



THE CITY LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

We hope this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy. I would like to use this winter newsletter to introduce myself. I am Arnold Castro, your new City Librarian. I started my library journey here at the Victorville City Library in August of 2018. I joined the team as a Library Clerk and after two years was promoted to Library Coordinator for the last 3.5 years. As your City Librarian I will have the honor of leading the Library in to new directions. Some of them include a new 24 hour Kiosk at Sunset Ridge Park as well as the New Library on Green Tree Blvd.

Although my journey is still at it's beginnings I continue to grow each day in to this new adventure. Thank you all for your support of our Library.

Arnold Castro, City Librarian

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2023 has been a good and busy year for us.

Our monthly Book Sales continues. We shared a booth with the City Library at the Spring and Fall Festivals. In June, the City Council approved the design for a new library and a new City Librarian was hired in December. Two new members joined the Friends.

In partnership with Barnes & Noble Books a "Holiday Book Drive" was held in November and December to gather books for children, ages 3 –7. This was part of our mission to assist the Friend's "Build our Literacy" program. Some 162 free books were provided. They will be distributed to the Pre-K programs at Hook & Sunset Ridge Parks and other agencies.

We have also partnered with "People's Care" to manage our Little Free Libraries located at Hook and Brentwood Parks.



FRIENDS

OF THE VICTORVILLE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Victorville Library is a group of volunteers who work to stimulate public interest in the library and promote the resources, services and needs of the library.

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BOOK SALE
DUE TO A LOW
INVENTORY OF
BOOKS, OUR NEXT
SALE DATE WILL BE
IN
FEBRUARY 2024



Gently Used Books Are Needed
**Please Donate Your Books Today to the
Friend's Book Store**

"Public libraries are the heart and soul of any community.
They are a place to read and think and browse and dream."

– Mary McNear

JOIN US ! SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY !

Student, Senior, Veteran \$10

Individual \$20

Family \$30

Business \$30

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

**TODAY A
READER.
TOMORROW
A LEADER!**



**DIG INTO
A GOOD
BOOK!**

New Green Tree Library Update

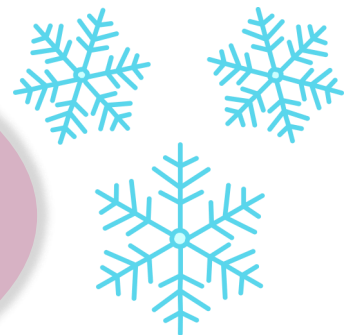
Exciting news as our new 16,000 sq ft library on Green Tree Blvd. continues to move forward. City Planning Commission has approved the project. We now have 100% construction documents and have finished the permit-phase. The next step will be going to bid and awarding a contract for the construction. The Friends would be glad to provide a speaker regarding the new library to your group or club. If desired, send an email to: foviclib@yahoo.com



Little Free Libraries (LFL) have been installed at Hook Park and Brentwood Park. The Friends of the Victorville Library have partnered with “People’s Care”, (a group who assist people with developmental & intellectual disabilities) to keep these libraries full of books with your donated books.

FOVL member, Sharon Cobb will be the liaison between the Friends, the City Library and People’s Care.

As the cold breath of winter bears down on us, and the holiday season winds to an end, we’re warming up with a good read! If a good film is your idea of warmth and comfort, try out one of our DVD’s. The Friends of the Victorville Library are looking back on a wonderful year of working with our community and library staff.







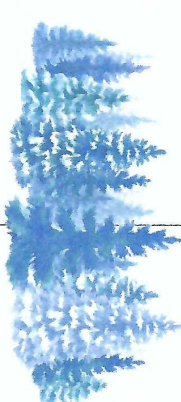

NEXT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING — TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 — 3PM

BRING A NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Open Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
and Saturdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm




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8 <i>ESL Session</i> 12:00 pm—1:30 pm <i>English</i> Writing Tutoring 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Monthly STEAM 4:00 pm—5:00 pm	9 <i>Evening Storytime</i> 5:00 pm—6:00 pm	10 <i>Multilingual Storytime</i> 10:00 am—11:00 am <i>English</i> Writing Tutoring 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Teen STEAM 4:30 pm—5:30 pm	11 <i>Kinder Prep</i> 10:00 am—11:00 am <i>Tech Session</i> 10:00 am—11:30am <i>Citizenship Session</i> 12:00 pm—1:30 pm	12 <i>Blocks & Cars</i> 12:00 pm—3:00 pm	13 LIBRARY CLOSED	14 LIBRARY CLOSED
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