Friends of the Foster City Library (FoFCL) Newsletter

Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

We're excited to share that the designs for a **new Foster City Library Makerspace** have been finalized, guided by community input and the San Mateo County Library Makerspace Master Plan. The project will transform our 660-square-foot teen room into a flexible, technology-rich environment that supports creativity and learning for all ages. Foster City Council can now request bids for construction. We will keep you posted on a target completion date once we have more information.

We are so grateful to **Min-I Chou** who served as the acting Library Branch Manager from April through mid-August. Her enthusiasm is infectious. We are thrilled to have **Julia Wright** now serving as the acting Library Branch Manager through mid-December when Stephanie Saba will return from her maternity leave.

We also thank **Lou Kim** for serving as our Board President this past year, as well as a Board member from 2022 to July 2026. She ensured we had a structured way to share information at Board meetings, welcomed diverse viewpoints, and buoyed us with her optimism.

As always, your support through memberships and commemorative gifts directly fund the programs that make our library so special.

Thank you again for your support!
Friends of the Foster City Library Board

Acting Library Branch Managers: Julia Wright and Min-I Chou

Table at Foster City Summer Days

Adult Volunteers Needed for the FoFCL Bookshop

We are looking for adult volunteers to help sort, select, price and display the books that are donated and sold to raise funds for library programming. Req'ts:

- Can volunteer 2-3 hours/week, on a weekday between 10am-5pm
- Can commit to a 6-month minimum
- Able to lift 6-8 hardcover books
- Has English language knowledge for sorting books into genres

Questions? Email bookshop@fofcl.org. Visit smcl.org/volunteer to apply.

Upcoming Foster City Library Closures

- **Veterans Day**: Wed, Nov 11
- **Thanksgiving**: Thu, Nov 26 - Fri, Nov 27 (5pm early closure on Wed, Nov 25)
- **Christmas**: Fri, Dec 25 - Sun, Dec 27 (5pm early closure on Thu, Dec 24)
- **New Year's**: Fri, Jan 1 (5pm early closure on Thu, Dec 31)

Highlights of Foster City Library Events, April-September 2026

Fix-It Workshop

Jurassic Jabber Paleontology

Author Maggie Tokuda-Hall

Learning Chinese Culture Through Dance, including a Silent Parade

Maker Hangout

Bug Power with Dr. Stephanie Dole

Custom Screenprinting

Crafts at MidPen Sr Housing

Activities at Off The Grid led by the FoFCL Youth Committee

FC Rec Center Grand Opening

Youth Committee: Upcoming Events at FC Library

Cozy Clay Cafe

Tuesday, Oct 13, 5-7pm
(registration closes Oct 12)

A fun workshop where teens grades 5-12 can make their own clay trinkets.
No prior experience is needed!
All materials are provided.

Link to register: bit.ly/3TS7uKs

Beyond the Classroom

Sunday, Oct 18, 10:30am-noon *(registration req'd)*

Middle and high schoolers can learn how to:
- communicate professionally
- build networking skills
- craft a tailored resume

Link to register: bit.ly/4yuge8s

Donations

Many thanks to these new and renewing donors! (March 1 - September 30, 2026)

Jackie Chen
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Takeshi Yoshizawa honoring his family
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In memory of Prof. Susana Haydu

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FRIENDS OF THE FOSTER CITY LIBRARY
1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd.
Foster City, CA 94404-1604

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To become a Friend of the Foster City Library, please return this form to the library front desk OR mail to:

Friends of the Foster City Library c/o Membership
1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd.
Foster City, CA 94404

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Newsletter preference (help us save postage & paper by selecting Email)

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Are you a new member or renewing your membership?

_____ New _____ Renewing

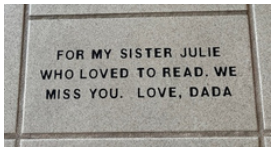
Select your membership level.

_____ **Free** (for monthly email newsletter only)
_____ Student: $5
_____ Senior: $30
_____ Individual: $40
_____ Family: $50
_____ Patron: $100
_____ Business: $150

To join online, go to omella.com/3temw or scan here:

The **Friends of the Foster City Library** is a non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness for Foster City library programs for all ages.

The Friends of the Foster City Library is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our EIN is 94-2939643.

Amount	Gift	Description
$225 (1 line) $300 (2 lines)	**Book Spine** 1 line or 2 lines	A colorful ceramic tile created to resemble the spine of a book
$250 (Ground) $300 (Arcade)	**Brick** 3 ½" x 11" 2 lines	Chosen inscription on one of the building's signature bricks along the pathways and pillars leading to the library entrance
$450 (6" x 12") $600 (12" x 12")	**Tile** 6" x 12" (3 lines) 12" x 12" (4 lines)	Engraving on one of the classic stone tiles protected under the arcade along the front of the library 
$1,000+	**Permanent Plaque Recognition**	Chosen inscription to the permanent wall plaque inside the library foyer

INSCRIPTION:

Use the boxes below for your desired inscription, following the guidelines for how many lines are permitted based on the gift level. Each line is up to 20 characters (one character per box).

Note: Commemorative gift engravings will be filled annually in September or March, as long as at least 6 orders total are submitted. All orders will be filled within one year or ordering regardless of the 6 order minimum.

Submit this completed form and payment to any library staff member or mail to:

Friends of the Foster City Library
1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd
Foster City, CA 94404
c/o Bricks & Tiles Program

COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS FORM

A LASTING GIFT WITH A LASTING IMPACT FOR BOTH THE RECIPIENT AND FOSTER CITY LIBRARY!

Dear Supporter of the Foster City Library,

Thank you for your generosity in purchasing a commemorative gift at the library! We have several options that will make a lasting impression on your loved ones. Whether purchasing a book spine, an engraved brick, an engraved tile, or an engraved plaque, your gift will truly honor friends and family, bringing a sense of joy and pride every time they visit the library. All proceeds go directly to supporting Foster City Library programs, services and resources.

With gratitude, The Friends of the Foster City Library Board

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

GIFT LEVEL:

For more details on these commemorative gifts & to add your desired inscription, review the back of this flyer/form.

- ☐ **Book Spine, 1 line** ($225)
- ☐ **Engraved Brick, Ground** ($250)
- ☐ **Engraved Brick, Arcade** ($300)
- ☐ **Book Spine, 2 lines** ($300)
- ☐ **Engraved Tile, 6”x 12”** ($450)
- ☐ **Engraved Tile, 12”x 12”** ($600)
- ☐ **Engraved Foyer Plaque** ($1,000+)

Bricks & Tiles make a **wonderful gift!** We will send an invitation to the recipient to come see their engraving when it’s completed. Provide the recipient’s name and email address here:

Name _____

Email _____

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You may submit payment via cash, check (payable to: Friends of the Foster City Library), or online. Give this completed form and payment to any library staff.

Scan the QR code (or go to omella.com/76pu6) to complete this form online and for payment by credit/debit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay

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