

HERMOSA BEACH
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
550 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, California

NEWSLETTER

February 19, 1966

*Dear Friends,

Mrs. John Rogers, our treasurer, graciously entertained the members of the Board at a luncheon meeting in her home on February 3rd, where Miss Carlotta Hoyer, head librarian, revealed that 93,235 books were checked out of the Hermosa Beach Library from January through December, 1965!

The library kept a 2300-hour year, which means that on the average, one book went into circulation every working minute-and-a-half. In comparison, there were 374,757 take-offs from L.A. International Airport during the same period (different hours) which also means that a plane went out about every minute-and-a-half. Fortunately, for the sanity of the librarians and the relative serenity of the readers, the books tend to depart in groups of five and more, and there is no urgent need for a Control Tower quite yet. Still, we are urged to keep them flying! The more circulation the library enjoys, the more access to the County's book resources, according to our librarian.

Miss Hoyer also announced new hours for the library, from noon until nine p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from noon until six p.m. on Fridays, rather than from one p.m. - the Saturday hours remain unchanged, ten a.m. until 6 p.m.

*NEW BUSINESS: the Membership Drive; ergo, it is time to renew your membership, and the motto this year is "Be a Member, Bring a New Member In". The fees are tiny (\$1.00 for adults, 25¢ for juniors) and the rewards are great. We are pleased to report that \$232.38 of our funds (collected through memberships and our two fund-raising events) was used to purchase the Durant Series, magazine subscriptions and many books for the California Collection - which now boasts 55 volumes, with seven more books on order. There is still a healthy balance in the treasury, as was announced at the last general meeting.

Mrs. Dorothy Olney is this year's Membership Chairman, and you may mail your check to her at 2029 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach 90254, or to Mrs. John Rogers, Treasurer, 2710 El Oeste, Hermosa Beach. A membership table will be in the library during the week of the Drive, February 28 to March 4, when members of the Board will be on hand to sign up new memberships and renewals and answer questions about the Friends' activities.

*A SPECIAL TOUR of the Los Angeles County Library has been arranged for the Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library, on Friday, March 18th, with a no-host luncheon at the Rooftop Cafeteria in the Hall of Records. Mrs. A. L. Lindner and Mrs. Myron Gazin have engaged a bus to transport us, and we will leave Clark Stadium promptly at 9 a.m., returning around two in the afternoon. Reservations are limited to 45, and you are requested to reserve before March 10th, please. The cost will be \$2.00 per person, and you may send your check directly to Mrs. Rogers, or inquire at the membership table between February 28 and March 4. The tour will involve about an hour-and-a-half, so wear comfortable shoes!

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*MORE NEWS: Mrs. Myron Gazin, the Honourable (and very busy) Pct. has announced that she has been re-elected as chairman of Region Three of the Los Angeles County Library Advisory Council, and also that she has accepted an invitation to serve as an area coordinator of the California Library Association, Trustee Section.

*STILL MORE NEWS: The CHILDREN'S CONTEST. The annual illustration, poetry and essay contest for elementary and junior high school youngsters will be held from April 1 through April 30, and winning entries will be exhibited in the library during May. Mrs. Carol Funk will be in charge of the contest; her telephone number is FR 61322. Details will be sent later directly to the schools, and the judges will be announced later.

*THE BOARD THIS YEAR wishes to extend a round of huzzahs! and well-dones! to Mrs. John Hales, retiring president, and the 1965 Board. The 1966 officers and chairmen were installed at the Membership Tea on January 26, in the library, and we are:

Mrs. Herbert C. Corben, president; Mrs. Shu Miho, recording secretary; Mrs. Carol Funk, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Rogers, treasurer. Mrs. Dorothy Olney, membership; Mrs. Gordon Evans, California Collection; Mrs. Edward Treadgold, art; Mrs. A.L. Lindner, hospitality; Mrs. Lawrence Pearson, publicity; Mrs. Myron Gazin, representative from the Hermosa Beach City Council; and Mrs. John Hales, immediate past president and honorary member of the Board.

To a merry year!

Mrs. Herbert C. Corben

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