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It's Not Just a Library, It's a Destination

By Laurie Snyder



The Orinda Library's staff and volunteers match Orindans with great books, uncover answers to life's most puzzling questions, and patiently teach even the least tech savvy to use e-readers. From left: Robbin Milne, Lin Look, Raminah Mousseli, Bonnie Sanders, Sandy Jones, Nadine Imada, Beth Girshman, Eric Ralphs, Ruth Boyer, Eric Lee. Photo Ohlen Alexander

"It's funny that we think of libraries as quiet demure places where we are shushed by dusty, bun-balancing, bespectacled women. The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community. Librarians have stood up to the Patriot Act, sat down with noisy toddlers and reached out to illiterate adults. Libraries can never be shushed." – Paula Poundstone, comedian and national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries U.S.A.

Twens on commando missions huddling to complete school assignments. Sun worshipers in search of beach book nirvana. Do-it-yourself-dads trying to

figure out how to undo what they just did to a drain pipe. The budding poet who doesn't know it. Tiny tots toting books twice their size, impatiently tugging mom-

hands toward book check-out. Orindans clearly love their library. More than 13,000 of the city's 17,643 residents are cardholders. ... continued on page A11

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