

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

Dear non-computer members: 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

Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 1:00 pm

AGENDA includes:

**Brief Business Meeting including Elections
2013 Friend of the Year Award to MARK LAMKEN
Annual Report by our Branch Manager DAVID HAGOPIAN**

**Guest Speaker: JOY PICUS
Former City Councilwoman speaking about the Council
and the inside of local politics.**

WOW! ANOTHER VERY B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday – November 22 & 23 – 10:00 – 5:00

**Thousands of items – most for 50¢ to \$1.00 – many “like new”
COOKBOOK EXTRAVAGANZA – famous chefs, baking, meats, foreign recipes....**

*Info and to volunteer: Contact Margaret Talvin
mtalvin@mac.com OR 818.343.7105*

**If you can't come to our Book 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, Margaret Talvin;
To our Board Liaison: Mark Lamken, 2nd Vice President;
And to ALL of our dedicated and wonderful volunteers -- adults and teens.**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN — by Adele Druck
CITYWIDE FRIENDS BREAKFAST AND MEETING

On Saturday, November 2, 2013, Mark Lamken (2nd Vice President and Treasurer) and I participated in this annual event hosted by the Los Angeles Public Library. Representatives of 68 Friends groups as well as Senior Librarians from all corners of the city were in attendance.

After a lovely breakfast, we convened in the Mark Taper Auditorium where we were welcomed by City Librarian, John F. Szabo, who spoke of the impact that the Friends are having as ambassadors for the Library. He also expressed his appreciation and understanding of the many, many boxes of books carried by Friends in their fundraising book sales.

Mr. Szabo told us the Library is thriving and growing and has taken advantage of the opportunity to partner with other groups to have an impact in the community. The library has partnered with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service in a program to provide information and assistance to those wanting to become U.S. citizens. The program is being replicated in other parts of the country and is in the process of being implemented in Chicago. He also talked about the establishment of a satellite library in the Estrada Courts housing project where gang activity makes it difficult for residents to travel to their branch library.

Mr. Szabo reported that the library has met every promise made under Measure L ahead of schedule. Sunday hours will be restored to the Main Library and Regional Libraries in January 2014 and vacancies are being filled. He expressed appreciation of support from the Mayor and City Council.

We then heard from Keynote Speaker Susan Orlean, Staff writer for the New Yorker magazine and author of a number of books including *Rin Tin Tin* and *The Orchid Thief*. Ms. Orlean is spending a lot of time in the downtown library while in the process of writing a book about the history of the Library and in particular about the events surrounding the fire in the Main Library in 1986 and its subsequent recovery. She characterized it as arising from a near death experience. The Book will be titled *The Library Book*. She hopes the book will kick off conversations about libraries. She feels that libraries are one of the few places where democracy is fully realized as people from all walks of life come together. She also talked about the impact of the library in the revitalization of downtown Los Angeles.

Participants in the meeting then chose to attend one of four sessions exploring the following topics:

- Establishing and Maintaining Non-Profit Status
- Understanding Fiscal Sponsorship
- Fundraising beyond Book Sales
- Recruiting and Retaining Members.

Mark attended the Non-Profit session and I attended the Recruiting and Retaining Members. We both came away with ideas and information from these sessions.

The meeting ended with a general networking and sharing time before we left.

GUEST SPEAKER – JOY PICUS – AT OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We were delighted when David Hagopian, Branch Manager, suggested we invite Joy Picus to speak at our Annual Meeting on November 20. Besides being an interesting speaker, Ms. Picus was a very active member of the L. A. City Council (1977-1993), representing the Tarzana community, et al. She was *Ms. Magazine* "Woman of the Year" in 1985. In 1996, the "Joy Picus Child Development Center" was dedicated for her tireless work on behalf of Los Angeles children. Ms. Picus continues to be actively involved in community work on the high levels of CSUN, Griffith Observatory, Children's Planning Council, Jewish Federation Council, and at the University of Wisconsin.

(Read more at: (<http://www.csun.edu/csbs/resources/ambassadors/profiles/picus.html>)

NOVEMBER BOOK SALE, by Norma Lamken, Co-Chair

Our November book sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 22nd and 23rd. This fall is a good time to clean out your bookshelves and talk to your friends about donating books to the library, because we're putting out a call for lots more book donations!

Our last sale was a great success, and we are looking forward to doing as well this November. We will have our usual wonderful selection of fiction and non-fiction, all sorted into easy to find categories. And, just in time for the holidays, we will also have a **special cookbook extravaganza!** A personal collection of hundreds of cookbooks was donated last month. They have been sorted into categories, including famous chefs, baking, meats, foreign recipes, etc., so that all recipe seekers can find exactly what they are looking for.

Our dedicated and knowledgeable sorters help to make our book sales the best in the Valley. Seven to eight sorters, including Bob Hyam, Darlene Bodack, Diane Hunt-Glassman, and Steve Bartlett, come in every Tuesday and Friday morning to get the books ready for the sales, sort the books into categories according to genre, and pack them neatly into boxes so they are ready to set up on the chairs or tables. When you visit the Bookstore and wonder why the shelves are usually full or why there is suddenly a totally new selection of history books or classics available, it's not magic! It's the wonderful sorters who not only sort books into categories for the book sales but also make sure the Bookstore shelves are full. And to make sure there's always a fresh assortment of books for the frequent visitor, they also regularly switch out, or change, all Bookstore shelves.

If you have a yen for a great book sale this November, ours is the best! And if you want to help it happen, please donate your gently used books to the Library between now and November 20th.

Besides donations, we always need volunteers to help in the Bookstore and/or set up or work at the book sale. If you are interested in setting up on November 21st or helping at the sale on November 22nd and 23rd, call Margaret Talvin: (818) 343-7105, or email her at mtalvin@mac.com. **Thanks -- we look forward to greeting you in our Bookstore and at our next book sale.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On November 20, at our Annual Meeting, we will vote for our officers for 2014 & 2015. Chair Mark Lamken announced the following nominees, recommended by The Nominating Committee:

President – Adele Druck	Corresponding Secretary – Esther R. Rose
1 st Vice President – Carol Fox	Treasurer – Mark Lamken
2 nd Vice President – Norma Lamken	Members-at-Large - Jane Gebers, Nonie Lann, Maggie Stern.
Recording Secretary – Marina McLeod	

In accordance with our Bylaws, additional nominations may be made at our Annual Meeting.

THANK YOU TO OUR EXCELLENT OUTGOING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President -- Adele Druck	Lann, Bonnie Siegel
1 st Vice President -- Jane Gebers	Book Club Chair -- Carole Fox
2 nd Vice President & Treasurer - Mark Lamken	Hospitality Chair -- Ilene Braverman
Recording Secretary -- Marina McLeod	Membership Chair -- Jenny Lapidus
Corresponding Secretary-- Esther R. Rose	Publications Chair -- Barbara Y. Leff
Members-at-Large -- Ilene Braverman, Nonie	Publicity/Outreach Co-Chair -- Gisela Sehnert

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Page Turners' Book Club members are currently reading:

Mon., Nov. 4 - *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

Mon., Dec. 9 - *The Hare With Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund de Waal

Page Turners has reached its desired number of participants. However, we welcome new members; please place your name on a waitlist. When there are at least five waiting, we welcome the formation of a second book club. Members may choose to be another general interest group or focus on a particular genre, i.e., mystery, non-fiction... (Note: Our History/Politics Book Club has retired.)

Contact Carol Fox, Book Club Chair, at bookclubs@etlibraryfriends.org .

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

We have new features on our website (<http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>) .

--- First, on our homepage, is a moving CAROUSEL showing posters/events and photos of our Library, including our new black lounge chairs (gift of the Friends).

--- Next, we've updated our WHAT'S NEW webpage – gifts and news for 2013!

--- Then, on our Library Information webpage is an INTERACTIVE Floor Plan (see drawing below).

Did you know that our Branch Library has many special sections and features?? Areas and Collections are located, described, and pictured on our website (including the ability to enlarge photos). The picture below is copied from our website (note-- clicking will not make this active – you must go to our website.) But, you can carry this picture with you and stroll around the Library!

Library Floor Plan

Choose an area
Instructions: Click on a red dot to see the description and a picture. The dot will turn green to mark the location. Mouse-over the picture to enlarge it.

1 Circulation Desk	10 Information / Reference Desk	17 Sci-Fi, Westerns, Short Stories
2 Teen Area	11 Classics	18 Exam Prep
3 DVDs, Music CDs	12 L.A., Calif. History	19 Spanish language
4 Bookstore (Friends)	13 Citizenship	20 Meeting Room
5 Burroughs collection	14 Travel Guides	21 Printer, 15-minute computers, Copier
6 Magazines	15 New & Hot-Off-The-Press Books	22 Large Type Books
7 Mysteries	16 Russian language	23 Children's Area
8 Persian language		
9 Audiobooks		

For an interactive experience and a description of each area, use the blue link below to go to our website, and then click on the red dots and view the photos and descriptions. Special thanks to David Hagopian, our Branch Manager, and to Judy Russell, our volunteer Webmaster, for designing this Floor Plan, taking photos, and making it useful and fun to explore. The Interactive Floor Plan is here - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2libraryinfo.php> . If no home computer, use the Library computers.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (LAPL)

Central Library, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles 90071 – 213.228.7000

EXHIBITS AT THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY:

May 29, 2013 to November 30, 2013 --- *King, The Kennedys, & Los Angeles*

Ongoing – *Treasures of Los Angeles*. Also – *Songs in the Key of L.A. (historical sheet music)*

SPECIAL RESOURCES ON THE LAPL WEBSITE – <http://www.lapl.org>

--- *Job Hunting and Money Guides*

--- *Citizenship Information and Resources*

--- *Online Learning* (classes, languages, practice tests to use on your home or library computer)

--- *Visual Collections* (local history, maps, menus, fashion, bookplates, travel, movies, photos, etc.)

--- *Web Resources to many subjects* (e.g. literature, biography, patents, social services, sports)

--- *e-Media* - (access to free downloadable items, e.g. e-Books, e-Audiobooks, e-Magazines, e-Music)

LAPL ADULT LITERACY, by Gisela Sehnert

The Adult Literacy Program is a free program offered by the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL). The Students are English-speaking adults over the age of 18 whose reading skills are below average. Applicants must have taken ESL (English as a Second Language) classes or speak enough English to be able to converse with their Tutors. Students still have problems reading and speaking English. The Literacy Program does not teach ESL, but there is some literature available that students may check out and study at home.

This Program is administered by 21 Coordinators who are assigned to any of 21 Library Branches in Los Angeles City. Each Coordinator has a geographical territory. Each Coordinator supervises quite a few 'Tutors,' who come from various walks of life. The Tutors are volunteers, not professionals, who enjoy helping others. The Students also come from various educational, cultural, and national backgrounds. The Students seek help to improve their reading skills in order to take the *GED test, to learn how to fill out forms, to learn to read work manuals and newspapers, or just so they can read well to their children.

To become a Tutor, one has to call for an interview. When accepted after the interview, the Tutor has one day of training at the Central Library downtown and is then given a Tutor Guiding Manual. The Coordinator then waits to match a student applicant with one of the Coordinators' Tutors. The Tutors and Students use comprehensive, in-depth, free manuals. The meetings must take place in a public venue such as a Library close to the Student's home. Usually lesson meetings take place twice a week, for 1 to 1-1/2 hours each, at a convenient time, for a minimum of 6 months. For more information, go to this LAPL Adult Literacy webpage: <http://www.lapl.org/adult-literacy>

As an example: My coordinator is based at the Mid-Valley Branch Library and her area includes Encino-Tarzana, West Valley Regional, Porter Ranch, Northridge, and Granada Hills Branch Libraries. My Coordinator is Mary Ann Arensdorf, located at the Mid-Valley Branch Library, 16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343 - 818-895-3650. In her area, she currently has 59 Tutors matched with 63 Students. The statistics change but currently there are about 30 Students on her waiting list. On the average, in the entire city, there are 1,000 Tutors for 1,000 Students; and 500 Students on a waiting list. Therefore, more volunteer Tutors are welcome.

The Caroline Singleton Adult Literacy Endowment through the Library Foundation of Los Angeles generously supports the LAPL Adult Literacy Program.

*GED test = General Educational Development Test for adults who do not have a high school diploma. Those who pass the test receive a California High School Equivalency Certificate. (For more info: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/>)

FRIENDS RECOMMEND

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

Kim Fay - *The Map of Lost Memories*
Marie Arana - *Bolívar: American Liberator*
Christina Baker Kline - *Orphan Train, a Novel*
Helene Wecker - *The Golem and the Jinni*
Isabelle Allende - *Daughter of Fortune*

Barbara Kingsolver - *Flight Behavior*
Tom Clancy - *Threat Vector* (Jack Ryan Novels)

For complete list of Friends Recommend, including JIM'S LISTS (award-winning books), and LAPL READS (recommendations by librarians), see <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recomm.html>

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 from the Library's larger collection and "Hold" system.)

The \$6000.00 subscription to HOTP Books is a gift from Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. Selection and acquisition of books is explained on our webpage. Our Librarians notify the Friends when HOTP Books are received and placed on shelves.

Here are the HOTP books received during the month of October and early November 2013:

November, 2013

11/5 - Alexander McCall Smith - *The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon* (No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series). Ruth Rendell - *No Man's Nightingale* (Inspector Wexford series). Julia Spencer-Fleming - *Through the Evil Days* (Clare Fergusson/Russ Van Alstyne series). Amy Tan - *The Valley of Amazement*.
11/1 - Naoki Higashida, Ka Yoshida and David Mitchell - *The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism*. Jesmyn Ward - *Men We Reaped: A Memoir*.

October, 2013

10/29 - Patricia Engel - *It's Not Love, It's Just Paris*. Anne Lamott - *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair*. Amanda Lindhout - *A House in the Sky: A Memoir*. Javier Marias, Margaret Jull Cost (translator) *The Infatuations*. James McBride - *The Good Lord Bird*. Philipp Meyer - *The Son*. Lisa Scottoline – *Accused* (Rosato & Associates series). Danielle Steel – *Winners*. Donna Tartt - *The Goldfinch*. Juan Gabriel Vásquez, Anne McLean (Translator) - *The Sound of Things Falling*.

10/25 - John Grisham - *Sycamore Row*. Tori Spelling - *Spelling It Like It Is*.

10/22 - Wally Lamb - *We Are Water*. Rita Mae Brown - *The Litter of the Law* (Mrs. Murphy mystery series). John Connolly - *The Creeps: A Samuel Johnson Tale*. Sara Paretsky - *Critical Mass* (V.I. Warshawski series). Robert B. Parker & Helen Brann - *Silent Night* (Spenser Holiday series). Naomi Ragen - *Sisters Weiss*. Simon Winchester - *The Men Who United the States: America's Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible*.

10/17 - Dave Eggers - *The Circle*. Elizabeth George - *Just One Evil Act* (Inspector Lynley series). Jo Nesbo - *Police* (Harry Hole series). George Pelecanos - *The Double*. Malala Yousafzai - *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*.

10/16 - Mary Kay Andrews - *Christmas Bliss*. Reggie Jackson with Kevin Baker - *Becoming Mr. October*. Debbie Macomber - *Starry Night: a Christmas Novel*. Ann Rule - *Practice to Deceive*.

10/9 - Elizabeth Smart, with Chris Stewart - *My Story*. John Sandford - *Storm Front* (Virgil Flowers series). Stuart Woods - *Doing Hard Time* (Stone Barrington series).

10/7 - Jeffrey Deaver - *The October List*. Elizabeth Gilbert - *The Signature of All Things*. Malcolm Gladwell - *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants*. Iris Johansen - *Silencing Eve* (Eve Duncan series). James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge - *Gone* (Michael Bennett series). Richard North Patterson - *Loss of Innocence*.

10/3 - Bill Bryson - *One Summer: America, 1927*.

[For more, see our website: <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org/2hotoffthepress.html>]

ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY EVENTS --- NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2013

Reported by Librarians to Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. UPDATED: (www.ETLibraryFriends.org)

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon & Wed 10:00-8:00; Tues & Thurs 12:30-8:00; Fri & Sat 10:00-5:30; Sun. closed

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY - USED BOOK STORE - IS OPEN DURING LIBRARY HOURS

☆STAR☆ Story Telling & Reading - Volunteers read to children –

Mon. 10:20-12:30, Mon. & Tues. 3-5, Thurs. 5-7, Sat. 10:30-12:30

NOVEMBER 2013 =====

Sat. 11/2/13 10:00-11:00 am- (TEENS) - Student Smart – SAT Math follow-up session.

Mon. 11/4/13 3:00 pm - Friends of the Library Page Turners' Book Club –offsite - Discussing *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. Club is at capacity. Sign up on waiting list..

Thurs. 11/7/13 4:00-5:00 pm - (TEENS) - Teen Council - Help plan your Library Branch Events .
Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Sat. 11/9/13 10:00-11:00 am- (TEENS) Student Smart – SAT Writing follow-up session.

Mon. 11/11/13 LIBRARY CLOSED (Veterans Day)

Tues. 11/12/13 4:00-5:00 pm – (KIDS) - Arts & Crafts with Shokoufeh.

Wed. 11/13/13 5:00-7:00 pm - Persian Movie Night - Co-Sponsored by Friends.

Thurs. 11/14/13 4:00-5:00 pm – (TEENS) – Write Stuff - Writing 101.

Sat. 11/16/13 10:00-11:00 am- (TEENS) - Student Smart – SAT Retake.

Tues. 11/19/13 12:30 pm - Medicare 2014 with Karen Rose.

Tues. 11/19/13 4:00-5:00 pm – Storytime for Children and Families – Children and Families are invited to an hour of stories and fun with the Children's Librarian.

Wed. 11/20/13 1:00-2:30 pm - Friends of the Library Annual Membership meeting. Everyone is welcome.
Special Guest Speaker – Former Los Angeles City Councilwoman Joy Picus.

Fri. 11/22/13 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Sat. 11/23/13 10:00 am-5:00 pm

THOUSANDS OF BOOKS MOST 50¢ to \$1.00

Hard Cover, Paperbacks, Special Editions, Fiction, Nonfiction, Adults, Teens, Children,
Various Languages. Large selection of Cookbooks. Also CDs, DVDs and VHS.

Tues. 11/26/13 4:00-5:00 pm – Storytime for Children and Families – Children and Families are invited to an hour of stories and fun with the Children's Librarian

THURS & FRI. 11/28/13 & 11/29/13 LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving)

Sat. 11/30/13 2:00-4:00 pm - Last Saturday of the Month Poetry - Come listen to an eclectic group of poets.
All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own poetry. Each reader will have 6 minutes.

DECEMBER 2013=====

Mon.12/2/13 11:00 am - Medicare 2014 with Karen Rose.

Tues. 12/3/13 4:00-5:00 pm - -- Storytime for Children and Families – Children and Families are invited to an hour of stories and fun with the Children's Librarian.

Wed. 12/4/13 12:30 pm, - Medicare 2014 with Karen Rose.

Wed. 12/4/13 4:00-5:00 pm – Jennifer Ann Seidman & Andy S. Watson: An Afternoon of Holiday Music, Musical Theatre and Opera.

Thurs. 12/5/13 4:00-5:00 pm – (TEENS) – Henna Program

Mon. 12/9/13 3:00 pm - Friends of the Library Page Turners' Book Club - Discussing *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Club is at capacity, sign up on waiting list.

Tues. 12/10/13 4:00-5:00 pm – (KIDS) - Arts & Crafts with Shokoufeh.

Tues. 12/17/13 4:00-5:00 pm -- Storytime for Children and Families – Children and Families are invited to an hour of stories and fun with the Children's Librarian.

Wed. 12/18/13 1:00-2:30 pm - Friends of Library Open Board Meeting. Everyone welcome!
Call (818) 343-1983 to confirm.

Wed. 12/18/13 5:00-7:00 pm - Persian Movie Night – Friends Co-Sponsor

Mon. 12/25/13 LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas)

Thurs. 12/26/13 5:30-6:30 pm - Book Lovers Book Club Discussing *The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead* by David Callahan.

Sat. 12/28/13 2:00-4:00 pm - Last Saturday of the Month Poetry - Come listen to an eclectic group of poets.
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PLEASE HELP!
-- Please donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs, Audiobooks. – Bring to Library Information Desk.
-- Also, volunteer to help in our Bookstore – for a 2-hour shift once a week – or as a Substitute.
-- Contact Margaret Talvin: (818) 343-7105, or email her at mtalvin@mac.com . THANKS MUCH!

WHAT DO THE “FRIENDS” DO FOR THE LIBRARY

People often ask

– what does your group do? AND what have you done lately?

-- do you really make a difference in what a library visitor sees or borrows from this Branch Library?

Our answer is:

Go to our What’s New page and our Donation page on our website – see our list since 2005...

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2new.html>

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3donations.html>

Go to our Librarian’s Page and read what our Branch Manager has accomplished and what he thinks

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2librarian.html>

Go to our Resources page and see the results of our research to share lots of interesting items... .

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5resources.html>

Won’t you participate with us? See <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3joinus.html>

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