

FRIENDS OF ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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B-I-G BOOK SALE IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

Friday, March 10 -- 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 11 -- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thousands of used books, fiction and nonfiction, many "like new," with most prices at 50 cents to one dollar! Don't miss this opportunity for gifts and to build your home library.

NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS for our Book Sales.

CAN YOU, OR A FRIEND/RELATIVE, HELP US WEEKLY OR OCCASIONALLY?

We need people to sort the book donations, place books in correct boxes, and lift the boxes (file-size cartons) to stack and save for our big book sales. Also, volunteers to work weekly in our Bookstore, and quarterly for our BIG book sales. Please contact Gail Sillman (818-705-1628) or (galsils@aol.com).

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – LAPL EXPLORED by Barbara Leff

I'm meeting more Friends, with home computers, who don't know that they can access the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) via the Internet (<http://www.lapl.org>) from home. You can search the catalog, reserve and renew items, view items you checked out and dates due. You can even ask the librarian a question - online. Talk with our helpful Library staff to learn how!

While you're exploring www.lapl.org, click on these and you'll be amazed at the resources:

Databases (collection of information on the same topic from many sources)

Events and Exhibits - lectures and art exhibits at LAPL, among others.

Photo collection - of Los Angeles, and California, and elsewhere

Schedule of Events by Library - check events in neighboring libraries

Kids Path - cool sites for kids, homework help, literature, and lots more.

Teen Web - cool sites for teenagers, homework help, more lit, and **adult interests**.

AND New! Download classical music! Download e-music and bestselling e-audio books 24/7 to your PC and MP3 player.

CEMENT TILES FIXED!

As we write this, the broken cement tiles in the Library parking area have been removed, and new cement is to be poured. This will make our Library parking area again a safe place to walk and drive. FYI, it was a city project, and sometimes the city moves slowly, no matter how many of our letters and phone calls. If this was a deterrent to your visiting the Library, ***please come again.***

FRIENDS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2006-2008

We have an excellent new Board -- some are continuing and some are new. WELCOME!

President: Barbara Leff
First Vice President: Jane Gebers
Second Vice President: Eleanor Hedvig
Recording Secretary: Evelyn Perl
Corresponding Secretary: Esther Bronner Rose
Treasurer: Nonie Lann
Member-at-Large: Richard Sorenson

Book Clubs Chair: Carol Fox
Bookstore Manager: Gail Sillman
Communications/Telephone Chair: Lois Levy
Historian: Mark Lamken
Hospitality Co-Chair: Helene Taneman
Lisa English
Newsletter Chair: Maryalyce Reilly
Program Chair: Linda Grose
Publicity/Outreach Chair: Adele Druck

Our Board meetings are open - 4th Wed. of each month, at 1:00 pm, in the Library Meeting Room. You're welcome to join us - anytime! Put us on your calendar...



LIBRARY STAFF

We welcome our new Acting Senior Librarian, **Emily Lenhart Fate**, who has already taken the reins very capably. She comes to us from Pacific Palisades Branch Library. The LAPL procedure is to hire a librarian for a temporary (“acting”) position until a new permanent Senior Librarian is appointed. In the meantime, Ms. Fate has been wonderfully helpful to the Friends, and we’re happy to meet her.

We sadly said goodbye and wished the best of luck to **Shahla Chamanara**, Senior Librarian at Encino-Tarzana since its opening. Shahla is now Senior Librarian at the Westwood Branch Library, which opened as a brand new library about a year ago.

In appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the **Library Staff** at Encino-Tarzana, one of the busiest branches in the Los Angeles Public Library system, our Friends Board is hosting a brunch in their honor at the beginning of March. We are very proud of them!



BOOK STORE REPORT

A new and exciting year has begun for the Friends of the Library Book Store. Our goals for this year is to increase sales so we may continue to help the library purchase books, sponsor Children's programs as well as other special programs for our community that our Public Library could not afford to put on otherwise.

For us to achieve our goals we need your help. Please tell your friends about the large variety of books at great prices we have in our Bookstore and our Book Sales...even better, bring your friends with you the next time you come to visit us.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...Our next book sale will be Friday March 10 at 12:30 pm – 4:00 and Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 am – 4:00.

The good news is that we have had a huge amount of books donated to us. The bad news is we are out of storage space and have to close book donations. Please save your book donations until after the books sale when we will be more than happy to receive them.

We would like to thank SHEILA CLAPKIN for the beautiful collage in our Bookstore, and extend a warm welcome to our new volunteers:

Maryalee Reily

Joanne Candiotti

Marty Javitz

Mary Stefko

Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy 2006.

Gail Sillman, Bookstore Manager (818) 705-1628

(NEW COLUMN)

JANE'S BOOKS

You've read the Classics. Of course you have. Well, you know "Moby Dick" is about a whale --- and didn't Gregory Peck make the movie? Then there's "Tom Jones" and wasn't the young Albert Finney every woman's dreamboat? And how about "The Brothers Karamazov" -- - the Russian book and movie that Marilyn Monroe always wanted to star in (not playing one of the brothers, I presume).

You get the point. You know something about all these books. It's a matter of Cultural Literacy, isn't it? But, have you *actually* read them? Well now's your chance! As I write this article in the Library Book Store I see them all on our Classics Bookshelf section. There's also "Of Human Bondage." I read it when I was young and thought the hero would be an ideal candidate for group therapy with Bob Newhart on his TV show, where he played a psychiatrist.

Many other GREAT books are waiting right here for you now by the likes of Charles Dickens, Dumas, Mark Twain, George Orwell, Tolstoy, Saroyan, Faulkner, Sinclair Lewis, Shakespeare and lots more. Come on by the bookstore and for only 50 cents or a dollar you can

up your cultural literacy while spending some delightful hours in imaginative reading adventures! These books are called “classics” because they have stood the test of time --- and are just as entertaining (or more so) than the latest best-selling novel. Try them; you'll like the experience!

Yours for more and better reading!
Jane Gebers

ANNUAL REPORTS OF FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

In our last Newsletter, you read the annual reports of the President and Bookstore Manager. Here are some more:

ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - CALENDAR YEAR 2005

Following are FOL's contribution to different branch projects - submitted by Shahla Chamanara, Senior Librarian - November 16, 2005 - and received with the Library's deep appreciation:

Children's DVD collection	2500.00
Project Best Seller (rental book) collection	1000.00
Persian Books	1000.00
Adult programs	100.00
Young Adult programs & refreshments	100.00
Children's programs (4)	700.00
Children's arts and crafts program supplies	125.00
Holiday decorations	175.00
Bookstore signage and other signage	<u>460.00</u>

Total Friends donation to Encino-Tarzana Branch in 2005 \$6,160.00

PROGRAM CHAIR - 2005 REPORT - GISELA SEHNERT

Friends' arranged programs presented during 2005 included:

June: **Guide Dogs of America** - Sha Newman with two dogs, and a video presentation

November: **Yvonne Bornstein**, author of *Eleven Days of Hell*

December: **Los Feliz Woodwind Ensemble**

I visited many local places of interest and reported those with potential as field trips to the Board. Many suggestions had to be tabled for various reasons of locations, accessibility, weather, and hours available. We prepared and distributed to our members a “Survey of Possible Activities;” approximately 30 responded. Many preferred the art and architecture tour of the downtown central Public Library. The Board authorized such a trip during 2006.

HISTORIAN - 2005 REPORT - WILLIAM BENEDON

This report concludes service as Friends of the Library Historian from August 2004 to December 2005. During that time historical records were collected and arranged in order based upon subject matter. There are currently six boxes of such materials housed in the Library. Index to these materials has been submitted in an earlier report. There are many outstanding treasurer and president materials held by the present incumbents and will probably remain as such during their term of office. Whatever materials received have been interfiled with the older materials.

I want to thank the Board for the opportunity of serving as historian. I also want to compliment the Board members on their fine efforts in support of the Library.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - 2005 REPORT - LINDA KLEIGER

At the end of October 2005 there were 166 members of the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. (Membership received during the rest of 2005 was applied to 2006.) Dues collected for the January through October period totaled \$3,255. During 2005 we implemented the new dues structure approved by the Board of the Friends in 2004.

Membership Categories	Number of Members	Total Dues
Individual (\$5.00)	50	\$ 250.00
Family (\$10.00)	38	380.00
Contributing (\$15.00)	12	180.00
Supporting (\$25.00)	40	1000.00
Sustaining (\$50.00)	12	600.00
Book Plate (\$100.00)	8	800.00
Miscellaneous*	6	45.00
Total	166	\$ 3255.00

These numbers compare to dues collected in 2004 of \$2519 from 195 members. A personalized dues for 2005 letter was sent to all members on January 15, 2005. We sent out a reminder letter in May and included reminder notices with an application form in the newsletters. To get an idea about the reasons for the decline in membership, we conducted a small sample survey in Sept.

During 2005, we designed a new brochure that gives the history of the Friends and explains the purpose and goals of the group. The brochure also contains a membership application. It is on display in the library foyer, on the bookcase near the reference desk, and in the bookstore. We also hand out membership applications at the quarterly used book sales. We experimented with setting up a table near the reference desk displaying membership applications. This did not yield enough of a response to regularize the procedure.

This coming year the board will discuss suggestions for making the Friends organization more visible to the majority of library patrons who do not utilize the bookstore.

PUBLICITY CHAIR - 2005 REPORT - ADELE DRUCK

The responsibilities of the publicity committee encompass disseminating information of Friends programs and activities to local print and broadcast media, as well as posting information at local merchants when appropriate.

Information on all 2005 Friends programs and Book Sales was sent to community newsletters, to both major newspapers, as well as several free publications; they were published as space allowed. Posters for programs and book sales were placed at local merchants and flyers were placed in the Book Store and at several locations in the library and posted on the Library Bulletin Board. In addition bookmarks with information on the sales were given out in the Book Store.

TREASURER - 2005 - NONIE LANN

As Treasurer, I counted and collected the money at our Bookstore approximately twice per week and deposited the funds at Commercial Capital Bank; deposited all checks and cash received for membership dues and entered each name and amount in the checkbook ledger; wrote out the checks for all authorized expenses as well as our contributions to the Library; balanced the checkbook against the bank statement each month; and renewed our certificate of deposit when necessary, securing the best available rate of interest.

BOOKS OUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE READING AND RECOMMEND

Beowulf, A New Verse Translation, edited by Seamus Heany

A Passage to India by E. M. Forster

Eleanor & Franklin by Joseph Lash

700 Sundays by Billy Crystal

A Million Little Pieces by James Frey

And for those with little reading time, *Condensed Reader's Digests* is a good solution.



REMEMBER! THE BOOKSALE!

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**MARCH CALENDAR
@ ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY**

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Daily --- Mondays - Saturdays --- "great prices!"

Library orientation available for teachers, class and parents. Call Children's Librarian.

Internet Orientation Classes (Pre-reg.)
Mondays and Tuesdays – Advanced registration req. [check with librarians]

Grandparents & Books (GAB) -
Grandparents share stories/crafts with kids
Daily -- Mondays through Saturday

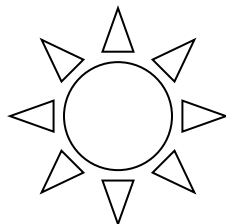
Life Story Writing Class for Adults
Thursdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th -- 12:30 pm

FUN FOR KIDS – Learn to dance the Middle Eastern way with Mary Ann Cappa.
Wed. March 15th at 4pm

Friends of the Encino/Tarzana Library Branch OPEN Board Meeting.
Wed. March 22nd – 1pm

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FOR TEENS – Henna Tattoos with Russell Chen.
Wed., April 5th at 4pm

FUN FOR KIDS – Russian Puppet Show "Matrioshka".
Monday, April 10th at 4 pm

Friends of the Encino/Tarzana Library Branch OPEN Board Meeting.
Wed. April 26th – 1pm

Contact us to volunteer and become an active Friend of the Library.

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BOOK LOVERS' BOOK CLUB

If you love to read and discuss books, we invite you to join our new Book Lovers Book Club.

If the Friends sponsored such a club, are you interested? Yes _____ Maybe _____

If so, please check the area of your interest:

Fiction _____ Non-Fiction _____ Poetry _____ Short Stories _____

Cooking & Travel _____ Other _____

Your name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please return this to Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library, 18231 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana 91356

Thank you, Carol Fox, Chair, Book Clubs