



FRIENDS  
OF THE *Montecito Library*



Capital Campaign

# *Vision*

Friends of the Montecito Library aspire to provide our library with comprehensive and innovative programming, up to date resources and responsive assistance where residents of all ages can learn, share, create and thrive.



# Did you know? Each year, our Montecito Library:



Is the busiest of the  
15 libraries in Santa Barbara  
County (per capita)



Receives over  
45,000 visits



Provides 6,500  
sessions of public  
computer use



Welcomes volunteer  
contributions in  
excess of 700 hours



Lends almost  
100,000 items



Offers over 1,500 children  
and adults more than  
75 FREE programs  
and events



Our library is the *heart* of Montecito.





## HISTORY OF THE MONTECITO LIBRARY

The Montecito Library has long been the cornerstone of the Montecito Valley. In **1910** a group of avid readers and visionaries established a FREE LIBRARY. Its doors have been open since then to serve the entire community.

**Initially there were 28 card holders; today there are over 4,000.**

During World War II, the library building was used by the American Red Cross to support the war effort. The library moved to its present location in 1979.

Recognizing that a well-funded library is essential to a vibrant community, in 1975 a group of volunteers formed **Friends of the Montecito Library** as a non-profit organization.



# ...Future!

- Our supporters fund well over half of the yearly costs to run the library.
- Remaining balances have been paid by County government resources. Depending on these resources in the future is chancy at best.
- Costs keep rising while financial support is uncertain.
- The goal of this campaign is to **ASSURE the FUTURE** of the Montecito Library.

The responsible solution is  
the establishment of an **endowment.**



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# Why are we establishing a Campaign for Friends of the Montecito Library?

*The wise owl says:*



GREAT HORNED OWL MONTECITO FOOTHILLS, 2016

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## Because we must.

By fostering community awareness and creating a long term financial strategy, **Friends of the Montecito Library** will work to ensure the highest level of services for future generations.





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*Thank you!*

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