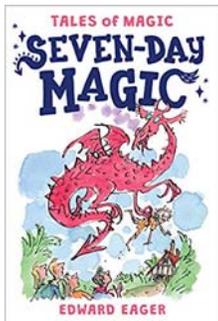
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Book Reviews by FOTL Members

Seven-Day Magic,

by Edward Eager

Reviewed by Kath Davis, Newsletter Writer



I've always kept my passion for children's literature, and I regularly re-read the seven "Magic" books by Edward Eager. *Seven-Day Magic* is my favorite of Eager's books. In it, five children check out a book from the library, a book which grants them magical adventures. Several of the adventures are based on classic children's books, such as one

which predates Dorothy's arrival in Oz and another which references Laura Ingalls Wilder's life. Written in the early 60's, the book may seem quaint to some, but it is full of wholesome humor, friendship, and adventure, and has stood the test of time. It is a great read-aloud book, as are all of Eager's books.

Message from the FOTL President



Dina Chavez

As we approach that special time of year with cooler weather, holidays and family we hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. The Central Library has moved into a re-opening phase with Grab-and-Go services and we hope to welcome all of our volunteers and members back to our Friends Gift Shop and Used Books

Store very soon. We are continuing our popular Virtual Author Events through the winter, including a special holiday author whose book will make you feel as though you've stepped into a Hallmark holiday movie. If you have not had a chance to attend one of our free virtual events, please join us!

We would also like to send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Library Director Stephanie Beverage for her support, dedication and leadership. Stephanie will be greatly missed and wish her success in her future endeavors.

Branch News



Main Street Library

The LibGuide (<https://hbpl.libguides.com/hbplmain>) assists readers who are looking for something new to read during quarantine. Book lists are posted at the library. For job seekers, there is a link to the **Brainfuse Adult Learning Center "Help Now"**, which helps with resume and cover letters and provides links to local job listings.

Banning Branch Library

This branch now offers check out service on books and media via curbside pickup. Hours are Tuesdays from 2 pm to 6 pm, Thursdays 9 am to 1 pm, and Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. To hold items, patrons can go to www.hbpl.org, or call the Central Library at 714 842-4481. Patrons can call the Banning branch for specific instructions.

Message from the Library Director



Stephanie Beverage

Bidding all a fond farewell...

This is my final official message to all of you as the Director of Library Services for the City of Huntington Beach.

I will be retiring from the Library at the end of October. My last official day will be October 30, 2020. I will be staying on in a reduced role, as a retired Director Emeritus, to assist with some reorganization and restructuring needed to sustain services. I will assist with some major Capital Improvement projects and some recruitments.

Looking back over my nearly 12 years here in Huntington Beach, we have been able to do many things. We have renovated and improved all of our library locations, we added a wide range of new services, including eBooks and digital resources, a Veteran's Resource Center, and a Maker Space, while expanding and strengthening core services like Story Times and programming. I am proud of the work that your library staff have done over the years, and I am especially proud of how all our staff responded to the current pandemic. We are still providing essential services to everyone in our community, and I know that the library will continue to reach out and provide service to everyone.

All of this would have been impossible without the support of the Friends of the Library.

It has been both my honor and pleasure to serve as your Library Director. I value all of you and your dedication to your community and your library. The Library is at the heart of our city because all of you have worked so hard in support of all that we do. Thank you.



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Meeting and Banquet Rooms: (714) 960-8839

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Branch Locations and Hours

Banning 9281 Banning Ave. (714) 375-5005
Temporarily closed, winter hours TBD. Hold orders accepted.

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