

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
GALA 10TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF THE
REBUILT ENCINO-TARZANA
BRANCH LIBRARY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

1:00
Magic Show with Allen Oshiro

1:45
Temporary Tattoo Artist

2:00
Former City Librarian, Fontayne Holmes, who
was in charge of the library construction.

2:30
Local Historian, Ralph J. Herman, Sr., who
now has even more stories to tell about our
local history, of interest to teenagers too.

3:30
Open House and Refreshments

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – ADELE DRUCK

Back in the dark ages, when I went to school, we had to study Latin. Not much remains with me today but our textbooks had a Latin motto at the beginning of each chapter. I do remember 'tempus fugit' (time flies) and tempus has been fugiting like mad these days.

It's April already and we are one fourth of the way through my second year as president of the Friends. But while time has been slipping by we have not been idle.

The new Wassily chairs are on order, a deposit has been paid and we expect to receive them any day now. Our new Audio-visual system is on order and will be in place shortly.

The Board has voted to renew our subscription to Hot-Off-The-Press books for another year.

The March Book Sale was a record-setting success.

Our Book Clubs continue to discuss challenging books and ideas. The Page Turners club is open to new members since moving to the Library this year. Stop by on the second Monday at 3 pm and check it out. The History and Politics club is studying wars in U.S. History. They meet on the fourth Wednesday at 4 pm.

As featured elsewhere in this bulletin, our Branch is celebrating its tenth anniversary in the rebuilt structure, which opened in 2003. Another instance of flying time! We are planning a super celebration and hope to see you here.

Our library offers so much and I am pleased to be a part of what makes it special.

FRIENDS RECOMMEND

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

Robert Harris – *Pompeii*

Ruth Downie mysteries -- British author of historical novels set in ancient Rome

Lindsey Davis - English historical novelist of crime stories set in ancient Rome

Stephen L. Carter - *The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln*

Ann Fadiman - *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*

Salman Rushdie - *Joseph Anton: A Memoir*; also, interviews with Salman Rushdie, British Indian novelist & essayist (search the archives of the LAPL ALOUD series)

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>]

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Page Turners' Book Club read in January to March: Kirk Douglas – *Ragman's Son*; Lisa Grunwald - *The Irresistible Harry House*; Michael Ondaatje - *The Cat's Table*. For April 8, 2013, the group will read *Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald Balson.

History and Politics Book Club members, on April 24, will discuss the causes of World War I. All Friends members are welcome to join. Both book clubs meet in the Library Meeting Room.

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

~~~~~ 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~~~~~

**Come One Come All -- We hope you'll accept our invitation to come to our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The front cover of this Newsletter shows the program – much fun for kids and very interesting for teens and adults.**

**Programs: Allen Oshiro, a Magic Castle Magician, was our entertainment for our 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary, and it seemed fitting to invite him again. Kids love temporary tattoos so why not have them again too?**

**Fontayne Holmes is a dynamo, who not only served as an excellent City Librarian, but prior to that she was in charge of the re-construction of many of the library branches, including Encino-Tarzana. Her projects came in on time AND under budget! Hear about it...**

**Ralph J. Herman, Sr., is returning to share with us more stories about the Tarzana history – expanding on what he told us in August 2012. He is also bringing more memorabilia – different from last time. He says that he has stories of interest for teens as well.**

**Refreshments: Always popular and tasty! We've invited some of our Los Angeles Public Library administrators, whom you'll get a chance to meet, as they cut the cake.**

**AGAIN – Come One Come All – Bring family, friends, neighbors, and share the joys of our branch library.**

**HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS**

HOTP is a \$6000 annual gift from the Friends of the Library. Our Librarians notify the Friends when HOTP Books are received and placed 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. (These titles may also be reserved from the larger library collection through the Library's Reserve ("Hold") system.)

Here are the HOTP books received during the month of March 2013:

**March, 2013**

Harlan Coben - *Six Years*  
Jane Green - *Family Pictures*  
Joyce Carol Oates - *The Accursed*  
C. J. Box - *Breaking Point* (Joe Pickett series)  
Patricia Briggs - *Frost Burned* (Mercy Thompson series)  
Clive Cussler & Justin Scott - *The Striker* (Isaac Bell series)  
Thomas Perry - *The Boyfriend*  
George Saunders - *Tenth of December: Stories*  
Denise Mina - *Gods and Beasts* (Alex Morrow series)  
Jodi Picoult - *The Storyteller*  
Joanne Fluke - *Red Velvet Cupcake Murder* (Hannah Swensen series)  
Fern Michaels - *Gotcha!* (Sisterhood series)  
Dana Stabenow - *Bad Blood* (Kate Shugak series)

**NEWS FROM LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (<http://www.lapl.org>)**

**New at LAPL:** Citizenship Information --- New Muslim Art/Exhibit/Poetry/Music Series --- Tax Season is Here and We Can Help --- Helping Children Cope with Tragedy --- Want to Learn a New Language? Also blogs and posts, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube.

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2012 ANNUAL REPORTS -- FRIENDS OF ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY BOARD

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT ADELE DRUCK

When I assumed the presidency in January of 2012, I stepped into an effective and well functioning organization with highly capable officers and committee heads. With help from outgoing President Barbara Leff I learned the requirements of the job and did my best to follow in her footsteps.

Revenue from Membership dues and Book Sales continues to be substantial and enables us to provide the library with additional funds for books and supplies, programs for children and teens as well as the very popular Hot-Off-The-Press program which brings current best sellers to the library as soon as they are published. In 2012 we purchased three new tables for the meeting room. One was to replace a broken one and two additional tables to expand the usefulness of the room and increase display space for our book sales. We also purchased a license to show movies at the library. This has enabled us to show monthly Persian movies as well as to present films for children and teens. In November I had the pleasure of seeing the movie "Hugo" in the library, a film worth seeing again.

We also presented community focused adult programs. We sponsored the League of Women Voters to review ballot measures before the June and November elections. In August we presented programs in connection with the centennial of Edgar Rice Burroughs' first publication of Tarzan of the Apes. These very popular and well-attended programs included a screening of the original 1932 film "Tarzan the Ape Man" and a fascinating presentation by Ralph Herman Sr., on the history of Tarzana and the Burroughs estate. Mr. Herman brought extensive memorabilia and spoke to a standing room only crowd.

In October, Norma Lamken and I attended a citywide Friends meeting at the Main Library. We met new City Librarian John Szabo and were addressed by Library Foundation President, Ken Brecher. Melissa Potter then introduced a representative of the Los Angeles Police Department who stressed the importance of obtaining a "Charity Card" which must be posted at all book store and book sale locations. The event culminated in a presentation by several Friends groups which are successfully selling books on line. At this time it does not look as if this would be a good match for our group as it requires about 20 volunteer hours a week and/or contracting with an outside vendor who would siphon off some of our donated books and take a part of the proceeds of the sales.

In November, City Librarian John Szabo addressed us at our annual meeting. He outlined his plans for the library and stressed the importance of reading to children at an early age. Many Friends members had commented on the worn condition of the comfortable chairs in various locations in the library. One of the chairs being considered to replace them is called the Wassily chair. Mr. Szabo provided an interesting background on the chairs, which were created by an architect who had designed them for a library. We plan to purchase some of these chairs to replace the worn ones.

Also at the November meeting, we presented the "Friend of the Year" award to **Nonie Lann**. Nonie had served as treasurer of the Friends since the reopening of the Library in 2003. As the only member of the old Board prior to the rebuilding, she has been a treasure trove of historical information. An all-around treasure, Nonie will again be recognized at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in April 2013.

Remember all the work we did to make sure Measure L passed? Well, we have now seen some of the results of this passage. In October, Library hours were restored on Friday mornings and Monday and Wednesday evenings. In addition the Young Adult Librarian position was ably filled by Matthew Rodriguez.

It has been an eventful and satisfying year and I look forward to a successful 2013.

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP
BY JENNY LAPIDUS, Chair – November 28, 2012**

Currently, there are 174 members that reflect both individual and couple memberships. There are 15 first time memberships; 33 members have been deleted this year due to a variety of reasons including moved/deceased/or chose not to renew after 4 contact attempts including a phone call and email when addresses were provided.

In 2012, 46 members have joined at \$5; 29 at \$10, 21 at \$15, 47 at \$25, 1 at \$36, 14 at \$50, 9 at \$100, and 1 at \$150. Total dues collected was \$3,796.00.

Members are recruited at all functions and at the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Upon joining, members receive a welcome letter, a membership card, the current newsletter, a coupon to be redeemed at the bookstore, and a survey/interest form. Individuals/families contributing \$100 or more may have a bookplate, with names, placed in a library book. Businesses or Organizations contributing \$100 or more may have their card with a link to their website on our Community Sponsors webpage.

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF USED BOOK SALES
BY MARK LAMKEN, FOL Vice President**

Results of Sales of Used Books:

| <u>Quarterly Book Sales</u> | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| March 2012 | \$ 4,262.92 |
| June 2012 | 4,047.45 |
| September 2012 | 3,896.37 |
| December 2012 | <u>3,405.12</u> |
| Total (Quarterly Book Sales) | \$15,983.50 |
| <u>Total Bookstore Sales</u> (courtesy of Margaret Talvin) | <u>9,894.62</u> |
| 2012 Total | \$24,252.31 |

The proceeds from the quarterly book sales increased by \$2,412.69 from the prior year. Bookstore sales decreased by \$786.38, for a net increase of proceeds from the sale of books in 2012 of \$1,621.81 over 2011. Without trying to test my belief empirically, I suspect that the decrease in Bookstore sales is related to the fact that our Library (and, therefore, our Bookstore) was open fewer hours during 2012 than in 2011. Accordingly, I am hopeful that we will see an increase in Bookstore sales in 2013 now that many of those hours have been restored.

I wish to express FOL's thanks to Norma Lamken and Margaret Talvin and the members of the Book Sale Committee and to our other faithful and wonderful volunteers, particularly at the book sales and in our Bookstore.

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS
By BARBARA Y. LEFF, Chair**

As Publications Chair, I am responsible for the FOL website and the FOL Newsletters.

Website – <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

Our website is maintained and upgraded continuously by Judy Russell, our Webmaster. She updates all the lists, recommendations, book club news, book covers, and Adele Druck's posters. My job is to supply some of the updates and edit content. Judy and I are in constant communication, sometimes almost daily. Below are a few of the items of note during 2012:

- Judy created new webpages-- "Resources > Local Recreation" and provided both content/photos of more than 2 dozen webpages and 11 photo galleries.
- Judy works directly with David Hagopian, Senior Librarian, to keep our calendar current.
- We updated membership and volunteer forms, working with Membership and President.
- We researched and found excellent websites to add as links on our Resources pages.
- We created a new "Friends of the Year" page, with photos of honorees since 2004.
- Our Photo Gallery of our annual Volunteer Breakfast is changed annually.
- We revised our LAPL Treasures webpage as a guide to the newly revised LAPL website.

Newsletters:

Our Bylaws require us to publish two newsletters a year, but in 2012, we published three newsletters - during February, August, and November.

For content, please see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3newsletter.html>

I'm most grateful to have Judy Russell's assistance - couldn't do this without her!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID HAGOPIAN....

Congratulations to David Hagopian, whom Los Angeles Public Library has now designated as our permanent Senior Librarian/Branch Manager at Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. David was promoted after serving 2-1/2 years as Acting Senior Librarian / Acting Branch Manager. He has been dedicated to maintaining and enhancing our Branch collection and services, working diligently to satisfy community needs, and enthusiastically supporting our Friends projects. We're very happy that David no longer has the "Acting" title and that he will be here permanently with us - from now on.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF DAVID HAGOPIAN Senior Librarian / Branch Manager of Encino-Tarzana Branch Library

2012 was a year of changes at the Encino-Tarzana Branch and for the Los Angeles Public Library system, all for the good of the Library and the community it serves. Thanks to voter-approved Measure L (March 2011), Library services restoration continues. The big improvement for 2012 came just this past October when Friday mornings and evening hours on Wednesday and Thursday were restored.

Other signs of change are the hiring of new staff. In March, Martin Gomez left as City Librarian for a position at USC; and our new City Librarian, John Szabo, assumed leadership in September. At the Encino-Tarzana, we have experienced some staff changes, the most notable being the appointment of a Young Adult Librarian in February. He has been busy working on our very popular young adult materials collection, as well as recruiting teens to volunteer, planning programs, and doing outreach.

The Encino-Tarzana Library remains one of the busiest of all 72 branches. Our circulation of materials (items that patrons borrow) consistently ranks in the top four throughout the system, and is number three for the fiscal year 2011/2012. Facility improvements include replacement of the graffiti film on our windows, which make them look brand new; and replacing all the lights around the building and in the parking lot.

Our Branch programs for all ages were as popular as ever this past year (most of them sponsored by the Friends of Encino-Tarzana Branch Library). One of our most memorable and well-attended programs of 2012 was part of Tarzana's community-wide celebration of the 100th anniversary of the publication of Edgar Rice Burrough's classic novel Tarzan of the Apes in August. Local historian and Tarzana native Ralph Herman spoke to a packed crowd about growing up in the area and his friendship with the Burroughs family. For adults, we also were pleased to present the League of Women Voters (before the primary and presidential elections); Conversations with Heroes (WWII Veterans talking about their experiences); a monthly Persian movie screening; book clubs; and the Last Saturday of the Month Poetry group. Our children's and young adult librarians also planned and presented fun and interesting programs for our younger patrons. We had magicians, temporary tattoo artists, storytellers, a singing cowboy, movie screenings, art projects, food programs, and artist demonstrations, just to name a few. This year's Summer Reading Club was as successful as ever, hundreds of children and teens signed up and participated and earned books and the chance to win bigger prizes for reading. More importantly, they did it just for the fun and love of reading.

This year, thanks to their tireless volunteering and fundraising in the Branch bookstore and at the very successful quarterly book sales, the Friends have provided the funds to purchase hundreds of materials for the Branch (books, magazines, music CDs and DVDs), as well as the supplies the staff needs to process them for the shelves. The Friends also supplement our budget with programming assistance. The ever-popular FOL-funded Hot-Off-The-Press program continues; we are one of the few branches that is able to provide this service to our patrons (that is, one week lending period to get current bestsellers into as many readers' hands as possible). FOL also bought us 3 much-needed new tables in our Meeting Room.

System wide, our emedia collection continues to grow; and early this year we had major upgrades to our public computers. The Library has also implemented two major programs this year that demonstrate our continued commitment to supporting and assisting all patrons in the communities of our diverse city. Late this year, Citizenship Corners opened up in every branch in the system. This is a program designed to help immigrants navigate their way successfully to American citizenship. The Library offers materials (to keep as well as to borrow) and programs, and provides training to the staff so that we are better able to assist patrons with their questions about the nationalization process. Each branch also now provides a Student Zone. This is a designated workspace, with computer access and homework supplies, available to students (elementary through high school) for a part of each day Monday through Thursday. Our goal is to ensure that students have the resources they need, at their local branch, to succeed in school.

Despite our continuing budget and staff shortages, our new programs, the appointment of permanent upper management staff, and our extended hours all help to strengthen the Los Angeles Public Library, and keep it active and relevant in the communities we serve. Additionally, the contributions of the thousands of dedicated hardworking staff, volunteers (from teens to special project volunteers to literacy tutors to book club leaders to Friends of the Library), and patrons help keep the Library on course to a strong recovery and a bright future.

Encino-Tarzana Branch continues to be a vital and active part of the Encino and Tarzana communities. Judging by the amount of items that patrons borrow and the number of items that citizens donate to the Branch, the love that this community has for its Library is evident and impressive. All year long patrons shared with me good words about and suggestions for the Branch. They tell me about how one of our librarians helped them find a book with limited information ("the cover is yellow and it was on NPR"); or about a clerk who went out of his or her way for them; or a program that they enjoyed at the Encino-Tarzana Branch. It really is encouraging to me to hear these remarks. It demonstrates the value of the Branch as a staple in the community; and it inspires me to continue thinking of ways that we can better serve the public.

LIBRARY-RELATED NEWS from *American Libraries Direct*, 3/27/2013 –
(<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/aldirect>)

“Celebrate National Poetry Month” – April 2013

“Why eBooks are a Different Genre from Print”

“Library of Congress Adds Recordings” to Its National Recording Registry

“eLending and its Discontents” (major problems of libraries and publishers)

“The Great Gatsby: Digging a Bit Deeper”

“35 Bookplates Belonging to Famous People”

“Eight Reasons Why You Shouldn’t Work During a Flight”

“History Set to Unfold at the Bush Presidential Library” – (Open to the general public on May 1)

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