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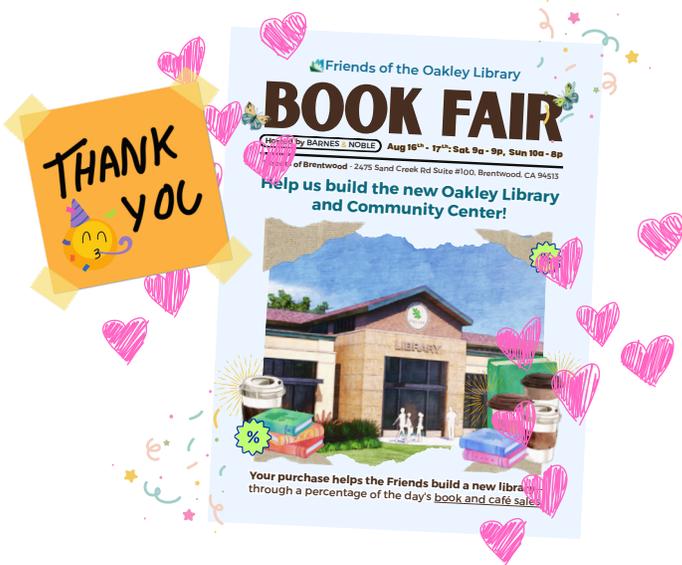
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Book Fair Brings Big Wins for Friends of the Oakley Library 🥳



We had a wonderful time at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair on August 16 & 17! Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating a love of books and media while supporting the Oakley Library. Every purchase truly made a difference for our fundraiser. A special thank you goes to Barnes & Noble for their continued generosity, and to our Fundraising Chair **Kerry Harvey** for coordinating with them to make the book fair both enjoyable and successful for all.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Building Community: Summer Book Sales, Lasting Bricks, and Fall Fiesta Fun!

Summer Reading Party & Book Sale Raised \$380: We had a great time at our book sale during the Oakley Library's Summer Reading Party in July. We raised \$380, too! In spite of (or maybe because of) the parking lot being packed, plenty of folks made their way into the library for good times (Cont. →)

with Moana and Spiderman, and great book sale deals with the Friends. It was just an appetizer, as the main course comes in October.

We will have a much **larger book sale** in the Oakley City Council chambers on **Friday, October 3rd from 5:00-9:00pm, during Friday Night Bites, and continuing on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00am-1:00pm.** Find a huge variety of books, most of which will be priced at .50 cents or \$1.00. During the last hour of the book sale on Saturday you can fill a bag of books for \$10.



Help Create Our New Library Donor Walk

Building A Better Oakley Brick by Brick



Bricks for Sale: Leave a Lasting Tribute, One Brick at a Time. We are selling engraved bricks that will be placed in front of the new Library and Community Center as one of our ongoing fundraisers. For \$250, you can purchase a brick with the name of your family, business, pet, favorite literary quote, etc., with three lines of text at 18 characters per line. It's a great way to create a lasting tribute to someone or something you love, and to express your love for libraries at the same time. Purchase engravable bricks here: 📍 https://www.oakleylibrary.org/_250_engrable_brick

Scan QR code to purchase an engraved brick:



Save the Date: Fall Fiesta on November 15th!

Save the date of November 15 for our 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner, otherwise known as the Fall Fiesta this year. This event will be held at the Oakley Recreation Center, with great food, entertainment and speakers. Stay tuned for more details!



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEATURING FRIENDS OF THE OAKLEY LIBRARY

Friends of the Oakley Library Book Sale

Friends of the Oakley Library
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 card accepted



Your purchase helps the Friends build a new library in Oakley

Friends of the Library Book Sale

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. **See below**

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS... WE'RE THRILLED TO WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM!

Although **Alan Kemp** is now the vice-president of the Friends of the Oakley Library, it's sure not stopping him from overseeing our army of volunteers as usual. Thank you for taking on the double duty, Alan! Here is his report:

Fall is just around the corner. Special thanks to all of these folks that added their names to our volunteer roster over the last two months. **Seokyoung Hong, Noelle Ochinang, Leyla Seiden, Isabell Gebelein, Roya Acevedo, and Maddy Castro**

Events? Oh, do we have events! We'll need plenty of help for our upcoming **Friday Night Bites** (September 5), **Heart of Oakley** (Saturday, September 20), the combined **Bites & Book Sale** (Friday and Saturday October 3 & 4), **Oaktobfest** (Saturday, October 25) events. All will be at/near the Oakley City Hall on Main Street –very close to home. So mark your calendar, or keep updated here:

👉 [Friends of the Oakley Library Calendar](#)

Want to be a volunteer? If there is an upcoming community event, you can be pretty darn sure Friends of the Oakley Library will be there. We will need lots of help to man our booth, greet folks, help people find/buy books at the book sale, and do whatever else we encounter. Our call for volunteers typically goes out about a week in advance of an event. If you are not already on our list and want to be, just fill in this form:

👉 [Friends of the Oakley Library Volunteers](#)



WHAT'S NEW ON THE SHELF

Looking for your next can't-put-it-down read?



Our book sales chair, **Joy Kick**, tells us there is a good selection of novels in the Friends Used Book section of the library. The sales of these books will help fund extra programs for the library. Maybe you have one last 'summer' trip planned for September. Why not savor a book while on vacation, then leave it for the next guest!



Joy also mentioned there are **brand-new Taylor Swift Fan Packs and Fan magazines available**. Seems there are a lot of September birthdays on my calendar, and these would make nice gifts for any Swiftie.

CONNECTING FRIENDS

Membership in Friends of the Oakley Library has its Perks!



All members of the Friends of the Oakley Library will be treated to a **get-together celebration** in the fall. Yes, all current members will be invited. Membership Chair **Vannessa Cendejas** is working out the details, so if need to join, renew, or bring in a friend please visit:

👉 <https://www.oakleylibrary.org/membership>

LIBRARY GROWTH & GOALS

Progress Update on the NEW Oakley Library

Proposals to design and construct our new Oakley Library and Community Center under a public-private partnership were under review since mid-July. Now we are approaching the end of the proposal review process and the evaluation committee is working to find just the right partner. You can follow the progress of the project at 📌:

<https://engage.oakleyca.gov/en/projects/oakley-library-and-community-center-1>

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & RESOURCES SPOTLIGHTS

This is What's Happening at the Oakley Library

In addition to the regularly scheduled events like the LEGO club (6-9 years) and Alphabet Storytime (3-5 years), there will be a **Family Bilingual Storytime** (3-6 years) on September 30 at 6:30pm with books, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish. Aimed at our youngest book lovers, anyone can attend, even if you just want to brush up on a second language!?

The next **Sensory Playtime** (3-5 years) is on September 27 at 10am. Registration is required.

RESOURCES FOR YOU AT THE CONTRA COSTA LIBRARIES

Contra Costa County Library's **Nadia Bagdasar Mills** is sharing two on-line resources this month, one for the youngest students among us and another for the rest of us! 😊

**PEBBLEGO SCIENCE**

The Library's newest digital resource, PebbleGo Science is specifically designed for K-2 students. This platform engages young students with narrated text, animated highlighting, easy-to-read articles, games, and educational videos to teach them about math, engineering, technology, and life, earth, and space sciences as they learn to read. Visit the Digital Resources page at ccclib.org to get started.

EXPANDED NEW YORK TIMES SUBSCRIPTION

Enjoy complimentary access to the digital edition of The New York Times with your Contra Costa County Library card. The Library offers an expanded All Access subscription, which includes News, Audio, Cooking, Games, sports coverage from The Athletic, and expert product reviews from Wirecutter. Visit the Digital Resources page at ccclib.org for instructions on how to get started.

THE FRIENDS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

All In for Community: Rotary Club of Oakley 2nd Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament



Friday, September 19th, 2025

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Oakley Recreation Center

\$75.00 per person

Purchase Ticket Or Contact **Mike Hale**

by phone: (213) 359-9799

or email: Michael.Hale@scouting.org

The **Rotary Club of Oakley** is hosting its Second Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament! Last year's event was a big success, helping raise funds toward our future Oakley Library and Community Center.

This time, proceeds will benefit the **Christmas Toys & Food Drive**, another great cause close to our community's heart. While Friends of the Oakley Library isn't the recipient this year, we're excited to spread the word and cheer on their efforts. (And who knows... maybe next time they'll deal us in again!)



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.

Donate to New Library & Community Center:

https://www.oakleylibrary.org/new_library_and_community_center

Donate to Library Programs:

<https://www.oakleylibrary.org/donate>

Volunteer: <https://www.oakleylibrary.org/volunteer>

Become a Member:

<https://www.oakleylibrary.org/membership>

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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.

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