

# FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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***Dear non-computer members:** 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.*

## SUMMER B-I-G USED BOOK SALE

**Friday & Saturday – JUNE 6 and 7 – 10:00 – 5:00**

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

*Info and to volunteer: Contact Margaret Talvin - [mtalvin@mac.com](mailto:mtalvin@mac.com)*

If you can't come to our Book 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.**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Adele Druck

A third of the year has slipped away and here we are looking forward to the end of the school year. The service our Library provides to the children of the area always amazes me. During the school year teens have interesting programs and get help with SAT preparation. Young children fill the meeting room for story time and arts and crafts. As soon as school is out we will see hundreds of names go up on the bulletin board for the Summer Reading Club. Teens will sign up for programs over the summer. Our star readers will be in place to read and to listen to young readers.

The Friends will fund fun and educational programs and parents as well as kids will come and enjoy them. Watch for the notices and flyers, which will be coming soon.

I am sure many of us have memories of the libraries of our childhood days and it is heartwarming to know that the tradition endures and another generation is finding the library a place to learn and enjoy.

## LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

By David Hagopian, Senior Librarian, Branch Manager

The Encino-Tarzana Local History collection is a “reference only” collection of non-fiction books that all, in one aspect or another, pertain to our local and state history. Most of the books are older, so currently the value of the collection is historical. I am always on the look-out for recent publications about California, Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley and the neighborhoods that comprise it.

Of the 40 or so books in the collection, some of my favorites include:

--- *Historic Spots in California, 4th Ed.* (Library call # R 979.4 H6732 1990), which is a complete guide (up to 1990, that is, the year this edition was published) to the historical landmarks in California;

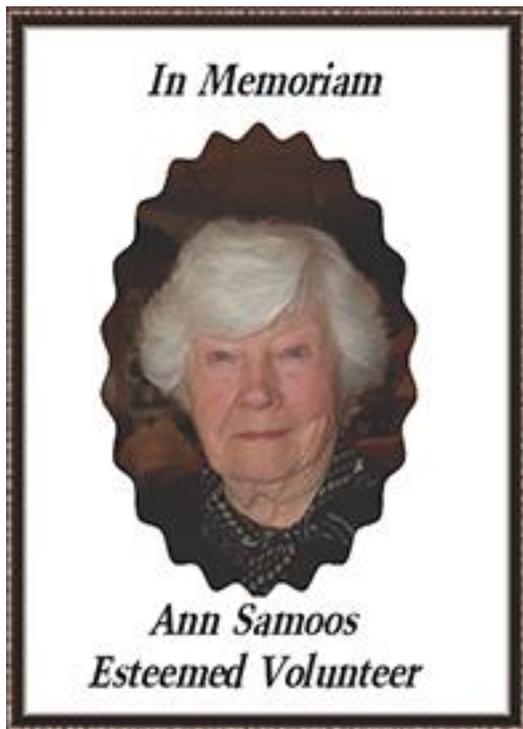
--- *Then & Now : The San Fernando Valley* (Library call # R979.41 L88K1), which is a small collection of photos taken in the early days of the San Fernando Valley development partnered with a more recent photo of how the same site or area appears now; and

--- *Sunset's The California Missions : A Pictorial History* (Library call # R x 979 C1535-1 1979a), the classic quintessential resource for California 4th graders working on their Mission projects.

These three wonderful books--and many others--are always available for browsing and review in the Special Collection area, which is directly behind the Information desk.

ALSO, be sure to peruse, in our Lobby, the display with photos and books of the history of our Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. This display will be changing from time to time, so look at it frequently to see what's new.

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS –  
YOU WHO DONATE ITEMS FROM YOUR PERSONAL LIBRARIES --  
IN BEAUTIFUL CONDITION. YOU HELP US DO OUR JOB!**



ANN SAMOOS (1916-2013) was the consummate volunteer. She was always here – whenever and wherever needed -- for many years.

Ann loved the Library and the Friends. She worked in our Bookstore and at book sales. She helped with sorting the books so that our customers could easily find what they wanted. She not only attended programs and events but usually helped with refreshments. She attended and participated in Board meetings even though she would not accept a Board position.

Ann was our 2006 “Friend of the Year” and she deserved the honor. As you can imagine, she was dependable, hard-working, and responsible, to the end. We do miss her!

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**Page Turners' Book Club** members are currently reading:

*Consequences* by Penelope Lively - meeting on Monday, May 12 – 3:00-5:00

For a list of past reads, check our website: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.php> .

We welcome new members to form a second book club. Please place your name on a waitlist. Members may choose to be another general interest group or focus on a particular genre, i.e., mystery, non-fiction...

Contact Carol Fox, Book Club Chair, at [bookclubs@etlibraryfriends.org](mailto:bookclubs@etlibraryfriends.org) .

## **USED BOOK SALES – AN INSIDER'S VIEW**

by Norma Lamken, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Bookstore Co-Manager

**Next Book Sale is June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks to the wonderful donations and customer purchases, the last two sales have been very successful. We are hoping the next one will do equally well or even better! Although we've gotten some really interesting and fine donations so far, we can always use more books, audio material, and DVD's. Please bring donations to Library Information Desk.

The elves (sorters) are busy restocking the bookstore and sometimes changing all of the books on one bookshelf, taking down the old and putting up new titles. We're working on the hard cover fiction now, a real time taker because the books have to be alphabetized before we can put them on the shelves. Do check out some of the specialized areas in the Bookstore: the display rack, the recent arrival shelf, and the feature on the work counter. The oversize books on the acrylic display rack are selling well, so there are often new titles for you to see. Don't be fooled by the word "recent," In "recent arrivals;" it can mean a 2013 book, or a really interesting book that was recently donated. Any large donation of books on one particular topic becomes a feature on the work counter. We just took down "Saltwater Aquariums" and replaced it with "The Game of Chess."

There is only so much space in the Used Bookstore. Books that are not put there are packed in boxes by genre, and put in a storeroom at the back of the meeting room. When the storeroom is full, we move a cartload of boxes into one of three storage sheds behind the Library. When all three sheds are full, because there is generally a sale coming up soon, we reverse the process and bring all of the boxes back to the meeting room and set up for the sale.

Preparing for the June 6<sup>th</sup> book sale with one month to go, we have already filled two sheds and have a nice collection of vintage books ready for the display cabinet. We do need the next four weeks of donations to round out what promises to be a great selection of books. **Please bring in your books.**

## **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:

Phyllis Chester - *An American Bride in Kabul*  
(memoir)  
Emma Rowley - *Behind the Scenes at  
Downton Abbey: The Official Backstage Pass  
to the Set, the Actors, and the Drama*  
André Brink - *A Dry White Season*

Kate Alcott - *The Dressmaker*  
Tina Zahn, Wanda Dyson - *Why I Jumped: A  
Dramatic Story of Finding Hope Beyond  
Depression*  
Frank Herbert - *Dune*  
Dave Eggers - *The Circle*

For complete list of Friends Recommend, including JIM'S LISTS (award-winning books), LAPL READS (librarian recommendations), et al., see <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.html>

## **AN INSPIRING STORY** **by Diane Hunt-Glassman, Volunteer**

Ever wonder who buys all of those books we sort, price, store, haul, display, and haul again? Last week, while passing near the Friends' children's book cart, I noticed a woman who was building a tall stack of books near her checkbook. Since I do a great deal of the pricing for that category, I asked her if she was finding what she needed (with the intention of building a relationship with what looked like a serious customer). She replied that she was very pleased with the quality and the prices--and she was glad to find out that the proceeds are used in our branch.

Here's the inspiring part: She was buying all of these books for her husband to take to work. He's a local policeman who is instituting in his station house a "Book Corner" for innocent children who are waiting (sometimes for many hours) for someone to take responsibility for them.

We'll never know all of the worthy outcomes of our Friends volunteer efforts, but this one example gave me extra motivation . . . as another ton of books was donated this week!!

## **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 from the Library's larger collection and "Hold" system.)

The \$6000.00 subscription to HOTP Books is a gift from Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library. Selection and acquisition of books is explained on our webpage. Our Librarians notify the Friends when HOTP Books are received and placed on shelves.

Here are the HOTP books received during the month of April 2014:

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

### **April, 2014**

4/29: Iris Johansen - *Live To See Tomorrow*. Diane Keaton - *Let's Just Say It Wasn't Pretty*.

4/22: David Baldacci - *The Target* (Will Robie series). Andrew Gross - *Everything to Lose*.

4/21: Mo Hayder - *Wolf* (Jack Caffery series). Elizabeth Lowell - *Night Diver*.

4/15: Michelle Huneven - *Off Course*. Nora Roberts - *The Collector*. Tatiana de Rosnay – Other Story 4/8: Emma Donoghue - *Frog Music*. Rob Lowe - *Love Life*. Lisa Scottoline - *Keep Quiet*.

Maggie Shipstead - *Astonish Me*. Stuart Woods - *Carnal Curiosity* (Stone Barrington series).

4/4 - Nevada Barr - *Destroyer Angel* (Anna Pigeon series). 4/2 - Robyn Carr - *Four Friends*. Mary Higgins Clark - *I've Got You Under My Skin*. Julia Glass - *And the Dark Sacred Night*. Heather Graham - *Waking the Dead*. Donna Leon - *By Its Cover* (Guido Brunetti series). Frances Mayes - *Under Magnolia: A Southern Memoir*. Ayelet Waldman - *Love & Treasure*.

## **2014-2015 CITY/LIBRARY BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Mayor Eric Garcetti presented the City of Los Angeles 2014-15 Budget, dated April 14, 2014. In his cover letter to the City Council Members, he states: "Library Hours will be expanded" under the section, "A Livable and Sustainable City." City Council should vote on the 2014-15 Budget by May 9, 2014. The new 2014-15 Budget will take effect on July 1, 2014.

The Mayor's Budget is 421 pages; you may see it here:

[http://cao.lacity.org/budget14-15/2014-15Proposed\\_Budget.pdf](http://cao.lacity.org/budget14-15/2014-15Proposed_Budget.pdf)

For details concerning the Library Budget, see these pages of the Mayor's Budget:

-- Budgets of Departments having Control of Their Own Revenues or Special Funds – Library Department – pages 324 and 325.

-- Appropriations to Library Fund – page 167; and Appropriations to Departments Requiring City Assistance – Footnotes – Library Fund – page 171.

## **LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY (LAPL)**

Central Library, 630 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles 90071 – 213.228.7000

**BOOK A LIBRARIAN SERVICE:** You can reserve a free half-hour session with a reference librarian/subject specialist at Central Library. See “Book a Librarian Appointment Request Form” – <http://www.lapl.org/branches/central-library/book-librarian-appointment-request-form>

**FREE MUSIC:** You can download 5 free music tracks each week from LAPL’s “Freegal Music.” See examples of music here: <http://lapl.freegalmusic.com/homes/index> . See details and “how to” here: <http://lapl.freegalmusic.com/questions> .

**HEALTH MATTERS:** LAPL offers workshops and resources on a variety of health topics at each of the 73 libraries. For more information, check here: <http://www.lapl.org/health> .

**CURRENT EXHIBITS – CENTRAL LIBRARY:** <http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/exhibits>  
--- *No Further West: The Story of Los Angeles Union Station* – May 20 to August 10, 2014  
--- *All Rise! Hollywood & The Herald go to Court* – thru June 30, 2014  
--- *Songs in the Key of L.A.* (historic sheet music) – ongoing

**LIBRARY STORE:** Shop Online – support LAPL: <http://www.lfla.org/store/>  
Autographed Books, Exhibit Merchandise, Gifts for Children, Best Sellers, Gifts for Readers, Gifts for Writers, Library Merchandise, I Love Los Angeles, Our Recommendations, New Items.

## **FRIENDS BOARD MEETINGS**

The Next Friends Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28 – one week later than our usual third Wednesday of the month. **All are welcome to join us** – hear the topics of interest, the discussion, the Branch Manager’s and Friends’ reports, and participate. **We do want to hear from you** – our members and potential members.

## **2013 ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT -- ADELE DRUCK -- 2013**

I would like to think that the Friends involvement in promoting the passage of Measure L led to 2013 seeing a partial recovery from the constraints imposed by the City's budget difficulties. Evening and Friday hours were restored and inroads were made toward bringing staffing levels up.

Friends support of the Library in 2013 included lots of new books, DVDs, CDs, AudioBooks, supplies, prizes, refreshments, and the following – all not covered by the LAPL City Budget:

- Funding Children’s and Teen’s programs including performers at Summer Reading Club Events.
- League of Women Voters programs before all major elections
- Funding at maximum level for Hot-Off-The-Press Books
- Continuing to pay for movie license
- Special events, e.g. Tarzan Centennial and 10th anniversary of the opening of our rebuilt Library.
- Provided funding for Yoga classes, and others
- Purchase of nine new black lounge chairs to replace badly worn ones
- Purchase of a state-of-the-art audio-visual system - Epson Powerlite Pro LCD Projector, including installation - for showing movies in the Library Meeting Room.

All of this is possible largely due to our very successful Used Book Sales and the incredible crew led by Norma Lamken and Margaret Talvin, and our Membership income due to Jenny Lapidus.

Thanks to Judy Russell and Barbara Leff, our website is a marvel. In 2013, revolving pictures were added to the home page and an interactive tour of the Library and its collections was added.

As we move into the forty-second year of the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library’s history, we are moving along splendidly.

### **“FRIEND OF THE YEAR” – MARK LAMKEN -- 2013**

Mark has been a strong supporter of the Friends, alongside his wife, Norma, who is co-manager of our used Bookstore and book sales. He is an attorney who has served as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Liaison to our Bookstore. He is now our Treasurer and we're very pleased to honor him with this award. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3friendOfYear.html>

### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – JENNY LAPIDUS -- 2013**

Currently there are 144 members that reflect both individual and couple memberships. There are 11 first time memberships. 43 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. 39 members have joined at \$5, 24 members at \$10, 19 members at \$15, 41 members at \$25, 9 members at \$50, 8 members at \$100, 1 member at \$125, and 1 member at \$250.

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.

### **USED BOOKSTORE AND USED BOOK SALES – 2013 CO-CHAIR NORMA LAMKEN AND MARGARET TALVIN**

Reports on the progress of the Used Bookstore and Used Book Sales have been reported in our Newsletters, including this issue, so we will not repeat. Thanks to our **dedicated volunteers**, earnings from the Used Bookstore (open daily) and quarterly Used Book Sales continue to set record levels and enable us to provide the Branch with much needed books, materials, supplies, furniture, and equipment, that are not covered by the Library's City Budget. Thanks too to **VIP\*S** for their lunches for our hard-working volunteers during our quarterly used book sales. We also thank **Library patrons** whose donations of books and other materials make our selection of books, videos and music fresh and exciting. Actual donation amounts are available to Friends members upon request.

### **PUBLICATIONS CHAIR – BARBARA LEFF -- 2013**

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

**Newsletters/Mailings:** Per our Bylaws, we published two Newsletters annually: April 2013 and November 2013. We sent these to our members via email or USPS. Newsletter copies are in our archives and on our website. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3newsletter.html>

**Website:** <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org> - Webmaster Judy Russell does a remarkable job! We're proud to report that our website is admired, respected, and a model for others. We have made many updates to our website during the past year, including the following:

- Judy created a beautiful photo carousel for our homepage – containing posters and Library pictures. Judy also created an extensive floor plan map with photos for the Library Information webpage.
- I participated in Library's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – April 20 – setting up photo display of Library/ Friends in Meeting Room & taking photos. <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/4evphotos.html>
- Judy and I kept the website current – often communicating daily. Judy added links from our home page to the Library's Facebook and Twitter pages.
- We have a new Internet service provider – TotalChoice Hosting - and maintain our archives there.
- We joined TechSoup.com – source for free software for many non-profit organizations – we received Adobe Creative Suite 6, including Dreamweaver and Photoshop.

### **BRANCH MANAGER -- 2013**

#### **DAVID HAGOPIAN - SENIOR LIBRARIAN (Ex-Officio Board Member)**

David's 2013 Annual Report is on our website <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/2librarian.html>. Also, [read the Pew Study about Libraries](#) at the end of his webpage – a very encouraging report.



Programs, activities & events for all ages & interests

# May 2014

Event title	Date/time	Description
Book Lover's Book Club	Th. 5/1 @ 5:30	This month's book for discussion is <i>Corelli's Mandolin</i> by Louis De Bernieres.
Story time & crafts (children)	Tu. 5/6 @ 4:00	Children & their families are invited to an hour of fun & creativity.
Anime Movie Night! (teens)	Th. 5/8 @ 4:00	Anime movie screened here on state of the art projector generously provided by the Friends of the Library.
Page Turner's Book Club (adults)	Mo. 5/12 @ 3:00	Friends of the Library book club. Discussing <i>Consequences</i> by Penelope Lively
Story time & crafts (children)	Tu. 5/13 @ 4:00	Children & their families are invited to an hour of fun & creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole (adults & teens)	We. 5/14 @ 11:00	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a mat & a bottle of water. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Persian film screening (adults)	We. 5/14 @ 3:00	Screening of a Persian film on state of the art projector generously provided by the Friends of the Library.
Young Adult Writer's Group (all ages)	Sa. 5/17 @ 2:00	Discuss what is cool in young adult fiction. Hone your craft in the company of friends. Share your work.
Story time & crafts (children)	Tu. 5/20 @ 4:00	Children & their families are invited to an hour of fun & creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole (adults & teens)	We. 5/21 @ 11:00	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a mat & a bottle of water. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Teen Council meeting (teens)	Th. 5/22 @ 4:00	Help plan library events & discuss library issues related to teens.
YA Writer's Group (all ages)	Sa. 5/24 @ 2:00	Discuss what is cool in YA fiction. Hone your craft in the company of friends. Share your work.
Memorial Day LIBRARY CLOSED	Mo. 5/26 all day	This is a day for remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.
Story time & crafts (children)	Tu. 5/27 @ 4:00	Children & their families are invited to an hour of fun & creativity.
Feel Good Yoga with Nicole (adults & teens)	We. 5/28 @ 11:00	Relax. Breathe. Stretch. Bring a mat & a bottle of water. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
Friends of the Library open board meeting (adults)	We. 5/28 @ 1:00	All are welcome & invited to participate. Friends group business & library events and news is discussed. Call the library to confirm.
Last Saturday of the Month Poetry (adults)	Sa. 5/31 @ 1:30	Open mic poetry. All are welcome. Read your own or the poems of another. Start signing up at 1:30.

**Library Trivia**

May is National Inventors Month. Check out books about inventions & inventors. Browse call #s 608 & x 608 (children's)

Authors born in May: L. Frank Baum (15), Studs Terkel (16), Jodi Picoult (19), Arnold Lobel (22), Margaret Wise Brown (23), Ralph Waldo Emerson (25), Meg Wolitzer (28), Walt Whitman (31),

On May 23, 1911, the Main Branch of the New York Public Library was opened.

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 12:30-8pm / Fsa 10-5:30pm / Closed Sunday

[www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)

## **WHAT DO FRIENDS DO?**

Folks ask – What do you do – as a Friends of Lvolunteer?  
The answer is: “Everything that the Library needs us to do”.

**Are you curious?** You can read about it now on our home page – in a NEW column called  
**“Friends in Action” – a day-to-day accounting of what we do.**

You’ll read about the everyday kinds of things and the once-in-a-while kinds of things that we do.  
<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/index.php>

For example: In March 2014 - Friends volunteered almost 750 hours: Sorting donated books and AV media; stocking the [Used Bookstore](#); setting up, staffing, and cleaning up after the [BIG Used Book Sale](#) (March 7-8); maintaining membership and financial records; updating our website; and meeting to discuss and prepare for FOL activities and expenditures.

**WHY? For: Satisfaction – Pride – Joy - a Sense of Accomplishment - Friendships.**  
**We help create and maintain that which we love – Learning!!**

You too are welcome to join us -- *Contact Margaret Talvin - [mtalvin@mac.com](mailto:mtalvin@mac.com).*

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