

****FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER****

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Dear non-computer users: Please go to the Library, sit down at a Library computer, and read this Newsletter--enjoying our links for more information. Ask for help at the Library's Information Desk

LOOK! - A REALLY B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday – March 9 and 10 – 9:30 – 5:00

Extra Bargain Time! Saturday at 3:00pm, we'll give you a bag to fill with all that will fit for only \$4.00!

Thousands of items – most for 50¢ to \$1.00 – many “like new”

We welcome volunteers to help us --- Questions?

Contact Ilene Braverman - bookstore@ETLibraryFriends.org OR 818.708.2255

If you can't come to our Sale, stop by the Library and shop in our **Bookstore (open daily)** – same prices as our Book Sale with varying inventory.

**THANK YOU to our Book Sale/Bookstore Chair: Norma Lamken
And to ALL of our dedicated and wonderful volunteers -- adults and teens.**

FOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2018 & 2019

FOL OFFICERS -- 2018 & 2019

The following were elected on November 9, 2017, to serve a 2-year term as Elected Officers of Friends of Encino-Tarzana Branch of Los Angeles Public Library (FOL):

President - Maggi Stern
Interim 1st Vice President – Crystal Norman
2nd Vice President - Norma Lamken
Recording Secretary - Bunny Levine
Corresponding Secretary - Esther R. Rose
Treasurer - Mark Lamken
Member-At-Large - Nonie Lann
Interim Member-at-Large – HeleneTerris
Board Member Ex-Officio – Adele Druck

FYI - The Interim Officers were elected due to resignation of Ilene Braverman (1st Vice President), and need for an additional Member-at-Large. Also, our Immediate Past President will serve as Board Member Ex-Officio. Designation “Interim” will remain until our FOL Board next meets. (continued...>)

FOL COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE – 2018 & 2019

Book Clubs Chair - Carol Fox
Book Sale/Bookstore Chair - Norma Lamken
Bookstore Volunteers Chair - Ilene Braverman
Hospitality Chair - Jan Monson
Membership Chair - Jenny Lapidus
Publications Chair (Newsletter & Website) - Barbara Y. Leff
Publicity/Outreach Chair - Bonnie Siegel
Technology Chair (and Webmaster) - Judy Russell

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### **WELCOME FROM MAGGI STERN - OUR NEW FOL PRESIDENT (2/17/18)**

HELLO AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE. This is the first FOL Board meeting of the New Year 2018, and my first Board meeting as President. I hope you will all bear with me as I navigate through the myriad of rules, paperwork, duties, and obligations I am **still** learning.

I want to thank Adele Druck, Norma Lamken, and Barbara Leff, for guiding this humble novice. Without these three remarkable women, I could not stand here before you with any confidence at all.

Several years ago, I was driving by our Library and saw a large sign in the window “Book Sale” and I thought “yum” and so I came in to see what it was all about. As I was wading through the boxes of books on the floor...and straightening them as I went along...a very pleasant woman came up to me and....evidently seeing my potential...offered to help me with the pile of books I had collected. That was Norma...ever on the lookout for a good straightener-upper.

I asked Norma how much the books were and, when she told me, I was thrilled. I had not seen the signs posted around the room...something we have corrected with larger signs.

I inquired about volunteering.... and I believe Norma actually glowed...she knew an obsessive-compulsive when she saw one. And so, I became “a sorter.” I had the correct qualifications: I knew the alphabet, the difference between a hardback book and a paperback, and I could even distinguish between a paperback book and a trade paperback book. But primarily: I loved to straighten and make things neat. Having a rather irreverent sense of humor didn’t hurt either.

Over the years, my involvement with the FOL has increased. I enjoy being a part of the many diverse aspects and objectives of our organization...the problem solving...the camaraderie...the sense of a job well done. I have learned so much from the wisdom of the women and men who give their time and energy to this FOL. I respect and admire each one of you. As individuals, you are generous, kind, wise, thoughtful, and talented - all of which you share so graciously and supportively. It’s one of the reasons we are so successful.

I hope to always be worthy of that support, and that you will continue to guide me and afford me the benefit of your wisdom and experience. For my part, I promise to grow into the job to the best of my ability and hope that you will forgive my missteps when they occur. I look forward to our continued success as we move into the future together. THANK YOU ALL!!

**LIBRARY REPORT FOR ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH**  
**By LESLIE CHUDNOFF, Senior Librarian and Branch Manager**

Circulation at the Encino-Tarzana Branch continues to rank consistently within the top three branches each month, or top four when including our regional branch. Staff is kept busy at both the Reference and Circulation Desks. Our patrons are active readers; we are also amongst the highest in monthly holds.

We serve an enthusiastic community of good readers at all age levels. Our patrons had a chance to participate in Los Angeles Public Library's (LAPL's) first ever Winter Reading Challenge, *Reading Takes You to the Top*. It began on December 15<sup>th</sup>, when schools let out for their winter recess, through January 15<sup>th</sup>. The program was conducted entirely online and was open to children, teens, and adults. Each branch had a grand prize winner -- selected randomly across all levels.

Demand remains high for Hebrew books and two additional long term loans were requested from the Central Library's International Languages Department. Best-selling fiction titles by Israeli authors, as well as popular romance titles in translation were most often requested. Our own Russian and Persian collections continue to circulate well not only within the community, but also go to fill interlibrary loan requests from communities with branches not in possession of their own collections. Our Russian materials are now going to fill holds from patrons living in the North end of the Valley, as demographics in our region continue to change. Our branch serves as a resource for those patrons as well. We have added two Russian language magazine subscriptions to our permanent collection.

Regular programming at all levels continues to be well attended. We still have our regular Wednesday morning story times with our Children's Librarian and the guest presenters she invites to participate. We have active English Language Conversation Classes three days per week, which is more than any other branch in the Valley's two regions. Our weekly yoga class continues to grow in participants and is extremely popular. Our winter holiday concert, featuring seasonal favorites, Christmas and Hanukkah songs, as well as numbers from opera and musical theater, drew an audience of nearly 50 persons.

Our branch's contract security officer has had his hours increased to three days one week and two days opposite week. His presence has been a strong deterrent to would-be troublemakers, and has greatly reduced the number of our security issues. Patrons have commented on the positive effects of having an officer present, and how much it helps to provide us with a safe and secure environment for staff and public. We are hopeful that future budgeting allows for coverage daily.

Our vacant Young Adult Librarian position was filled in January and we look forward to providing activities, programming, and volunteer opportunities for the teens in our community. We are excited to welcome Young Adult Librarian EMILY APPLETON to our staff and she hopes to have an active Teen Council very soon. **The Encino-Tarzana Branch Library Staff look forward to a springtime filled with many exciting activities and programs for our community.**

## **WELCOME FROM EMILY APPLETON - NEW YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN**

I am thrilled to be joining the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library as the new Young Adult (YA) Librarian. I was born in Tarzana and grew up in the Valley. I am a resident of Tarzana and I care a lot about this wonderful community.

I have a passion for teen services and working with middle and high school students. For two years, I served as the YA Librarian at Moorpark City Library in Moorpark, CA. While there, I grew the collection and increased program attendance of YA programs by over 50 percent.

I look forward to bringing more Teen programs to the Encino-Tarzana Library, especially those that foster creativity and critical thinking. In the coming months, I plan to restart the Teen Council and introduce programs, such as a Teen Book Club, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education in Libraries) Programs, and Art Programs. Please encourage your teens to stop by and say "hello" to me.

Also, I look forward to meeting all the wonderful members of the Friends of the Library and working with you!

## **REPORTS FROM FRIENDS OF ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF JENNY LAPIDUS, FOL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Currently there are 123 memberships that reflect both individuals and couples. There are 23 first time memberships. 22 members have been deleted this year due to a variety of reasons including moved/deceased/or chose not to renew (after 3 attempts including a phone call and/or email when addresses were provided). 39 members have joined at \$5, 20 members at \$10, 11 members at \$15, 32 members at \$25, 13 members at \$50, 7 members at \$100, and 1 member at \$300.

Members are recruited at all functions and at the FOL Bookstore. Upon joining, members receive a welcome letter which invites them to check our website, one coupon to be redeemed at the Bookstore, and a survey/interest form. Individuals/families contributing \$100 or more may have a bookplate, with their name, placed in a library book chosen by the librarian. Businesses or Organizations contributing \$100 or more may have their card with a link to their website on our Community Sponsors webpage. Total dues collected was \$3,006.00.

---Respectfully submitted on December 15, 2017

## FOL BOOK CLUBS REPORT BY CAROL FOX, CHAIR

“Page Turners” is an FOL-sponsored general-interest book club. It has been a successful group for more than a decade. It meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 3 PM in the Library's meeting room. Over the years, the club grew very large and some members spun off into a private group. We are now actively seeking new members for Page Turners. We also welcome a change in meeting time and/or day.

We encourage those who are interested in attending an Book Club meeting to please contact me ASAP. Thank you. [ Note: See our FOL webpage for our readings - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.php> ]

Write: **CAROL FOX**, Book Clubs Coordinator, at [bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org)

## TECH CORNER - A NEW FOL COMMITTEE

Do you ever get a document, picture, video, piece of music, etc. that you cannot read/see/hear because it's the wrong format for the application on your computer/tablet/phone? Perhaps you get something from a Mac user in .pages or .numbers which MSWord Or Excel cannot open. Perhaps music needs to be converted to work on your iPod. Perhaps your grandchildren send a video and you have no player for its format.

One FREE solution is [Zamzar.com](http://www.zamzar.com) - It works for documents, audio, video, images, and ebooks. Example: Start with a single file to convert to a new format...

- Open your Internet browser and enter this: <https://www.zamzar.com/>
  - Start with Zamzar's “Convert Files” folder: Drag and drop the file you want to open onto Step 1 space.
  - Choose your new format in Step 2. Then, complete Steps 3 and 4.
  - Wait a few moments for an email with instructions to download your new format.
- Use the other Zamzar folders for other kinds of files and formats.

Note: There is a 50 MB limit on file upload size, so large videos won't work. (If you have a large video, email me for help.)

Generally, free online services are not recommended for sensitive documents.

-**JUDY RUSSELL**, Chair, Technology Committee [webmanager \[at \]  
etlibraryfriends.org](mailto:webmanager[at]etlibraryfriends.org)

## WANTED: HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST / OR SOMEONE WITH THIS INTEREST

The Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library are looking for someone who is interested in helping us preserve our history. We have several boxes of archival documents that need reviewing, sorting, and culling so that they may be digitized and, in some cases, preserved in their original for their historical value. If this seems like an interesting project, please contact the President at [presidentetfol@gmail.com](mailto:presidentetfol@gmail.com)

## **OF INTEREST: FILM REPORT – by CAROL FOX**

The Supreme Court reminded America that our founding fathers were wise enough to warn our young country that a free press is necessary to protect the governed, NOT governors.

The film "The Post" emphasizes the importance of that ideal to protect our citizens from those in power who choose to keep the truth from the public.

The outstanding cast, headed by Oscar winners Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks, is directed by Steven Spielberg. This timely story explains how Katharine Graham, the first female publisher of a major U.S. newspaper, and Ben Bradlee her editor of the *Washington Post*, had the courage to print the *Pentagon Papers* after the *NY Times* backed down due to pressure from the Nixon administration.

This is an exciting, important film that should be high on everyone's list.

## **HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS**

HOTP are located on the "NEW BOOKS" shelves, next to the Information Desk, in our Library. HOTP may be borrowed for seven days and must be returned to our Library. HOTP cannot be reserved or renewed. (However, you may reserve titles through the Library's larger collection and "Hold" system.)

Half the subscription to HOTP Books is an FOL gift; the other half is from the Central Library's funds. Information about selection and acquisition of books is at the bottom of our webpage. Our Librarians notify the Friends when HOTP Books are received and placed on shelves (see sample list with dates below); we date/list them quickly on our website - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2hotoffthepress.php>

Here are some of the HOTP books received and listed in **January 2018:**

**1/31** - Hurwitz, Gregg - *Hellbent* (Orphan X series)

Moyes, JoJo - *Still Me*

Robb, J. D. - *Dark in Death* (Eve Dallas Series)

Ross, Steven J. - *Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America*

**1/19** - Cornwell, Bernard - *Fools and Mortals*

French, Nicci - *Sunday Silence*

Henricks, Greer & Sarah Pekkanen - *The Wife Between Us: The First Four Chapters*

Taylor, Brad - *Operator Down* (Pike Logan series)

**1/18** - Johnson, Denis - *The Largesse of the Sea Maiden: Stories*

Preston, Douglas J. & Lincoln Child - *City of Endless Night* (Special Agent Pendergast series)

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NEW! FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE: VISUAL CULTURE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. Exhibit: February 1 – May 25, 2018. LAPL, Central Library, Getty Gallery, 2nd Floor, 630 W. 5th St, LA 90071.

CALENDAR AT THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY

[Sponsored or co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library (FOL)]**

| WEEKLY ACTIVITIES | | | |
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| Story Telling And Reading ♦ STAR ♦ - Volunteers read to children - poster Monday - Friday, 3:00 - 5:00 | | | |
| Computer Comfort Class - Learn how to get online, use Google & MS Word, save & attach files, and more. Most Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 | | | |
| Story time - Children and families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity. Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 | | | |
| **Yoga for Well Being - Relax. Stretch. Breathe. Bring a yoga mat. Wednesdays, 11:30 - 12:30 | | | |
| English Conversation Classes with Kolkers or Melissa - Practice speaking English in a small group. Learn vocabulary & improve your pronunciation. No registration required. Just stop by! FREE! Call to check time/date: (818) 343-1983 Most Mondays 10:00-12:00; Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30; and Fridays 1:30 - 3:30 | | | |
| February, 2018 Library is closed on Sundays and Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day | | | |
| Event | Day | Date | Time |
| **Coloring for Adults - Unwind, de-stress and have fun at our coloring for adults class. Coloring supplies are provided - Class activities | Monday | 5 | 6:00 |
| **Friends of the Library Page Turners' Book Club Club Details | Monday | 12 | 3:00 |
| Persian movie | Wednesday | 14 | 3:00 |
| In Motion! Yiddish Theater and Dance - LA Made -- Karen Goodman presents a multi-media exploration of Yiddish theater | Saturday | 17 | 2:00 - 3:00 |
| Last Saturday of the Month Poetry - Open mic poetry. All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own composition. Each reader will have six minutes. Begin signing up at 1:30pm. | Saturday | 24 | 2:00 |
| **Stories - African-American Stories for children by McCarty. | Tuesday | 27 | 4:00 |
| **Friends of Library Open Board Meeting - let your voice be heard! Call 818.343.1983 to confirm meeting. Details | Wednesday | 28 | 1:00 - 2:30 |

See website Events for more dates – see <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/4events.php>

FRIENDS RECOMMEND

At the end of each Friends Board and Annual Meetings, we share information on some of our readings and viewings. Here are some of our recommendations:

2018

Film: *The Post* (see Film Report – page 6)

Jennifer Egan - *Manhattan Beach*

2017

Alan Bennet - *Uncommon Reader*

Sarah Perry - *Essex Serpent*

R. J. Palacio - *Wonder*

Ron Chernow - *Hamilton*

Selene Yeager - *The Doctors Book of Food Remedies: The Newest Discoveries in the Power of Food to Treat and Prevent Health Problems - From Aging and Diabetes to Ulcers*

Films: *Victoria and Abdul* and *Stronger*

Janice Y. K Lee - *Expatriots*

Amor Towles - *A Gentleman in Moscow*

Lisa See - *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*

For a complete list of Friends Recommend and LAPL READS (i.e., librarian recommendations, hot titles, book lists, etc.), see:

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.php>



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