

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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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 19, 2014, at 1:00 pm

AGENDA includes:

Business Meeting

2014 Friend of the Year Award to BONNIE SIEGEL

Report by our Branch Manager DAVID HAGOPIAN

REFRESHMENTS

HOLIDAY B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday – DEC. 5 and 6 – 9:30 – 5:00

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

Info and to volunteer: Contact Margaret Talvin - mtalvin@mac.com

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;
And to ALL of our dedicated and wonderful volunteers -- adults and teens.**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Adele Druck

A visit to the Friends Bookstore will now reveal several newly-framed certificates on the walls:
AWARD: In September, **State Senator Fran Pavley** designated our Friends group as "Volunteer of the Month."

AWARD: In October, **City Councilmembers Bob Blumenfield and Paul Koretz** presented us with a beautiful Certificate saluting and celebrating the Friends.

AWARD: Then came a Certificate of Appreciation from the **Los Angeles Public Library** for our efforts in support of the Library.

HOW WONDERFUL TO BE APPRECIATED. TAKE A BOW, FRIENDS' MEMBERS!!

CITY-WIDE FRIENDS MEETING — by President Adele Druck

Bonnie Siegel and I attended the Annual City-Wide Friends Breakfast meeting hosted by the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) at the Central Library in downtown Los Angeles, on Saturday October 18, 2014. Representatives from Friends groups as well as Senior Librarians from most City Branches were in attendance.

After a buffet breakfast and opportunities to mingle, we assembled in the LAPL Taper Auditorium where **Jenè Brown**, LAPL Manager Strategic Projects and Partnerships, introduced **City Librarian John Szabo**.

-- John began by thanking the 70 Friends Groups for the support they give the Library, acknowledging his understanding of the work the groups do, including lifting boxes and raising funds for branches.

-- He told us that the state of the Library is healthy and that the funds available through Measure L are being used in many ways - that all promises of Measure L have been met and some ahead of schedule: **Sunday hours** were restored at the main and regional locations a year ahead of schedule and **expanded hours** at all branches took effect October 1.

-- Now the Library's focus is on landscaping and maintenance issues. New phone systems are being installed and Wi-Fi bandwidth has been increased.

--14,000 people have participated in the Citizenship Program, and the Literacy Program has celebrated its 30-year anniversary.

-- John talked about reaching out to the community with a focus on empowerment. LAPL is the first to institute an online High School Diploma program. 53 people are currently participating and the program has a capacity of 125. Health programs by neighborhoods are being instituted with eye exams done by the Jules Stine Eye Clinic; and 10,000 meals have been provided at 10 libraries in under-served neighborhoods.

-- He told us that he is pleased with the support he is getting from the City and that the Library represents 50% of all web traffic to the City.

-- He summarized by saying that the library represents access, opportunity, and respect.

John then introduced Keynote Speaker **Louise Steinman**. Ms Steinman manages the Library Foundation Aloud Program and is the Author of two books: *The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War* and *The Crooked Mirror: A Memoir of Polish-Jewish Reconciliation*. Both books deal with things her parents would not talk about: Her father's experiences in the Pacific in World War II, and her mother's family in wartime Poland. She talked about investigating and working toward reconciliation with the survivors.

Next was a panel discussion on Increasing Membership led by the Center for Nonprofit Management.

We then were offered a choice of taking a **Docent-led tour of the Central Library** or talking with Better World Books, a company that purchases leftover books from Friends groups. Our Book Sale committee has not elected to use Better World Books (see page 3 "Where Do Our Donated Books Go?"), so Bonnie and I went on the interesting Library Tour. (...continued on page 6)

2014 FRIEND OF THE YEAR - BONNIE SIEGEL

The Board Members of the Friends of the Library are very proud to honor **Bonnie Siegel** as our 2014 Friend of the Year. Bonnie has been volunteering for several years - working with our Co-Chair and other volunteers in our Friends' Bookstore and at our quarterly Book Sales. At least twice a week, she does many tasks for the Friends in the Library: She sorts large and small book/media donations; helps schedule sorters; helps update the Bookstore; sets up/works/cleans-up after the sales; submits sale announcements to print and online publications; writes thank you notes; and does whatever else requested. She was a Committee member for the Friends Volunteer and Staff Brunch. Also, Bonnie serves on the Friends' Board as a Member-At-Large and has co-authored the Procedure Manual for the Bookstore and Book Sales.

Bonnie says that she enjoys working with so many bright, positive, and entertaining people. She feels that the Library Staff is always kind and helpful. Further, she says they all "make it a joy to go in twice a week."

In her "former life," Bonnie was a project manager, raised in the Valley, and returned here to raise her children. We're so glad she's here!!

SORTERS NEEDED

We need more help sorting donated books and media for our book sales -- only a few hours once or twice a week. AND you get a chance to preview the books you might buy during the sales. We would love to have you join us. Please contact **Margaret Talvin** - 818.343.7105 or mtalvin@mac.com

WHERE DO OUR DONATED BOOKS GO?

First – THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS – you who donate items from your personal libraries – in beautiful condition. You help us do our job!

Now – what happens to your donated books? Our Friends created our Bookstore and book sales mainly to raise money to support the Library's acquisitions and activities. Therefore, our Librarians get to see the donations first – and they select items to supplement our Encino-Tarzana collection.

Whatever is left, we are happy to sell (most for 50 cents to one dollar) to 'spread some sunshine' by providing homes for many wanted books and media. For example:

-- Most go to readers, adults and children. Some complete a personal collection of books by a particular author or books on a special topic. Getting that one missing Louis L'Amour title can be a joy. Supporting an interest in biography/cooking/photography can be very expensive. Our prices help! – High school students like the test-prep books; home-schoolers grab the textbooks. Some find a classic they always wanted to read. Others grab the book read as a child and always remembered. Many want that title on the shelf at home again.

-- Others are bought to be given away. Diane buys to give to students at the school where she volunteers. Another buyer sends many to the Philippines to help people there learn English. And also, some do come back as re-donations.

Then there are the leftovers that did not sell this time. Some are saved for our Bookstore or our next quarterly Book Sale. Some are shared with other Friends groups for their book sales and book stores. Others are donated to charitable groups such as the YMCA, St. Vincent de Paul, and a local battered women's shelter. Some go to other nonprofits such as: Pasadena City jail and similar, Sylmar Juvenile Detention, United American Indian Involvement, and Hopi Centers. Then too, others go to a local middle school library and art class, Vietnam Vets, Operation Gratitude to send to the troops, and to the Central Library collection (mostly Russian).

It gives us great pleasure to know that our books and media bring joy to others.... And the funds we collect from our sales go right back to our Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. See "Supporting Our Library" on our website -- <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3donations.php>

NEW LIBRARY HOURS (<http://www.lapl.org>)
SUNDAY HOURS for Central and Regional Libraries -- 1:00-5:00 PM
LONGER HOURS for all branches, including Encino-Tarzana Branch
Mon. & Wed. 10-8; Tues. & Thurs. 12-8; Fri. & Sat. 9:30-5:30; Sun. Closed.

WHY DO WE VOLUNTEER FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY?

"I buy hundreds (thousands over the years) of books to donate to the local Title I public elementary school. Volunteering as a book sorter gives me the opportunity to preview books at the wonderful Bookstore and book sale prices." -- Diane H-G.

"I love reading and books. And I enjoy meeting all the people and selling the books." -- Phyllis B.

"I've just come from New York City. I lived there all my life. It is a whole different world but thankfully the library remains the same. I feel at home." -- Blanche S.

"I feel it's important to encourage reading and recycling of books. It's a wonderful opportunity to interact with community members who respect and appreciate learning." -- Anonymous

"During the last book sale, I referred a close friend to volunteer. When she arrived, she was happily surprised by the warm gracious welcome she received. I always love the time that I spend with the Friends of the Library but knowing that we are welcoming to all makes us one of the unique volunteer groups in the Valley! Thank you." -- Judith S.

"As a retired Librarian (children's, young adult, adult), I feel more comfortable working with books, and keeping in touch with a class of people, who love to read." -- Paula C-H.

"I volunteer because I have always loved to read. When I was young it was a great place to get away from the roughhousing of my brothers. Now I am able to leave work early to work in the Bookstore. I love to meet new people and the children who get to own their very own books!! It has been a blessing to be able to volunteer for such a great group." -- Mary M.

"I joined the volunteers almost immediately upon my arrival in Encino, having moved here from London, England. I wanted to support my local library as I believe it provides a wonderful service for the local community and I wanted to play my part in ensuring it would continue to do so. I also have a more selfish reason, in that I wanted to meet people of like mind in my new local area. The Friends have more than met my expectations on both fronts and I hope to continue my association with them for many years to come." -- Anonymous

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Page Turners' Book Club members read and discussed last month: *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed.

We meet the 2nd Monday of the month –**3:00-5:00** – to discuss our readings:

Read in advance: *The Woman Who Heard Color* by Kelly Jones – meet on **Nov. 10, 2014**

And then: *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman – meet on **Dec. 8, 2014.**

For a list of past Book Club reads, check our website: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.php>

We welcome new members to form a second book club. Please place your name on a waitlist. Members may choose to be another general interest group or focus on a particular genre, i.e., mystery, non-fiction...

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

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AMAZON-SMILE – Amazon.com will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon purchases to our Friends group. Please go to our website home page– <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

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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:

The Roosevelts: An Intimate History, a film by Ken Burns (PBS documentary)
Mosab Hassan Yousef and Ron Brackin - *Son of Hamas: A Gripping Account of Terror, Betrayal, Political Intrigue, and Unthinkable Choices*; AND *The Green Prince*, the documentary.
Elizabeth Warren - *A Fighting Chance*
Hillary Rodham Clinton - *Hard Choices*
Richard North Patterson - *Degree of Guilt*

For complete list of Friends Recommend and LAPL READS (librarian recommendations, hot titles, book lists, etc., see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.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; and we immediately list them on our website.

As examples: Here are the HOTP books received during November and most of October 2014:

November, 2014

11/7 - Martin Amis - *The Zone of Interest*; Lauren Beukes - *Broken Monsters*; John Cleese - *So, Anyway . . .*; Michael Connelly - *Burning Room* (Harry Bosch series); James Ellroy – *Perfidia*; Deborah Crombie - *To Dwell In Darkness* (Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James series); Sophia Loren - *Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: My Life*; Emily St. John Mandel - *Station Eleven*; Anne Perry - *A New York Christmas*; Richard Zoglin - *Hope: Entertainer of the Century*.

October, 2014

10/31 - John Connolly - *The Wolf In Winter* (Charlie Parker series); Clive Cussler & Dirk Cussler - *Havana Storm* (Dirk Pitt series); John Grisham - *Gray Mountain*; Sophie Kinsella - *Shopaholic to the Stars* (Shopaholic series); Alexander McCall Smith – *The Handsome Man's De Luxe Café* (No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series); Chuck Palahniuk - *Beautiful You*; Amy Poehler - *Yes Please*; Anne Rice - *Prince Lestat* (Vampire Chronicles series); Danielle Steel – *Pegasus*; Nancy Thayer - *An Island Christmas*.

10/24 - Tily Bagshawe & Sidney Sheldon - *Sidney Sheldon's Chasing Tomorrow*; Russell Brand – *Revolution*; Ken Follett - *Edge of Eternity* (Century trilogy); Neil Patrick Harris - *Neil Patrick Harris: Choose Your Own Autobiography*; Erin Hilderbrand - *Winter Street*; Jodi Picoult - *Leaving Time*; Marilynne Robinson – *Lila*; Matthew Thomas - *We Are Not Ourselves*.

10/16 - J.R. Ward - *Immortal* (Fallen Angels series); Billy Idol - *Dancing With Myself*; Ruth Rendell - *The Girl Next Door*; Walter Isaacson - *Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution*; Leon Panetta - *Worthy Fights: A Memoir of Leadership in War and Peace*; Eben Alexander with Ptolemy Tompkins - *Map of Heaven: How Science, Religion, and Ordinary People Are Proving the Afterlife*.

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

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (LAPL)

Central Library, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles 90071 – 213.228.7000 – <http://lapl.org>

DOCENT-LED TOUR (continued from page 2)

I have often thought of the differences in the things we do when we travel, versus our activities in our everyday environment. On a vacation in a strange city, we explore the important buildings and appreciate the art and historic influences. Yet how often do we do the same thing in our own city?

After the Friends of the Library Citi-Wide Meeting (see page 2), a group of us were afforded an opportunity to take a docent-led tour of the Central Library. The building is a blend of old and new with much of the original 1926 structure restored after a devastating fire in 1986. We were shown inscribed door frames from the original building now installed outside the auditorium in which our meeting had been held. We then took an elevator to the second floor rotunda to see the murals high above the dome shaped room. The murals depict California history and are painted in pastel colors, which were very unusual for their time.

We visited the children's area where the carpeting has figures of animals worked into the pattern. You have to look carefully to see them. The environment here is conducive to storytelling with child-sized furniture. A special feature of the area is a puppet theater for presentations.

One of my favorite things to do is to take an elevator ride and see, through a glass wall of the elevator, the thousands of catalog cards which line the walls of the shaft. I have so many memories of searching through card catalogs in my schooldays and have a deep feeling of nostalgia for this lost amenity, although a computer search is a convenient but soul-less alternative.

After viewing Egyptian themed sculptures we moved on to the new modern addition to the Library with an eight-story atrium with escalators flowing like a river to the various levels and topped with enormous fanciful chandeliers.

We completed the tour in the main lobby to look at the modern ceiling mural in bright colors with the names of authors worked into geometric patterns.

If you have not explored this treasure in our own backyard, I highly recommend you do. Daily Walk-In Tours of the Central Library last approximately one hour. No reservations are necessary for groups of six or less. The tours leave from the front of the Library Store in the main lobby accessible via the Fifth Street, Hope Street, and Flower Street entrances. Tour times are: Monday - Friday 12:30 pm; Saturday 11:00 am & 2:00 pm; Sunday 2:00 pm.

-- by **President Adele Druck**.

CURRENT EXHIBIT – CENTRAL LIBRARY: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/exhibits>

--- *Defining Their Identity – The Changing Roles of Woman in the Post-War Era as Documented by the Valley Times Newspaper* – NOW to January 3, 2015, Central Library, History & Genealogy Dept.

HISTORY OF THE PRINTED WORD, STEP-BY-STEP -- the magnificent stairs at the Flower Street entrance of the Central Library in the Maguire Gardens. The steps are now an art project known as SPINE. They feature archaic symbols, post-literate images, pages from the body of a book, and title and chapter pages within the sculptures in front of each pool. Join a tour of all the Art in the Garden every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. or contact LAPL for an appt. anytime during Library hours: call (213) 623-2168 or write jung@lapl.org

<http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/blogs/lapl/history-printed-word-step-step>

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - <http://www.lapl.org/native-american-heritage-month>



Programs, activities & events for all ages & interests

November 2014

All Library events are free and open to the public.

Event title	Date/time	Description
Medicare 101 (adults)	Tu. 11/4 at 1pm	Presented by United Healthcare. Educational workshop designed to help beneficiaries understand the basics of Medicare.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 11/5 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga (adults, teens)	We. 11/5 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Write a Great Personal Statement for College (teens)	Th. 11/6 at 4pm	Princeton Review representative will share tips on how to write a great personal statement and discuss the college application process.
Book Lover's Book Club (adults)	Th. 11/6 at 5:30pm	Please contact the library Information Desk for this month's book discussion title.
Sidewalk Astronomer (all)	Th. 11/6 at 6:30pm	He's bringing a telescope! View the moon, constellations and possibly a meteor shower.
Page Turner's Book Club (adults)	Mo. 11/10 at 3pm	The book for discussion this month is <i>The Woman Who Heard Color</i> by Kelly Jones.
LIBRARY CLOSED—Veteran's Day	Tu. 11/11 ALL DAY	Veteran's Day celebrates and honors all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 11/12 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga (adults, teens)	We. 11/12 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Medicare 101 (adults)	We. 11/12 at 2pm	Presented by United Healthcare. Educational workshop designed to help beneficiaries understand the basics of Medicare.
Teen Council Meeting (teens)	Th. 11/13 at 4pm	Help plan library events & discuss library issues related to teens.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 11/19 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga (adults, teens)	We. 11/19 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Friends of the Library Annual Open Board Meeting (adults)	We. 11/19 at 1pm	Annual board meeting of the Friends of the Library. All are welcome. Friends group business and library events and news are discussed. Annual reports given.
Medicare 101 (adults)	Sa. 11/22 at 1pm	Presented by United Healthcare. Education workshop designed to help beneficiaries Understand the basics of Medicare.
American Heritage with Ken Frawley (children, families)	Tu. 11/25 at 4pm	Children and their families are invited to enjoy stories and songs and sing-alongs about Thanksgiving! Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 11/26 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga (adults, teens)	We. 11/26 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
LIBRARY CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day	Th. 11/27 ALL DAY	Author Sarah Josepha Hale wrote letters to politicians for 40 years trying to make Thanksgiving an official holiday. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed (cont'd below)
LIBRARY CLOSED - Day after Thanksgiving Day	Fr. 11/28 ALL DAY	the final Thursday in November the official holiday. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Congress changed it to the fourth Thursday in November in 1941.
Last Saturday of the Month Poetry (all)	Sa. 11/29 at 2pm	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.

Library Trivia

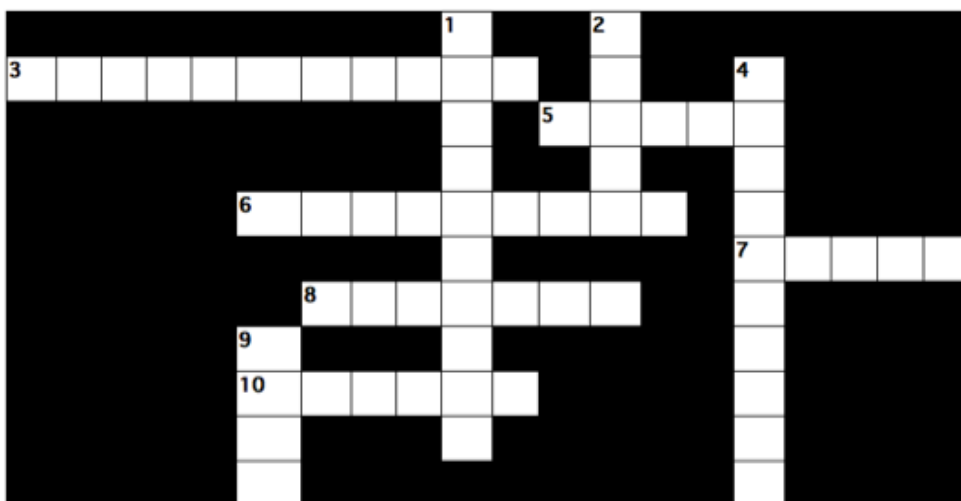
On November 5, 1911, Aviator C.P. Snow completed the first transcontinental flight across America, landing in Pasadena, California.

Writers born in November: M.T. Anderson (4, 1968); Albert Camus (7, 1913); Bram Stoker (8, 1847); Margaret Mitchell (8, 1900); Christopher Paolini (17, 1983); Margaret Atwood (18, 1939); Elizabeth George Speare (21, 1908); George Eliot (22, 1819); P.D. Eastman (25, 1909); Madeline L'Engle (29, 1909)

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MW 10-8pm / TTh 12:00-8pm / FSa 9:30-5:30pm / Closed Sunday

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Word Bank:

- Author
- Call
- Cover
- Dedication
- Fiction
- Illustrator
- Nonfiction
- Publisher
- Spine
- Title

Across:

Down:

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| <p>3. The _____ draws or illustrates the pictures in a story.</p> <p>5. The _____ page gives important information about a book such as, the title or name of the book, and the names of the author, the illustrator, and the publisher.</p> <p>6. The _____ is the company who makes or puts the book together so it can be bought and sold.</p> <p>7. The _____ of the book protects the pages and keeps them from getting dirty or bent.</p> <p>8. A story about Clifford, the Big Red Dog, is a _____ story. That means it is a <i>made-up</i> story from the author's brain.</p> <p>10. The _____ writes the words of a story.</p> | <p>1. A story with real <i>facts</i> in it about sharks is a _____ story.</p> <p>2. The _____ of a book holds the pages together.</p> <p>4. The _____ page tells who the author wrote a book for.</p> <p>9. The _____ number is located on the spine of a book and tells the reader where it belongs in the library.</p> |
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