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The purpose of The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library is to maintain an association of persons interested in the Carmel Valley Branch Library; to foster community participation in, support for, and cooperation with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community, and to solicit and encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests.

A SECURE FUTURE FOR THE BUCKEYE!

There's much to worry about in this topsy turvy world we live in, so it feels wonderful to put one worry behind, which is the future of the Carmel Valley Branch Library. For those not on our email list, the Buckeye Building has been sold and a 15-year lease to Monterey County for the Carmel Valley Library has been signed. The Community Needs Survey we funded two years ago was instrumental in letting the County know how important it is to our community to keep the library where it is. Thank you to all who helped fund or participated in the survey. The outpouring of support for the library during the past year was terrific.

With at least 15 more years ahead in the Old Buckeye, this is the time to make improvements and enhancements while preserving the warmth and charm of our library. We hope you will be generous in supporting the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library so that we can tackle some of these projects.

The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library has a budget for the current year of \$20,000. Most of this is raised from your donations. The big ticket items this year are books (both hard copy and e-books) and extra staff hours. We provide extra funds for special programs that the librarians put on, such as the summer reading program, other programs for youth, and our First Saturday series of speakers. Our librarian, Jennifer Smith, always has a wish list and we do what we can to make her wishes come true. Your financial assistance will allow us to support these and many other needs; please consider donating to the FOCVL through the attached envelope. Thank you so much for your support, now and always.

IT'S HAPPENING ONLINE

Keeping in step with the times, our primary means of communication and outreach are now digital: our e-mail distribution list, and our website at www.focvl.org. All of our e-mail subscribers receive monthly e-newsletters including library an-

nouncements, book recommendations, community partnerships, and much more. We also distribute regular announcements and reminders for each month's First Saturday series, which have been very well attended this year. If you

want the latest library info and haven't already given us your e-mail address, please leave it with a librarian the next time you visit the Buckeye. Alternatively, if you donate to FOCVL by sending a check in the return envelope, please write your e-mail address on the check or on a post-it so we can include you in all of our electronic communications.

Help Friends of the Carmel Valley Library

We're often asked how to help FOCVL in its mission to serve the library. Aside from the obvious (donating money, either online or in the

enclosed envelope), here are some ideas for ways you can get involved to assist us:

- **Join a committee to help plan and put on a fundraising event.**
- **Consider joining the board; we are especially looking for a secretary to take minutes.**
- **Join the membership committee.**
- **Help create and maintain FOCVL's online presence via website, Facebook, and other social media.**

Please contact us at info@focvl.org if you are interested in these or other opportunities to help.

FIRST SATURDAY SERIES SCHEDULE

10:15am – Free to the Public – Coffee and Cookies, Bagels, and Donuts – At the Library –
First Come, First Seated – About an Hour
– Sponsored by the Friends

No programs in July, August, or September

October 3 Roger Manley: Rainwater Harvesting in Time of Drought

November 7 Jake Reisdorf: Notes From a 12 Year Old Beekeeper

December 5 Zachary Michael Jack: How to Write Your Life Story



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