



# BOOK NOTES

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Hours:  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
1:00-5:00 pm  
Sat 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Preschool Storytime:  
Monday 10:30 am

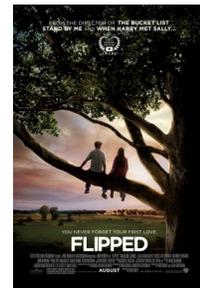
Senior Book Break:  
2nd Tues. 10:30 am

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## Come Meet the Author!



Left: Bestselling author Wendelin Van Draanen; Above Left: Her latest book, due out Jan. 2020; Above Right: Poster of her book-turned-major-motion-picture

In 2019, the library began a new program that has quickly become one of its most popular. Meet the Author is an opportunity for readers and fans to meet talented authors who make their homes on the Central Coast. Amidst a casual atmosphere and refreshments, authors talk about their writing journey, read from their best-loved works, sign books, and answer questions from attendees.

The inaugural year of this program featured eight wonderful authors and their works, ranging from fantasy, to mystery, to transforming trauma. This year, we're excited to welcome even more authors and grow the success and the impact of this program.

**Join us on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 5 - 7 pm as the library hosts bestselling author Wendelin Van Draanen.** There will be a reading by the author, Q & A, and a book signing. Wine and refreshments will be provided. This will be an excellent opportunity to purchase a signed copy of Van Draanen's brand new book, *Hope in the Mail*, a nonfiction book about creativity, perseverance, and following one's dreams.

Wendelin Van Draanen is a bestselling author of more than thirty traditionally published books, including the long-running Edgar-winning Sammy Keyes mystery series. Her novel *Flipped*, named a Top 100 Children's Novel for the 21st Century by SLJ, became a Warner Brothers feature film, and her books have been translated into many other languages. Her first non-fiction book, *Hope in the Mail, Reflections on Writing and Life* (1/2020, Random House), was written to help other writers and creatives pursue their dreams.

**We hope to see you on January 22!** Bring a friend and start the new year—and the new decade—with a big dose of inspiration.

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## Storytime with Santa

Grover Beach Community Library was on the “nice” list once again this year, and Santa stopped by to bring us a dose of holiday cheer.

After children enjoyed a rousing session of books and songs with local volunteer Karen Jones, Santa made his grand entrance! Even the shyest of little ones couldn’t resist getting a hug and a photo with Jolly Old St. Nick. And his reading of *A Visit from St. Nicholas* (more commonly known as *’Twas the Night Before Christmas*) was a hit.

The festivities ended with cookies and cocoa, and a wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to Mariam Shah for organizing this fun event!



Above Left: Mariam Shah and Karen Jones; Above Center: the main event! Above Right: Santa delighting little ones.

## New Tween Section

We’re proud to announce a brand new section at the library! Located in the front room next to the Teen section, the Tween Section features excellent books for readers in 6th - 8th grades. Now those patrons who outgrow the Kids’ Korner but are not yet ready for the challenge or sophistication of Teen reads have a place to call their own.

When a group of 6th graders visited the library from Grover Heights Elementary in December, they shared with us their favorite authors and series. With their suggestions, we’re in the process of adding even more great reads to this section. Make sure to bring the pre-teen in your life in to check it out!

Join us **Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm** for the first book sale of the new year.



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**Bring in this coupon to claim your free book at our March 14, 2020 Book Sale!**

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