

Orange Public Library & History Center



Taft Branch



El Modena Branch



OPLF Connecting Our Community

A strong community is a place of opportunity. Having a sense of community unites us. Big or small, a community can provide countless opportunities for growth and experience. Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves. Community gives us opportunities to connect with people, to reach for our goals, and makes us feel safe and secure. Libraries = Strong Communities

The year of 2020 was a challenging year especially for nonprofits like the City of Orange Public Library Foundation. The Library Foundation is grateful for the many community members that found ways to help the Foundation as we continued our mission of supporting and enhancing the Orange Public Library facilities, services, programs, and technology.

With this sense of community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Larry and Carol Tannas for their legacy gift – The Tannas Family Children’s Garden at the Orange Public Library and History Center. Larry’s long held dream of creating this garden for our community to enjoy has finally come true. Larry worked with garden designer Laura Skiff; Library Director, Dave Curtis; Orange Public Library Foundation; and the city’s Community Service Division to make this dream a reality. Heirloom plants from the Tannas’ home garden were given to the garden along with Rusty, Larry’s favorite statue. Rusty is now the resident guardian of the children’s garden. He keeps watch next to the bubbling fountain and looks forward to listening in on parents and grandparents reading his book “Rusty” as they relax in the garden.

The Tannas family have been active members in our community, generously donating time and money to many organizations in Orange. Larry was a dedicated Rotary of Orange member and worked to help secure grant money for the Library Foundation’s STEAM for Teens and Tweens program. He helped to ensure that the program would be viable online and still occur



Larry and Carol Tannas

during the COVID pandemic. These actions gave youth in the community the opportunity to experience Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math while exploring different occupations that involve these fields.

The Tannas Family’s donations are a testament to their community spirit and a challenge for other community members and businesses to follow suit and support the Orange Public Library Foundation with their own contributions.

In the theme of celebrating our community in the City of Orange, we invite you to join us at the dedication of the Tannas Family Children’s Garden, Oct 10, 2021, the second Sunday in October. Further details of this event will be available on our website, OPLFoundation.org, at the end of summer.

“If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need.”
~Cicero, Roman Statesman

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OPLF Sponsored Programs

To some, the library is solely a place of leisure, a place to pick up a book for recreational reading, but the pandemic focused attention on how much more the library is and how library technology kept our community connected.

The library provided digital platforms for newspapers, emagazines, and eaudio books. It granted the community internet access and the ability to search the complete catalog of library resources including Rocket Languages, My Heritage, Kanopy DVD's, video story-times, school research sources and the OPL Foundation's STEAM for Teens and Tweens program. Recreational readers used the online request/hold system to choose items which were made available to pick up curbside. Once the library opened with COVID-19 safety precautions in place, the public was able to access further technology with the use of the library computers including free access to Ancestry.com and AWE educational computers for children. The library continues to provide technology to keep our community connected.

There is a "digital divide" throughout our nation and our Orange City Libraries are part

of the solution to this issue in our community. As the Racial Equality Alliance notes, "public libraries aim to create welcome and inclusive spaces, to advocate for equitable access to information, to foster civic participation and economic opportunity, and to ensure literacy and lifelong learning. At the heart of

these goals is a shared aspiration that every person might have all they need to succeed." The Orange Public Library system has worked hard to make sure that our libraries have state of the art technology available to everyone and that it is a Center of Technology for our community.



The OPLF recently presented a \$21,000 donation to Orange Public Library Director Dave Curtis to fund the replacement of laptops at City of Orange libraries. Pictured above with OPLF Executive Director Lynn-Marie Frediani, Library Director Dave Curtis, and OPLF Board Member Pat Buttress, are members of the 2022 Class from the National Charity League (NCL)-Orange Villa Park Chapter. The NCL Orange/Villa Park Chapter's generous \$5,000 donation was included in the funds presented.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Little Free Libraries provide free books and inspire a love of reading by fostering neighborhood book exchanges in our local parks.



National Charity League-Orange/Villa Park Chapter mother and daughter teams volunteer weekly to restock the Little Free Libraries. Above left, Jody and Kelsea Lemmel; at right, Angel and Wren Anderson.

SPRING (Apr - May)
"IT'S YOUR MONEY"
Workshop Series

FALL (Sept - Oct)
"IT'S YOUR ESTATE"
Workshop Series

What is the very first question you should ask your financial advisor? What are the best ways to leave your IRA, 401(K), and other retirement assets to your heirs? How much income tax is your estate going to pay?

Free money management seminars.

For more information on OPLF's Annual Programs visit oplfoundation.org

STEAM

science • technology • engineering • art • math
for teens & tweens



Interactive workshops in Science Technology Engineering, Art and Math that spark curiosity, engage inquiring minds and give kids the opportunity to delve into what a career based in science might be like.

This program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orange and Edison International.

At left, BSA Venturing Crew 1701 FRC Robotics Team teach students programming at a recent STEAM workshop.



Free Organic, Heirloom, and non-GMO seeds for your garden.

A Community Partnership with Orange Home Grown.

Visit our locations at the El Modena Branch Library, or the 2nd floor-Orange Public Library & History Center.



Above left and center, NCL-Orange/Villa Park Chapter volunteers sort seeds at the Orange Home Grown Education Farm. At right, Jack Carlisle, owner of The Potting Shed, donated heirloom seeds to the Seed Lending Library.



Winter Documentary Film Series
Spring Break Fun Film Fest
Summer Family Film Fest

Free movies for all ages

SAVE the Date:



We invite you to help strengthen our Orange Community and the Orange Public Libraries at our annual Library Legacy Awards Celebration on March 20, 2022.

This event is the main fundraiser for the Library Foundation and gives us the resources to help guarantee that the City of Orange Public Libraries will continue to provide state of the art resources to our community. We hope that you will join us.

Information on this event will be available on our website in December 2021.

OPLF Serves Our Community – Thanks to Our Generous Donors



Above, Yolanda Moreno, left and Nedra Kunisch, center, of Orange Children & Parents Together present Lynn-Marie Frediani, OPLF Director, with a \$84,000 donation.



Left, Rotary Club of Orange generously donated a \$3,000 check to support the STEAM for Teens and Tweens program. Presented by Chapter President Spud Lambing.

To learn more about OPLF giving opportunities please visit OPLFoundation.org.

Every gift to Orange Public Library Foundation is important and makes a difference.

Make your donation online using our secure website, oplfoundation.org, or use this form.

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The Orange Public Library Foundation is a tax-exempt non-profit 501c(3) organization raising money to support and enhance the Orange Public Library facilities, services, programs and technology.

For more information, please call (714) 288-2470 or visit oplfoundation.org.

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