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Dear Friend:

Our Friends of the Library membership drive has been a success....presently 200 some members! Best of all, new memberships still continue to come in. We are grateful to all of you who have made the drive a success.

Did you know that with an approximate population of 17,000 in Hermosa Beach, 9,000 library cards are active?
Miss Carlotta Hoy, our head librarian, additionally reports that our library had a 9300 circulation of books in March. This means that Hermosa Beach, with all its TV antennas, is a very active reading community.

The library's <u>California Book Collection</u> continues to grow. Many, many thanks to Mrs. Kenyon Burch for her wonderful donation of books. Our California books collection chairman is Beverly Corbin (FR 2-3905). If you would like to contribute a California book, fiction or non-fiction, to your library, please phone Mrs. Corbin.

The Friends of the Library is sponsoring a contest for Hermosa Beach children, grades 1 through 8. The contest consists of original writing on any subject, prose or poetry, or the illustrating, any medium, of an incident or scene from a favorite book. Prizes will be books matching the grade levels of the winners. If you have children, encourage them to enter the contest. Their writing or artwork entries should be delivered to the library between now and the contest closing deadline, June 30th.

It has been suggested that the Friends of the Library acquire a glass display case for the library. We know of people in Hermosa Beach who have interesting and valuable collections of artifacts, rare books, historical papers, etc. and who would be willing to exhibit them if the loaned items could be displayed safely and suitably. We hope to raise the needed funds for this project this year.

Last but not least, the Friends 3rd annual benefit Libations for the Library is scheduled for May 22, 5-8 PM, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gazin, 615 24th Place, Hermosa Beach. Its always lots of fun and helps us obtain some very fine books for the library. Tickets...\$2.00 donation per person. For tickets, contact any Friends board member or me (FR 21510). Anyone wishing to contribute hors d'oeuvres, please call Kay Pontius (FR 23830). We are looking forward to a very gala affair....we hope to see you there.

Lancine Halin