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Dear Friends of the Hermosa Beach Library:

In October 1959 the HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY became an active group in our city, "to foster closer relations between the Library and the citizens and organizations of Hermosa Beach; to stimulate public support; to focus attention on the facilities and services as well as on the needs of the library; to encourage gifts, financial aid, and additions to library services." And we can point with pride to the following accomplishments of our group since that date:

THE HARVARD CLASSICS - all 51 volumes  
Senior Citizens Patio (at the old library)  
Mounted 24" physical-political globe  
TWENTIETH CENTURY VIEWS - a collection of critical essays  
BOOK REVIEW DIGESTS - 1950 to 1959  
500 Children's Bookmarks distributed by the librarians  
during Book Week

Over 300 books donated to the library with FRIENDS' bookplates

This year we hope to be able to donate to the library THE CHRONICLES OF AMERICA - 56 historical narratives relating the full story of America. Our librarian Mrs. Olney tells us these will be invaluable to students and of great interest to adults. This set costs \$199. We'd like to have a WHO'S WHO IN CALIFORNIA in our library, too; this book costs \$35. And we're looking forward to reinstating our summer reading program for children with a member of the FRIENDS acting as Storybook Lady (would YOU like to be Storybook Lady for a day? We'd love to have you). At the end of summer and the reading program, we'll have a punch and cookie party, and that's always fun!

August marked the beginning of a new era for Hermosa citizens, with dedication ceremonies of our handsome new library. The FRIENDS' Christmas party was held there around the beautiful white tree decorated with origami ornaments made by students and donated to us by the Pier Avenue PTA. (We are so grateful to those FRIENDS who donated blue chip stamps for our coffee pot and lovely lace tablecloth that we use at our several informal coffees during the year).

Have you seen the current charming art display at the library painted by young artists 6 to 12 years old? For the past 6 years the library has been fortunate to have rotating one-man shows from the local non-profit South Bay Art Association. Have you read the current best-sellers A SHADE OF DIFFERENCE by Drury; or FAIL-SAFE by Burdick; or FINAL VERDICT by Adela Rogers St. John; or THE BECKONING DESERT by Ed Ainsworth? They're all available at your library.

So now it's membership renewal time again, and we hope that those of you who haven't had an opportunity, will do so right now. And if you've never belonged before, you'll not find a more rewarding expenditure. Encourage your children to feel a part of their library by becoming a member of the Junior Group of the FRIENDS. They can bring their quarters into the library and sign their names in the big book, or send the quarter in now and they can sign next time they're in.

Do come in and browse around your library, enjoy the pleasant surroundings, and DO USE YOUR LIBRARY CARD! The larger our circulation, the more books we will receive from the County.

Sincerely,

Kay Fontous, President

P.S. The County Library recently celebrated the acquisition of its 2,000,000th book (R IS FOR ROCKETS by Ray Bradbury); it took 42 years to reach the first million, and only 7 years for the second!

I would like to join the HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (please pick up your membership card at the library):

Adults: \$1.00

Children: .25

(thru high school)

Would you be interested in a

book discussion group?

Would you like to help in the summer reading program?

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