Panian to Share Experience with Electronic Publishing

Hank Panian, published author and history professor emeritus at Orange Coast College, will open the Friends of the Library 2011-2012 season with a presentation, “The Rising Tide of New Publishing: Why?,” at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13th, at 215 Via San Remo, the Lido Isle home of Judith Longyear.

Panian will discuss his recent experiences with the electronic process of publishing for his new book, “The Cymerian Chapter,” his first work of fiction. He will sign copies of his book following the presentation.

Panian retired in 1990 after teaching history at OCC for 34 years. With a Master’s degree from UC Berkeley, he taught United States and California history. He received the first Salgo-Noren Foundation Award for outstanding teaching. As History Department chair for several years, Panian also helped fashion OCC’s Professional Development Committee and was editor of several history books.

A member of the Mesa Consolidated Water District Board of Directors for 21 years, Panian became seriously involved with environmental issues. In 1981 the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce named him Man of the Year.

Panian and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 57 years and live in Costa Mesa. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Panian spent three years writing “The Cymerian Chapter,” a young adult book that was inspired by his experience teaching at-risk students in a local junior high school. The author observed too many youngsters almost mesmerized by computer games after completing homework. “The Cymerian Chapter” deals with that concern.


Donation: $5 at the door. Free admission for Friends of the Library and Lido Island Women’s Club members, OCC students and anyone who donates a gently used book.

Lido Village Books will provide a selection of books for purchase at the program. Proceeds benefit the OCC Library.

Friends of the Library President’s Message

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. One of my visions of summer is of escaping to another world through reading. Whether you have traveled far away on vacation, or taken a few days off from your routine for a staycation at home, I hope it has included some time set aside for reading. In our fast-paced world of staying connected, I fear that personal quiet time is being sacrificed. Reading affords us a chance to explore ourselves through contemplation and introspection - a chance to renew our spirit.

What I like about reading is that whatever your area of interest or reading level, there is a wide variety of books from which to choose. For me, browsing a bookstore or local library has always been a treat to while away an afternoon.

There are so many ways to read books these days that there is really no excuse for not indulging in this popular pastime. Personally I am still a big fan of the “printed word on paper” books, but while I was on vacation, I saw many people reading from the popular e-books. They are so easy to carry and they can hold so many volumes. And audiobooks are a popular, convenient and portable way to “read” when you can’t stop to read.

So I encourage you to take advantage of these last few weeks of summer to lose yourself in a book. Hopefully, you will make it a habit to set aside time in your day to let yourself be transported to other worlds beyond your current reality.

And students, as you prepare to start this next semester, reading will become a big part of your life. Remember that reading is flexible and becomes what you make of it. If you see it as just a way to learn the material and get through a class, it will become a chore. If you view reading as a way to explore a subject, unlock ideas, question your world, you will reap its benefits by seeing your subject in a clearer light.

I would be remiss if I did not use this opportunity to encourage you to support our Friends of the Library organization. You can do so by either becoming a member or attending one of our upcoming events that are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Happy Reading!

Claudia Ackley
President, FOTL
Extreme Sports Thrill in ‘Radical Reels’

The popular action sports feature, Radical Reels, returns to Orange Coast College’s Robert B. Moore Theatre on Wednesday, September 28th, at 7:00 p.m. The annual event, from the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, is sponsored by OCC’s Friends of the Library. Advance tickets are on sale at the OCC Bursar’s Office for $9 ($5 for current OCC students). Tickets will be available at the door for $10.

To purchase tickets call (714) 432-5880 or visit www.occtickets.com.

Screenings:

Cross Country Snowboarding
Canada, 2007, 3 minutes
Focus: Spoof / Cross-country snowboarding
Joel and Tate, the world’s most dedicated Nordic snowboarders, battle the winter elements as they fight prejudice from skiers and regular snowboarders alike.

Follow Me
Canada, 2010, 21 minutes
Focus: Mountain Biking
You’re at the head of a trail you have never ridden before. With a knowing look, a friend turns to you and says, “Just follow me!” Depending on who says it makes a pretty big difference for what lies ahead, but whether it’s a good idea or not, we almost always drop in. From sending giant step-downs to high-speed trails, it’s always better to share the ride.

Light the Wick
USA, 2010, 25 minutes
Focus: Skiing
Light the Wick is about sparking the flame and watching the world’s best athletes blast off. Once again, TGR’s crew of athletes and cinematographers have raised the bar with some of the ski world’s most jaw-dropping footage. Follow the crew as they discover the previously unskied big mountain playground of Petersburg in Alaska, enjoy an epic powder day at Jackson Hole, and tear up the park at Stephen’s Pass.

Living the Dream
USA, 2009, 3 minutes
Focus: Rock Climbing
For most of the last six years, Renan Ozturk has been a traveling vagabond following his passion for rock climbing. This existence involved sleeping outside in wild places, hitching rides, living on little, draining his bank account, and occasionally, dumpster diving. Now a little more domesticated, Renan shows us he is still living his dream every day.

OSeven
France, 2010, 6 minutes
Focus: Multi-sport
A group of friends meet up at a chalet in Chamonix Mont Blanc to recount their extreme sport experiences. A loud noise awakens a child and draws him to the place where these stories have been shared. OSeven is based on Sigmund Freud’s theory that “happiness is a child’s dream fulfilled in maturity.”

Second Nature
USA, 2009, 6 minutes
Focus: Downhill Longboarding
An exploration of the abstract and the extreme, Second Nature is an examination of the natural boundaries of the human body. Noah Sakamoto, Patrick Rizzo and J.M. Duran star as the test subjects as they wield skateboards and vintage suits to race down the roads of the High Sierras in California.

The Storming
USA, 2010, 18 minutes
Focus: Snowboarding
The Storming is a visual snowboarding feast, born out of the desire to push the limits of the action sport film genre. The film features a cast of riders dedicated to advancing the level of the sport in all aspects—from heart-stopping big mountain riding to groundbreaking freestyle.

Tuzgle
France, 2010, 13 minutes
Focus: Bouldering
Nestled under the Tuzgle volcano in Argentina lies an unexplored wonderland of boulders and crags. Tuzgle follows Swiss climber Nina Caprez and her climbing companions as they discover this playground in the desert.

The Ultimate Ride: Steve Fisher
USA, 2009, 19 minutes
Focus: Whitewater Kayaking
Renowned kayaker Steve Fisher brings together a crew of big-water pros to experience the force of Africa’s mighty Zambezi River. Steeped in the brotherhood of kayaking, this documentary showcases Fisher and his crew in the definitive ride of their lives.

Tickets are also available at REI, Tustin and REI, Huntington Beach.
New Book Bin Boosts Donations

A new book bin designated for donations is making it easier for donors to give their gently used books, CDs and DVDs to the Orange Coast College Friends of the Library. Donations are needed to supply the FOTL store, located in the lobby of the OCC Library.

The book bin, easily accessible 24 hours a day, is located in Parking Lot E, on Merrimac Way between Fairview Road and Harbor Boulevard. The bin is adjacent to the Library building.

Tax receipts for donations to the bin are available on request. Call (714) 432-0202, x21058 or leave a note with your name and address and a description of your donation when you drop donated material in the bin.

Children’s Book Fest Arrives October 2

Orange Coast College will host the Orange County Children’s Book Festival for the 8th year on Sunday, October 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The festival, which attracted 30,000 visitors last year, features authors, illustrators, storytellers and family-oriented entertainers. Book and educational vendors will offer the latest in services and new ideas. Admission and parking are free.

Celebrity authors will share the “inside scoop” about their latest books. The festival also includes train rides, a children’s craft corner, face painting, musicians, dancers and a petting zoo.

FOTL to Feature Award-Winning Film Directed by OCC English Instructor

A documentary produced and directed by part-time Orange Coast College English instructor Tucker Capps won Grand Jury Award for Best Feature at the Gen Art Film Festival in New York.

“Goold’s Gold” is the story of Jonathan Goold’s hapless adventures to find gold where Alaska’s glaciers have receded. Capps will present his film at a special screening sponsored by Friends of the Library this fall. Time and date to be announced.

The film was also an official selection at the 2011 Newport Beach Film Festival.

To see the trailer and learn more about the film, visit the film’s website at www.gooldsgold.com.

Fall Book Sale Slated for Oct 25

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale will be Tuesday, Oct. 25th, in the OCC Library from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The popular “Buck-a-Bag” sale will begin at 2:00 p.m.

FOTL members are invited to shop from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. before the event opens to the public. Book titles run the gamut of best sellers to cookbooks. Most books sell for $1. CDs, DVDs and videos will also be on sale.

Parking permits will be available for FOTL members or you can use the parking meters in Lot E located on Merrimac Way between Harbor and Fairview. Parking permits can also be purchased at the permit dispenser at OCC’s main entrance at Fairview and Arlington.

Message from the Dean

The college library of the new millennium is rapidly evolving into far more than a collection of books in print and periodicals. Monikers such as “Learning Resource Center” and “Information Literacy” are rapidly becoming accepted into the standard lexicon of higher education.

Our new generation of students is often referred to as “digital natives;” the methods they use to acquire and process information is evolving as rapidly as the technology available to our students and faculty. Much of the communication between students is now through texting and social networking sites. Many students are more comfortable conducting research on a computer or tablet device than they are in seeking out that same information in print.

As the world of higher education and the learning community evolve, we must acknowledge the challenges and opportunities that new technology presents to our learning environment. We need to constantly evaluate the evolving needs of our OCC community, the students, faculty and staff, and at the same time ensure that our contemporary library is a welcome haven to our students. With this in mind we continue to seek out ways to make the library even more student friendly.

Joe Poshek
Dean Visual & Performing Arts Library
An Invitation to Join the Friends of the Library

Annual dues: $20 individual, $30 couple, $5 student
Lifetime membership: $150 (includes annual parking permit)

Online FOTL Membership Application: http://tinyurl.com/OCC-Friends

Benefits of Membership:
• Access to OCC’s new $33 million Library, with free parking (pick up your day-use permit in the Library office)
• Early-bird shopping at annual spring and fall book sales
• Free admission to FOTL programs
• Volunteer opportunities
• Friends of the Library newsletter

Watch for special activities for FOTL members we are planning throughout the year!

Send your membership dues to:
Friends of the OCC Library
P.O. Box 5005, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-5005

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