



Compilation of the Friends of the Banning Library's (FOBL) recent projects and fundraisers from 2017 accomplishments and 2018 prospective goals:

- In August, 2017, the FOBL gratefully received a \$2,000 grant from Sun Lakes Charitable Trust Fund. January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the FOBL presented library board President Victoria Hatch with a check for \$2,000 applicable toward the ADA door in the children's wing.
- In October, 2017, the FOBL were invited to participate in the Cabazon Outlet's fundraising "Extravaganza!" The one day event allowed us to raise \$993.64 for future library events.
- At Christmas, the FOBL purchased two eight-foot Noble fir Christmas trees for display in the main lobby and the Children's wing of the Banning Public library. In addition, we purchased gift cards from a local eatery for all library employees to thank them for all their hard work during the year and to support a local Banning business, as well.
- The FOBL have purchased reading books for the Head Start Program, for its second year, through Scholastic Books, Inc., which will be handed out to each child upon their graduation at the end of May. It is the FOBL desire to make this an annual event.
- The FOBL plan to initiate a new program with the labor and delivery section of the San Geronio Memorial hospital, in which each new mother will receive a "Baby's First Library" basket containing nursery books, in order to get the mother/child reading relationship started early.
- Since 2013, the FOBL have awarded a Banning High School Senior with a scholarship. Last year, in honor of the library's centennial anniversary, the organization was fortunate to award two \$750 scholarships with one recipient going to a four year college and one recipient going to a community college. This year, FOBL will continue this tradition, awarding one \$1,000 scholarship.
- The FOBL are in the beginning stages of publishing a quarterly chapbook and partnering with the Banning Unified School District, to encourage budding young writers and artists to submit their poetry, short stories, or non-fiction and art and see it in print!
- This April, during National Library Week, the FOBL will host their annual meeting in conjunction with their first Antiquarian Sale and Silent Auction of rare and vintage books and works of art that have been donated to Banning Library. It will conclude with a Champagne toast. All proceeds support the library and FOBL programming.

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