

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

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-- TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS --

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at 1:00 pm

AGENDA includes:

Brief Business Meeting

2012 Friend of the Year Award to Nonie Lann

Introduction of our Young Adult Librarian, Matt Rodriguez

Annual Report by our Acting Branch Manager David Hagopian

Guest Speaker: John Szabo, new City Librarian

<http://www.lapl.org/newsroom/releases/Szabo_Announcement.pdf>

HOORAY! ANOTHER B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday -- December 7 & 8 -- 10:00 -- 5:00

Thousands of items -- most for 50¢ to \$1.00 -- many "like new"

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

One of the highlights of our Friends program is the presentation of the annual Friend of the Year award. (See <<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3friendOfYear.html>>.)

This year, at our Annual meeting on November 28, the award will be presented to Nonie Lann. Having served as Treasurer of the Friends from the re-opening of the library in 2003 until the end of 2011, Nonie has meticulously handled our finances with little fanfare and quiet diligence. In addition as the only member who was active in the Board before the library closure in 2001, she has been an invaluable historian and resource as questions arose about past activities and policies.

We salute Nonie and thank her for her continuing service.

On October 27, Norma Lamken and I attended a citywide meeting of Friends representatives from all Library locations. We were addressed by John Szabo, the new City Librarian, who will be the speaker at our Annual Meeting. Also Melissa Potter, Acting Principal, Volunteer Services, introduced a representative of the Police Department Charitable Services department, who provided information on the required filing for a Charitable Solicitation Information Card. This card will be posted in the Bookstore and at all Book Sales as soon as we receive it.

Melissa also presented a segment on selling books online. Two of our local Friends groups are doing this successfully. One group is with an outside person who sells books from the Friends inventory and gives them a percentage of the proceeds. The other group has a member who devotes 20 hours a week to manage online sales.

At this time, Norma and I do not think either of these is an option for us. We will keep it in mind if, at some future time, it would be practical for our group. Meanwhile our Book Sale and Bookstore earnings are nothing short of spectacular!

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season.

– Adele Druck, President

LIBRARY HOURS RESTORED

Do you remember last year when we asked you to vote “YES” on Measure L – the ballot initiative to restore hours to the Los Angeles Public Library? Well, the citizens overwhelming responded with a greater than 60% vote in favor of L.

The result: On October 15, all 73 City branches, including Encino-Tarzana, opened their doors Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. How wonderful was that!!

Encino-Tarzana hours: Mon & Wed 10am–8pm; Tu & Th 12:30-8pm; Fri-Sat 10am-5:30pm.

Measure L is gradually restoring library service hours to the 2009 level over four years. This will be done by increasing the Library's share of City funding without new taxes. In 2014, the final phase will be 9 libraries re-opening on Sundays.

JANE'S BOOKS

Our Friends' Bookstore sales are seasonal, just like all retail stores. When schools start, we have high school and college students checking out our Classics section for class required reading. We also have teachers looking over our children's books for their classroom libraries. We never have enough easy-reading books for early elementary grades.

For holidays, we have readers looking for pristine books for gifts. Books are always popular. Also they want books that suit special interests of relatives and friends: Books on the Civil War for history buffs; one for cooks about French or other gourmet cooking; a book of plays for a budding actor, or ??? You name it. We've got books on almost anything.

In Spring and Summer, we have travelers coming in for travel books and paperbacks for vacation reading that don't take up much room in the suitcase and are inexpensive enough to discard when finished, as they travel.

And, there are always people coming in with lists to add more titles of their favorite authors or interests to their home library collections.

I heard of someone giving a party who wanted some inexpensive but interesting prizes for party game winners. She used books from our bookstore and wrapped them in an appealing style. One person got a book on improving her beginning bridge game; another got a copy of last year's best seller; another a current celebrity's autobiography. Everyone was delighted and several agreed to pass their copies on when finished with them.

Yes, our Friends bookstore is many things to many people. It's also the major source of money that allows the Friends to donate these much-needed items to the Library: New current best seller books, other hardcover and paperback books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks, along with new Library programming, supplies and furniture replacements. All of this comes from you — who donate your gently used books to the Library, from which our librarians first choose what the Library collection needs, and then we sell and give the funds to the Library to choose other Library books and materials.

Finally – we always need more Volunteer Helpers! We especially need people who can donate a couple of hours a week to fill a regular time spot in the store. If you aren't able to do that, maybe you would like to serve as a substitute volunteer, when some regular can't make it in. And, of course, we always need people who would like to sort book donations or work at our quarterly Big Book Sales.

One thing we can guarantee is that in volunteering with Friends of the Library, you'll meet pleasant, literate, new friends and acquaintances.

-- Jane Gebers

CLEAN WINDOWS!!

Have you noticed our beautiful clear and clean front windows? David Hagopian, our Library Branch Manager, and our Friends Board, contacted the Administrative Staff of the Library many times. David recognized the problem: It was the anti-graffiti film that covered the windows - it had turned cloudy and retained all marks on it. The film was replaced and now we can enjoy a lovely view – both inside and out.

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, these titles may be reserved from the larger library collection through the Library's Reserve ("Hold") system, but may take longer to obtain.)

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 2012 (the newest books are listed first):

Peter Ames Carlin - *Bruce*
Jennifer Chiaverini - *The Giving Quilt*
Anne Perry - *A Christmas Garland*
Richard Russo - *Elsewhere*
Dennis Lehane - *Live by Night*
Donna Leon - *The Jewels of Paradise*
John Grisham - *The Racketeer*
Debbie Macomber - *Angels at the Table: A Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy Christmas Story*
Tom Wolfe - *Back to Blood*
Alexander McCall Smith - *The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds* (Isabel Dalhousie series)
Louise Erdrich - *The Round House*
Iris Johansen - *Sleep No More* (Eve Duncan series)
Henning Mankell - *The Shadow Girls*
Mark Owen - *No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission That Killed Osama Bin Laden*
Patricia Cornwell - *The Bone Bed* (Kay Scarpetta series)
Justin Cronin - *The Twelve* (Passage trilogy)
Nelson DeMille - *The Panther* (John Corey series)
Philip Norman - *Mick Jagger*
Laura Childs - *Postcards From the Dead*
Mike Lofgren - *The Party Is Over: How Republicans Went Crazy, Democrats Became Useless, and the Middle Class Got Shafted*
Orhan Pamuk - *Silent House*
James Patterson & Marshall Karp - *NYPD Red*
Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard - *Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot*
Stephen Colbert - *America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't*
Susan Isaacs - *Goldberg Variations*
Arnold Schwarzenegger - *Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story*
Alison Weir - *A Dangerous Inheritance: A Novel of Tutor Rivals and the Secret of the Tower*
Jo Nesbo - *Phantom* (Harry Hole Series)
John Banville - *Ancient Light*
Nate Silver - *Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail - But Some Don't*
J. K. Rowling - *The Casual Vacancy*
Christine Feehan - *Dark Storm* (Dark series)
Bob Woodward - *The Price of Politics*
Felix Francis - *Dick Francis's Bloodline*
Liza Klaussmann - *Tigers In Red Weather*
John Sandford - *Mad River* (Virgil Flowers series)
Neil Young - *Waging Heavy Peace*
M.C. Beaton - *Hiss and Hers* (Agatha Raisin series)
Eric Van Lustbader - *Father Night* (Jack McClure series)
Penny Marshall - *My Mother Was Nuts: a Memoir*
Salman Rushdie - *Joseph Anton: A Memoir*

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

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Page Turners' Book Club is moving in February! We will meet in our Library Meeting Room instead of a private home. There will be no size limitation at our new location.

In the meantime, members are reading & discussing these books:

Dec. 6 – *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie
In Nov. – *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa

The **History and Politics Book Club** members are discussing the causes of war. **On Wed., Nov. 28, at 4:00 pm**, in the Library Meeting Room, they will be discussing the American Indian Wars and the Westward Expansion. Each member of the Club selects a different book to read on the topic; this encourages lively discussions.

All Friends members are welcome to join our book clubs. Contact Carol Fox, Book Club Chair, at bookclubs@etlibraryfriends.org.

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:

Walter Isaacson – *Steve Jobs*

Steve Jobs – *I, Steve* – *Steve Jobs in His Own Words* – edited by George Beahm

For award-winning books, see [JIM'S LISTS](#)

For recommendations by librarians, see [LAPL READS](#)

[for more recommendations, see our website: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.html>]

LIBRARY LOUNGE CHAIRS

If you noticed that the Library's lounge chairs are thin and worn, know that this is our next project. The Friends are exploring designs; first they must be approved by the Los Angeles Public Library's Administrative staff. Then, we will order and replace them – for the comfort of all of our visitors.

EXHIBITS AT THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Besides the exhibits listed in our last newsletter, here is the new exhibit:

"[How We Worked, How We Played: Herman Schultheis and Los Angeles in the 1930s](#)" Central Library - History Department (LL4), through March 9, 2013.

INTERESTING NEWS OF LIBRARIES NATION-WIDE

[TO OUR NON-COMPUTER MEMBERS –please see note below.]

Libraries Weather the Superstorm / Nov. 4, 2012.

Some libraries were flooded and damaged due to the hurricane . “Many served as lifelines to residents without power.” Public libraries served as community support centers, providing residents without power at home a convenient place to find internet access, an outlet for recharging their phones, and a well-lit, warm place to hang out. See: <<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/11042012/libraries-weather-superstorm>>

The Ten Most Beautiful Libraries in the United States / Oct. 29, 2012.

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) in downtown Los Angeles is considered one of the ten most stunning libraries architecturally in North America. See all 10 libraries here:

<<http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/148866>>

Have you visited LAPL lately - <<http://www.lapl.org/central>>. It has changing exhibits and great programs too – see <<http://www.lapl.org/events>>.

Zombies Invade the Library / Oct. 31, 2012.

Two floors of Alaska’s largest public library in Anchorage were transformed into a Zombie Apocalypse for an emergency preparedness program. Nearly 800 children and adults participated in a Zombie Haunted Scavenger Hunt. Survivors emerged into the “safe human zone” and were scanned to show their level of exposure to zombie brain-eating fever and then “decontaminated” by Anchorage firefighters. For details/photos, see: <<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/features/10312012/zombies-invade-library>>

Paranormal Investigators:Library is haunted! / Oct. 28, 2012.

Carnegie Free Library has been deemed “haunted by spirits” by a Pittsburgh paranormal research organization, after two investigations. The 109-year-old library was built over the site of a former graveyard. There are stories of hearing footsteps upstairs in an empty building, books going off shelves, apparitions of a man and a woman. Read more at: <<http://triblive.com/mobile/m/mnews/mregional/2817395-96/library-paranormal-carnegie-kelly-haunted-evidence-free-spirits-voice-pittsburgh>>

Handgun Found Inside Hollowed-Out Book Donated to Library / Oct. 26, 2012.

No donor records are kept so the source is unknown. Read here: <http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/valparaiso/handgun-found-inside-hollowed-out-book-donated-to-valpo-library/article_d622c365-6716-5da3-aad8-ae6cb2bead0a.html>

National Archives Treasures Targeted by Thieves / October 28, 2012.

CBS “60 Minutes” had a segment on “Stealing History” on October 28. Forty-Four archival Depositories, spread all over the country, house documents, photos, maps, and artifacts that go back to our Founding Fathers. Many are priceless and so they attract thieves. Read more:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18560_162-57540582/national-archives-treasures-targeted-by-thieves/>

Haiti – Library on Wheels / October 25, 2012.

BiblioTaptap is Haiti’s first bookmobile service – launched this past summer by Libraries Without Borders, et al. “Tap taps” (“quick, quick”) – colorfully painted buses, or pick-up trucks that serve as shared taxis, are fulfilling a critical need for access to information and reading materials since the devastating earthquake of 2010. This service will reach more than 15,000 people. Read more:

<http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/al_focus/photos/library-wheels-1>

TO OUR NON-COMPUTER MEMBERS: Please take this to the Library -- the Information Desk Librarian will show you how to go to the source: *American Libraries Direct*, published by American Library Association, October 31, 2012, and November 7, 2012, issues.

<<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/aldirect>>

ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY EVENTS

Reported by Librarians to Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. For UPDATES <www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2012

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

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

Story Telling and Reading ☆STAR☆ Volunteers read to children. Mon. & Tues. 3:00-5:00

NOVEMBER 2012=====

Thurs. 11/1/12, 3:00 pm - Friends of Library Page Turners' Book Club – Discussing *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by *Yoko Ogawa*. (offsite)

Thurs. 11/1/12, 4:00-5:00 pm - (TEENS) - Body Art Program - Airbrush Tattoos, removable tattoos.
Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Fri. 11/2/12, 4:00-5:00 pm – Movie Screening – “Hugo.” *Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Library.*

Tues. 11/6/12, 4:00-5:00 pm - (KIDS) Arts & Crafts with Shokoufeh.

Thurs. 11/8/12, 4:00-5:00 pm - (TEENS) Teen Council - Help plan your Library Branch Events and have some input about what materials the Library offers to teens. *Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library.*

Mon. 11/12/12 - LIBRARY CLOSED (Veterans' Day)

Wed. 11/14/12, 3:00-5:00 pm - Persian Movie Screening "The Third Floor" *Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Library.*

Thurs. 11/15/12, 4:00-5:00 pm - (TEENS) Art Instruction - Comic-book style art with a professional artist.
Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Tues. 11/20/12, 4:00-5:00 pm - (KIDS) Storytime - Children and Families are invited to an hour of stories and fun with the Children's Librarian.

Thurs. 11/22/12 and Fri. 11/23/12 - LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving)

Sat. 11/24/12, 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 six minutes.

Tues. 11/27/12, 6:00-7:30 pm – Conversations with Heroes.

Wed. 11/28/12, 1:00-2:30 pm - Friends of Library Annual Membership Meeting. Guest speaker – John Szabo, new Los Angeles City Librarian

Wed. 11/28/12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm - Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club - Exploring the causes of war. Discussing the American Indian Wars and Westward expansion. Come prepared for a lively discussion.

DECEMBER, 2012=====

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

Thurs. 12/6/12, 3:00 pm - Friends of Library Page Turners' Book Club – Discussing *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by *Dai Sijie* (offsite).

Fri. 12/7/12, 10:00 am-5:00 pm FRIENDS OF LIBRARY GIGANTIC USED BOOK SALE

Sat. 12/8/12, 10:00 am-5:00 pm THOUSANDS OF BOOKS-MOST PRICED AT 50¢ TO \$1.00

Wed. 12/12/12, 3:00-5:00 pm – Persian Movie Screening. “Near Freeway”. No English sub-titles.

Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Thurs. 12/13/12, 4:00-5:00 pm – (TEENS) Holiday Card Making.

Sat. 12/15/12, 2:00-3:00 pm – (FAMILIES) Folk 12 Concert with *Fur Dixon & Steve Werner*.

Tues. 12/18/12, 4:00-5:00 pm - (KIDS) Storytime - Children and Families are invited to an hour of stories and fun with the Children's Librarian.

Tues. 12/18/12, 6:30-7:30 pm – (ADULTS) Jackie Shapiro Chronicles, Part I.

Wed. 12/19/12, 1:00-2:30 pm - Friends of Library Open Board Meeting. Everyone welcome!
Call (818) 343-1983 to confirm.

Thurs. 12/20/12, 6:30-7:30 pm – (ADULTS) Jackie Shapiro Chronicles, Part II.

Wed. 12/26/12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm - Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club - Exploring the causes of war. Subject to be announced. Come prepared for a lively discussion.

Thurs. 12/27/12, 5:30-6:30 pm - Book Lovers Book Club – discussing *Half the Sky* by *Nicholas Kristof*

Sat. 12/29/12, 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 six minutes.

TREASURE-TROVE OF MAPS HEADED TO L. A. PUBLIC LIBRARY

Los Angeles Times online, October 19, 2012

Stashed everywhere in a 948-square foot Mount Washington cottage after the occupant died, were MAPS! Tens of thousands of street maps, wall-size roll-up maps, old globes, book shelves of maps and atlases, and even a giant plastic topographical map of the United States. Glen Creason, map librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, called the find “unbelievable. I think there are at least a million maps here – this dwarfs our collection and we’ve been collecting for 100 years.”

“This acquisition will give the city library one of the country’s top five library map archives, behind the Library of Congress and public libraries in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.”

As 10 library employees and volunteers boxed up the maps, “they tried to piece together the wanderlust life of John Feathers, the man who amassed the collection, apparently, beginning in childhood. But they had little evidence to go on, and it remained a mystery exactly how and why he obtained so many maps.” It was the real estate agent who invited LAPL to look at the find as he started to clean out the cottage.

Read more here and see photo:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/10/treasure-trove-of-maps-headed-to-la-public-library.html>

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