# **FOL Newsletter**



### Dear Reader: Welcome to the Friends of the Coronado Public Library's New Quarterly Newsletter

You are receiving this newsletter as a current or former FOL member. We aim to encourage all of you to actively participate and stay connected, as well as provide updates on activities, events, and opportunities offered by the Friends to benefit our Members and support the Coronado Public Library.

In this inaugural newsletter, we will explore the Friends' mission, introduce our new Membership model with improved benefits and donation levels, and showcase upcoming FOL events and programs.

These include the April 19
Membership Meeting, the
April 20 Annual Book Fair,
the 2024 Student Super
Book Contest, and the
annual High School
Scholarship competition.

The Friends' primary goal is to support our Library by advocating within the community and raising funds to support Library programs and events.

Did you know that the Friends cover the entire expenses of most Library events and special initiatives including the Community READ, the Summer Reading Program, the Winter Read Challenge, and the Library's art displays?

Additionally, the Friends offer financial support for specific Library needs such as enhancing the Teen Center with new furniture and shelves.

All this is achievable through your membership, bequests, visits to our Second Hand Prose Bookshop, and participation in FOL Fundraisers like our Annual Spring and Fall Holiday Book Sales.

President, FOL

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### **Become a Friend**

### **New Membership Tiers**

The Board of the Friends of the Coronado Public Library has unanimously voted to update the FOL membership structure. The goal of the revamp is to both increase the opportunities for community members to participate in the Friends and enhance the benefits FOL members receive. **The new membership levels are:** 

FOL New (All Annual) Effective April 1, 2024		
Level	Amount	Benefit
Student	\$10	Standard
Individual	\$25	Standard
Family	\$50	Standard
Emerald	\$250	Enhanced
Ruby	\$500	Enhanced
Crown	\$1000	Enhanced+
Director's Circle	\$5000	Enhanced+
Lifetime	\$10,000+	Enhanced+

#### **MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES:**

- FOL Memberships are valid for one year, commencing April 1 and ending March 31 of the following calendar year. All FOL memberships established during the April 1-March 31-year period end on March 31st.
- All FOL memberships, expire on March 31 and must be renewed for the following FOL membership year. This applies to all Standard, Enhanced, and Enhanced+ level memberships.
- Enhanced+ FOL Memberships (except for the Enhanced+ Lifetime Memberships are for one year. The names of Enhanced+ Members will be maintained in perpetuity on the FOL Member Plague.

#### **Level Benefits**

#### **FOL STANDARD:**

- (Coming May 2024) I'm a Friend of the Coronado Public Library lawn sign to proudly display to show your community support for our Library.
- 10% Discounts on FOL Merchandise including tote bags, tee and polo shirts, baseball caps and travel mugs.
- Enrollment in the FOL E-newsletter
- Recognition as an FOL Member in the FOL E-Newsletter and on the FOL Website
- Invitation to and voting privilege at the annual FOL April membership meeting.
- Eligibility to serve on the FOL Board & Committees
- Special promotions at Second Hand Prose (Friend's bookstore).
- Early notification of events such as the FOL's popular Author Lecture Series

#### **FOL ENHANCED:**

- All of the Above, Plus:
- An FOL Gift Pack consisting of an FOL Polo Shirt, Cap, and travel mug.
- Recognition of the FOL Enhanced Member Display in the Library Lobby
- Recognition in Select FOL publications and Library event programs

#### **FOL ENHANCED+:**

- All of the Above, Plus:
- FOL collapsible/portable cooler
- Permanent Recognition on the FOL Member Plaque In the Library Lobby
- Recognition in Select FOL publications and Library event programs
- \$10,000+ earns Lifetime recognition as a Friend of the Coronado Library.



# Super Book Contest Winners To Be Recognized at April 19 Annual Membership Meeting

Do you remember a special book you read as a child, one that inspired you or made you laugh? In recognition of young readers who cherish a special book, the Friends are sponsoring a Super Book contest for third and fourth graders in Coronado schools.

This is the second year of the contest! Winners will present projects about their favorite books at the FOL membership meeting. All are invited to the Friends of the Coronado Public Library Annual Membership Meeting.



### Help Keep Our Library the Best in San Diego

The Friends of the Coronado Public Library is a non-profit organization run by volunteers supporting library programs. Volunteers help in various ways like working at the bookstore, Book Fair, Little Free Libraries, serving on the board or committees, and assisting at events.

Joining as a volunteer connects you with like-minded community members and shows support for the library's role in the community. **Visit the website** for more information on volunteering.

The Membership Meeting will be held in the Library Winn Room, Friday, April 19, the day before the 52nd Annual FOL Book Fair from 5:30 pm-6:45 pm. FOL members attending the meeting will have the opportunity to vote to ratify new members for the FOL Board of Trustees and an Amendment to the FOL Bylaws. The program Includes:

- Meet Your FOL Board and Fellow Members 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Membership Meeting: 6:00 pm 6:15 pm.
- Special Program: Super Book Contest
   Award: 6:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. Please come to the meeting and help recognize our community's outstanding young readers.

Light refreshments will be served.



### Brand New Cash To Support Our Library

All proceeds from our Second Hand Prose book sales fund library programs. The FOL provided the Library with \$63,000 to fund programs enjoyed by the community in 2023.

#### **SHP Hours of Operation**

Monday – Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm Sunday: 1 pm – 4 pm.



### Two Easy Ways You Can Make a Difference

Do you want to show your support and appreciation for our Coronado Public Library?

The Friends of The Coronado Library advocate for enhancing the Library's ability to meet the diverse needs of our fantastic Coronado community. If you've attended any events at the Library, the Friends of the Library – which is simply a coalition of hundreds of community members like yourself, dedicated to supporting our Library and staff in their mission to serve the public –likely paid for it.

These events range from weekly story times to programs featuring nationally (and internationally) acclaimed authors and artists.

Do you want to help keep our community Library one of the best (personal prejudice – the Best) in the San Diego region (worthy of national recognition – Scott Peters)?

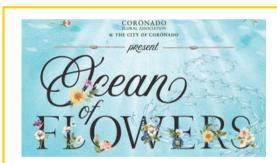
If you answer "yes" to any of these then do the following two things:



#### Visit Our Book Fair!

First: come to our Annual book fair held in tandem with the 102nd Annual Coronado Flower Show. Smell the blooms then come across the street and buy our books and other items and collectibles. The Book Fair is the FOL's biggest fundraiser of the year providing thousands of dollars to the Library for programs and events. Here are the details:

- Date: April 20th, 2024
- Time: 9 am 4 pm
- Location: Outside the library.
- We take cash and cards, please bring a bag or purchase one for \$2.



### Let's Become Friends!

**Second:** become a Friend of the Coronado Public Library!

# Visit the Library Teen Booth at the Flower Show 20-21 April, 2024,

become a member and receive a GIVEAWAY! FOL members receive several perks, including discounts on FOL-branded merchandise (coming soon) enrollment in the FOL Newsletter with early announcements of coming events, and recognition as a Library supporter in FOL publications.

Or simply **click here** to browse our memberships.