

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

Dear non-computer users: 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.

FANTASTIC B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday – MARCH 6 and 7 – 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 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.**

Editor's comments: In this issue we are featuring two interesting articles on the Los Angeles Public Library's "E-Media" collection, by Adele Druck and David Hagopian. Those without computers may use our Library computers, with librarian assistance.

For additional information and help in accessing E-Media, go to LAPL's:

<http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media>

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Adele Druck

Do you HOOPLA?

There are many FREE e-Media options offered by the Library these days. You can borrow books and read them on a Kindle or on the Kindle app on your tablet or smart phone. You can listen to music on Freegal, read magazines on Zinio, and there may be more I haven't explored yet - AND you can HOOPLA.

“Hoopla” means bustling excitement or activity, commotion or hullabaloo. Hoopla is a digital media service through a most versatile application offering an extensive collection of free Movies, TV Shows, Music and Audiobooks that you can access through your LAPL library card.

On the LAPL website, <http://www.lapl.org>, click on Collections & Resources, then e-Media, then scroll down to Hoopla, and then simply download the app on to your tablet or smart phone; sign up using your library card and email address, and get started. The app is extremely easy to use and navigation is simple and logical. There is no distracting advertising. You can download 10 items each month. However, at this time it appears that Hoopla is only accessible on mobile devices and tablets, not on desktop or laptop computers.

-- **Movies** - You won't find the latest blockbuster films but hundreds of older films including some classics. There are old "Road to..." movies with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, some Shirley Temple, as well as some more recent films. If you missed "Iron Lady" from 2011, "The King's Speech" from 2010, "Billy Elliot" from 2000 or "What Maisie Knew" from 2013 you will find them on Hoopla.

In browsing Hoopla movies I came across the silent film "A Trip to the Moon" made in France in 1902. This is the movie featured in the recent film "Hugo," based on the book *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. Watching it was an education in early cinematography. Also from France a more recent release from 2011, "Potiche" with Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu, a comedy that I enjoyed in the theater and look forward to viewing again.

Movies are automatically returned after 72 hours.

-- **Music** - The music choices are not limited to older selections and you will find the 2015 Grammy featured songs as well as many recent musical releases. I came across an album released this year by one of my favorite operatic tenors. I never would have known about it if not for Hoopla. There are sound tracks from recent movies such as "Fifty Shades of Grey", "Frozen", "Into the Woods", and "Paddington."

Hoopla music includes 28 genre categories including Rock, Reggae, Pop, New Age, Latino, classical, Jazz, Fitness and Workout. I wonder if there is any music that is not on Hoopla somewhere.

Music selections are automatically returned after 7 days.

-- **Television**

TV shows on Hoopla include *Masterpiece Mysteries* and *Masterpiece Classics* as well as the *Inspector Morse* programs, numerous *Jillian Michaels* workout shows and many seasons of "A Touch of Frost." Out of the past you will find many episodes of the old "Dragnet" show, and shows from Danny Kaye, Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, and Dinah Shore. For pure nostalgia of our early years, there is "The Lone Ranger" going back as far as 1949.

TV shows are automatically returned after 72 hours.

-- **Audiobooks**

Again Hoopla has hundreds and possibly thousands of titles. Popular books include *Orange is the New Black*, *The Hunger Games*. There are biographies of Whitney Houston, Mohandas Gandhi, Mark Twain, Jon Stewart, Princess Grace, and numerous others. Classics range from Homer's *Odyssey* to Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Among the authors are Agatha Christie, Louis L'Amour, Ellery Queen, Charles Dickens, D. H. Lawrence, and Henry James. I don't usually listen to books unless on a long road trip but, when I first looked at Hoopla, I downloaded a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald called *The Diamond as big as the Ritz* - a very different Fitzgerald work and worth a look -- or listen.

Audiobooks are automatically returned after 21 days.

If you have a mobile device or tablet, you should take a look at HOOPLA. There are so many options at your fingertips to fill empty hours, something to do while waiting at the dentist, at the airport, on a plane. It's like having a library in your pocket. You can download the app here: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>

BOOK CLUB NEWS – CURRENT AND FUTURE

Due to the fact that our current Page Turners' Book Club has reached its maximum membership, **Encino-Tarzana Friends is sponsoring a second general interest book club, paperback titles only**, to be led by Evelyn Perl. Name of group and day and time will be decided by the group. If you are interested, please email Carol Fox, our Book Club Chair: foxcb@msn.com. When we have a sufficient number of interested individuals, Evelyn will contact you to attend a meeting.

So far, in 2015, Page Turners' Book Club members have enjoyed reading and discussing these books: Sue Monk Kidd - *The Invention of Wings* AND Anita Diamant - *Day After Night*. For all readings since 2006, see <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.php>

Upcoming dates and selections for Page Turners:

Monday, March 9, 2015 - Boris Fishman - *A Replacement Life*

Monday, April 13, 2015 - Graeme Simsion - *The Rosie Project*

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:

Diana Gabaldon - *Outlander, a novel* (series of 8 books and novellas)
Outlander - TV mini-series (Starz season-1 online; season-2 - April 4 2015)
Steven Johnson - *How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World*
(book and TV series)
Stephen Hawking - *The Illustrated A Brief History of Time* (updated and expanded edition)
Héctor Tobar - *Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free.*
Héctor Tobar - *Translation Nation: Defining a New American Identity in the Spanish-Speaking United States*
John Grisham - *Sycamore Row*
Tracy Chevalier - *The Last Runaway: A Novel*
Ivan Turgenev - *Fathers and Sons*

For complete list of Friends Recommend and LAPL READS (librarian recommendations, hot titles, book lists, etc.), see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.php>

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 HOTP books received so far in February 2015:

February, 2015

2/10 - David Axelrod - *Believer: My Forty Years in Politics*
M.C. Beaton - *Death of a Liar* (Hamish Macbeth series)
Alex Berenson - *Twelve Days*
Tim Dorsey - *Shark Skin Suite*
Daniel Handler - *We Are Pirates*
Joyce Carol Oates - *The Sacrifice*
J.D. Robb - *Obsession In Death* (In Death series)
2/3 - George Friedman - *Flashpoints: the Emerging Crisis in Europe*
Alexander Fuller - *Leaving Before the Rains Come*
Lisa Gardner - *Crash & Burn*
James Grippando - *Cane and Abe*
Kristin Hannah - *The Nightingale*
Walter Mosley - *Inside A Silver Box*
James Patterson & Maxine Paetro - *Private Vegas*

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

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

Annual Report 2014 -- President Adele Druck

In 2014 we continued to see the effects of the passage of Proposition L with Friday and Saturday hours expanded and an additional staff member authorized for the Branch. We continued to be one of the busiest of the 72 branches in the city, ending the year as number 3.

Friend's support of the Library in 2014 included:

- Funding for books, supplies and equipment beyond what is provided by the City Budget
- Funding Children's & Teen's programs, including performers' fees at Summer Reading Club Events
- League of Women Voters programs before elections
- Funding at maximum level for Hot Off The Press Books
- Continuing to pay for movie license
- Funding for Yoga classes

All of this is possible largely due to two fund-raising efforts: Our Membership Drive led by dedicated Jenny Lapidus, and our very successful Book Sales and their incredible crew led by Norma Lamken and Margaret Talvin. We had record-breaking sales in June and September. We're grateful that members of our community continue to donate their used books in impressive quantities and that our sorting staff diligently organize the inventory twice weekly to restock the Bookstore and to prepare for the next quarterly book sale.

Thanks to Judy Russell and Barbara Leff, our website is a marvel - providing constantly updated library information as well as community information and resources.

As President, I look forward to continuing to serve the Library and the Community in 2015.

Annual Report 2014 -- Membership - Chair Jenny Lapidus as of 11/19/14

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3joinus.php>

Currently we have 130 memberships that reflect both individual and couple memberships. There are 4 first time memberships. 14 members have been deleted this year due to a variety of reasons including moved/deceased/or chose not to renew after 3 attempts including a phone call and email when addresses were provided. 40 members have joined at \$5, 20 at \$10, 19 at \$15, 30 at \$25, 1 at \$40, 11 at \$50, 7 at \$100, and 2 at \$200.

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 their name, 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. The amount of total dues collected is available upon a member's request.

Annual Report 2014 -- Publications - Chair Barbara Y. Leff

I have two responsibilities: Newsletter/Mailings and Website content, working closely with President Adele Druck and Webmaster Judy Russell.

Newsletters/Mailings:

Per our Bylaws, we published two Newsletters annually: May 2014 and November 2014. We sent them to our members via email or USPS. Newsletter copies are in our archives and on our webpage -

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3newsletter.php>

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

Together, Webmaster Judy Russell and I keep the website current; we often communicate daily. Two items worth mentioning:

-- In response to questions about what do the Friends do, Judy created "**Friends in Action**" - a new feature for our website, which highlights volunteers' almost daily work and our Library donations - this is located on the front of our homepage. Judy is in constant contact with our President, Book Sale Managers, and others, as well as LAPL Librarians, to keep it current. It is an interesting and informative column.

-- Judy presented a live demo of our FOL Website for FOL Board in February -- well-done and enjoyed by all.

Annual Report 2014 – LAPL Senior Librarian and Branch Manager, David Hagopian

In 2014, the Encino-Tarzana Branch staff continued our commitment to provide service to our local communities as part of the Los Angeles Public Library system. As in past years, we were one of the busiest of the 73 branches in circulation and usage of the Library's many valuable and diverse resources. As in past years, the staff worked very hard to ensure that our patrons are getting the materials, information and programs that they want and enjoy. Some program highlights from 2014 include a very successful Summer Reading Program for children and teens, our popular Feel Good Yoga with Nicole for adults, and our monthly Persian film screening. As usual, we presented several other well-attended programs for children and teens during the holidays, which always ends the year nicely.

In 2014, the Library continued to fulfill Measure L commitments by restoring more library hours. We hired new librarians and clerks and are hoping to hire new messenger clerks early in 2015. And we have seen our City approved budget grow, which means more materials on the shelves. Though these changes might seem imperceptible to some, when viewed as one part of the whole system, more staff and more materials and more hours of library availability is a big thing.

This year brought some very visible changes to the appearance of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. Unfortunately we had to remove a large tree in the front plaza area because it was causing damage to the area, but it was replaced with a beautiful young olive tree that will provide shade and greenery in the years to come. The large windows that are such a defining feature of the branch's architecture were thoroughly washed and new graffiti guards were applied. And most of the exterior and parking lot lights and bulbs were repaired or replaced. These improvements over the past few months have really made the branch shine and seem almost brand new again.

And for another year, hundreds of Encino and Tarzana citizens have donated thousands of books. Some books the librarians keep to supplement our library collection; the rest go directly to the Friends of the Library volunteer group for sale at the on-site Bookstore and at the quarterly book sales. The profits from these book sales enable us to hire performers for library programs, purchase supplemental materials (such as books, DVDs and music CDs), and pay for library supplies, to name a few of the ways that this community benefits from the generosity of your neighbors. None of this would be possible without the hard work, dedication, and generosity of the Friends volunteers, who work in the Bookstore and also sort books twice a week for several hours at a time in our community room. Additionally, the Friends of the Library Board members work hard to guide the group and ensure that all their hard work goes to supporting and enriching the Encino-Tarzana Library.

My hope for 2015 is that the Library will continue to strengthen and grow and evolve to serve the changing needs of the diverse communities we serve; and that the Encino-Tarzana Branch continues to be as busy and active and engaging as it has been these past four and a half years that I have been here.

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

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (LAPL)

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

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

-- [African American Military Portraits From the American Civil War](#)

-- [From Pop to the Pit: LAPL Photo Collection Celebrates the Los Angeles Music Scene, 1978-1989.](#)

-- [Treasures of Los Angeles](#)

ALoud Lecture Series – Central Library

"Presenting its milestone 1,000th [ALoud] program in 2010, the Library Foundation of Los Angeles continues to reach a wide audience through on site events, podcasts, and archival videos. [ALoud] events are free and open to the public at the Central Library along with a special selection of ticketed off-site events." Click here for details & schedule: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/aloud-lecture-series>

Events at Branch Libraries

Just as Encino-Tarzana Branch has programs, events, and happenings, so too do all of the other 71 branches of LAPL. Click here to read more: <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/calendar>

E-MEDIA – from our Senior Librarian, David Hagopian

The Los Angeles Public Library has been making electronic media ("e-Media" or "eMedia") available to Angelenos for some years now, but it wasn't until I received an iPad Mini for this past Christmas that I started accessing eBooks myself. Thousands of books, albums, magazines, movies and more are available on our website (www.lapl.org), accessible anywhere that one can connect to the Internet and they are totally free of charge. All one needs is a Los Angeles Public Library card and a device on which to read, watch and listen to our materials.

For anyone who is not familiar with the term *eMedia*, it refers to our library materials (books, magazines, movies, music, for example) that are in electronic format. eMedia is accessed through your Kindle, Android, or IOS device, and sometimes thru your computer; as opposed to checking out these items in print, CD, or DVD form. We work with a number of vendors to provide our patrons with the best and latest materials possible.

The best place to start is our eMedia page (<http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media>). Each vendor's service is listed with a concise description and instructions on how to access the materials. Links to user guides are available on the same page and the best way to get started is to click on the appropriate guide for the vendor and format that interests you, and then download and install the appropriate vendor app. For example, if you are interested in reading novels on your Kindle or iPad, then I recommend scrolling down and clicking on Overdrive.

Once you are on the Overdrive site, you will need to set up an account and clicking on Overdrive Help is the best way to go. The instructions there will walk you through the process. You will need your library card number, the last four digits of the telephone number that you provided to LAPL (this will be your personal identification number, or PIN) and an email address. You will need to download and install the Overdrive app. Then you can get started browsing and borrowing books.

Unlike for-profit Internet book sellers like Amazon.com, the Library only has a limited number of copies to lend, but, just like with print materials, you can place your name on a "Hold" list and when the item becomes available, you will receive an email notification and can download the item immediately. Also, the item will automatically disappear on the due date, no patron action is required.

Another one of our eMedia services that I really like is Freegal. This site allows you to download music for free and keep it. You are limited to five songs per week but once the music is downloaded it never has to be returned. Setting up an account is, of course, the first step. But once you do, especially if you are downloading to your device directly, adding songs and playing them is easy. Again, you will need to download and install an app at <http://lapl.freegalmusic.com/homes/index>.

Of course the Los Angeles Public Library still has books and probably always will, but the convenience of having access to a library of tens of thousands of books and music and other materials is revolutionary. If you have a smartphone, tablet, or some other device, I highly recommend you to check out our eMedia and become familiar with it, even those of you who swear that you are "old fashioned" and have to read a book with printing on paper that you can smell and feel the weight of in your hands. Knowing how to use eMedia could come in handy some day. I made great use of a friend's Kindle once while on vacation. I had just finished one of George Martin's giant novels in the Song of Fire and Ice series and I couldn't wait to start the next one. I didn't want to buy the book at a local bookstore and have to lug it around (his books are hundreds of pages long), so I found it on www.lapl.org, downloaded it, and could continue the series. eMedia saved the day!

You can ask any librarian at any one of our branches and they will be able to help you get started. For those of you who want to get started but feel that you need more in-depth guidance, the Library has a great new service called Book A Librarian (<http://www.lapl.org/branches/central-library/book-librarian-appointment-request-form>) which can provide you with free one-on-one reference service (available only at Central Library at this time). We can help you at our Branch as well.

eMedia has so far been amazingly popular and successful at LAPL. Most library systems offer some form of electronic resources, but nothing that compares to ours. Using it can be intimidating to some, but once you realize how easy it is to use, you'll appreciate the value of this wonderful service.



Programs, activities & events for all ages & interests

February 2015

All Library events are free and open to the public.

Event title	Date/time	Description
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 2/4 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole Elise (adults, teens)	We. 2/4 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Sock Puppet craft for Teens	Th. 2/5 at 4pm	Make a sock puppet at the library. All materials will be provided.
Book Lover's Book Club	Th. 2/5 at 5:30pm	Please call the branch for this month's book for discussion.
Page Turner's Book Club (adults)	Mo. 2/9 at 3pm	The book for discussion this month is <i>A Replacement Life</i> by Boris Fishman.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 2/11 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole Elise (adults, teens)	We. 2/11 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Teen Council meeting (teens)	Th. 2/12 at 4pm	Help plan library events and make suggestions for library books. Community service hours possible. Contact the teen librarian for details.
LIBRARY CLOSED - PRESIDENTS' DAY	Mo. 2/16 ALL DAY	In most rankings of U.S. Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are usually the top two on the lists.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 2/18 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole Elise (adults, teens)	We. 2/18 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Friends of the Library Open Board Meeting (adults)	We. 2/18 at 1pm	Board 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.
Young Adult Sidewalk Astronomers (teens)	Mo. 2/23 at 6pm	Sidewalk Astronomers are back! Join us for stargazing, moon watching and sidewalk chats about our cosmos (weather permitting).
B.A.R.K. the Robot Dog puppet show (children)	Tu. 2/24 at 3pm	Furry and funny puppet show for the whole family to enjoy. Generously funded by the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library.
Story time & crafts (children)	We. 2/25 at 10am	Children & their families are invited to an hour of stories and creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole Elise (adults, teens)	We. 2/25 at 11:30am	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a yoga mat. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Last Saturday of the Month Poetry (all)	Sa. 2/28 at 2pm	Open mic poetry. All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own composition. Each reader will have six minutes. Begin signing up at 1:30pm.

Library Trivia

According to the U.S. Greeting Card Association, school teachers receive more cards on St. Valentine's Day (February 14) than anyone else.

Writers born in February include: Langston Hughes (1, 1902); James Joyce (2, 1882); James Michener (3, 1907); Laura Ingalls Wilder (7, 1867); Jules Verne (8, 1828); Alice Walker (9, 1944); Jane Yolen (11, 1939); Toni Morrison (18, 1931); Amy Tan (19, 1952); John Steinbeck (27, 1902)

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.

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

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For a preview of calendars-in-progress for March, April, and May 2015,
see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/4events.php>

ARTICLES WORTH READING AND THINKING ABOUT

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