



Friends of the Oakley Library Newsletter

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THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

😊 **We're Happy to Introduce Our Newly Elected Board Members** 🎉



President – Lorena Campos

Vice President – Alan Kemp

Treasurer – Liz Fuller

Secretary – Nancy Huffaker

Fundraising Chair – Kerry Harvey

Book Sale Chair – Joy Kick

Big thanks to everyone who took a moment to vote in our recent election. Your support helps shape the future of our organization and keeps it strong. **Congrats to our new Board!** We're excited about the leadership and ideas you'll bring.

BIG NUMBERS, BIG CHANGES – THANKS TO YOU!

From Spreadsheets to Smart Sheets: The Friends Are Now on QuickBooks!

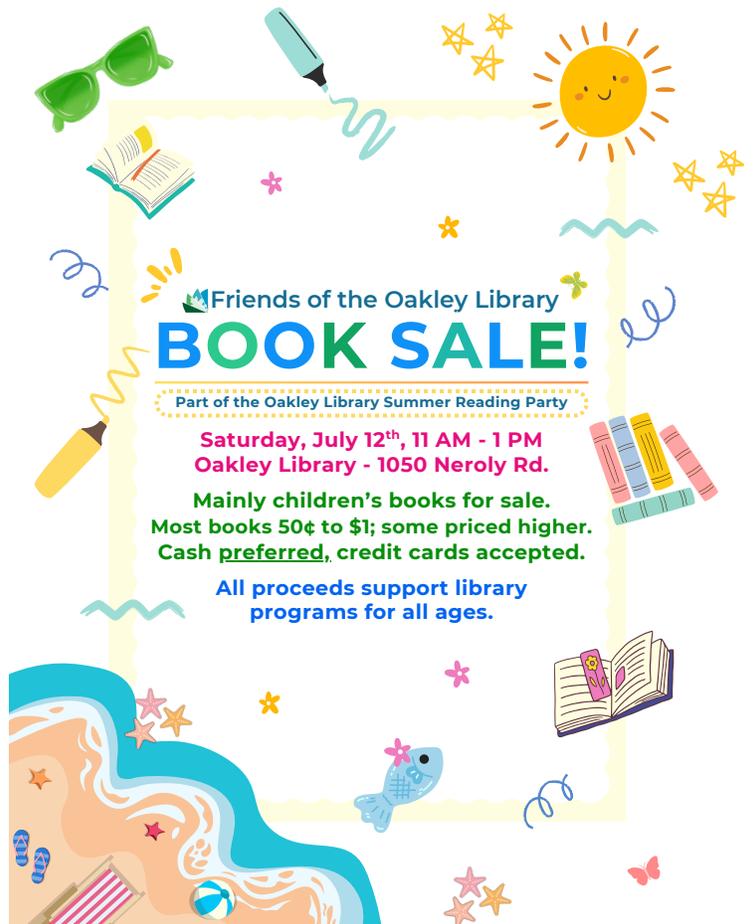


The Friends have entered the 21st century, accounting-wise. Say goodbye, Excel spreadsheets! We have transferred all of our 2024-2025 banking transactions into QuickBooks, thanks to the tremendous efforts of Paula Kemp, a bookkeeper in her former life. This will be a huge help to us, as we will need to file a 990 form for the first time in our history. No e-postcards or 990-EZ will do, as your donations have pushed us into a new income bracket requiring the more complicated forms. A good problem to have!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEATURING FRIENDS OF THE OAKLEY LIBRARY

🕶️ **Summer Reading Party and Friends of the Oakley Library** 📖
Book Sale



Saturday, July 12th from 11am-1pm at the Oakley Library, 1050 Neroly Rd.

We will feature a good selection of **children's picture books** and **chapter books for 'tweens** at this event...along with books for adults. We **prefer cash**, but credit cards will be accepted. Most **books are 50¢ to \$1**, or a bit more on select items. **Funds raised will go towards library programs for all ages.**

The event also features a **special storytime with a Wayfinder Princess**, an **obstacle course with an "amazing" spidey guest**, and the **Contra Costa County Library's Rolling Reader**. Enjoy fun activities with our community partners, including **Mt. Diablo Beekeeper's Association, Hijas del Campo, Bike East Bay, Tandem Partners in Early Learning, and others.**

Visit tinyurl.com/SRParty2025 for more information.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Oakley Library.

👏 Round Two with Barnes & Noble— Let's Make It Even Bigger!❤️

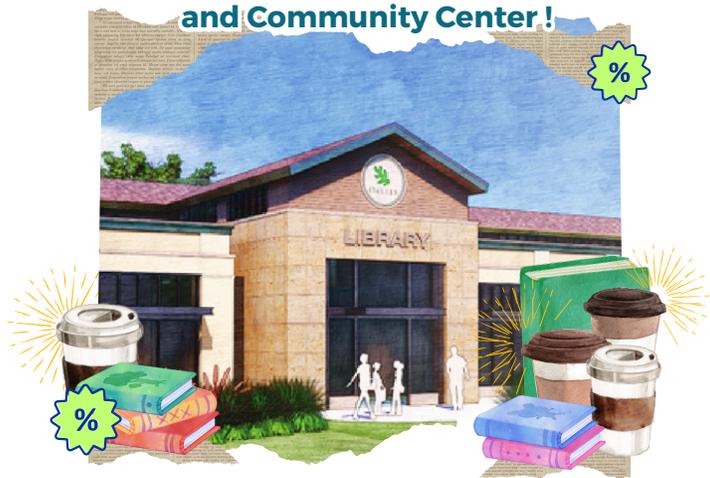
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BOOK FAIR

Hosted by BARNES & NOBLE Aug 16th - 17th: Sat 9a - 9p, Sun 10a - 8p

Streets of Brentwood - 2475 Sand Creek Rd Suite #100, Brentwood, CA 94513

Help us build the new Oakley Library and Community Center!

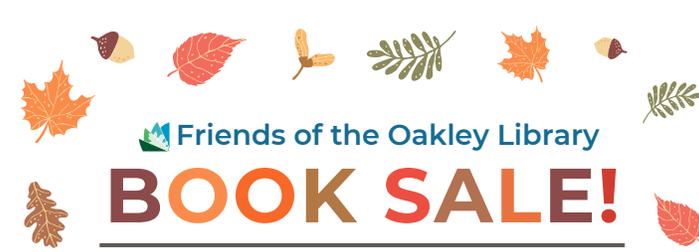


Your purchase helps the Friends build a new library— through a percentage of the day's book and café sales.

Saturday and Sunday, August 16th and 17th at Barnes & Noble, 2475 Sand Creek Rd. #100, Brentwood.

The Friends will receive a percentage of the days' sales from both books and the café! Funds raised will go towards the new library. The Barnes & Noble fundraiser last April earned over \$700... and it was only a one-day event. Come on down to buy some books or contact us about being a volunteer. Either way, we hope to see you at our table by the front doors.

🍁 Harvest Great Reads This Fall!— Book Sale This October!📖



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BOOK SALE!

Fri, Oct 3rd, 5 PM - 9 PM | Sat, Oct 4th, 9 AM - 1 PM
Oakley City Hall Council Chambers, 3231 Main St., Oakley

Most books 50¢ to \$1; some priced higher.
Cash preferred, credit cards accepted.



Only on Saturday from 12-1 PM.

Your purchase helps the Friends build a new library in Oakley.

Friday, October 3rd from 5pm-9pm (during Friday Night Bites) and Saturday, October 4th from 9am-1pm | Oakley City Hall Council Chambers, 3231 Main St., Oakley.

We prefer cash, but credit cards will be accepted. There will be **books for all ages**, ranging in price from **.50 cents to \$1** (just a bit more on select items.) We will need quite a few good volunteers for this event—and luckily, our volunteer team is growing fast!

WELCOMING OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

♥ Thank you to the generous community members stepping up to support the library this summer!



The Friends of the Oakley Library is gathering a prodigious army of volunteers—just in time for lots of high-visibility summer events! **Thank you Grace Baebler, Natalie Dickinson, Allison Hill, Nicolette Cruz, Gael Estrella, Debi Thomas, Chelsey Gallegos, Frank Appiah, Matilda Appiah, Margaret Smethers, Briana Jakell, Patrice Hill, Robin Robertson, Ernani Balingasa, Careeza Fuller, Danica Vergara, Anita Pradhan, and Yadira Laxamana.**

You don't need to be a member of the Friends to be a volunteer. Anyone can offer their time and expertise. Please contact us at <https://www.oakleylibrary.org/volunteer>

SUN'S OUT, BOOKS OUT—CHECK OUT OUR BOOK SALE AREA!

☀️ Your Next Summer Read Supports Your Library 📖



Looking for a good summer read? Our book sales chair, Joy Kick, reminds us that the library has a great used book section full of books and paperbacks for ridiculously low cost.

The best part? When you buy a book it brings in money to fund library programs for the entire community. OK, even better, you can accidentally spill an iced coffee on your “new” book with a minimum of guilt if you actually own it.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE NEW OAKLEY LIBRARY

👋 Goodbye, Old Senior Center—Hello, Future Possibilities ✨

Oakley City Manager Josh McMurray remains one of biggest supporters for the Oakley Library and Community Center. You probably noticed the old Oakley Senior Center building on 2nd Street has been demolished and the lot is cleared. This is a huge step forward. Even though this is **NOT** the location for the new library, attracting a developer for the site is a crucial part of the overall plan.

“After not finding a development partner through the Surplus Land Act process, we have re-released an RFP to the broader development community in an effort to find a partner. That process will wrap up in the next few months and we will know more then,” says McMurray.

As a side note, most of the Oakley Senior Center activities are now being held at the Oakley Recreation Center at 1250 O’Hara Avenue. The space is dubbed Studio 55, and it is offering classes at no charge for seniors through 2025!

OAKLEY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

What’s Happening at the Oakley Library this Summer? 📖

Library Manager Lisa Cano-Loomis is extra excited about the Summer Reading Program that runs **NOW** thru August 2. “The whole family can have an adventurous summer of reading, activities, and events.” Track your participation online using Beanstack or on a paper reading passport (print at home or pick up at the library). Everyone who completes summer reading wins prizes, including a free book, and is entered into a drawing for a chance to win more amazing prizes, including board games, Squishmallows, Meta Quest, LEGO sets, Beats headphones, and tons more. *(Cont’d next page)*

Complete your Summer Reading challenge to be entered to win a fabulous prize! Visit ccclib.org/summer/ for more information or to get started.



Help Us Grow Our Library Together!

Your support makes a difference in our library's ability to provide programs, resources, and a welcoming space for our community. By donating, you're helping us bring more books, events, and services to Oakley residents of all ages.

Every donation counts! Whether it's \$5, \$50, or your time, your contribution supports literacy, learning, and connection in Oakley.

Ready to help? Visit www.oakleylibrary.org or stop by the Oakley Library to learn more.

Thank you for being part of our story!

*The **Friends of the Oakley Library** is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has proudly supported the Oakley Public Library since 1972. As advocates for the value of our Library, we speak out in the community and work to enhance library resources, programs, and improvements.*