Grant Tracks Darwin’s Adventure in ‘HMS Beagle’

The Lido Isle Women’s Club is a program co-sponsor. Admission is free to OCC Students, FOTL members and LIWC members. Donation is $5 or a gently used book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation to attend, please call (714) 432-5087.

Extra credit vouchers will be available for students attending the program. In addition, books will be available for purchase from Lido Village Books.

Friends of the Library President’s Message

I’d like to wish you all a happy and safe new year and new semester.

Did you know our Friends organization has a store and gallery located in the lobby of the Library? Some say it’s the best kept secret on campus. It features gently used hardback and paperback books, CDs, DVDs, and audio books.

Titles run the gamut from literature and popular fiction to books about science and mathematics. There are also children’s books and used textbooks.

The space is inviting with clearly labeled shelves and comfortable seating. It is a great place to while away some free time. The store operates on a self-service honor system. Prices for all items range from 50 cents for paperbacks to $2 for more current hardback books and DVDs.

The store is open whenever the Library is open. Library hours for the spring semester, which starts January 30th, are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The OCC Library also accepts and encourages donations of used books. The easiest way is to drop off books at the book donation bin in the Merrimac parking lot (Lot D). Or books can be brought into the store. A library cart and a dolly stand by for book donors who need to ferry books from the parking lot to the FOTL store. Carl Morgan, the Acquisitions Librarian, said Library staff can assist donors who need help carrying the books into the store. Tax receipts are provided by staff at the Library’s circulation desk, and staff members can also make change for store customers.

All proceeds from the store allow our Friends of the Library organization to assist the Library with needed items that are not covered in its annual budget.

The Friends of the Library is encouraging book donations to fill the store shelves and to provide books for our annual spring book sale on Tuesday, April 24th.

I hope you will take the opportunity to stop by the Friends Store, peruse the books and take advantage of the great prices.

Claudia Ackley
President, FOTL
Banff Adventure Films Slated for March 21
Feature Films Include “Ski Bums Never Die”

Orange Coast College will host the “best of the best” from the 35th Annual Banff Mountain Film Festival on Wednesday, March 21st. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre, located on campus at Fairview and Arlington, Costa Mesa.

The BMFF World Tour features an international selection of films that present a wide range of outdoor adventures and portraits, including climbing, mountain expeditions, remote cultures and the world’s last great wild places.

A featured short film will be the Canadian production, “Ski Bums Never Die.” What does it take to be a ski bum? An unending dedication to powder skiing? The ability to do anything in your ski boots? A lifelong quest for deep snow? Find out with this unusual and inspiring band of skiers from the Kootenay region of British Columbia.

Advance tickets are $10 for regular admission, and $5 for OCC students. Admission will be $12 at the door, but audience members can save $2 on at-the-door admission by bringing two or more books, DVDs or CDs per person to donate on the night of the show. Ticket buyers can simply show their donation receipt at the ticket window for a $2 discount. The discount does not apply to student $5 tickets.

Tickets are available on campus at the OCC Bursar’s Office. For your convenience, tickets may be purchased by phone at 714-432-5880 or online at occtickets.com.

Tickets will also be sold at REI, Tustin and REI, Huntington Beach.

For information, call (714) 432-0202 x21058. Proceeds will benefit OCC Friends of the Library.

FOTL Board Member Loves Books & Basset Hounds

Nancy Timmons, a member of Friends of the Library board, has been named the Kati Netzley/ Bill James Rescuer of the Year for her tireless work rescuing Basset Hounds with the Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California (www.bhrsc.org).

Nancy, who retired in 2008 after 26 years at OCC, loves to devote time to her beloved Basset Hounds when she is not traveling to a far-flung corner of the globe.

As a volunteer with the Basset Hound rescue group since 1998, the Costa Mesa resident attends events, maintains the mailing list, keeps records and conducts home visits to evaluate people interested in adopting or fostering Basset Hounds. Nancy is also the group’s treasurer.

The organization rescued more than 113 Basset Hounds last year, Nancy reported. “Most people don’t know the work it takes, but we have a very dedicated team of volunteers who work wonderfully together and always keep their focus.”

Nancy and her husband, Tom, got their first Basset in 1978 “and the rest is history,” she said. “We love the breed and have had 13 over the last 30-plus years.” In addition to their own dogs, the couple fostered another seven Bassets. Currently they own 6½ year old Maggie and are foster guardians to a two-year-old male named Chance.

Since her retirement, Nancy has also enjoyed traveling, including a canoeing trip to Borneo in May of 2009, where she enjoyed seeing orangutans and proboscis monkeys, and a September 2010 excursion to Tanzania with a group of seven travelers that she described as “a trip of a lifetime.”

She traveled with two friends on a road trip last May to Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia, and she is planning a visit to South Africa, the Singiti Game Reserves and Mozambique in May.

Visit the Friends of the Library website for up-to-date event information and past issues of the FOTL Newsletter at http://tinyurl.com/OCC-Friends.
Great Used Books at Incredible Prices!

The Friends of the Library will host the Spring Book Sale on Tuesday, April 24th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. exclusively for Friends of the Library members. The public and students are invited to shop from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A variety of books will be available from bestsellers, romance and mysteries to science, art, history and computers. Most books sell for $1. The sale will culminate with a “buck-a-bag” sale from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Anyone may join the Friends of the Library prior to the book sale to take advantage of the one hour “pre-sale” exclusive for Friends members. Annual dues are $20 for individuals, $30 for couples and $5 for OCC students. Lifetime membership of $150 includes an annual parking permit for non-students.

Membership applications are available on the FOTL website at tinyurl.com/OCC-Friends.

Earth Day Observed with Recycling Program

Earth Day will enjoy a special celebration on campus on Tuesday, April 17th, when Orange Coast College’s recycling guru, Mike Carey, will be the guest speaker for the Friends of the Library program at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Lecture Room.

Admission to the program is free for OCC students and FOTL members. Students who attend will also receive extra credit slips. The public is invited to attend for a donation of $5 or a gently used book. Proceeds will benefit the OCC Library.

The 42nd Anniversary of Earth Day officially takes place on April 22nd. When environmental activists Ralph Nader and Gaylord Nelson visited campus to promote the first-ever Earth Day in 1970, student leaders asked what they could do to help the environment. Nader suggested a recycling drive. The OCC Recycling Center was born.

OCC’s Recycling Center is the oldest college recycling program in the nation, according to Carey, who has directed operations there for the past 26 years. And it’s good business, too. Last year the OCC Recycling Center posted a record $331,000 profit. Profits are returned to the Associated Students of Orange Coast College, which uses the funds for campus programs that directly benefit students.

Carey, who ranked as #73 in the Daily Pilot’s top newsmakers of 2011, will describe the history of recycling and waste management, and where recycling, OCC’s program and the waste industry are headed.

Even on a slow afternoon, there is a line of cars and trucks waiting to drop off material at the OCC center, located on Adams Avenue between Pine Creek and Fairview Road. On busy weekends, cars spill out of the parking lot onto Adams Avenue. For more information, visit the Recycling Center web page at http://tinyurl.com/OCC-Recycle.

Message from the Dean

Happy New Year to all of our Friends of the Library!! There is some good news to begin our new year. All of the California community colleges have received a nice holiday gift from the State of California. A standard database package has been negotiated between EBSCO and the State Chancellors Office to ensure that all California community colleges have a minimum standard for online database access.

EBSCO is noted as the “world’s foremost premium research database,” and this new funding arrangement with the State will help the OCC Library provide our students with the learning tools they need.

In this increasingly digital era, our Library must now be strongly committed to two worlds: the traditional library of books, periodicals and quiet study carrels and the emerging and rapidly evolving world of immediate information available digitally—online journals, databases, periodicals, streaming media and so on. Our students can now take our Library wherever they go.

Our Library is far more than a research facility, it is the center and soul of our campus. It provides a place for students to study, rest, engage other students, work collectively on projects and simply relax and unwind. It is my hope that all of our students will have a great educational experience at OCC, and that our Library will have a significant impact on that experience.

The Friends of the Library continues to be an invaluable resource in improving the collections, media and access to the Library for the OCC community, faculty, staff and students. I cannot emphasize how essential your efforts are in helping to make this library an excellent one.

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

Please make checks payable to “OCC Foundation”