



## Summer News from the Friends of the Oakley Library!



The energy of spring has given us the perfect momentum as we dive into summer! Recently, the Friends of the Oakley Library had the incredible opportunity to be featured during KTVU's Giving Back segment, right ahead of their Zip Trip showcasing our wonderful city of Oakley. If you missed the live broadcast, don't worry—you can still watch the recording online. <https://www.ktvu.com/video/fmc-qh7x8ob96rn6waw4>



I had the privilege of speaking on behalf of our group to highlight our library, the fantastic programs our librarians design for the community, and how our organization supports these efforts through volunteering, fundraising, and outreach.

Looking ahead, the Friends of the Oakley Library are eagerly anticipating our new Library and Community Center. You can become a part of this lasting legacy right now by purchasing a personalized brick! All proceeds directly benefit our fundraising efforts. Beyond financial support, we are always looking for new faces to join us. We offer a variety of roles, and because there is no "one way" to volunteer, we encourage everyone to become a member and see how your unique skills can help our community thrive.

→ [Oakleylibrary.org/volunteer](https://Oakleylibrary.org/volunteer)



→ [Oakleylibrary.org/membership](https://Oakleylibrary.org/membership)



♥ **President of the Friends of the Oakley Library,**  
*Lorena Campos*

## ✿ Is There a Future Fundraising Chair Out There? We Need You!

The Friends of the Oakley Library is looking to fill a spot on its Board of Directors. We are seeking a volunteer to serve as our Fundraising Chair.

As **Fundraising Chair**, your responsibilities would include:

- researching fundraising opportunities (grants, business sponsorships, and individual donors)
- conducting email and phone outreach to potential funders
- brainstorming new funding sources
- working with the Friends Marketing/PR team on event planning,
- identifying and managing crowdfunding campaigns
- assisting with grant writing when needed

Whether you have a little time or a lot, we welcome your help as we work toward reaching our goals. You can contact me, **Alan Kemp**, at [offthehill@aol.com](mailto:offthehill@aol.com) or **925-219-6729**.

If you have been looking for a way to give back to your community, this is a great opportunity to get involved and support the library. You may think of the Friends of the Oakley Library as primarily focused on raising funds for the new library and community center. But beyond that, it is a nonprofit that raises funds to augment library programming for all of Oakley. Come join the team!

♥ Vice President of the Friends of the Oakley Library, Alan Kemp

## ♥ Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities at our Book Sales

**July 11** Help us organize and sell books at the **Summer Reading Party** book sale at the Oakley Public Library -

**Summer Reading Party & Friends Book Sale**  
 Saturday, July 11 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Oakley Library | 1050 Neroly Road | 925.625.2400

SUMMER READING  
**Plant a Seed, Read!**  
 June 1 - August 1, 2026  
[ccclib.org/summer](http://ccclib.org/summer)



1050 Neroly Rd. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Books will lean heavily in the children’s and Young Adult categories. Book Sale Chair Joy Kick says, “There will be board books for toddlers, picture books for young children, chapter books for tweens and also novels for teens. The books will be very cheap...some as low as 50 cents!” If you want to buy some always popular books for kids, please stop by!

Also, we're excited to share that our **Barnes & Noble Book Fair** has been confirmed for **September 19-20!** Be sure to save the dates. We'll send a separate mailing with all the event details and volunteer opportunities soon. Thank you in advance for considering volunteering for a shift!

**October 2 & 3** It’s our annual major fundraiser, the Friends of the Oakley Library Book Sale. Starting during the Friday Nite Bites from 5pm to 9pm, the book sale then continues into Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Starting at Noon on Saturday we will start allowing customers to fill a bag for \$10!

You don’t need to be a member of the Friends in order to help at these events and there will be lots of other ways to get involved throughout the year.

Here is the volunteer form with more info: **[Volunteer with the Friends of the Oakley library](#)**.



Note: If you want to volunteer at the library...for instance, help with day-to-day operations and general staff support, use this interest form instead and select the Oakley library: **[Contra Costa County Volunteer Interest Form](#)**



## ☀️ “What Do Donations to the Friends Pay For?”

We get asked this question a lot! Our treasurer, **Liz Fuller**, has the answer.

“Our big push for funds over the past two years has focused on donations for the new Oakley Library and Community Center. Now that the cost of the library has been set and most of the funds raised, the Friends will soon return to raising funds to support Oakley Library programs. This can include fees for performers, craft supplies, and books to give away during Summer Reading. We also purchase seeds and envelopes for the library’s ongoing Seed Library. The Friends have some overhead costs as well, including website fees, software, storage and outreach supplies. Know that, when you donate to the Friends, all of the money raised goes back to the library or to help us with operating costs. We are 100% volunteer run!”

♥️ Treasurer of the Friends of the Oakley Library, Liz Fuller

## ☀️ Membership Update

Friends of the Oakley Library Membership Chair Vanessa Cendejas wants to thank our new and returning members from the months of April through June 2026:

- Angela Lowrey
- Barbara Santos
- Bill McDowell
- Elieen Burns Newill
- Elvira Gaite
- Esposito Mollie
- Joanne McDowell
- Joy Kick
- Katie Gaines
- Liz Fuller
- Lonni Cronin
- Martha Berry
- Matthew Berry
- Nancy Huffaker
- Rich Santos
- Tracey Boyum

→ If you want to join, renew, or pass along membership info to a friend please visit: [Looking to renew your membership or become a new member? Click here for more details!](#)



♥️ Friends of the Oakley Library Membership Chair, Vanessa Cendejas

## ☀️ Time is running out to buy a celebratory brick for the Oakley Library and Community Center

### Building the Oakley Library and Community Center Brick by Brick



Purchase a \$250 Engravable Brick Here



Have you secured a brick with YOUR message on it? Do it! While we can’t give you an exact cut-off date, with groundbreaking of the new Oakley Library and Community Center this October, it’s best to buy a brick soon. The Friends of the Oakley Library are offering the bricks so that community members (and library supporters) can leave their name on the new Oakley Library and Community Center. Imagine how you will feel every time you approach its doors and see your message on the Donor’s Walk!

Bricks are engraved by Bricks R Us, and can be purchased online at [Friends of the Oakley Library Help Create Our New Oakley Library Donor Walk Donor Site](#) or <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/foto/>. The cost is \$250, and buyers will be given three lines, 18 characters per line, to write their personalized message. You can also pay by check (to save the processing fee), payable to Friends of the Oakley Library. Drop it off at the Oakley Library or mail it to 1050 Neroly Rd., Oakley CA 94561. For more info about brick purchases, contact our Brick Guru Alan Kemp at [offthehill@aol.com](mailto:offthehill@aol.com) or 925-219-6729.

For more information about the library project visit the Friends’ website at <https://www.oakleylibrary.org/> You can also email the Friends at [friendsoftheoakleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheoakleylibrary@gmail.com).

**☀ Progress Update on the NEW Oakley Library**

According to City Manager Josh McMurray, the building permit for our beautiful library will be submitted in July. Even better news...they plan to break ground in October! The excitement is really building. You can see a rendering of the project on a huge billboard in front of Civic Center Park on Main Street. (I can tell you it was a highlight of the recent Summerfest event. Our booth was right next to it!) You can follow the progress of the project at <https://engage.oakleyca.gov/en/projects/oakley-library-and-community-center-1>



**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](http://www.oakleylibrary.org) or stop by the Oakley Library to learn more.

**Donate to the New Library & Community Center:**  
[https://www.oakleylibrary.org/new\\_library\\_and\\_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>

**Subscribe to our Newsletter:**  
<https://www.oakleylibrary.org/newsletters>

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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