

****FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER****

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Encino-Tarzana Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library

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COME! – A REALLY B-I-G Used Book and Media Sale

Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, 2019 - 9:30AM - 5:00PM

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

Great selections for all -- Bring Your Own Bag - You'll need it!

OR buy our Friends Tote Bag (\$3.00)

Book Sale categories:

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/pdf/BooksaleCategories.pdf>

Website: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/usedbooksales.html>

NOTE: We are now accepting credit cards for purchases of \$10 or more.

Extra Bargain Time! Saturday at 3:00pm

we'll give you a special bag to fill for only \$4.00 or a bigger tote to fill for \$8.00

You are welcome to forward this email to others who might be interested.

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 with varying inventory.

WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS to help us --- Questions?

Contact Ilene Braverman - bookstore@ETLibraryFriends.org OR 818.708.2255

THANK YOU to our Book Sale Chair: Norma Lamken

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

If you have not already done so, PLEASE RENEW YOUR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP NOW.

Lost forms can be replaced with the website form at:

<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/membershipform.html>

OR <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/pdf/membershipapplication.pdf>

PRESIDENT –2018 ANNUAL REPORT
by Maggi Stern, President

It's been a busy year for the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library (FOL). Personally, I've had quite a learning curve in my new position, as President, and must admit to a few minor stumbles - but the Friends are resilient and have nicely survived.

Library Staff: After many changes with temporary Senior Librarians in the last few years, we finally have a permanent Senior Librarian, Lawrence Nash. We are so glad to have him on board. We are looking forward to working with him closely to continue to improve and upgrade our library facility. We also have a new Young Adult Librarian, Elisabeth Calla, with new ideas for our young adults.

Volunteers and Committees: We have a great FOL Board. But, we lost our dear volunteer, Margaret Talvin, this year. She is remembered by us all as a smart, intelligent, no-nonsense lady who quietly took care of so many things the FOL does. This year we initiated a new Committee -- a Technology Committee -- chaired by an incredibly competent and hard-working Judy Russell. We've seen some other changes on our Board: Carol Fox, Chair of the Book Club Committee, resigned after many successful years. Ellen Henderson has accepted the position as Interim Book Club Chair. Jan Monson, Hospitality Chair, who brought us wonderful refreshments and decorations, resigned this year too.

Donations and Book Sales: We had a successful donation year of books, CD's, DVD's, and many other donations -- and GREAT Book Sales, thanks to Book Sale Chair Norma Lamken and her dedicated Committee! And we continue to sort twice a week, rain or shine, with our fabulous volunteer sorters.

Storage: We rented a storage facility off-site to house our Book Sale paraphernalia; this created more and much needed room for our donations in our storeroom. We have also added "Square" to our Book Sales so that we now take credit card payments. And our new book shelf in our Bookstore makes it easier to see all the marvelous used books.

I'm looking forward to 2019 and many more exciting new adventures for the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Cadence McKinnon, FIRST VP –

Sent March Book Sale publicity to Nextdoor, the private social network for neighborhoods
[Los Angeles Events: Fundraisers]

ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY – BRANCH MANAGER -- 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Lawrence Nash, Senior Librarian

Although our Library Branch has everything you expect from a twenty-first century library, such as computers, WiFi, and digital media, Encino-Tarzana is still a Branch Library where the physical book is prized! Library patrons young and old come to the reference desk with lists of books to read and request. Our book budget is supplemented by our Library Friends who help pay for our Hot-Off-The-Press materials. Our Friends also operate a Bookstore which is open daily and a quarterly Book Sale which is well known in the community and beyond, and provides us with many items.

Encino-Tarzana Branch has both a multilingual collection (i.e., English, Persian, Russian, Spanish, and Hebrew) and a multilingual staff! The branch is currently working with the International Languages Department to switch out our Hebrew books for a new lending collection. Speaking of language and literacy, there are three busy ESL classes at the branch weekly: (1) A weekly children's story-time share the love of reading with young children and their parents. (2) Literacy tutors meet their students regularly at the branch. (3) New speakers of English are also improving their computer literacy with regular computer comfort classes.

Encino-Tarzana Branch is the fifth busiest branch in the Los Angeles Public Library. A busy branch also means a busy parking lot and grounds. I succeeded in getting the tower lights in the parking lot repaired and replaced. Without them, the parking lot was very dark and it became a safety issue because there was activity in our lot 24 hours due to the electric vehicle charging stations. Another reason our lot is busy is because our parking lot is always open so that the Los Angeles County officials can access the River Wash. The waste receptacles in the garden are being emptied more regularly now. I am currently trying to get the exterior light sconces on the building replaced.

Staffing at Encino-Tarzana is currently full. However, during 2018 our Young Adult Librarian, Emily Appleton, and our Library Assistant, Kurt Osterheldt moved. Emily was new to Encino-Tarzana, but Kurt had spent many decades of his library career at Encino-Tarzana. We miss his institutional knowledge and his ability to bring the staff together to work as a whole. Stephanie Studer, Library Assistant from Woodland Hills Branch, has been a great help to me in the daily operations of Encino-Tarzana. Elisabeth Calla is our new Young Adult Librarian and she brings a lot of enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the job.

Encino-Tarzana Library is the cornerstone where the different neighborhood communities overlap and come together. Whether it is families with children, or single adults; the religious or the secular; the affluent or the homeless, they all find resources they need at the Branch. I hope to build upon our strengths of customer service and access of information to all in 2019.

WELCOME TO ELIZABETH CALLA - OUR NEW YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN.

Elizabeth Calla is our new Young Adult Librarian. For information about what a YA Librarian does and her interests in our Teens, go to our webpage:

Resources for Teens - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/resourcesteens.html>

AND -- Our new YA Librarian will be chairing an LAPL Booth, representing Encino-Tarzana Library, at a Game & Comics Convention on May 11 at Daniel Pearl Magnet High School to raise funds for the school. She will also lead a program for kids and teens on how make a Light-Up Super Hero Pin.

THE RICHMOND ROSIE'S: THE WOMEN WHO BUILT SHIPS
Film showing – Senior Documentary

On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 2:00 PM, in the Library Meeting Room, we will be showing a free Senior Documentary film.

FYI - Women joined the Shipyard's work force - for the first time outside of their homes while their men were overseas during World War II. The women earned financial independence as well as changed the course of women's history throughout the US and the world. You're welcome to join us to view the film.

For film description, go to: <https://www.therichmondrosies.com/> .

The BIG Encino-Tarzana Friends of the Library BOOK SALE
By Norma Lamken, Book Sale Chair, and Helene Terris, Member at Large.

The first *Encino-Tarzana Friends of the Library* Book Sale of 2019 will be held on Friday March 8th and Saturday March 9th. It's our opportunity to display the books that we've gathered since our last sale, find some good reads to add to our own collections, and, in the meantime, raise money to enrich our neighborhood Encino-Tarzana Library.

Wednesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 7th, we'll be preparing for the sale; on Monday, March 11th we'll be cleaning up after the sale. You will have many opportunities to show your support by volunteering to help for a few hours to make this sale a success.

When you commit to volunteer, we really count on you to be there. It takes a team to staff the actual sale as well as all the preparation for the sale and cleanup afterwards.

I'll be sending an email detailing exactly what help will be needed and letting you know when we could use your help. Be ready to join us and make this a record breaking sale.

BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Ilene Braverman, Chair.

Volunteers are continuously needed to staff the bookstore and help sort book donations. Currently, the bookstore is opened Monday through Saturday with eighteen people working 2-3 hour shifts each day. We also have approximately 15 people to call as substitutes for our regular volunteers.

Potential volunteers first contact the head librarian of the branch, Mr. Larry Nash. He will interview and give them the appropriate forms to fill out for approval. Once this is done, I will meet with the volunteer in the Bookstore and explain the procedures that we follow and answer any questions regarding its operation.

Volunteers are vital to the success of our Friends of the Library group. We welcome anyone who is willing to give a few hours per week to help sort donations and keep our Bookstore open, for the benefit of our community.

MEMBERSHIP - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Jenny Lapidus, Chair

Currently there are 118 memberships that reflect both individuals and couples. There are 13 first time memberships. 21 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/or email when addresses were provided. 37 members have joined at \$5; 16 members at \$10; 15 members at \$15 & 1 at \$20; 28 members at \$25; 9 members at \$50; 1 at \$55; 4 members at \$100; 1 at \$200; and 1 member at \$300. There is 1 special membership per the October Board Meeting and 3 per the Friends of the Library By-Laws which state that a membership received after Oct. 31, 2018, is considered the next calendar year member and dues are to carry to the following year.

Members are recruited at all functions and at the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Upon joining, members receive a welcome letter which invites them to check our website, one 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 either chosen by the librarian or the donor may suggest a book title or genre. Businesses or Organizations contributing \$100 or more may have their card with a link to their website on our Community Sponsors webpage.

BOOK CLUBS - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Ellen Henderson, Chair

Our Friends' Book Club has a new Book Club Chair, Ellen Henderson, an avid reader of both newer fiction and the classics. She follows the retirement of Carole Fox, our long-time dedicated Book Clubs Chair.

Our current Friends Book Club is Page Turners' Book Club – meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month, starting with Saturday, March 23, at 2PM in the Library Meeting Room. All are welcome to our meetings. Our first meeting launches this spring for the book-lovers in the community to enjoy in-depth discussions on books and authors. Please come if you want to swap book recommendations or just want to meet fellow book-lovers. The Club will read genres from fiction to non-fiction, best-sellers to classics, as well as explore diverse and ethnic authors. Feel free to email your Book Club questions, comments, or ideas – to our Book Club Chair at bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org .

To see some previous readings of our Book Club, go to our website - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/bookclub.html> -- "older selections"

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Robert Hyam, a Member-at-Large

My primary functions for 2018 included:

1. Accumulation of the Store hours and dollars.
2. Accumulation of the Sorting hours.
3. Accumulation of the Sales hours and dollars.
4. Reporting, each month, the hours and dollars to the appropriate library staff so that they could report them to LAPL.

Other functions for 2018 included:

1. During Sorting sessions:
 - a. Review and verification of the contents of CDs and DVDs.
 - b. Placing CDs and DVDs into their proper classification.
2. In preparation of the Quarterly Sales:
 - a. Selecting complete sets of books, anime, etc. books to be displayed on carts in the entryway.
 - b. Selecting 'special' books to be displayed on carts in the entryway.
 - c. Gathering 'special' books from Norma for display.
 - d. Pricing the above at 'higher' than the others item.
 - e. Presenting the above in the entryway and holding those items for the purchaser until paid for.

3. Attend the Board Meetings, when held:
 - a. Reminding the Board Members that they must send me their 'other' task hours by the end of the month.
 - b. Attempting to keep the meeting moving forward.
 - c. Making suggestions regarding the maintenance of the Book Store.

PUBLICATIONS – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Barbara Y. Leff, Chair

Publications Chair is responsible for two publications:
FOL Website and FOL Newsletter.

Website - (<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org>) The website was created and greatly enhanced by the Technology Chair, Judy Russell. Technology Chair, is responsible for the technical work and formatting on the website. Technology Chair works closely with Publications Chair – to present the best website possible.

Our website describes what we do and how we do it. During 2018, we continually updated the website to include volunteer activities and Friends' events. We advertised book sales and other events on the home page carousel, and made Newsletters available on the site. Occasionally, we included historic items such as pictures of earlier library buildings, documents from the founding of the Friends, and a newsletter from 1982. Preliminary exploration during 2018 was made toward making the website more responsive and easier to access on smaller screens, e.g. phones and tablets.

Newsletter (a print AND email publication)

(<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/newsletter.html>) The Newsletter is written and edited by Publications Chair and Committee Members. It is posted on our website by our Technology Chair. The Newsletter is published twice a year – before two of our quarterly book sales – and is occasionally updated. All members receive personal copies of the Newsletter - email copies to those who request it, as well as print copies through the mail, when requested.

The Newsletter is also sent to other Friends groups – via print - so they can post it for their members to view and come to our book sales and events. Additionally, the Newsletter is sent via email to the leaders of our community and L.A. Public Library.

All members have access to the Website and Newsletter through the free library computers, with the help of the Librarians and Library Assistants, and Friends volunteers.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS MANY EVENTS AT MANY BRANCHES...

GO TO ITS WEBSITE: <https://www.lapl.org/>

TECHNOLOGY – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
By Judy Russell, Chair

Due to the efforts of Maggi Stern, Mark Lamken, and Adele Druck, we retrieved our membership in Tech Soup, a source of greatly-reduced-price technology for non-profits. At least one member has taken advantage of their Microsoft offering.

I informed members about **Zamzar.com**, a website to facilitate transforming documents, pictures/music/videos from one format to another – especially helpful for sharing .pages docs. I also briefly reviewed some e-Media offerings (**Kanopy** and **Hoopla**) on the LAPL website at <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media>

Mailing Lists: Mailing lists are maintained for various purposes.

Website: Technology Chair works closely with Publications Chair. Tech Chair is responsible for technical work of maintaining the Website – all input including the Newsletter, security, noting statistics on usage, and working with library staff to provide timely information.

ENJOY ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY EVENTS – At Our Library

A garden of choices for your interest and pleasure...February thru May, 2019.

Go to our website -- <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/calendar.html>