



Friends of the Children's Library

HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY

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Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Join us as we recap the events of December to April!

OAK VIEW LIBRARY EVENTS

BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF FOTCL

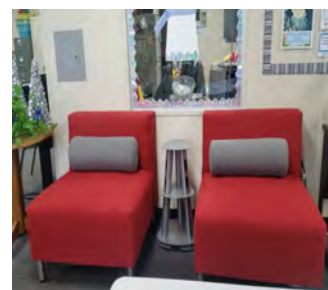
- Take an active roll in helping to support the children's library
- Help to plan and support monthly children's programs
- Take part in the Taste of Huntington Beach fundraiser.
- Help to sponsor our STAR read-aloud program.
- Support the Library in developing better children's library services and facilities for Huntington Beach.

FOTCL monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 9:00 am in Room B of the Central Library.

Visit FOTCL.org for more information!

The Oak View branch library has been very busy these last few months. On December 15, 2016, the Homework Club held a special **Christmas party** for the Oak View children. More than 50 kids attended, enjoying refreshments provided with donations from volunteers, fun craft projects, and gifts generously donated by the community. The next month, in honor of the **Authors Festival**, the branch hosted a children's author on Tuesday, January 31st, 2017. Derek Taylor Kent shared his bilingual book "El Perro con Sombrero", and other titles like the

middle school series "Scary School". There was a raffle of his books, give-aways for children and books for sale. About 40 people enjoyed this great event, kindly sponsored by the Authors Festival Committee of the FOTCL. To make the Oak view library experience even more enjoyable, the Friends purchased some **new furniture** for the branch, including two lounge chairs for the main area of the branch, and two colorful stools for the computer waiting area.



Beautiful new chairs for the Oak View branch

Author Derek Taylor Kent signs books for his fans



HOLIDAY EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The entire children's library was abuzz with activity and filled with happy faces at our annual **Tree Trimming and Holiday Puppet Show** held the first weekend of December. Both of the puppet shows, which featured Luce Puppet Company's "Wacky Winter Adventure" were sold out, and were very well enjoyed by all in attendance. Several parents stopped by the children's desk afterwards to comment on how much they liked the performance! The other portion of this popular event provided the opportunity for children to make their own holiday ornaments, featuring snowflakes, reindeer, gingerbread men and even traditional round bulbs. The children eagerly took their creations with them to hang on their tree at home. And what holiday party would be complete without Santa Claus? Not to worry, everyone had the chance to have their picture taken with Mr. Claus himself! A wonderful time has had by all!





MORE HOLIDAY FUN IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY....

On Tuesday, December 20, the children's library was happy to welcome magician Hayden Allcorn from JRW Group Entertainment for two performances of a special **Holiday Magic Show**, full of comedy AND fun magic tricks! The show, which was free for children of all ages, attracted around 175 kids and their parents. Lucky attendees saw Mr. Allcorn make snow from a piece of paper, escape from a straight jacket and make things disappear – all with the help of two volunteers from the audience! The happy crowd responded to his crazy antics with enthusiasm. What a great success this was!



Making Snow out of Paper??

BALLET ETUDES WAS A HIT IN FOUR SOLD-OUT SHOWS OF THE NUTCRACKER!!!



The children's library was again host to two at-capacity shows of the ever-popular holiday classic, "The **Nutcracker**", as performed by **Ballet Etudes**. All four performances, which were graciously sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, sold out weeks before the event, and many local families were able to start their own new holiday tradition by seeing this special show, performed in a shortened version by and for children.



The Nutcracker and Mouse King in the Fight Scene



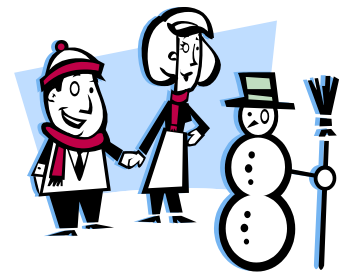
Dancers from the "Land of Sweets" resting backstage



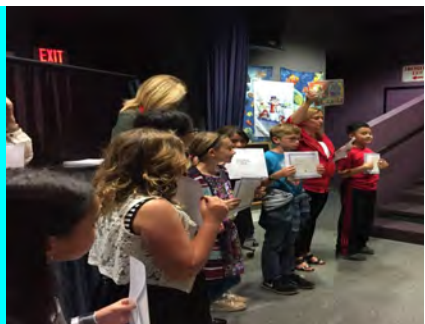
Christmas Eve at the Family Party

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AUTHORS FESTIVAL AND RECEPTION HONORING WINNERS OF THE WRITING AND ILLUSTRATING CONTEST, "THE SECRET IN THE LIBRARY BOOK"

A big thank you is extended to everyone involved in making the most recent **Author's Festival and reception** a truly wonderful success! The FOTCL took over the Children's Department on Tuesday, January 31 between 2:30 and 5:00 pm, and hosted 16 of the 19 participating authors in a truly festive reception. Everyone in attendance had a great time, and we are so pleased that the day's events went so smoothly. The winning entries of the FOTCL-sponsored Writing and Illustrating contest, called "The Secret in the Library Book", were recognized in two special award ceremonies featuring Mayor Barbara Delgleize and councilmember Lyn Semeta, who were on hand, along with Library Director Stephanie Beverage, to present the winners with the \$25 gift cards from Barnes & Noble. The winning contest entries will be on display in the Children's Library throughout the month of February. Rounding out the festivities included bookstore Barnes and Noble selling some of our author's books, the OC Society for Calligraphy making their beautiful bookmarks, and a representative from the "HB Reads One Book" program. Also present this year were two new authors interested in learning about our Festival, who were invited to attend the reception and learn the ropes. Bonus: an article written in the HB Wave newspaper led to the best publicity we've ever had BEFORE our big day. People came to the library asking about the Festival and wanting to meet and talk to Antoinette Abbamonte, one of our authors featured in the article. Special thanks to reporter Greg Mellen for his amazing article and pictures.



Winners of the 2017 Writing and Illustrating Contest



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| <p>Kindergarten
Leah Vu
Suri Charlu</p> | <p>Lucas Guillen
Sailee Charlu
Suraya Mircheff</p> | <p>Zoe Hidalgo</p> | <p>Joey Brooks
Katerina Malabarba
Leo Vu
Shae Miller</p> | <p>Sofia Panter</p> |
| <p>Grade 1
Breanna Wareh</p> | <p>Grade 3
Estela Escuro
Giovanni Truong
Kameron Pham
Peter Gorgonio
Sophia Brooks</p> | <p>Grade 4
Noah Wicks
Shea Miles
Tessa Nacke</p> | <p>Grade 6
Christina Espinosa
Jonathan Gertz
Jonathan Thornton
Nolan Jacobsen</p> | <p>Grade 7
Mathew Quach
Samuel Espinosa</p> |
| <p>Grade 2
Kaylee Tran
Leilani Vu</p> | | <p>Grade 5
Abigail Babikian
Alina Tran
Dulce Reyes</p> | <p>Grade 8
Annie Vu
Bella Brannon
Cinthia Lee
Kevin Le
Mai Vu</p> | |



“The Jungle Book” — Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Children’s Library, the children’s department will welcome **Ballet Etudes** in their production of “The Jungle Book”, on **Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 1** at 4:00 and 7:00 pm in the Library Theater. Based on the popular 1894 work by Rudyard Kipling, this ballet will tell the tale of the “man-cub” Mowgli, who was raised in the jungle by wolves. All four shows are already sold out!

Family Evening Pajama Storytime — Our newest storyteller, Mr. Brian, has been a great hit with everyone lucky enough to attend his storytimes. This month, the library welcomes children and their families to another one of his Family Evening Storytimes-- coming up on **Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 pm** in the Tabby Theater. ShamRock On! Refreshments will be generously supplied by the National Charity League.



“Buster Balloon” — It’s that time of year again, when children are out of school on Spring Break. The FOTCL will sponsor this spectacular balloon show on **Tuesday, April 18 at 2:00 pm** in the Tabby Theater. The Buster Balloon Show is a wild and wacky mix of side splitting comedy, mind boggling magic, and the most amazing twisted balloon creations you have ever seen! Tickets go on sale Monday, March 20 for \$4 each.



fun event sponsored by the HB Tree Society! On April 29, there will be a special gathering in the Secret Garden behind the library from 10:00 am to noon. Fun activities include a storytime with Miss Debra, a maypole dance, butterfly tent, and gardening crafts. This event is free of charge and welcome to children of all ages.



It's Time for the Taste of Huntington Beach!!

Get ready for a great day of food, friends and fun at the **2017 Taste of HB on Sunday, April 30, 2017!** This annual event, now in its 17th year, features delectable food bites from 50 of the finest local culinary establishments in the greater HB area. Attendees can also sip from a variety of premium and California wines plus several traditional and craft beers that day – all in the name of charity! Don't miss the Silent Auction featuring fun baskets of goods and services from local businesses, and be sure to purchase some tickets for one of our great raffle prizes. All proceeds benefit the children's library!

And don't forget our **special VIP Ticket** that includes an exclusive reception from 11 AM-Noon, surprise celebrity chefs/guests mingling with VIPs, a 2017 commemorative glass wine glass, a VIP tote bag and party plate, other special VIP perks including free valet parking – AND a 30-minute early admission into the main tent! **Parking is free** that day at the HB Sports Complex.

We also offer reduced-price tickets for Designated Drivers and bulk purchases of 10 or more tickets bought at one time. Encourage people you know to buy tickets soon – because ticket prices increase \$10 across-the-board on March 1! ****

Here's how you can help us raise money for the Children's Department of the Library:

- Ask companies and businesses you deal with regularly to donate goods or services to our silent auction.
- Help assemble baskets every Monday in April from 9 AM-12 Noon in the Children's department.
- Contact Gail to volunteer. People are needed to help set up the site on Saturday, April 29 – and of course work various shifts at a variety of jobs the day of the Taste.



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