

FRIENDS OF ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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COME TO OUR...

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, November 17, 2004 - 1:00 PM
in the Library Meeting Room

Our Agenda will include:

Annual Reports - Review of 2004 activities and accomplishments.
Funds and Programs the Friends have donated to the Library
Announcement of Honoree named as "Friend of the Year"
Vote on amendment to Friends' Bylaws (see separate article, page 5)
Recommendations on 2005 Friends programming, events, trips
Plans for December 3-4 - Big Used Book Sale (see article below)

We welcome all - members and non-members alike. We are so proud of our accomplishments this year that we have planned a meeting to share it with you. And we need your input for next year so please come and speak up. Our mission is to serve our library community. If you cannot attend, send or call in your questions to President Barbara Leff - pres-fole-et@socal.rr.com - 818.981.6920.

NEXT B-I-G BOOK SALE

Friday, December 3 -- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, December 4 -- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Prices: Most are 50¢ for paperback and \$1.00 for hardcover

Many of our books are like-new; most are gently used. We have adult and children's fiction and non-fiction. Our inventory comes from thoughtful readers like you who recycle their books. We display as many as we can in our Bookstore -- open daily -- and the rest we save for our big quarterly sales, like this one. Come and save - and have fun reading!

2005 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Membership renewals for the 2005 calendar year will be mailed in January. Our restructured dues rates, which bring the dues more in line with other FOL groups in the Los Angeles area, are as follows:

Senior Membership at \$2 has been eliminated;
Individual Membership will be \$5;
Family Membership will be \$10;
Contributing Membership will be \$15; and a new category
Organization/Business Membership will be \$100.

You can renew now and, save us postage. Pick up the forms next time you are in the Library. As you know, your dues provide a significant source of funds to the Library, so thanks in advance for your support.

New members can sign up as well. Let your friends and family know that, by joining now, they will be members through December 2005.

-- Linda Kleiger, Membership Chair

RICHARD SORENSON HONORED

Our Board of Directors voted unanimously to honor Dick Sorenson for his dedication and tireless effort in developing our Friends' Bookstore and creating a volunteer corps. to maintain it. On September 22, 2004, for his outstanding work, Senior Librarian Shahla Chamanara presented Richard Sorenson with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Hahn. We gave a dessert reception in Dick's honor, and our Bookstore volunteers joined the Board for the celebration.

A Million Thanks



Bookstore Report

Our September book sale was a huge success, thanks to the support of the community and the many volunteers who so generously gave their time. The book sale brought in \$991.90 and the bookstore sales were \$641.86 with a combined total of \$1633.76,

Thanks to your book donations, the Friends of the Library Bookstore is able to restock its shelves daily. We have received a large donation of NEW Russian language books, but due to lack of space in the bookstore, we were unable to display them all. If you are interested in browsing through the collection, just ask the volunteer at the bookstore.

Don't forget there is an ongoing need for volunteers at the Friends bookstore. No time to volunteer? You can still help by stopping by and purchasing some of our gently used books. The sale of these used books help support our library.

Our quarterly book sale is fast approaching...December 3, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and December 4, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We always have a large variety of books that will be organized by category to make browsing easy.

We would like to extend a welcome to our new volunteers:

Charlotte Beldner

Judy & Vic Goldenberg

Phyllis Block

Mike Measer

Pearl Frank

Ann Samoos

Gail Sillman

Bookstore Manager

We need you!

Do you have ideas that might interest our community? Do you like to organize or help at events? If so...

Program Chair, Gisela Sehnert, would like volunteers to help choose speakers and other programs, and also plan some day trips. These programs are for our growing membership - as a way to learn, meet one another, and share experiences. Call 818.345.5677 or write gisela1@earthlink.net

President's Column:

When I mentioned "**Banned Books Week**" (September 25-October 2) during the Media Sharing part of our September Board meeting, I discovered that few had heard of it. Since 1982, Banned Books Week, sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA), has been observed by many libraries, schools, and bookstores, often with displays of some of the banned titles and authors. To explain, I quote from the ALA website.

"As of 2003, the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom has recorded more than 7,000 book challenges since 1990, including 515 in 2002. . . . The majority of challenges (roughly 60 percent) are brought by parents, followed by library patrons and administrators."

Examples of authors/titles banned are J. K. Rowling (*Harry Potter* series), John Steinbeck's *East of Eden* and *Of Mice and Men*, Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* and *Night Kitchen*, Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, and some others are *Little Red Riding Hood*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Color Purple*, *Diary of Anne Frank*, Judy Blume, Toni Morrison, Stephen King.

"Books usually are challenged with the best intentions -- to protect others, frequently children, from difficult ideas and information. . . . A challenge is an attempt to remove materials from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others. . . . A banning is the removal of those materials." Librarians do not purchase without careful thought; they follow Library Selection Policies, with the best criteria to serve their patrons. The "positive message of Banned Books Week is 'Free People Read Freely.' . . . most challenges are unsuccessful and most materials are retained in the school curriculum or library."

Go to the ALA website (<http://www.ala.org> > search "banned books") to find out more -- titles, authors, statistics, reasons for challenges. The lists of challenged books undoubtedly will surprise you.

Barbara Leff, M.S.L.S., President

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

@ ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY

Used Book Sale - Friends Bookstore
Daily -- Mondays-Saturdays -- "great prices!"

Library Orientation available for teachers,
Classes and parents. Call Children's Librarian

Internet Orientation Classes (Pre-reg.)
Monday evenings, Tuesday & Saturday mornings

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

Life Story Writing Workshop for Adults
Thurs., Nov. 4 -- 12:30-2:30 pm

"New SAT" Workshop by Princeton Review
Mon., Nov. 8 -- 7:00

FRIENDS' POTLUCK PICNIC for Library Staff,
Friends Board and Bookstore Volunteers
Wed., Nov. 10 -- 11:00

Trees for a Green L.A., a DWP Community
Program
Sat., Nov. 13 -- 10:00

Children's Arts and Crafts Program
Tues., Nov. 16 -- 4:00

FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wed., Nov. 17 -- 1:00

Life Story Writing Workshop for Adults
Thurs., Nov. 18 -- 12:30 -- 2:30

American Indian Experience: Legends, Customs,
and Costumes with Brian Brightcloud
Mon., Nov. 22 -- 4:00

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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Classes and parents. Call Children's Librarian

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Monday evenings, Tuesday & Saturday mornings

Grandparents & Books (GAB) -
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Daily -- Mondays-Saturdays

Science Program -- DINOSAURS with Richard
Wade For elementary age -- call Library for
date & time.

Life Story Writing Workshop for Adults
Thurs., Dec 2 - 12:30-2:30 pm

FRIENDS SPECIAL USED BOOK SALE
Friday, Dec. 3 -- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 4 -- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Children's Art and Craft Program.
Tues., Dec. 7 -- 4:00

Life Story Writing Workshop for Adult
Thurs., Dec. 9 -- 12:30 -- 2:30

Children's Holiday Stories with Paul Wayne
Tues., Dec. 14 -- 4:00

Life Story Writing Workshop for Adults
Thurs., Dec. 16 -- 12:30 -- 2:30

Board Meeting of Friends of Library
All Friends are welcome!
Wednesday, December 15 - 1:00 pm

***** RECOMMENDED BYLAWS AMENDMENT *****

At our November 17 annual membership meeting, we will vote on the 7/28/04 recommendation of our Board of Directors, as follows:

Motion: Amend the Friends' Bylaws [Article IX, Committees - Section 1, Standing Committees] by substituting "Bookstore" for "Book Sales."

If passed by the membership, the Bylaws shall be rephrased as follows:

Article IX -- Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. *Standing Committees shall be established by the Board of Directors, and may include the following: Bookstore, Communication/Telephone, Historian, Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, Program, and Publicity/Outreach. Chairs of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the elected officers and shall vote as members of the Board of Directors.*

To explain: Special book sales are an extension of the Bookstore - utilizing its inventory, volunteers, policies, and procedures; therefore, our Bookstore is the committee to manage our book sales. Further, as recorded in our Board Minutes: ". . . Committee titles represent a general description of a committee's overall activities and not a specific function. The term 'Bookstore' is more meaningful since it not only covers sales, but staffing, arrangement of activities, donations, and the like. The responsibilities of the committee chair go beyond sales alone and give more meaning to the position."

[7/28/04 Board Action: Dick Kazie made the motion and Esther Bronner Rose seconded it. After discussion, the motion was passed by the Board with one abstention.]

You are welcome to attend!