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PAWS TO HELP THE OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY

The Oceanside Public Library recently received a California State Library grant called "Get Involved: Book-To-Action" to host a series of book discussions and a civic engagement project. The program is entitled Paws to Help: READ-MEET-ACT. The Library has chosen Charmaine Hammond's book for adults *On Toby's Terms* and her book for children *Toby the Pet Therapy Dog and His Hospital Friends*. The books will be read and discussed through April and early May to encourage dialogue about volunteerism and the importance of both humans and pets giving back to the community. The Library is proud to be partnering with the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA in Oceanside. The program will culminate with a volunteer project distributing flyers with animals' pictures and adoption information, and a mobile adoption event held at the Civic Center Courtyard and Plaza at 330 North Coast Highway on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Copies of the book *On Toby's Terms* will be available at both Library locations until supplies last, and there are also copies to be checked out. The events are free and open to the public.

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Volunteers are also being recruited to start a Homework Helper program in the Civic Center Library and Mission Branch Library. To view that opportunity and others, please visit www.volunteermatch.org and enter a search for Oceanside Public Library. This grant program is also sponsored by the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. For more information, please visit the Library's website at www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org or call (760) 435-5600.

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