

# FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## PRIVATE COLLECTION COOKBOOK SALE

Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

(HUNDREDS OF BOOKS - SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3)

-- TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS --

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015, at 1:00 pm

AGENDA includes:

Report by our Branch Manager DAVID HAGOPIAN

REFRESHMENTS

## FANTASTIC B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday – DECEMBER 4 & 5 – 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

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

*Info and to volunteer: Contact Margaret Talvin – (818) 343-7105*

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 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.

## **FRIEND OF THE YEAR 2015 – GISELA SEHNERT**

**By our President Adele Druck**

Ordinarily, the Friend of the Year award is presented at our Annual Meeting in November. However this year we did it a little bit early.

Recently, Gisela Sehnert announced that she would be moving to Northern California to be closer to her family. Since she was leaving in mid-October, the award was presented before her departure. Gisela has been an indefatigable volunteer for longer than the 10 plus years that I have been associated with the Friends.

Gisela has served on our Board of Directors, been a regular volunteer in the bookstore, worked at every book sale, and she handled publicity going around the valley distributing posters and flyers for Friends programs and book sales. She has handled mailing the Library Events Calendar to local schools and mailing book sale flyers to interested parties. When we were asked if the Friends could help to keep the profusion of free literature in the lobby neat and organized, Gisela stepped up and maintained order.

It is already apparent that her leaving has created a sizeable gap in our operation, which will be difficult to fill.

Gisela, we miss you..... and best of luck in your new neighborhood.....

## **REPORT: ANNUAL CITYWIDE FRIENDS BREAKFAST & MEETING**

**Saturday, October 3, 2015 – Central Library –**

**Reported by Ilene Braverman, Hospitality Chair, to Barbara Leff, Publications Chair**

After a delicious buffet breakfast in the Mark Taper Auditorium and chatting with Friends from all over the city, we heard from LAPL Friends Liaison Jené Brown and City Librarian John F. Szabo.

Mr. Szabo announced that Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) has met every promise that was made in the Measure L City Ballot Initiative passed in 2011, with the help of Friends groups. Also, LAPL is the first library to offer an accredited high school program and 113 people are currently enrolled. See: <http://www.lapl.org/about-lapl/press/> for more facts, progress, and reports on LAPL.

Following more speeches, there were Break-Out Sessions: Our Webmaster Judy Russell presented the session on Websites. The Newsletter session presenter cited our Newsletter for a few good examples. Ilene attended "Ideas Swapping/ Friends Brag Fest" and later shared some of the ideas with the Friends Board on October 21.

All in all, it was an interesting time at the Central Library with other Friends members.

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS – CURRENT AND FUTURE**

**By Carol Fox, Book Club Chair**

Our current Page Turners' Book Club has reached its maximum membership. Therefore, **Encino-Tarzana Friends is sponsoring a second general interest book club, paperback titles only.** The new Club will decide name / day / time. If interested, please email Carol Fox, our Book Club Chair: [foxcb@msn.com](mailto:foxcb@msn.com). We will contact you when we are ready to start the new Club.

So far, in 2015, Page Turners' Book Club members have enjoyed reading and discussing books by Anthony Doerr, Anita Diamant, Sue Monk Kidd, John Grisham.... For all readings since 2006, see <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.php>

*Upcoming dates and selections for Page Turners:*

Monday, November 9, 2015 - Yvette Melanson - *Looking for Lost Bird*

Monday, December 14, 2015 - Celeste Ng - *Everything I Never Told You*

**NOV. 14 -- REACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH YOUR KITCHEN**  
**by Maggi Stern, Member-At-Large**

The Friends of the Library are having a terrific **COOKBOOK SALE ON NOVEMBER 14 FROM 9:30 am to 2:30 pm AT OUR ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY**. We received a very large donation from a private collector of hundreds upon hundreds of cookbooks that span the globe.

So, if you are a master chef, interested in becoming one, have always wanted to learn about a particular kind of cooking or baking technique, or just want to understand what function your kitchen serves other than a large room to house your microwave, this sale is for you.

There are cookbooks from Spain, Portugal, Italy, England, Ireland, France, China, Viet Nam, Persia, New Zealand. We have cookbooks ranging from holiday cookbooks to cookbooks for quick and easy meals. There are wonderful "how to" and instructional guides to kitchens, cooking, and gadgets for those of you who have avoided your kitchen long enough.

We have cookbooks about baking cakes, cookies, fancy elaborate desserts of all varieties, and decorating. There is even a book about Jello confections.

Many of the cookbooks are by master chefs, television chefs, and the best recipes gathered from congregations of all denominations from all over the country. We also have a large variety of American regional cookbooks if you want to learn how to barbecue like a Texan, make Shrimp Creole style, New England Clam Chowder, or Navajo Flat Bread.

All cookbooks will be sorted in easy-to-find categories. Most are in great condition that will make wonderful Holiday gifts ... or if YOU are feeling more adventuresome ... how about wonderful new dishes for you to try out on family and friends?

**WE NEED HELP!!!**

**by Jane Gebers, Book Sales Assistant and Member-At-Large**

Who does all the sorting, shelving, and selling work – that supports the Library? People like you, or your friend, or neighbor, who have an hour or two of spare-time-a-week to help out in a good cause for the Library. OR, maybe you can be a Substitute Volunteer from time to time? We always need new Volunteers. Even if you have to hobble in on a cane, as I do, you can sit in the Bookstore and sell books for a couple hours.

We especially need help in the afternoons and evenings -- 3:00-5:00 and (Mo.-Th.) 5:00-7:00.

Just leave your name and number at the Bookstore desk. Thank you very much.

P.S. FYI - We appreciate our Volunteers so much that we host a Volunteer Breakfast in the Spring, and a Library Staff & Volunteer Brunch in the Fall.

**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 Martian* (movie); and *Labyrinth of Lies* (movie)

Anthony Doerr - *All the Light We Cannot See*

Philip B. Kunhardt, Jr., Philip B. Kunhardt III, & Peter W. Kunhardt - *Lincoln: An Illustrated Biography*

Frederick Hill Meserve and Carl Sandburg - *The Photographs of Abraham Lincoln*

Dorothy Meserve Kunhardt and Philip B. Kunhardt, Jr. - *Twenty Days, A Narrative in Text and*

*Pictures of the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the Twenty Days and Nights that Followed—*

*The Nation in Mourning, the Long Trip Home to Springfield.*

Barbara Hambly - *The Emancipator's Wife* (A Novel of Mary Todd Lincoln).

Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns - *The Roosevelts: A Intimate History* (book & DVD)

Suki Kim - *Without You, There Is No Us: My Time with the Sons of North Korea's Elite*

-----For the complete list of FRIENDS RECOMMEND and LAPL READS (librarian

recommendations, hot titles, book lists, etc.), see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.php>

## **WHAT'S NEW IN OUR FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE?**

**By Jane Gebers, Book Sales Assistant**

Well, we're continually finding new and interesting categories for books! Did you know we have a Humor Section. It's fun to read, and useful to liven-up your conversation or any speeches you have to make. There is a Religious Section: a good place to further your understanding of all religions.

Then behind the entry door, on the lower shelves, you'll find all sorts of helpful information on A.P. Classes, Testing and other Educational materials. We also have Travel books, books of Plays, Parenting, Self-Improvement, Cookbooks, Sports books, Hobbies – you name it; we probably have it. We even have DVD and Audiobooks sections now!

Sometimes people complain that we don't have enough Large-Print books or Foreign Language books in the store --- Just remember we ONLY have in stock what you folks DONATE to the store. SO FOLKS - P-L-E-A-S-E do gather up your surplus books and DVDs and DO leave them at the Reference Desk – straight-ahead as you walk in the entrance. Also please DO take them INTO the Library, and don't just leave them outside the building where "treasure seekers" just GRAB them, and they never make it into our bookstore for you!! AND WE ALL BENEFIT - Used Book Sales money also buys new books, including the Best-Seller books, for us.

(See more in Jane's Books: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3janesbooks.php>)

Yours for more and better reading, Jane.....

## **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 titles through the Library's larger collection and "Hold" system.)

The expensive subscription to HOTP Books is a gift from Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. Selection and acquisition of books is explained on our webpage. Librarians notify the Friends when HOTP Books are received and placed on shelves; we immediately date and list them on our website.

As examples: Here are the recent HOTP books received in October 2015:

Robin Cook - *Host*  
Robert Galbraith - *Career of Evil* (Cormoran Strike series)  
Lauren Groff - *Fates and Furies*  
Kay Hooper - *Fear the Dark*  
Jane Smiley - *Golden Age*  
Amy Stewart - *Girl Waits With Gun*  
Sarah Vowell - *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States*  
Gregory David Roberts - *The Mountain Shadow*  
Nicholas Sparks - *See Me*  
Adriana Trigiani - *All The Stars in the Heavens*  
Stuart Woods - *Foreign Affairs* (Stone Barrington series)  
Elin Hilderbrand - *Winter Stroll*  
JoJo Moyes - *After You*  
Margaret Atwood - *The Heart Goes Last*  
John Connolly - *A Song of Shadows* (Charlie Parker series)  
Vince Flynn & Kyle Mills- *The Survivor* (Mitch Rapp series)  
Karin Slaughter - *Pretty Girls*  
Geraldine Brooks - *The Secret Chord*  
Nina George - *The Little Paris Bookshop*  
Debbie Macomber - *Dashing Through the Snow: A Christmas Novel*  
George R.R. Martin & Gary Gianni - *A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms*

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

## **2015 REPORT FROM OUR BRANCH MANAGER - DAVID HAGOPIAN**

The big news at the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) in 2015 is winning the **NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE**, the highest honor that a public library and museum can receive. This award recognizes and honors the Library's programs, services, resources and especially the staff for their commitment to serving millions of Angelenos, who use our 73 branches and Central Library in downtown Los Angeles. [See photo and details of **LAPL City Librarian John F. Szabo** accepting the award from **First Lady Michelle Obama** -- <http://www.lapl.org/NationalMedal> .]

At the Encino-Tarzana Branch we share in that commitment to serving our community. This includes working hard to make sure that the branch has books, DVDs, and other popular items on the shelves, as well as providing programs that our patrons will enjoy. This year we presented numerous programs for adults, teens, and children, covering a wide range of areas of interest, from entertainment (magic shows for children) to cultural (history of the Mexican *rebozo*) to crafts (shirt-making for teens), many of them generously funded by our Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Public Library.

We were lucky not to have any major facility or grounds problems in 2015, but we did make some repairs and improvements, such as adding an Early Learning Area for children and families in our children's section, featuring a puppet stage with 20 puppets (provided by the Friends); and we now have a Homework Helper in our Student Zone, who is available four days a week to assist children and teens with their studies and help them use our numerous resources.

We also have added a self-checkout machine for patrons' use, and, though it might not be evident to the public, the Library has updated our catalog and loan system, making getting materials into patrons' hands easier and faster.

If the reading room looks brighter, it is because we refreshed over fifty lights that illuminate the stacks; and because we have added four very friendly, smiling, hard-working people to our staff.

As always, we continue to be one of the busiest branches. Patrons continue to borrow materials at a higher rate here than almost all the other branches. With support from the Friends, who volunteer their valuable time to raise money for the Branch, we are able to purchase extra copies of the books our patrons want as well as new titles that we could not otherwise afford. Friends' money also enables us to present more programs, purchase furniture for the reading room, equipment for the workroom, a large rug for story time, and provide refreshments at our programs.

2015 winds down with the Library making some gains and continuing to strengthen and evolve. Our budget is a little bigger. The Library continues to hire to replace lost positions. Our eMedia collection continues to grow. We have added many online resources to our collection. It is my hope that the Library continues this positive trend in 2016 and the Encino and Tarzana communities continue to use their local branch as a source for learning and entertainment, as a place to meet and gather, and to look upon us as a valuable community resource.

[For past reports of David Hagopian, see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2librarian.php> ]

### **BANNED BOOKS WEEK --- SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2015**

In recognition of Banned Books Week, Maggi Stern created a beautiful display in the glass cabinet in our Library's Lobby. She showed an eclectic display of books – from the classics to children's books – from F. Scott Fitzgerald to Captain Underpants. It looked great – hope you stopped to look at it!

Each year, the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association (ALA) compiles a list of the top ten most frequently challenged books in order to inform the public about censorship in libraries and schools. The ALA condemns censorship and works to ensure free access to information. ( continued....>> )

## **FYI – here are the Top Ten frequently challenged books lists of the 21st century**

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1. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
2. *Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi
3. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
4. *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison
5. *It's Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris
6. *Saga*, by Brian Vaughan and Fiona Staples
7. *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini
8. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky
9. *A Stolen Life*, by Jaycee Dugard
10. *Drama*, by Raina Telgemeier

To read the reasons why these books were challenged, and more about Banned Books, go to the ALA website - <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/banned>

### **LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (LAPL)**

#### **EVENTS AT BRANCH LIBRARIES**

Just as Encino-Tarzana Branch has programs, events, and happenings, so too do all of the 74 locations of LAPL. Click here to read about what's happening: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/calendar>

#### **FREE FLU SHOTS AT VARIOUS BRANCH LIBRARIES - OCT. 27 – DEC. 2, 2015.**

Go to: <http://www.lapl.org/flu-clinics>

#### **FREE - ONLINE LEARNING ( <http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/online-learning> )**

Free classes offered online – via computer. (Computers are located in all LAPL locations)

**Many members in the Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library take courses here – an award-winning : Lynda.com** (4<sup>th</sup> item on the list) -- To learn how to use a computer and computer programs — video tutorials on business, technical, and creative skills. Click on Lynda.com or go here: <https://www.lynda.com/portal/sip?org=lapl.org> – log in with your library card no. and your library card pin (last 4 digits of your phone no.). In the search box, key in - How to Use Lynda.com - and you will learn how to find, access, and view courses in Lynda.com training library. It's an excellent resource!

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

**ALoud Lecture Series – Central Library** -- Free and open to the public – some ticketed off-site events. Authors, scientists, thinkers, and artists - local as well as national and international experts in their fields - paired with a moderator to facilitate a dynamic discussion. Most programs are followed by a Q&A and book signing with the audience. **Click here for details & schedule:** <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/aloud-lecture-series>

**Current Exhibits – Central Library:** <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/exhibits>

-- **"TO LIVE AND DINE IN L.A "** Showcases the vast menu collection of LAPL and shows how vintage menus can serve as guides to the politics, economics, and sociology of eating – **thru Nov. 13, 2015.**

-- **"THE FIRST WITH THE LATEST!** Aggie Underwood, the Los Angeles Herald, and the Sordid Crimes of a City" explores some of the most deranged L.A. stories – **thru Jan. 10, 2016**

-- **"BUNKER HILL IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR: The Rise, Fall, and Rise Again of an Urban Neighborhood"** – **ongoing exhibit.**

**CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2015 @ ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY –**

**GO TO OUR FRIENDS OF LIBRARY WEBSITE: EVENTS > AT THE LIBRARY**

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



Programs, activities & events for all ages & interests

**November 2015**

*All Library events are free and open to the public.*

Event title	Date/time	Description
Medicare 101 (adults, seniors)	Tu. 11/3 at 1pm	Presented by United Healthcare. Educational workshop designed to help beneficiaries understand the basics of Medicare. One on one help.
Story time & crafts	We. 11/4 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Book Lover's Book Club (adults)	Th. 11/5 at 5:30pm	Contact the branch for the reading selection for this month.
SAT Practice test (teens)	Sa. 11/7 at 10am	Full exam will be administered. Call or sign up in person at the information desk. Presented by Student Smart.
Page Turner's Book Club	Mo. 11/9 at 3pm	The selection for November is <i>Looking for Lost Bird</i> by Yvette Melanson.
Music from the Americas (children, families)	Tu. 11/10 at 4pm	Presented by Inca Peruvian Ensemble. Native American Heritage month program
<b>LIBRARY CLOSED - Veteran's Day</b>	We. 11/11 ALL DAY	According to a 2013 study by the California State Library, nearly 1.9 million American Veterans live in California. Over half are age 65 and older.; 9.7% are women; Los Angeles County accounts for 10% of the nation's homeless Veterans.
Medicare 101 (adults, seniors)	Th. 11/12 at 1pm	Presented by United Healthcare. Educational workshop designed to help beneficiaries understand the basics of Medicare. One on one help.
Teen Council meeting	Th. 11/12 at 4pm	Help plan library events and make suggestions for library books. Community service hours possible. Contact the teen librarian for details.
Friends of the Library Special Private Collection Cookbook Sale	Sa. 11/14 at 9:30am	Hundreds of cookbooks from a wide range of culinary areas. Ends at 2:30pm.
Apache Program (children, families)	Tu. 11/17 at 4pm	Celebrate & learn about Apache heritage with Brian Brightcloud. Native American Heritage month program
Story time & crafts	We. 11/18 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Friends of the Library Annual Open Membership Meeting (teens, adults)	We. 11/18 at 1pm	Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library. All are welcome. Friends group business and library events and news are discussed. Please call the branch to confirm.
Persian film screening	We. 11/18 at 3pm	Join us for the screening of a Persian film in the community room. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Medicare 101 (adults, seniors)	We. 11/23 at 1pm	Presented by United Healthcare. Educational workshop designed to help beneficiaries understand the basics of Medicare. One on one help.
Native American Dance & Culture (children)	Tu. 11/24 at 4pm	Celebrate & learn about Native American Culture with Ben Hale. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library. Native American Heritage month program
Story time & crafts	We. 11/25 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
<b>LIBRARY CLOSED—Thanksgiving day</b>	Th. 11/26 ALL DAY	The Broad-Breasted White turkey is most likely the type that will appear —roasted—on most American tables on Thanksgiving.
<b>LIBRARY CLOSED — Day after Thanksgiving</b>	Fr. 11/27 ALL DAY	The amount of amino acid tryptophan (believed by many to make people drowsy after they consume it) in turkey meat is comparable to that in other meats.
Last Saturday of the Month Poetry (teens, adults)	Sa. 11/28 at 2pm	Open mic poetry. All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own composition. Each reader will have six minutes.

**Writers born in November include:** M.T. Anderson (4, 1968); Albert Camus (7, 1913); Bram Stoker (8, 1847); Margaret Mitchell (8, 1900); Ben Bova (8, 1932); Neil Gaiman (10, 1960); Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky (11, 1921); Robert Louis Stephenson (13, 1850); 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)

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Please call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event should an accommodation be needed.

**Encino-Tarzana Branch Library / 18231 Ventura Blvd / (818) 343-1983** **www.lapl.org**  
**MW 10-8pm / TTh 12:00-8pm / FSa 9:30-5:30pm / Closed Sunday**

## **ARTICLES WORTH READING AND/OR THINKING ABOUT**

Source: *American Libraries Direct*, online publication of American Library Association.

**Take Me Out to the Library: The National Baseball Hall of Fame Library and Museum preserves the rich heritage of America's pastime.** Source: *AL Direct*, 10/23/2015.  
<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2015/10/23/take-me-out-to-library/> - 10/23/15.

**Reinventing the Library.** Source: *AL Direct*, 10/23/2015.  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/24/opinion/reinventing-the-library.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/24/opinion/reinventing-the-library.html?_r=0) - 10/23/15.

**Largest U.S. Media Collection at MSU.** Source: *AL Direct*, 10/20/2015.  
<http://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2015/donation-builds-largest-us-media-collection-at-msu/> - 10/19/15

**Slightly fewer Americans are reading print books, new survey finds.** Source: *AL Direct*, 10/20/15  
<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/10/19/slightly-fewer-americans-are-reading-print-books-new-survey-finds/> - 10/15-19/2015

**Online tool aims to help researchers sift through 15 centuries of data.** *AL Direct*, 10/20/2015  
<https://news.ncsu.edu/2015/10/big-diva-2015/> - 10/14/2015

**An animated introduction to Jane Austen** (7 minute video) Source: *AL Direct*, 10/20/2015  
<http://www.openculture.com/2015/10/an-animated-introduction-to-jane-austen.html> - 10/14/15

**New research highlights libraries' expanded roles.** Source: *AL Direct*, 10/16/2015  
<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/10/new-research-highlights-libraries-expanded-roles>

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