

# WELCOME TO 2017 SPRING AND IT'S MANY EVENTS



Friends of the Children's Library

Huntington Beach Central Library

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## MARCH

### BALLET ETUDES presents JUNGLE BOOK

Our FOTCL group was pleased to again welcome Ballet Etudes for four shows of "The Jungle Book" on February 28 and March 1 in the Library Theater. The dancers were exquisitely costumed and made up to look like various forest creatures as well as trees and other jungle



*Behind the Scenes*

vegetation. While not quite sold out, each show was over three-quarters at capacity!

For more information about this very talented group, contact: (714) 847-6657 or [www.Huntingtonacademyofdance.com](http://www.Huntingtonacademyofdance.com).

## APRIL

### BUSTER BALLOON MAGICAL CREATIONS



up on stage and made some pretty wacky balloon

In celebration of Spring Break, we sponsored a fun show featuring the lovable human cartoon character "Buster Balloon" on Tuesday, April 18 at 2:00 pm in the Tabby Theater. Buster Balloon invited several kids

creations for them, such as hats and crazy animals. He also did some mind boggling magic tricks and amused



everyone in attendance with his side splitting comedy. There were over 100 people in attendance!

### ONE WORLD RHYTHM

One World Rhythm entertained Oak View Library in April for Children's Day. Each audience member was given percussion instruments to keep the

beat. Smiles and laughter were heard as the audience became a wonderful percussive orchestra. What a fun evening!



## TASTE OF HUNTINGTON BEACH



A record number of VIPs kicked off the 17th annual Taste of Huntington Beach on Sunday, April 30, 2017. The

VIP reception featured exclusive appetizers provided by Ways & Means Oyster House, Sea Salt Woodfire Grill and Lucci's Deli - plus champagne, wine provided by Graveyard Vineyards and an exclusive VIP beer offered by Four Sons Brewing. Their VIP experience was topped off with a 30-minute early entry into the main restaurant tent. Highlights of the Taste included delectable samples of food from more than 45 local restaurants plus sips of wine and beer from more than 30 wineries and breweries. The Food Network's popular chef Simon Majumdar presented his "Best of the Best" award to St. Marc Pub-Café for their amazing Apple Pie Bacon-Wrapped Beignets - and cited Ritter's Steamed Kettle Cooking's Clam Chowder and Mom Yvonne's Candy Co.'s

Espresso Toffee for their exceptional entries. St. Marc's was the big winner of the day, garnering three additional ribbons for 2nd-place finishes in desserts (the bacon-wrapped beignets), in appetizers (cheese curd with dill sauce) and for most enthusiastic participant. Attendees listened and danced to the music of local favorite The Ramsey Brothers Band and bid on a record 100 silent auction baskets this year. A special thanks to librarian Susan Foster, who requested most of the donations and sent out the thank you letters, and to Heidi, Irma and all that assembled the beautifully decorated baskets on Monday mornings in April. Finally, the Taste would not be possible without the many FOTCL volunteers and children's librarians that worked before, during and after the Taste to help raise additional funds to buy books and support monthly program for the children in our community.



I just wanted to take this chance to thank all who came to the basket making sessions. They say, "Many hands make light work," and this team made things ultralight with your hands, industrious attitude and creativity. Also, thank you to those who brought in the extra items to put the finishing touches on the baskets. This was the smoothest experience for me for the donations, donation posting, basket making, basket list and bid sheet making. Big thank you to the children's staff who were encouraging and helpful as we made a mess of your space. Also, a special thank you to Susan Foster, one of the children's librarians, who solicited and followed up with the donors, sought out new donors and obtained some fun new items for our auction. She also, posted the new donations and the specific details to the master donor list along with writing important details on the donations. Thank you. After spending so much time with these baskets, they start to feel like our babies, and we wonder where they end up. I ran into a friend who bought the bag of Star Wars goodies with Lion Air Museum and Adventure City tickets. She was thrilled by the package and is excited to share the contents over time with her young grandson who loves Star Wars. This made me happy, so I thought I would share it with you....as what we do comes back to benefit the kids.

~Heidi

# MAY

## FANCY NANCY TEA PARTY

Eighty lucky children and their parents attended to the children's library's first ever Fancy Nancy Tea Party featuring storyteller extraordinaire Miss Mary Pat, on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Talbert Room. Many a happy little girl dressed up in her fanciest frock and heard a story, participated in a fashion show, learned fancy French words, and received a lesson in proper tea party etiquette -- all followed by dainty snacks and the Huntington Beach library's very own tea! Special kudos go out to the spectacular children's clerks Miss Laura Jenkins and Miss Debra Garcia, who spent many an extra hour in preparation of this event -



fastidiously making all the decorations as well as preparing the different parts for the various crafts. Each child went home with a fantastic bag filled with jewels and all the stuff needed to make the fancy crafts. We were also lucky to welcome back former children's librarian Mary Pat Gonzalez, who dazzled the crowd with her lively storytelling techniques and animated personality.

## BALLET ETUDES presents SLEEPING BEAUTY

We welcomed back the wonderful Ballet Etudes for their presentation of "Sleeping Beauty", on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23 and May 24 for four shows in the Library Theater. True to Ballet Etudes form, the

the beautiful princess, evil witch, handsome prince and all the various characters from the famous fairy tale. At press time (May 8?) there were still tickets available for this highly anticipated event, but they continued to sell steadily until the day of the event.



ballerinas were perfectly dressed to represent



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE 24 th Saturday - 11-3pm KICKOFF CARNIVAL

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Carnival (Volunteers are most likely needed to help) at this year's carnival at the Central Library. Participants will enjoy an afternoon full of fun and food to celebrate the first day of the 2017 Summer Reading Program "Summer Reading is Big Fun". Two special shows are planned for the event. First, in the Tabby Theater "The HB Singers" will perform a free show at 11:00 (seating is first come, first served) followed by a circus comedy routine called "The



Buttons and Flappy Show” at 1:00 for \$4 per person. Carnival tickets for games and face painting are also available for .50 each or 11 for \$5.00. There will be food available for cash purchase. The Summer Reading Program will run until Saturday, August 5, 2017.

## **JULY 17 th Monday - 2-4pm HARRY POTTER’S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

We are pleased to be a part of another first for the children’s department - a Harry Potter birthday party for children ages 6 and up. The children’s library will celebrate it a few weeks early, since his actual birthday is July 31. Festivities include two performances of a wizard magic show featuring “The Amazing Wizard” Dave Skale at 2:00 and 3:00 pm in the Tabby Theater. There will also be Harry Potter related activities in the Talbert Room (such as wand making, playing snitch games, and hunting for magical creatures) to keep kids busy while they wait for their show time. Later that evening, kids can enjoy a free screening of the movie “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” at 6:00 pm in the Tabby Theater. Seating is first come, first served, and the movie is open to the public.



## **AUGUST**

### **THE STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER SPECTACULAR and STORYTIME Saturday - Aug. 19th**

Mark your calendars starting July 17 th though Aug 5 th for when favorite toys can be dropped off to participate in this exciting annual event. Children will decide which of their stuffed toys can come to the library for a sleepover on Friday night to Saturday morning. It cost \$4:00 for “Room-and- Board Reservation” until the event on Saturday the 19 th starting at 10:00 a.m. with Story Time in the Tabby Theatre. When the children come on Saturday a.m. they will be able to view the video (My TOY DID WHAT?) that tells of the mischief the toys enjoyed in the Children’s Department. All families and friends are invited to come on Saturday and enjoy the Mischief Show-and- Tell video, stories, and surprises. Save the date.



Editor’s Note: My thanks goes to all of you who helped to bring in the News and pictures. And to Miss Effie Hill for her many hours of formatting to make this edition a success. Our next edition comes out last week of August. All articles and pictures need to be sent to [jill@jkediting.com](mailto:jill@jkediting.com) by August 18th. So, start collecting and sending any time between now and then. Have a Happy Summer. Janelle Killingsworth