

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

-- TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS --

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017, at 1:00 pm

AGENDA includes:

Board Election (see Nominees, page 2)

Friend of the Year Award for 2017

Report by our Branch Manager LESLIE J. CHUDNOFF

REFRESHMENTS

YEAR'S END → OUR B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday – December 8 and 9 – 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 cannot come to our Sale, stop by the Library and shop in our
BOOKSTORE (open daily) – same prices as our Book Sale but varying inventory.**

**THANK YOU to our Book Sale Managers: Norma Lamken & Ilene Braverman;
And to ALL of our dedicated and wonderful volunteers -- adults and teens.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
by Adele Druck

Book Sales represent a major focus of volunteer activity by the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library. Both our quarterly Big Book Sales and our daily sales at our Bookstore represent hours of work by a dedicated corps of volunteers. In September this year, 42 volunteers logged approximately 620 hours staffing and restocking the Bookstore, sorting and stockpiling donations, and planning details of sale and store activity.

Because of the large amount of traffic at our quarterly sales, at times, things have been chaotic and it was felt that some greater order needed to be imposed during the very busy first hours of the sale. As a result, we reconfigured the arrangement of the sales floor, purchased tables to replace the chairs previously used to display books for sale, and established guidelines for customers.

Another innovation has been the acceptance of credit cards for purchases of \$10 or more at the Big Book Sales. Using the Square to process these payments is a simple procedure that works well and promotes greater sales while adding convenience for purchasers.

Our most recent sale resulted in near record sales with a calmer, but still exciting atmosphere, and a sense of a job well done!

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following Nominees to serve a two-year term (2018 through 2019) as the Executive Board of the Friends of Encino-Tarzana Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library (FOL).

President - Maggi Stern
1st Vice President - Ilene Braverman
2nd Vice President - Norma Lamken
Recording Secretary - Bunny Levine
Corresponding Secretary - Esther R. Rose
Treasurer - Mark Lamken
Member-At-Large - Nonie Lann

The election will take place at our FOL Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Also, additional nominations will be accepted from the Floor. All are invited to attend - and all members will participate in the election.

The new Executive Board will select the Committees and Chairpeople thereafter.

In accordance with the FOL By-Laws, the following served on the FOL Nominating Committee: Three Representatives of the current FOL Board: Barbara Y. Leff, Chair; Bunny Levine, Jan Monson; and two Representatives from the general FOL membership: Robert Hyam and Helene Terris.

Be sure to attend and vote.

LIBRARY REPORT FOR ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH

LESLIE J. CHUDNOFF, Senior Librarian / Branch Manager, Encino-Tarzana Branch Library, reports:

The library has seen a great deal of sprucing up over the past few months, and many building repairs. Burned out lights and ballasts were replaced inside and out. Several spots in the parking lot were dark and created a safety concern. Everything is now light and bright. An abandoned homeless encampment was removed from the northeastern edge of the parking lot. Overgrown foliage was removed from the compressor to the air-conditioning unit. It has been causing it to malfunction by forming large blocks of ice around the pipes. That ice turned to condensation that rained repeatedly through the ceiling and light fixture in the staff workroom. The building had a number of plumbing issues that were repaired. The broken and peeling fence at the end of the parking lot adjacent to the wash was repaired and painted. It had been an eyesore for a number of years. The fence was painted with reflective paint that should be good for many years. The library now has 4 new Electric Vehicle charging stations. The old non-operational station at the front of the building has been removed.

A contracted security officer has been assigned to the branch 2 days per week. This should cut down on some concerns felt in having to deal with a number of security issues caused by the increase in the homeless population throughout the West San Fernando Valley. It is hoped that the presence of an officer will be a preventative measure, as well, and take the burden off the library staff, thereby allowing them to focus their attention on assisting the public.

In addition to the branches own permanent Russian and Persian collections, a long term loan of books in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Armenian were ordered from the International Languages Department at Central Library. Many patrons had asked for the additional materials, with current fiction and romance titles being especially requested. The use of e-books and other electronic materials by our patrons continues to grow.

Regular programming at the branch at all levels has been going strong this quarter. Our Wednesday morning storytimes with our Children's Librarian continue to be very well attended. She had many special guest performers and the branch has also benefited from the time given by our STAR volunteer readers. In addition, we had a number of outstanding programs over the summer in support of this year's summer reading program theme, *Reading By Design*. The Encino-Tarzana Branch continues to lead the system in ESL outreach. We have English Language Conversation classes 3 days per week now and all are well attended. In addition to all of this, we offer weekly adult coloring classes, a monthly poetry salon, adult computer classes, a Friends'-led book club, and yoga classes. The generous support of our Friends group in making it possible for us to offer these wonderful programs is much appreciated.

The Encino-Tarzana Branch Library continues to be a thriving and vital hub in our community.

HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS

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

Half the subscription to HOTP Books is a gift from Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. 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 list and dates below), and we immediately date and list them on our website.

As examples: Here are the HOTP books received and listed since August:

October 2017

10/16 - Hoffman, Alice - *The Rules of Magic*

10/10 - Beaton, M.C - *The Witches' Tree* (Agatha Raisin series)

Boyle, T.C. - *The Relive Box and Other Stories*

Brown, Dan - *Origin*

Brown, Janelle - *Watch Me Disappear*

Coates, Ta-Nehisi - *We Were Eight Years in Power - an American Tragedy*

DeMille, Nelson - *The Cuban Affair*

Messud, Claire - *The Burning Girl*

Ng, Celeste - *Little Fires Everywhere*

Shamsie, Kamila - *Home Fire*

10/6 - Coben, Harlan - *Don't Let Go*

September 2017

9/28 - Patterson, James & Born, James O. - *Haunted* (Michael Bennett series)

9/25 - Clinton, Hillary - *What Happened*

Flynn, Vince - *Enemy of the State*

9/8 - Feehan, Christine - *Dark Legacy* (Dark series)

Le Carre, John - *A Legacy of Spies*

9/5 - Robb, J. D. - *Secrets in Death* (In Death series)

9/1 - Cook, Robin - *Charlatans*

Grafton, Sue - *Y is for Yesterday* (Kinsey Milhone series)

Penny, Louise - *Glass Houses* (Chief Inspector Gamache series)

August 2017

8/15 - Brown, Sandra - *Seeing Red*

Gerritsen, Tess - *I Know A Secret* (Rizzoli and Isles series)

Patterson, James & DiLallo, Richard - *The Store*

Scottoline, Lisa - *Exposed* (Rosato & DiNunzio series)

8/12 - Woods, Stuart & Hall, Parnell - *Barely Legal* (Herbie Fisher series)

8/8- Slaughter, Karin - *The Good Daughter*

8/2 - Kellerman, Jonathan & Kellerman, Jesse - *Crime Scene*

Perrotta, Tom - *Mrs. Fletcher*

[For more HOTP, see our website: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2hotoffthepress.php>]

FRIENDS RECOMMEND

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

2017

Janice Y. K Lee - *Expatriots*

Amor Towles - *A Gentleman in Moscow*

Lisa See - *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*

Paulette Jiles - *News of the World*

Julie Orringer - *Invisible Bridge*

Films: *Zookeeper's Wife; Gifted; The Finest; Hidden Figures; Salesman; The Founder; 20th Century Women; La La Land; and Lion.*

For a complete list of Friends Recommend and LAPL READS (librarian recommendations, hot titles, book lists, etc.), see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.php>

ON OUR WEBSITE - WHAT DO YOU WANT, RIGHT NOW?

By Judy Russell, FOL Website Manager

The Friends website **Resources** section has much of what you want, organized for easy access:

Resources for All - Community services, city and county offices, elected officials, local newspapers, and a section that will help cope with the recent data theft from Equifax: "Credit, Identity Theft, and Opt-Outs." Also some Editor's Choice general interest sites such as SpotTheStation.NASA.gov to get email notices of when and where to look up and watch the Space Station fly overhead. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5all.php>

Resources for Kids - What's good to read, homework help, safe places for kids to surf the web and book suggestions when you need a special gift.
<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5kids.php>

Resources for Teens - Teens need homework and research help, college planning, good books to read. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5teens.php>

Resources for Parents - For Parents, teachers, and librarians: Sites with suggestions to help parents help their children. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5parents.php>

Resources for Seniors - Activities, health, enrichment.
<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5seniors.php>

Local Public Recreation - Local parks, hiking trails in the Encino – Tarzana area. Take the kids, take a bicycle, go for a walk. There is always a good place to be in the area, usually free, sometimes low cost. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/Recreation/index.html>

[(Editor's error of omission) Thank you to Judy Russell, FOL Website Manager, for last Newsletter's article "The Magic Number - Los Angeles Public Library - exploring their website and beyond...."]

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY - Via Central Library

630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071 --- (213) 228-7000 - (10/9/2017)

E-X-P-L-O-R-E

Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) -- Website Home Page -- <http://www.lapl.org/>

--**Search field:** Encourages you to search the LAPL catalog (over 6,000,000 resources)

--**Left column:** Topics and SPECIAL Services (e.g. Citizenship, Health, People with Disabilities, Job Seekers), AND: "My Library Account" - "Find a Library" - and "How Do I?" AND "**ASK A LIBRARIAN**" <http://www.lapl.org/ask-a-librarian>

OR "INFONOW" <http://www.lapl.org/branches/central-library/departments/infonow>

--**And What's New at LAPL - including Reading Lists**, popular books, and current news and blogs from the various LAPL Departments--

--**At bottom of all pages:** "Contact Us," "Site Map" (list of all the web pages), & "City of L.A."

--**Also, Click on top menus:**

"Collections and Resources" - view "Overview", then click on:

--"DATA LA"- **New City Resource** - Data for news, research, web, online, mobile.

--E-Media provides access to FREE digital books, media providers, "apps" for your computer that will allow you to view/hear:

- Movies, TV & videos, music and podcasts; newspapers & magazines
- EBooks, audiobooks, comics (books to read and/or hear on computer)
- Online learning courses, e.g., e-courses, Continuing Ed courses...
- Digital Content Collections
- Learning languages. e.g. Mango, Powerspeak, Cell-Ed.
- Research Databases & Images; and Device Support

-- LAPL Writes - resources for authors - how to write & publish.

-- LAPL Reads - book reviews, book lists, new and popular titles.

-- Guide to Word Processing -- how-to, help, etc. for Microsoft Word.

-- Resources for research, guides, indexes, Govt. documents, homework.

-- Photo and Visual Collections available to borrow

-- Job & Money Guides

"Locations & Hours" - view especially

--Central Library - "**Low-Vision Service Centers**" - "**Art & Architecture**" -

"**Tours**" including FREE Docent Tours (Central), "Walk-In," and "Self-Guided"

"What's On" - Calendar of Events; Lecture Series; Exhibits; ALOUD Lecture Series

(October-January); "LA Made" cultural series thru Nov.; programs for Pre-School;

and also for Kids and Teens. e.g. STEAM = Science! Technology! Engineering! Art! Math! - programs, workshops, links, books.

"Get Involved" - Special Friends groups; Library Foundation; Volunteer activities.

"About LAPL" - see: Press Room: **Earthquake Safety** - DACA Renewal Workshop; Press releases.

"Library Store" - curated collection of fun and eclectic gifts and goods.

AND MANY, MANY MORE... -- explore LAPL website and ASK A LIBRARIAN (213) 228-7272.

*[By Barbara Y. Leff, M.S.L.S., FOL Website Chair,
originally prepared for Brandeis National Committee, Gadabouts On-The-Town group]*

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See YELP for LAPL reviews

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/los-angeles-public-library-los-angeles-3>

CALENDAR AT THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY
[Sponsored or co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library (FOL)]**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Story Telling And Reading** ◇ STAR ◇ - Volunteers read to children -
Mondays, 3:00 - 5:00; Tuesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm; Thursdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
- Computer Comfort Class** - Learn how to get online, use Google & MS Word,
 save & attach files, etc. *Most Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm*
- Story Time** - Children and families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
- ****Yoga for Well Being** - Relax. Stretch. Breathe. Bring yoga mat. *Wednesdays, 11:30 - 12:30*
- English Conversation Classes** - Practice speaking English in a small group. Learn vocabulary &
 improve your pronunciation. No registration required. Just stop by! **FREE!**
Most Mondays 10:00-12:00; Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30; and Fridays 1:30 - 3:30

OCTOBER, 2017

[Library is closed on Sundays and Monday, October 9 - Indigenous Peoples Day]

Persian Movie	Wed.	11th	3:00pm
Teen Council	Thurs.	12th	4:00pm
*Aztec Stories (YA) - with Michael Heralda	Sat.	14th	2:00pm
Author Talk (K-t) - Rachel Bernstein	Tues.	17th	4:00pm
**Friends of Library Open Board Meeting	Wed.	18th	1:00pm
Cartoons with Shokoufeh - Alphabet Cartoons	Tues.	24th	4:00pm
Last Saturday of the Month Poetry - Open mic poetry.	Sat.	28th	2:00pm

All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own composition. 6 minutes per reader. Sign up begins at 1:30 pm.

NOVEMBER, 2017

*[Library is closed on Sundays and Veterans Day - Friday, November 10; and
 Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 23 – Friday, November 24]*

**Coloring for Adults - Unwind, de-stress and have fun. Coloring supplies are provided	Mon.	6th	6:00pm
Persian Movie	Wed.	8th	3:00pm
**Friends of Library ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Thurs.	9th	1:00-2:30pm
Last Saturday of the Month Poetry - Open mic poetry.	Sat.	25th	2:00pm

All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own composition. Each reader will have 6 minutes. Sign up begins 1:30 pm.

DECEMBER, 2017

[Library is closed on Sundays and Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day]

**Coloring for Adults - Unwind, de-stress and have fun. Coloring supplies are provided	Mon.	6th	6:00pm
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****Friends of Library B - I - G USED BOOK SALE**
Friday & Saturday December 8 - 9 9:30 - 5:00

Thousands of books Most are 50¢ to \$1 CDs, DVDs, and AudioBooks

Sorted by category for easy shopping.

Hard Cover, Paperback, Special Editions, Fiction, Nonfiction, Adult, Children, Various Languages

[See our website for more Events in December 2017 and January 2018

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/4events.php>

"PAGE TURNERS' BOOK CLUB"

is sponsored by our Friends of the Library.

JOIN US!

General Interest reading, fiction and nonfiction, selected by members.

Meets second Monday of month at 3:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room.

INTERESTED? Contact Carol Fox at bookclubs@etlibraryfriends.org

For list of past readings, see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.php>

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