Readers reap the benefits

More than 800 Huntington Beach children were treated to ice cream and entertainment at the Huntington Beach Library's annual summer reading party.

The youngsters, participants in the summer-long reading program were invited to the main branch of the library for the event sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library.

"Celebrate America — Read" was the theme of the program which was highlighted by the appearance of Miss Liberty herself, who arrived amid the cheering youngsters to announce the top readers in the program, as well as the winners of the Statue of Liberty art contest.

This year's top readers were: Bao Hoa Ho, 164 books; Carolun Chang, 158 books; Minglie Chen, 157 books; Melody Yam, 156 books; Chris Komana palli, 153 books; Joyce Komanapalli, 151 books; Tam Pham, 155 books; Nustofa Rahman, 123 books; Debbie Winkler, 107 books; and Alicia Kimura, 106 books.

More than 2200 children enrolled in the program since it began in July and received reading booklets which were kept on file at various library branches.

Children who enrolled in the program and who read eight or more books or made eight visits to the library were eligible to attend the final party and given treat bags to take home.

Special guest, Caroline Feller Bauer, children's author, entertained the youngsters with stories and puppets and a presentation about how a book is written and prepared for publication. The Huntington Beach resident has written several children's books including "My Mom Travels A lot" and "Too Many Books". She has traveled the world extensively giving lectures and entertaining children at libraries and schools.

Children's author Caroline Feller Bauer takes the stage at Central Library.

Marian Phillips, as Betsy Ross, and Lee Betz as Ben Franklin, presented a skit in which the Statue of Liberty, played by Rosie Berry of Friends of Children's Library, was wheeled across the stage in front of flag-waving children during three performances throughout the day.

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The Friends sponsor the summer reading program each year to stimulate interest in the library for children of all ages and is open to children residing in or attending school in Huntington Beach.

Friends is a volunteer support group for the Children's Library promoting children's interest in literature through various fundraising activities and entertainment programs throughout the year.

Tina Chang of Huntington Beach has won a major award in the 1986 American Institute of Graphic Arts “Liberty” national student competition. Chang is enrolled in the Visual Communication Design Program offered by the Department of Design at Cal State Long Beach. She won a certificate of merit in the logotype category. Students worked on their entries in a design class taught by Jim Van Eimeren, Cal State faculty member.

The classes of 1966 and 1967 from Sierra Vista High School, Baldwin Park, are having a joint 20-year reunion, Aug. 30, at the California Country Club in Whittier. The price is $20 per person and alumni from the class of 1965 may also attend. Information: (818) 338-3523.

The 1966 graduating classes of Mary Star of the Sea and Fermín Lasuen High Schools of San Pedro are holding a 20-year reunion on Sept. 13 at Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro. Information: Mary Star/Fermin Lasuen, Class of 1966, P.O. Box 1952, Lomita, Ca. 90717.

The 1961 winter and summer class of Jefferson High School is planning to hold its 25th year reunion on Sept. 13 at the Viscount Hotel. Tickets are on sale at $35 per person for the event, which will be videotaped. Information: (213) 924-0476.

A gala event is being planned for graduates of Pasadena City College in 1936-37 or 38. The seminar in “unadulterated fun” will take place October 3-5. A $10 fee should be sent in advance with actual registration taking place on Oct. 3 at the Campus Center.

Headquarters will be the Pasadena Hilton plus parties at the Campus Center, and Huntington Library, Jet Propulsion Laboratories, Tournament of Roses headquarters, Norton Simon Museum and the Convention Center. An afternoon will be spent at the Santa Anita races. Dinner and dancing will be at the International Ballroom of the Hilton on Saturday evening.

Information: Mary Blower or Dorothy Byles, PCC Alumni Office, 1570 East Colorado, Pasadena, Ca. 91106 or (818) 578-7386.

Eagle Rock High School graduating class of 1961 has planned a 25-year reunion to be held Aug. 30 at Elks Pasadena Lodge, 400 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. Information: (213) 254-8435 or 222-7217.

The Anaheim Hilton and Towers will be the site of the following upcoming high school reunions.

- The 1966 graduating class from Paramount High School 10-year reunion will take place beginning 6:30 p.m., Sept. 6. Tickets are $45 per person. Information: Francie Duilio (714) 778-0269.
Youngsters who participated in the summer reading program sponsored by the Huntington Beach Library are treated to a party at season's end.