

Library 1970

You're Invited To Join Friends Of Library

"Celebrate Valentine's Day . . . show your love for the library . . . join the Friends of the Santa Cruz City-County Libraries!"

This is the gist of the Valentine-shaped invitations that have been mailed to members and guests of Friends of the Library. And, according to Mrs. James Sheehan, Friends' president, it is hoped that others of the community will attend the February 14 coffee-tea-and-cookies' hour set for 1 p.m. in the Community Room of Santa Cruz Central Library.

A new book preview table will be available and also on display will be some of the items and special collection books that the Friends have purchased during the past few years.

Principal money-making project of the Friends has been the very popular yearly used book sale in the library parking lot.

"It takes us three months to prepare for this sale," says Mrs. Sheehan, "and we are hardly over one sale when callers ask when the next one will be. There are lots of marvelous bargains for young and old. Besides being a worthwhile money-making affair — everyone attending has a great time. We made over \$1400 last year."

Allocation of this money includes \$700, to be held for use in moving the art-music department upstairs in the library; \$500, specific branch library needs; \$250, for California special book collections, and \$150, for the Children's Library.

Membership dues for Friends of the Library are \$1 per person with only three or four formal meetings a year. Members occasionally act as hosts for special library projects such as Author-Illustrator festivals and for displays both at the library and other local functions such as the Spring Festival on the mall.

The Friends actively support the library summer reading program for children and the New Horizon programs, story hours, and book deliveries to local rest homes and convalescent hospitals.

Purpose of the organization is to enrich library resources through funds derived from memberships and fund-raising; to encourage library endowment, bequests, and acceptable gifts in the form of library equipment and books.

"We want the entire community to enjoy our libraries," says Mrs. Sheehan. "In them you'll find something of interest and enjoyment no matter what your age, sex, religion, political views or financial or educational circumstances."

The busy planning committee for the Friends' party includes Mrs. Sheehan, general chairman; Mrs. Robert Guilbert, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Robert Halterman, library liaison; Mrs. Phillip Morris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harold Steen, membership; Mrs. Angelo Corvino, historian, and Miss Mary Franklin and Mrs. Neil Prescott, invitations and art work.



Friends of the Library will have a book preview table at their Valentine social Monday at The Central Library Community Room. Choosing some of the books from left, are Mrs. Robert (Betty) Halterman, library liaison; Mrs. Harold Steen, Friends' secretary; Mrs. Robert Guilbert, treasurer, and Mrs. James Sheehan, president.