Gala Event, Giant Cake
Top 60th Year Festivities

Orange Coast College is gearing up for its 60th Anniversary party, complete with a giant birthday cake in the Quad on Wednesday, Sept. 10, and the 60th Anniversary Gala at Westin South Coast Plaza on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The 60th Anniversary has been a 20-month-long celebration that will culminate with the 60th Anniversary Gala.

The event will include a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner entertainment by student and faculty performances, and dancing until midnight with the Jim Roberts Orchestra. Cocktail attire is suggested.

Tickets for the 60th Anniversary Gala are available for $125 per person at the OCC Foundation Office at (714) 432-5707. Proceeds will benefit the OCC Library campaign to expand the new facility’s book collection.

Associated Students of Orange Coast College stepped up to support the Gala as a Diamond Sponsor. Union Bank of California is a Gold Sponsor.

Partnering opportunities are available for sponsorships at a variety of levels. The OCC Foundation is also accepting donations for the Silent Auction.

Anniversary festivities officially began in February 2007 when the college marked the 60th anniversary of its founding day, Jan. 27, 1947, with the grand opening of the Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. Activities planned this September commemorate the start of OCC’s first classes on Sept. 13, 1947.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, OCC will observe the 60th Anniversary Homecoming Football Game against Los Angeles Southwest College.

Great used books
at incredible prices!

The Friends of the Library will host a Fall Book Sale on Wednesday, October 22.

Friends of the Library members can shop from 9 to 10 a.m. before the event is open to the public. Books will be on sale until 3 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 “dollar-a-bag” sale from 2 to 3 pm.

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. The sale will be held in front of the new library. Metered parking is available in Lot E (take Merrimac Way to the southwest corner of campus).

Book donations can be made at the new OCC Library. Please call (714) 432-0202 x21058 for further details.

A Message From the Library Director...

The new library opened with great success in the spring semester. On average, student use jumped over 67% in the spring and doubled this summer. Students are making good use of the library’s enhanced study space, including the popular group study rooms.

The computer lab is bustling with activity, and the overflow computer lab is needed on a daily basis. Students are not only utilizing the physical facility at a greater rate, but also taking advantage of library resources. There has been a strong demand for the circulating collection and textbook reserve collection.

Campus response has also been tremendous. Library instruction has increased; more curricular areas are receiving library lectures. The lecture lab provides the opportunity to offer hands-on library instruction with electronic resources and online searching. The growing number of students receiving

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New Librarian Brings Hi-Tech Savvy to OCC

Lori Cassidy, Orange Coast College’s new librarian, will bring a combination of experience from both public and academic libraries when she joins the library staff this fall.

She served as a librarian at both National University’s library and Huntington Beach Public Library. She also was an assistant at Saddleback Community College’s library.

“The philosophies of public and academic libraries are very different,” Lori observed. In an academic library, the focus is on learning. “We try to make every encounter a learning experience,” she explained. “We want to teach the student to be self-sufficient and learn skills that they can carry into their post-academia lives.”

In comparison, public libraries emphasize service and entertainment. “It’s more about helping people quickly and efficiently,” Lori said. “Both libraries are great for the populations they serve, but it’s important to go to the type of library that will have the services and materials appropriate for your specific need.”

Lori will join the OCC Library staff in late August as a specialist in online services. With a Master of Science degree in Educational and Instructional Technology from National University, Lori is uniquely qualified to troubleshoot computer issues and help OCC’s library make the most of new technology.

She also earned a master’s degree in library and information science from San Jose State University. She is a graduate of Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, where she majored in individualized studies in art and business.

“Computers have greatly impacted libraries,” Lori said, “but nothing is new” since technology has been a part of library science for years.

“Computers let us serve populations we couldn’t easily serve before. They allow us to communicate more easily with students and faculty,” she said. “Libraries are much different today because of the power of computers.”

“We are really excited to have Lori on our staff,” said OCC Library Director Sheri Sterner. “Online services is an emerging field in libraries.” She said the new librarian’s skills will be especially valuable to support distance learning.

“We’re at the tip of the iceberg,” Sheri said, “and Lori has great experience in that area.” The new librarian’s alma mater, National University, “has a really big virtual presence.”

Lori jumped at the chance to work for OCC’s new library “OCC has a great reputation, so I was very excited when the position opened up,” she said. “I also felt that OCC had a strong commitment to the library since it built such a beautiful new library.

“It also doesn’t hurt that I live down the street and have a very short commute!”

Jamie Lee Curtis to Headline Children’s Book Fest Oct . 5

More than 50 authors, including well-known actress and celebrity Jamie Lee Curtis, will join illustrators, entertainers and storytellers at the 5th Annual Children’s Book Festival at Orange Coast College on Sunday, October 5.

A day of family fun will feature booksellers, live animals, train rides, crafts, food and entertainment. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. in the campus quad.

Popular children’s authors Barney Saltzberg and Gary Soto will join Curtis, a mother of two who has written several children’s books in addition to her acting career.

Last year’s book festival attracted more than 15,000 visitors. The event is an interactive family affair that is designed for children, parents, educators, writers, illustrators and anyone who loves children’s books. Admission and parking are free.

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tailgate party will begin at 5 p.m. in the Fitness Center parking lot. Kickoff is 6 p.m.

The OCC Alumni Association is sponsoring a special 60th Anniversary Homecoming Halftime Celebration featuring former cheerleaders, pep squad members, band members and football players. Alumni who would like to participate are invited to call (714) 432-5707. The college is also asking alumni to share contact information for former students who participated in cheerleading, pep squad, band or football.

The community is invited to sample a piece of OCC’s 60th Anniversary cake in the quad on Sept. 10 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tom Selzer, general manager of Instructional Food Services, and his students will bake a 1200-pound cake, created from 64 full sheet cakes. The cake, 14 by 10 feet, will be surrounded by more than 600 orange cupcakes. Campus parking will be free for all guests.
Radical Reels
Returns Oct. 1

Catch the steepest and deepest in high-adrenaline outdoor sport films when the 2008 Radical Reels Tour comes to Orange Coast College on Wednesday, October 1.

The screening will take place at 7 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre.

Hurtle down steep untouched powder, feel the cold spray of stomach-dropping kayak first descents, fly high with the world’s wildest BASE jumpers, and much more in extreme mountain sports.

Growing out of the famous Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Radical Reels screens the best in action sports filmmaking, audience-tested and programmed for maximum excitement.

Radical Reels is for people who like to take their outdoor adventures to the extreme, or at least watch other people pursue the madness!

Tickets are $9 in advance and $5 for current OCC students. Tickets are available at the OCC Bursar’s Office, 714-432-5880, or at REI, Santa Ana, and REI, Huntington Beach. Cost will be $10 at the door.

For general information about Radical Reels, call (714) 432-0202 x21058.

The Friends of the Library 2008-09 Programs

Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wonder of Seashells

Presented by Robert Dees
OCC President

Every shell has its own story. President Dees will introduce us to the fascinating world of seashells and the creatures who make them. Join us for an intriguing evening as we learn about these beautiful animals.

Presented in the outdoor garden of the Willis Longyear Residence
215 Via San Remo, Lido Isle, Newport Beach
Donation: $5 at the door; FOTL Members & OCC Students (with ID card) Free
Extra credit vouchers available for students
RSVP to (714) 432-5087 (limited seating)

Refreshments will be served - Books available for purchase by Lido Village Books

Watch for information on these future programs!

Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the OCC Library
Turf Wars:
Why Landscaping Design Matters
Presented by OCC faculty members
Gary Hoffman, Professor of English
Joe Stead, Ornamental Horticulture
Rick Harlow, Ornamental Horticulture

February 2009
Exploring Alaska Aboard the Galatea
Presented by Brad Avery, Director, OCC Marine Programs

April 2009
To Be Announced

This year Lido Village Books again collaborates with the Friends of the Library to bring a wide variety of books for purchase at our programs. A generous portion of the proceeds from these sales is donated to the Friends, and over the years has generated significant support for the OCC Library. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

The Friends of the Library Store is Open

How exciting to have our own store within the new library!!!

Come check us out when you are in the neighborhood, and, if you like, bring book donations or become a volunteer.

To encourage buyers and browsers, and to give the store a more welcoming appearance, we would like to have volunteers spend some time in the store.

Besides a physical presence volunteers could help by shelving unordered books and checking to see that the books are properly on their labeled shelves.

To be a volunteer in the store, all that you need to do is introduce yourself to the reference librarian before making yourself “at home” in the store.

– Marilyn Sion, Volunteer Coordinator

Fall 2008 Library Hours
Stop in and visit!
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon-Thurs
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
12 to 5 p.m. Sunday
FOTL Members can pick up a free parking permit in the Library office.
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The Board thanks Jeff Dimsdale, outgoing president, and Nancy Timmons, outgoing treasurer, for their service to Friends of the Library. Jeff served as president for the past six years. Both Jeff and Nancy will continue their support as Board members.

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instruction from librarians at the reference desk is going through the roof! It is truly an exciting time in library instruction, and we are anticipating the increased demand to continue into the fall.

We truly value the support the Friends of the Library organization and volunteers have provided us. The Friends of the Library Store and Gallery has flourished under Carl Morgan and the Friends of the Library volunteers. Students and community members are making wonderful use of the store. The Friends of the Library bestseller and audiobook collections continue to be in demand by students and the community.

The new library also brought new additions to our library team. Jennifer Rivera joined us in March 2008 as our new Library Clerk Senior in the Circulation Department. Lori Cassidy will join us officially in August 2008 as our new Online Services Librarian.

I encourage all Friends of the Library members to drop by and visit our new library. It is an amazing facility with a knowledgeable and dedicated staff whose commitment to serving our students and community is second to none.

– Sheri Sterner, Dean  
Library & Institutional Research