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Dear Member of the  
HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

We're looking forward to seeing you at our traditional Christmas coffee this year. We've decided to change the time from morning to evening so we may serve the library's evening patrons as well as old friends who drop in. We'll be in the Staff Room from 7 to 9 Thursday evening, December 19. Please come by, have coffee and cookies with us, and check out some books! (Need a ride? Call Fr.2-3830)

Our weekly summer reading program was fun for the children and we do thank the Storybook Ladies who gave so willingly of their time. On September 12 as a climax to the reading program, Mrs. Carol Hall read to the group of children and we served punch and cookies.

The June 6 Fiftieth Anniversary celebration at the library was a great success, the pictures loaned by Mrs. C.R. Reinbolt and Mr. Ralph Matteson of early Hermosa Beach were most interesting, and we were honored to have among our many guests Mr. William Geller, Los Angeles County Librarian, who presented to Mrs. Dorothy Olney her 20 year pin.

Thanks to all of you for making possible our Christmas gift to the library, the enjoyable and informative 56 volume CHRONICLES OF AMERICA, edited by Allen Johnson and Allen Nevins. And earlier in the fall we were able to purchase a group of books by Alexandre Dumas and Guy De Maupassant for the library. Thanks too, to the Mother's Reading Circle for the wonderful RANCHO SAN PEDRO; and to the Beach Pixies for THE RIGHTS OF INFANTS, and to the many others who donated books this past year.

Please try to come in during the holidays and admire the handsome Christmas tree donated this year (last year, too) by the PTA of the Pier Avenue Junior High School and decorated by the students with origami, the traditional Japanese paper sculpture.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and the new year.

Sincerely,

*Kay Pontious*  
President



(P.S. As a special project, your Board voted to buy Christmas lights for the outside of the library!)