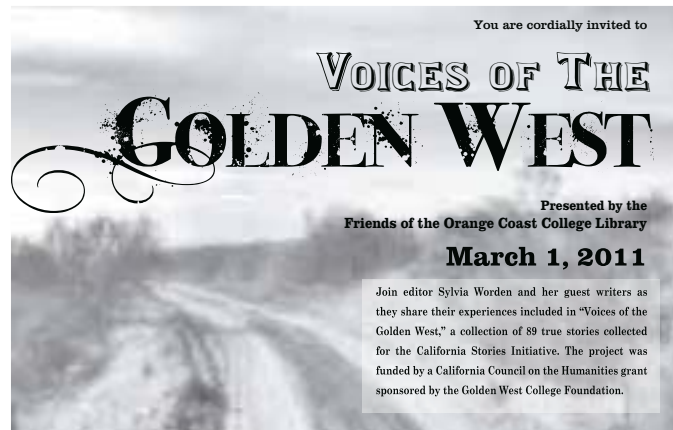


## Voices of the Golden West: *Our California Stories*

Join editor Sylvia Worden and her guest writers who will explore some personal stories of their experiences settling in California as Orange Coast College Friends of the Library launches the Spring 2011 program on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the OCC Library Lecture Room.

Sylvia and her writers will share tales included in "Voices of the Golden West: Our California Stories," a collection of 89 true stories collected for the California Stories Initiative. The project was funded by a California Council on the Humanities grant sponsored by the Golden West College Foundation.



Sylvia, associate dean of Orange Coast College's Student Health Center for the past two years, is a nurse practitioner and health educator. She began collecting

the stories for her book while she was head of Golden West College's Student Health Center.

Initially she gathered stories from speech students at Golden West College, but soon cast a wide net by visiting senior centers. She discovered a group of retirees who were already participating in a life story writing class. Several submissions were written by members of the Braille Center.

The stories describe experiences from the turn of the century to present day, as authors describe their arrival in the golden state.

It is not the first book Sylvia has created, and it won't be the last. She wrote a children's book inspired by a visit to China to adopt her young daughter, Anabel, now 12, who was known in her orphanage as "Beautiful Music," the book title. The volume was illustrated by her 17-year-old son, Ira, when he was just nine years old.

Sylvia plans to continue collecting stories from Californians as a project when she eventually retires. "There are so many highly educated retired people here," she explained. "At this point in life, you know what a good story is."

Admission to the March 1 program is free for FOTL members. Donation at the door for nonmembers is \$5 or a gently used book. Credit vouchers are available for OCC students, who may attend at no charge. Parking in Lot E, on Merrimac Way between Harbor Boulevard and Fairview Road, is free for program attendees.

Refreshments will be served. Books will also be available for purchase by Lido Village Books.

### Library Adds 'Student Friendly' Improvements



Artwork, plasma television screens, a new bike rack and park benches in the Library plaza are just a few of the improvements that are making the Library more attractive and student-friendly, according to Joe Poshek, dean of the Library and head of OCC's Visual and Performing Arts Division.

New artwork adorns walls of

the Library, including a three-panel photograph donated by OCC photography professor Rick Steadry and art provided by Librarian Debbie Webb. Another photo, valued at \$20,000 and given to OCC by the estate of Doree Dunlap, hangs in the David Grant Reading Room. Dunlap, the first director of the Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, passed away in 2007.

Friends of the Library donated \$1,250 to help pay for a pair of \$2,500 plasma screens that will alert students about Library activities. The Library will use economical flash drives to provide content for the plasma displays.

Anonymous donors and the OCC Foundation provided funds for five cement benches inscribed in memory of the late Library director Don Ackley and George Ciarlo and Shirley Brooke, who bequeathed funds to the Library. Another

# Banff Action Films Return March 23



Orange Coast College will host the "best of the best" from the 35th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival on Wednesday, March 23rd. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the OCC Robert B. Moore Theatre. 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.

Advance sale tickets are \$9 (\$5 for OCC students) at the OCC Bursar's Office at (714) 432-5880, ext. 1, or online at [www.octickets.com](http://www.octickets.com). Tickets are also available at REI in Huntington Beach and the new REI store in Tustin Marketplace. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

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

To view a trailer for the 2011 Banff Film Festival, visit <http://tinyurl.com/OCC-Banff-2011>.



## Spring Book Sale Planned in April

The Friends of the Library is collecting book donations for the annual Spring Book Sale that will take place on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the OCC Library.

FOTL members are invited to shop from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. before the event opens to the public. Books will be on sale until 3:00 p.m. A special "buck-a-bag" sale will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Book titles range from bestsellers to computer manuals. Most books sell for \$1.

Anyone may join Friends of the Library prior to the book sale to take advantage of the one hour "pre-sale" exclusively for FOTL members. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$30 for couples, and \$5 for students. Lifetime membership (not available to students) is \$150 and includes an annual campus parking permit.

Metered parking is available in Lot E on Merrimac Way between Harbor and Fairview. Parking permits can also be purchased at the permit dispenser at OCC's Arlington Ave. entrance.

Book donations can be made at the new OCC Library. Books can also be

dropped off at the OCC Foundation Office in the Administration Building. Pick up services can be arranged for donations of large book collections. Please call (714) 432-0202, ext. 21058 for more information.



*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>.*

## 'Student Friendly' Improvements cont.

bench honors Giles Brown, a charter faculty member who retired in 1959, and his late wife, Beth Brown, OCC's first librarian. Cost of each bench is \$1,500.

Student gate counts continue to increase with each passing semester, Poshek observed, and he predicted that the recent opening of the campus' largest classroom facility – the Allied Health, Biological Sciences and Consumer Health and Sciences (ABC) Complex – will attract even more student traffic.

Three buildings that make up the \$49.3 million ABC Complex opened at the start of the spring semester. The project, which includes an additional \$6 million in medical and science equipment, was funded using Measure C bond funds approved by voters in 2002.

"With the new ABC building, Starbucks, Art Center and the Doyle Arts Pavilion, the OCC Library truly is becoming the center of campus," he added.

A grand opening celebration for the ABC Complex is planned sometime in March.

# FOTL Hosts May Program on Nature Photography

Greg Russell will present "Finding a Sense of Place in the American West" on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the OCC Library Lecture Room in a program sponsored by OCC Friends of the Library.

Greg, a biological sciences instructor at OCC since 2008, is also a professional photographer who specializes in nature and landscape photography.

"Because I was born and have lived my entire life in the American West, the landscapes, people, culture and values of the West have helped shape who I am today," he said. "I feel at home in the mountains and canyons I grew up exploring."

Using his images, Greg tries to give the viewer an authentic sense of attachment and belonging to the environment. "I make images of landscapes that connect me to these places," he explained. "Often they are intimate scenes whose beauty may not be immediately obvious to the casual observer."

Greg doesn't carry a lot of equipment on family vacations, where he does much of his nature photography. He uses a single camera body, a Canon 5D Mark II, and three lenses.



**Weavers Needle**

Visit Greg's website at [www.alpenglowimagesphotography.com](http://www.alpenglowimagesphotography.com) to view samples of his work.

The May 3 program is free to members of Friends of the Library and OCC students. Nonmembers are asked to donate \$5 and/or a gently used book. Refreshments will be served.

## Friends of the Library President's Message

As we greet this new semester – and New Year! – The Friends of the Library look forward to a great line-up of events and programs. We have two outstanding members of the OCC family as upcoming presenters, Sylvia Worden and Greg Russell. Also, our ever-popular events each semester include the Banff Film Festival (a night of edge-of-your-seat short films) and used book sale (a great selection at great prices). We welcome you to join us at any or all of these events. We had a very successful semester last fall and look forward to an equally event-filled schedule for the spring.

No doubt, by now you have heard how the fiscal problems at the state level are affecting the community colleges statewide. There has already been a lot of belt-tightening the past several semesters. Looking forward the forecast is challenging at best. As president of the Friends of the Library, I feel even more committed to providing support to the OCC Library.

The Library is a vibrant and vital part of student life on campus, and I feel it is essential that we do all we can to support its efforts to provide students the services they need and expect.

Part of our support is to provide the Library with funding for items that cannot be provided for in their regular budget such as books for the Best Sellers shelf, audio books and media items. The librarians report that these items are heavily used and we are happy that we are able to contribute to the Library in this way.

As we move forward this year, I am grateful to all of you who support our organization by being members or attending our events. Also, we have a dedicated group of members on our Executive Board, and I would like to thank each of them for their efforts in making what we do so successful.

*Claudia Ackley, FOTL President*

## New Members Join FOTL Board

Jacqueline Jensen, a Costa Mesa attorney, and Hank Panian, a retired OCC faculty member, have joined the Board of Friends of the Library.

Hank retired in 1990 after teaching history at OCC for 34 years. He recently published his first work of fiction, "The Cymerian Chapter."

While he was serving on the Mesa Consolidated Water District Board of Directors for 21 years, Panian became seriously involved with environmental issues. Consequently, the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce named him Man of the Year (1981) followed by the Daughters of the American Revolution Award for "Excellence in Community Service."

He and his wife, **Barbara**, have been married for 56 years and live in Costa Mesa. They have three children and five grandchildren.

## Campus Events Calendar



**March 9-13** - As You Like It

**March 11 & 12** - OCC Symphony  
"Evening of Broadway"

**Through March 23** -  
Frank M Doyle Arts Pavilion  
"Land – Era – People:  
China's Lishui Photographers"  
"The Art of Ning Yeh"

**April 16** - Free lecture, Melvin Sololsky,  
fashion photographer

**April 29 & 30** - Student Dance Concert

**May 2** - OCC Jazz Ensembles

**May 4-8** - Pirates of Penzance

**May 14** - OCC Symphony, Chamber  
Singers & Chorale

**May 17** - World Dance

**May 21** - OCC Film Festival

**May 22** - OCC Wind Ensemble

**May 27** - Musical Theatre Workshop

# *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"

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*FOTL Members can pick up a free  
parking permit in the Library office.*

*\*Subject to change*

The Library will be closed on the  
following holidays: Feb. 18-21,  
March 28-April 3 and May 28

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  
Closed Sunday

## **Library Hours\* Spring 2011**

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