

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARY PERIODICALS

We're featuring our Library's periodicals because they are such "beautiful gifts to save our \$\$." Current issues can be read and enjoyed in the Library. As soon as they become "back issues," they can be borrowed just like books. Our Library subscriptions:

NEWSPAPERS

Daily News
Iran Times
Iran Times (in Farsi)
Los Angeles Times
Panorama (in Russian)
Wall Street Journal

ADULT PERIODICALS

Architectural Digest
Better Homes & Gardens
Bookmarks
Brides
Bloomberg Business Week
Car & Driver
Consumer Reports
Consumer Reports Buying Guide
Cosmopolitan
Details
Entertainment Weekly
"Eve" (in Spanish)
Fountain
Glamour
Good Housekeeping
Good Housekeeping (in Spanish)

Harper's Magazine
Health
House Beautiful
Knit Simple
Los Angeles
Martha Stewart
Men's Life
Money
National Geographic
National Geographic Traveler
Newsweek
Newsweek (in Spanish)
Ogoniok (in Russian)
O the Oprah Magazine
Parents
People
People (in Spanish)
Popular Science
Prevention
Psychology Today
Rahavard (in Farsi)
Rah-E-Zendegi (in Farsi)
Reader's Digest
Real Simple
Remedy
Rolling Stone
Scientific American

Smithsonian
Sports Illustrated
Sunset
Time
Vanity Fair
Vogue
WebMD
Westways

YOUNG ADULT PERIODICALS

Anime Insider
Cosmo Girl
Gamepro
Mad
Razorcake
Seventeen
Shonen Jump
Spin
Teen Vogue
Tu en Espanol (in Spanish)

CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES

American Girl
Archie Comics - Archie
Betty & Veronica Comics
National Geographic Kids
"Nickelodeon" ("Nick")

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...

This is our first Newsletter since November 2010 - we publish two newsletters annually. This will bring you up-to-date. First is our current news (pp. 2-5) and then our 2010 Annual Reports (pp. 5-7). *[Note: I apologize for not publishing this sooner. Delays were due to our being so busy with Measure L and other Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library (FOL) business, besides my personal health issues. Please contact me if you have any questions or items of interest for our next Newsletter. -- [Barbara Y. Leff, President.](#)]*

UPDATE! NEWS FOR 2011

OUR DONATIONS PLEDGED TO THE LIBRARY in 2011, so far:

\$ 6,000.00	Hot-Off-The-Press annual subscription (24 new books each month)
999.00	Books from Amazon.com
1,600.00	Audio Book Cases and CD 2-ring albums -- to circulate materials
1,998.00	Programming and Supplies
<u>1,500.00</u>	Circulation Desk Work Chair and 5 Meeting Room Chairs / replacing broken chairs
\$12,097.00	

OUR INCOME is from Membership, our Used Bookstore, our Quarterly Used Book Sales, and Donations.

ACTING BRANCH MANAGER and LIBRARY STAFF:

David Hagopian reports that Encino-Tarzana Library has the 3rd highest circulation among the 72 branches of the Los Angeles Public Library! With 3 less Library staff members because of the City Budget crisis, the staff has been working extra hard -- constantly yet efficiently. To show our appreciation, our Board treated them to a pizza lunch. They were very pleased. We have a good staff ensemble!

FYI, [David's January report](#) is on our website. He appreciates our Friends group and is very helpful. On April 14, "Coffee & Couplets 2: Teen Open Mic & Coffeeshouse Night" celebrating National Poetry Month attracted some local reporters - two articles in the [Examiner](#) and in the [Encino Patch](#) were the result.

Candice Mack, our Teen Services Librarian, was invited to write a column for [Encino Patch](#) - titled "[Read Locally, Think Globally.](#)" a blog devoted to reading, literacy, librarianship, and community.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (LAPL) BUDGET:

Much of our time this year was spent on the major LAPL problem - the Library Budget. Because of City Budget cuts, our libraries had reduced hours and staff, resulting in our libraries being closed Sundays and Mondays and 2 evenings a week since July 2009. This has upset many patrons & children.

So - early this year, we served as advocates - supporting "Measure L" to restore funding to LAPL over a period of 4 years. We attended meetings and conferred with other Friends groups. **Adele Druck**, **Gail Sillman**, and others distributed flyers. Our Webmaster and our President created new website pages, including flyers in Spanish / Farsi / Hebrew, with the help of others. Our President drove downtown and spoke at a City Council meeting as did **Candice Mack**, our Teen Services Librarian. **David Hagopian**, our Acting Branch Manager, spoke at Tarzana Neighborhood Council meeting, and joined our City Librarian **Martin Gomez** at Encino Neighborhood Council meeting. The campaign worked hard.

The result was worth the effort! Our citizens voted on March 8, and Measure L (requiring a majority vote) won by an almost 2/3 vote. LAPL is now hiring more staff to restore some of the hours, hopefully by this summer. It will be wonderful to be back to our regular schedule again.

Mark your calendars!

Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library

B-I-G USED BOOK SALES - FOR THE YEAR 2011

Friday and Saturday, 10am to 5pm

August 19 and 20, 2011

December 2 and 3, 2011

VOLUNTEERS & BOOK SALES:

Our volunteers are remarkable! They are steadfast and so very helpful.

We honored Jenny Lapidus as our *Friend of the Year for 2010*. As our Membership Chair, Jenny has managed to maintain close to 200 memberships for several years now. With her winning personality at the forefront, she contacts our members and tracks their renewals and donations, with the help of **Judy Russell**, who maintains our computer membership records. We really appreciate all that Jenny does since our members and their dues are so crucial to our library support!

Our Board of Directors thru 2011: Our current Board is continuing to serve our organization extremely well. (See 2010 annual reports also on pp. 5-7.)

Our Used Bookstore and Book Sales volunteers: Our Co-chair - **Norma Lamken, Joyce Proper**, and **Margaret Talvin**, have inspired our other volunteers to staff our Bookstore (open daily), and our quarterly Book Sales. We cannot compliment them enough for all that they do for our success.

On April 5, we again hosted our *Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast*, this time at More Than Waffles

Restaurant in Encino. 30 volunteers happily enjoyed the food while meeting and sharing stories with other volunteers. [See photos on our website](#). **Mark Lamken, 2nd VP**, helps with all volunteer activities.

PROGRAMS and a SPECIAL EVENT:

During most of 2010 and all of 2011, we have been co-sponsoring programs planned by our librarians -- excellent programs for adults, teens, and children. As usual, our FOL either pays for the speaker/event, and/or for refreshments and/or arts & crafts supplies, and **Adele Druck, 1st VP**, not only creates all the great-looking publicity posters but also publicizes the events with the help of **Gisela Sehnert**. Also, our President writes the bi-monthly Library Events calendar under the direction of the librarians, and the FOL prints and distributes copies to our patrons. Our Webmaster also maintains a copy [on our website](#), and keeps it up-dated.

On January 12, 2011, we co-sponsored with the Library "Senior Fraud Scams" to an appreciative audience. FOL member, **Judith Sack, JD**, gave her usual fine presentation, distributed California Bar Assn. literature, and this time invited Police Officer Trulik to speak. Officer Trulik gave us these contacts: -->-->--> **If you want to speak with a police officer, call 877.275.5273 (877.ASK.LAPD). To speak with Officer Trulik, call office 818.374.7637; cell 818.731.2572. General information - call 311. West Valley Station desk phone: 818.374.7611.**

Another co-sponsorship event, on March 3, 2011, was the League of Women Voters representatives to address the March 8 election ballot issues. We were very disappointed that the League was not in favor of Measure L (restoring Library funding) because they believed that the City Council should make that budget decision not the public. To counter that, our FOL President invited **Kristina Morita**, LAPL Assistant General Manager, to be present and speak in favor of Measure L.

A special event is planned, thanks to the generosity of our neighbor, **Monarch Village**. They have invited all Friends members to their "**Second Annual Cookout for Books**" on **June 16, 2011**. (see details in the **ATTACHMENT**) In appreciation for being such great neighbors, we gave Monarch Village a complimentary Friends membership as a [Community Sponsor](#) and added its business card to our website, with a link to its website.

FRIENDS RECOMMEND

Our Board members share titles of media they've enjoyed. Here's our recent recommended list. For more authors/titles previously recommended, [see our webpage](#):

Temple Grandin (film)

Lisa See - Shanghai Girls

Kee Malesky - All Facts Considered: The Essential Library of Inessential Knowledge

Roz Savage - Rowing the Atlantic: Lessons

Learned on the Open Ocean

Barbara Kingsolver - The Lacuna

Noam Chomsky - Failed States: The Abuse of Power and the Assault on Democracy

Irene Nemirovsky - Suite Francaise

Michael Crosby - Encino (Images of America series)

Walter Mosley - The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey

Nora's Will (film)

Daisy Hay - Young Romantics: The Shelleys, Byron, and Other Tangled Lives

John Buntin - L.A. Noir: The Struggle for the Soul of America's Most Seductive City

Fyodor Dostoevsky - Crime and Punishment

BOOK CLUBS:

Members of our two book clubs are reading and discussing lots of good books. Contact [Chair Carol Fox](#) if you'd like to join us. For previous readings, check our [Book Club webpage](#):

Page Turners Book Club: Will discuss on July 7, 2011 - F. Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby. Earlier in the year: Chris Cleve - Little Bee; Barbara Kingsolver - The Lacuna; Abraham Verghese - Cutting for Stone; Irene Nemirovsky - Suite Francaise; Peter Manseau - Songs for the Butcher's Daughter; Maya Angelou - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings; and Lisa See - Shanghai Girls. Members take turns leading the discussion; **Susan Kolker** reminds us of meetings and books.

History & Politics Book Club: Will discuss on June 22, 2011 - Pres. Richard M. Nixon. Earlier in the year, they read books from many sources on Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt through Lyndon B. Johnson. **Bruce Keswick** leads the discussion; **B. J. Hanson** sends meeting reminders.

WEBSITE:

Webmaster **Judy Russell** maintains [our website](#) - updating almost daily. She recently "refurbished" our website with changes in colors, fonts, format, and resized photos, so that it looks even

more attractive! It's so easy to read and use and has lots of pertinent information and resources for all of our members. **Check it out...**

HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS

A subscription to HOTP Books is a gift from Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. HOTP are located on the "New Books" shelves, next to the Information Desk. HOTP may be borrowed for seven days, renewed only once in person; and must be returned to this Library. HOTP cannot be reserved. (However, these titles may be reserved from the larger library collection through the Library's Reserve ("Hold") system.) The books listed below are in the order received (newest at the top of each month). For books received prior to April 2011, [see our website](#).

April, 2011

David Baldacci - The Sixth Man
Rita Mae Brown - Hiss of Death
Katie Couric - The Best Advice I Ever Got: Lessons from Extraordinary Lives
Amanda Quick - Quicksilver
Lisa Scottoline - Save Me
David Foster Wallace - The Pale King
Iris Johansen - Eve
Nora Roberts - Chasing Fire
Elizabeth Berg - Once Upon a Time, There Was You
Carol Higgins Clark - Mobbed
Mary Higgins Clark - I'll Walk Alone
Michael Connelly - The Fifth Witness
Diane Mott Davidson - Crunch Time
Tina Fey - Bossypants
Heather Graham - Phantom Evil
Carolyn Hart - Dead by Midnight
Henning Mankell - The Troubled Man
Jillian Michaels - Unlimited: How to Build an Exceptional Life
Anne Perry - Treason at Lisson Grove
Luanne Rice - The Silver Boat
Danielle Steel - 44 Charles Street
Meg Wolitzer - The Uncoupling
Jean Auel - The Land of Painted Caves
James Grippando - Afraid of the Dark
Lisa Jackson - Devious
Jonathan Kellerman - Mystery
J.D. Robb - Treachery in Death
J.R. Ward - Lover Unleashed

Jacqueline Winspear - A Lesson in Secrets

May, 2011

David G. McCullough - The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris
Steve Berry - The Jefferson Key
Chelsea Handler - Lies That Chelsea Handler Told Me
Eric Van Lustbader - Blood Trust
Jo Nesbo - The Snowman
Paul Reiser - Familyhood
Erik Larson - In The Garden Of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin
Dale Brown - A Time For Patriots
Lawrence Sanders - A Drop of the Hard Stuff
John Sandford - Buried Prey
Dick Van Dyke - My Lucky Life In and Out of Show Business
Jen Lancaster - If You Were Here
Charlaine Harris - Dead Reckoning
Debbie Macomber - A Turn In The Road
Richard North Patterson - The Devil's Light
James Patterson - 10th Anniversary
Geraldine Brooks - Caleb's Crossing
Fern Michaels - Southern Comfort
Robert B. Parker - Sixkill
Thomas Perry - The Informant
Betty White - If You Ask Me (and of Course You Won't)
Stuart Woods - Bel-Air Dead
Rob Lowe - Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography

A MEMBER SHARES SOME THOUGHTS:

Ruth Blinick gave us these notes:

--LARGE TYPE READERS: We need your donations of new or pre-read large type books. Please bring all contributions to the Library Information Desk. They will be greatly appreciated!

-- Here's a personal interest story about how your book donations are used: We have a Friends member, Diane, who buys all the interesting children's books she can find and takes them to a local elementary school where she also volunteers her time. The children are so excited when Diane brings a new batch of books to read to them; and Diane is so pleased to do that service for the children.

Our first Bookstore Chair, Richard Sorenson, attorney, passed away recently. We honored him by donating a book to the Library: Law: A Treasury of Art and Literature, edited by Sara Robbins; Beaux Arts Editions. The bookplate reads: *In memory of Richard Sorenson, Founder and Developer of our Bookstore, by Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library.*

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY: (see [What's New on the LAPL home page](#))

--Looking for a good book? Try the new LAPL Readers' Advisory webpage, [LAPL Reads](#).

--Text messaging is here! "Hold" notices now available via text message on your mobile phone.

--Get the "LAPL To Go" mobile app

--Get e-Media: Downloadable e-Books, e-Audiobooks, e-Videos, and e-Music.

--Test the "New Enhanced Catalog" - click Library Resources > Catalog. Also, check "Hot Titles."

--New Tour: Maguire Gardens Art Tour, Saturdays at 12:30 pm.

--Now Hiring Librarians! The Library is accepting applications for "as-needed" Librarians.

LAPL-FRIENDS EVENT:

The Annual Citywide Friends Meeting and Workshop was held on April 30. After a tasty buffet breakfast, our President and our Treasurer **Nonie Lann** were invited to hear a CPA discuss nonprofits financial matters including tax issues. FYI - As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a limited income, we report to the Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board but do not pay any taxes.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

LAPL and the Los Angeles County Law Library, second largest U.S. public law library, have entered into a partnership for 3 years. [Van Nuys Branch Library](#) will maintain 50 shelves of legal reference works from the Law Library. Also, LAPL will provide self-help or "law for the layperson" materials that will be available for circulation, and they will have online access to the Law Library and its staff. The Law Library has satellite collections in other libraries throughout the County of Los Angeles.

CSUN - Oviatt Library - C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery

--**Exhibition: "One of a Kind: Celebrating Thirty-seven Years of Special Collections"** - thru 7/22/11

"For this exhibition, marking the 37th anniversary of the CSUN Library's Special Collections, we have searched the vault for those one-of-a-kind pieces that have never or seldom been on display. Here is your chance to see unique books, letters, costumes, maps, sculptures, paintings, engravings and manuscripts. . . . Some pieces you will enjoy:

- * A contemporary account of the shootout at the OK Corral
- * The first written alphabet: a 4,000-year-old Sumerian cuneiform
- * Opera Singer Helen Traubel's gown
- * A 13th-century manuscript Bible
- * Banquet ticket and menu for Charles Dickens on the eve of his U.S. Tour
- * A first Edition of Samuel Johnson's Dictionary"

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2010

These complement and supplement our 2010 Newsletters/Reports/Updates, ([See our website](#).) Reports are dated November 2010--the time of our annual meeting. ([see Contact Us on our website](#))

Acting Branch Managers -- 2010 Annual Reports:

Michele Raeburn, our Acting Branch Manager, transferred to the Granada Hills Branch on July 3. **David Hagopian** is our new Acting Branch Manager; he was formerly Children's Librarian at Woodland Hills Branch. [Both of their annual reports](#) are on our website. [David welcomes suggestions from you!](#)

Barbara Y. Leff, President -- 2010 Annual Report:

Donations to the Library for 2010: Our Friends gave \$15,458 for books, magazines, and programs for adults, teens, and children; also DVD cases and supplies.

On Feb. 23, City Librarian **Martin Gomez** presented a Webinar (Internet Seminar) to all Friends. I sat in the Library Workroom and listened to him talk about "State of the Library and What is Happening with the Library in the Budgetary Process." We could call in with questions. Great technology!

Save the Library Campaign: On April 24, Adele Druck (1st VP) and I attended a Citywide LAPL Friends meeting at Central Library - to hear how **Sally Gardner Reed**, Exec. Dir., Assn. of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, & Foundations, a division of American Library Assn., succeeded in getting \$\$\$ for libraries on the east coast. Thereafter, all Friends of Library groups worked on protesting the City Council's plan to cut the Library budget - sending emails to write to our councilmembers, sponsoring a May 8 petition signing (420 signatures) and postcard writing (355) day. I attended two City Council meetings and spoke on behalf of the Library along with our City Librarian **Martin Gomez**, our Teen Librarian **Candice Mack**, and many others. We were not successful! The library budget was cut -

Encino-Tarzana lost a parttime librarian and a messenger clerk and all branch hours were reduced to 5 days a week and only 2 evenings. Library staff was pretty down - so we gave them some tasty treats and some bougainvillea plants for holiday cheer.

On July 28, I spoke at the **Encino Neighborhood Council**, as a guest of **Jean Strauber**, ENC Education Chair and a Friends member.

On Oct. 28, **LAPL hosted a Reception in honor of Friends Appreciation Day** at the Mid-Valley Regional Library. We were limited to invite 10 volunteers - a difficult decision. Our 10, all of whom devote several days weekly to our Friends, were: **Adele Druck, Jane Gebers, Bob Hyams, Norma Lamken, Nonie Lann, Barbara Y. Leff, Joyce Propper, Ann Samoos, and Gail Sillman**. LAPL awarded a certificate to each Friends group. City Librarian **Martin Gomez** brought us up-to-date on LAPL future priorities and plans, in light of the reduced Library Budget.

Adele Druck, 1st Vice President -- our 2009 Friend of the Year:

In 2010, we presented **Adele Druck** with a Certificate and gift - an honor richly deserved! Besides serving as a sounding board for our President, they both attend off-site Friends meetings. Adele volunteered constantly for other committees, e.g. she managed publicity, including creating posters and flyers for Friends and Library events. She worked every Book Sale, substituted often in our Bookstore, & offered helping hands on our Book Sale sorting days. She also volunteers for the Library's GAB program (Grandparents and Books). We would be "lost" without Adele!

Mark Lamken, 2nd Vice President -- 2010 Annual Report:

Mark serves as liaison to our [Used Bookstore](#) (open daily), our [Used Book Sales](#) (quarterly 2-day sales) and to our book sales Co-Chair: **Norma Lamken, Joyce Propper, and Margaret Talvin**, who are exceptional in their warmth, efficiency, and dedication. We are grateful for their commitment.

We also have 42 wonderful volunteers and substitutes, trained by **Margaret** and scheduled by **Margaret and Jane Gebers. Candice Mack**, our Teen Services Librarian, also sends us many teen volunteers to help with the Book Sales. We thank them all - profusely.

Our Used Bookstore **gross income** Nov. 2009 through Oct. 2010 - \$10,522; Our Quarterly Used Book Sales gross income in 2010 - \$12,515.58; Total Gross Income from Book Sales and Bookstore = \$23,037.83. Average Bookstore gross monthly income \$876.85; Average Book Sale gross income - \$3128.90. This is unbelievable because almost all of our items sell for 50 cents to one dollar! Consider all the work and coordination involved in selling so many thousands of items!

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, March 19, 2010, at Carrows Restaurant in Tarzana. 30 volunteers attended. All enjoyed the company and the food and the service, and all seemed to be very pleased that we had shown our appreciation in that way. Mark chaired this happy event.

[Daily News 12/24/10 photo with caption](#): "Library volunteers **Norma Lamken** and **Bob Hyam** sort donated books for the Friends' Used Bookstore at the **Encino-Tarzana Branch Library** on 12/21/10." Rick Orlov article titled: "Volunteers an increasing presence in city agencies, which is troubling to some."

Jenny Lapidus, Membership Chair -- 2010 Annual Report:

As of November 17, 2010, we had 186 paid members--individuals and couples; total dues collected was \$4158.00. We had 22 first time members. 55 members joined at our \$5 level, 27 @ \$10, 18 @ \$15, 47 @ \$25, 21 @ \$50, 11 @ \$100, 1 @ \$23, and 6 carried over from 2009. 37 dropped out because of moving/death, or did not respond to 4 contacts.

Members are recruited at all functions and at our Bookstore/Book Sales; our [Membership Form](#) is on our website. Upon joining, members receive a welcome letter, a membership card, the current newsletter, a coupon to be redeemed at our Bookstore, and a survey/interest form. Individuals/families contributing \$100 or more may have a named bookplate placed in a library book. Businesses or organizations contributing \$100 or more may have its card with a link to its website on our [Community Sponsors webpage](#).

Carol Fox, Book Clubs Chair -- 2010 Annual Report:

Our two book clubs continue to thrive. Page Turners' Book Club members read and discussed 10 great books in 2010. See titles/authors [on our webpage](#). History & Politics Book Club members read a variety of books and discussed the U. S. Presidents and their terms of office: Ulysses S. Grant through Franklin D. Roosevelt. New members are always welcome. See details on our [Book Clubs webpage](#).

Jane Gebers, Member-at-Large -- 2010 Annual Report:

Jane staffed our Used Bookstore and re-alphabetized books as needed. She arranged replacement substitutes as needed by Bookstore volunteers, scheduled next year's meetings, phoned messages to Board members without email service, and has been available on-call as needed.

Other Board Members -- 2010 Annual Reports:

We appreciate all our other Board Members, who are very reliable and do their tasks very well: Recording Secretary **Evelyn Perl**, Corresponding Secretary (and Bookstore volunteer) **Esther R. Rose**, Treasurer **Nonie Lann**, Telephone Chair **Lois Levy**, Hospitality Chair **Judy Cohn**, and Volunteer Appreciation Chair **Richard Kazie**.

Programs -- 2010 Annual Report:

March & October -- 2 visits by the **League of Women Voters** to talk on ballot issues. The League programs, sponsored by the Library and the Friends, are always well-attended by our community.

On May 20, **Monarch Village, a senior community, hosted a "Cookout for Books"** - a BarBQ lunch at Monarch Village - guests entered with a new or pre-read book. The Library and Friends bookstore received several hundred books and a \$125 donation, besides a delicious lunch and a fun time.

On November 17, 2010, we held our **Annual Friends Membership Meeting** and listened to some of our 2010 Annual Reports (pp. 5-7). Our guests were **Laurie Kelson**, Vice President of Encino Neighborhood Council and a Friends member, and **Leonard J. Shaffer**, President of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council. Both shared insights into their communities and we appreciated their updates.

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