



FRIENDS OF THE VICTORVILLE LIBRARY



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THE LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

For decades, libraries have utilized fines to discourage patrons from returning books late or not at all. But a growing number of libraries are eliminating overdue fees after finding that the penalties drive away the people who stand to benefit the most from free library resources.

In February, 2020, with support of the Friends of the Victorville City Library, the Victorville Library followed suit eliminating late fees to help the community and bring back patrons. The program has been helpful during the pandemic and has helped ease patrons concerns about overdue books during stay-at-home orders.

In January 2019 the American Library Association passed a resolution in which it recognizes fines as "a form of social inequity" and called on libraries nationwide to find a way to eliminate their fines.

"Library users with limited income tend to stay away from libraries because they may be afraid of incurring debt," said Ramiro Salazar, president of the Association's public library division. "It stands to reason these same users will also stay away if they have already incurred a fine simply because they don't have the money to pay the fine."

With the change in policy, the Victorville library is now counted among the few libraries in the State and nationally that have eliminated late fees, a fact that we can all be proud of.

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FROM THE FOL PRESIDENT

Our public library is a center for research, culture and learning. Our library is tax supported, but many items cannot be included in the annual budget. The Friends of the Victorville Public Library is one of hundreds of similar groups throughout the United States that work to support their public libraries.

Join now and be a *FRIEND* to the Victorville Public Library!

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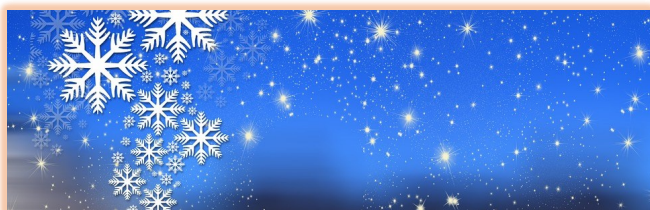
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**DON'T FORGET YOUR FRIENDS
OF THE VICTORVILLE LIBRARY
2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

INDIVIDUAL \$20
BUSINESS \$30



LIBRARY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

December, 2020

In 2019, the Victorville City Council appropriated funds to obtain the services of a consultant to conduct a Master Plan for Library Services for the City of Victorville.

The initial proposals did not satisfy the intended scope of the services desired. A new RFP (Request for Proposal) process was conducted, and 5 proposals were received in January, 2020.

The proposal from Godfrey's Associates was reviewed by staff and the Community Services Advisory Committee in February 2020 with the recommendation that the city accept the proposal from Godfrey's Associates.

The consultants began the Spring of 2020. However, Covid-19 impacted their ability to meet with and obtain information from the public.

Despite the obstacles caused by Covid-19, the consultants are conducting focus group meetings via



zoom with several groups, including the Friends of the Library, Educators/Administrators, City Staff and Patrons as well as a focus group for Spanish speaking patrons. A survey was also available on the city library website and data was collected through December 15, 2020.

Information is also being distributed about the consultant's community engagement points through a variety of means and through a variety of our community touch points. The final report is to be presented to the City Council in March 2021.

Here are five good reasons to take your children to the library today:

- > **When you visit the library, you can expose your children to more books and magazines than you can afford to buy.**
- > **Regular library visits inevitably lead to more reading.**
- > **Your local children's librarian can recommend books that you may not know of or think to suggest, broadening their tastes and expanding their minds and vocabularies.**
- > **Library time is active, not passive.**
- > **Owning a library card teaches kids responsibility.**



**"Whatever the cost of our libraries
the cost is cheap compared to that of
an ignorant nation."
-Walter Cronkite**

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

A Little Free Library is a “take a book, share a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch.

There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; little libraries have been called “mini-town squares.”



Yes, anyone may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a library, you do not need to return that exact book. However, in order to keep the little library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you swing by the library bring a few books to share. Little Free Library book exchanges function on the honor system; everyone contributes to ensure there are always quality books inside. This way, we all win!

There are five registered Little Free Libraries in Victorville.

Silverado High School's Little Library—14048 Cobalt Road
Rocio's Little Free Library—13010 Grinnell Court
Bill's Little Free Library—14060 Rogers Lane
Angulo's Snoopy Retreat—15566 Eleventh Street
Crystal Holloway's Little Free Library—15974 Molino Drive

There are more than 100,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes in 108 countries worldwide.

For more information, go to littlefreelibraries.com





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

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Invite your friends to join FRIENDS!

We are asking each of you to recruit
a new member to the
Friends of the Victorville Library.

Included with this email newsletter is a
copy of our Membership Brochure.

THANK YOU

for setting aside some time to
increase our membership!



REMEMBER TO DONATE TO OUR *NOT-A-BOOK SALE*
NON EVENT FUND RAISER



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LIBRARIAN AND STAFF FOR THE FANTASTIC WORK THEY ARE DOING TO
PROVIDE AMAZING LIBRARY SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC !