

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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**COME TO OUR
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WED., NOV. 19 - 1:00 PM**

Meet other "Friends" while enjoying coffee and dessert

special guest
JAMES J. SULLOS, JR.
President, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Inc.
speaking on
TARZAN AND TARZANA - Past and Present

Hear our Report on all of our Gifts to the Library this year -- made possible because of your membership fees, donations, and support of our Bookstore and Book Sales

**FABULOUS USED BOOK SALE
FRI. & SAT. -- DEC. 5 & 6 -- 10:00-5:00**

Thousands of items - most for 50¢ to \$1.00 - many "like new"

*Note: The inventory and prices of our book sales are the same as in our **Bookstore (open daily)**, except we box and store the extra donations, those beyond what our Bookstore can hold, and bring out those boxes for our big quarterly book sales, like this one.*

Questions: Contact BookSales@ETLibraryFriends.org

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...

Adele Druck, 1st VP, and I attended the Citywide Friends Workshop on Sunday October 26 at the Central Library, downtown. 40 representatives from LAPL Friends groups met to talk about membership, book sales, websites, resources, and share ideas and problems. I was Registration Chair and so had the privilege of getting to know many of them. It was great to meet such dedicated "Friends" from throughout the City. The groups had similar and different programs and ideas. I think our group compared very well with the others.

FYI - Twelve of the sixty-one branch Friends groups have websites. See their activities at <http://www.lapl.org/about/friends.html>.

--Barbara Y. Leff, M.L.S. - 818.981.6920
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HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS (HOTP)

Our Friends of the Library know that our library patrons like to read the newest books published. So, we voted to accept the Los Angeles Public Library's offer to subscribe to HOTP for our Branch -- for a \$3000/year donation. (FYI - only some Branch Friends groups subscribe.)

Here's how it works: Central Library selects and sends to subscribers one copy of the newest popular book when it's hot off the press. Our Library places it on our "**New Book Shelf.**" Whatever you find on the shelf you may borrow for **seven days, no reserve, no renewals, and two books maximum.** (Do know that duplicate copies of these titles are available via the Library's normal reserve/hold system - but for most the wait is long!)

Here are the authors/titles of the HOTP books at our Library so far. The list is in the order received from Central Library - the newest books at the top of the list. If you'd like to receive the titles of the newest books more often, send us your email address (Info@ETLibraryFriends.org). The last email we sent with HOTP titles was Oct. 7:

These HOTP books received after October 7:

DeMille, Nelson	<u>The Gate House</u>
Mosley, Walter	<u>The Right Mistake</u>
Patterson, James	<u>Against Medical Advice</u>
Johansen, Iris	<u>Dark Summer</u>
LeHane, Dennis	<u>The Given Day</u>
Woods, Stuart	<u>Hot Mahogany</u>
Sandford, John	<u>Heat Lightning</u>
Kellerman, Jonathan	<u>Bones</u>
Le Carre, John	<u>A Most Wanted Man</u>
Letterman, David	<u>Late Show Fun Facts</u>
Sparks, Nicholas	<u>The Lucky One</u>
Connelly, Michael	<u>The Brass Verdict</u>
Brown, Rita Mae	<u>Hounded to Death</u>

These books received before October 7:

Rice, Luanne & Monninger, Joseph	<u>The Letters</u>
Katz, Jon	<u>Izzy & Lenore</u>
McGraw, Phil	<u>Real Life</u>
Rankin, Ian	<u>Exit Music</u>
Gregory, Philippa	<u>The Other Queen</u>
Cook, Robin	<u>Foreign Body</u>
Sommers, Suzanne	<u>Breakthrough: Life-Altering Secrets from Today's Cutting-Edge Doctors</u>
Peters, Elizabeth	<u>The Laughter of Dead Kings</u>
Gerritsen, Tess	<u>The Keepsake</u>
Reichs, Kathy	<u>Devil Bones</u>
Higgins, Jack	<u>Rough Justice</u>
Michaels, Fern	<u>Final Justice</u>
Bradford, Barbara Taylor	<u>Being Elizabeth</u>
Lustbader, Eric Van	<u>First Daughter</u>
Buchanan, Edna	<u>Legally Dead</u>
Kellerman, Faye	<u>The Mercedes Coffin</u>
Brown, Sandra	<u>Smokescreen</u>
Coonts, Stephen	<u>The Assassin</u>
Jance, J. A.	<u>Damage Control</u>
McKinney-Whetstone, Diane	<u>Trading Dreams at Midnight</u>

Your memberships, donations, and support of our Bookstore and Book Sales have helped the Friends fund HOTP. The Library appreciates your support. THANK YOU!

OUR BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB -- We select fiction and nonfiction books of interest, take turns serving as discussion leaders, and share interesting insights. **We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at an Encino home.** New members are welcome - contact Chair Carol Fox at bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org .

Current Nov. 6 reading: William Faulkner - Light in August

Next Dec. 4 reading: Elizabeth Gilbert - Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia

For previous readings, check our Book Club webpage: < <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.html> >

HISTORY AND POLITICS BOOK CLUB -- Our newest book club has gained the attention of non-fiction lovers. We decided to focus on United States Presidents, starting with our first president. Rather than choosing a single book for all to read, each book club member selects his/her own book to read on the subject, and shares the readings during the discussion. **We meet at the Library on the 4th Wednesday of the month - 4:00-5:30 pm.** New members are welcome - contact Maryalyce Reilly at 818.758.0979 - or mreilly616@sbcglobal.net

Current Nov. 19 reading: President Thomas Jefferson (his life up to the start of his presidency)

Next Dec. 17 reading: President Thomas Jefferson (his presidency and the balance of his life)

[Note: These two dates are the third Wed. of the month, an exception so as not to conflict with the holidays.]

FRIENDS' WEBSITE

Our website is a real treat! Besides news about our Friends' group and about the Library, it has resources -- separate pages of resources for Kids, Teens, Parents, Seniors, and All. We also have links and explanations about what you'll find on the Los Angeles Public Library website. Take time to stop by from time to time -- you'll enjoy it. <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

JANE'S BOOKS

This column is written by **Jane Gebers**, one of our main Bookstore volunteers and Member-at-Large, who is an avid reader. This time her topic is **History and Politics...**

...When the Friends' Bookstore was set to open, Dick Sorenson and I were deciding which Non-Fiction categories to use. We had a number of donations in the areas of HISTORY AND POLITICS, so we put them together, and it has proven to be one of our most popular non-fiction categories.

I've taken home so many good books from there myself -- books by Winston Churchill, (a stupendous intellect and read), Doris Kearns Goodwin, Bob Woodward, and Theodore H. White. Most of us have heard Santayana say, "Those who cannot remember the past must repeat it."

Apropos of which, I recently read John Kenneth Galbraith's The Great Crash of 1929 first published in 1954. It detailed economic crashes like Holland's tulip collapse, the South Sea Bubble that spread financial destruction in Britain, the Florida land boom and bust in the 1920's and, finally, the 1929 Stock Market crash leading to the Great Depression. Anyone reading that, and comparing current conditions during the past years, could see exactly what was about to pounce on us (look at the Savings and Loan fiasco only 20 years ago)! History repeats itself for the unaware.

Looking at our bookstore shelves today, I see books by Studs Terkel, George Stephanopoulos, Richard Nixon, John J. Sirica, Robert H. Bork, H. R. Haldeman, Sam Donaldson, Mikhail Gorbachev, and three by Bob Woodward.

If this category is in your area of interest, be sure to also check out the BIOGRAPHY section. We've had or have biographies or autobiographies of many past presidents, first ladies and many other famous heroes and villains, past and present.

Happy Reading...

COMPUTERS -- FOR NOVICES AND OTHERS

The computer is for the curious, for those who'd like to be part of the 21st century - and it is not difficult to learn!

FOR THE NOVICE: The Library has many classes to help you. All you need is the *courage* to sign up and attend:

Computer Comfort - monthly - Beginning, hands-on training on computer keyboard, the mouse, searching, understanding and interpreting information on computer screen.

Introduction to the Internet - monthly - with Leon

FOR THOSE NOT AFRAID OF COMPUTERS:

Computer Basics with BZ - weekly class

Intro to Library's Health Databases (see Calendar or check Info Desk for dates)

Intro to Los Angeles Public Library Home Page - learn how to use Library's computer catalog (see Calendar or check Info Desk for dates)

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PLEASE HELP...

- 1) Volunteer to work in our Bookstore and help at our Book Sales.
- 2) Volunteer to help carry boxes of books for an hour or two while books are sorted.
- 3) Donate gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, from your home libraries.
(Please drop off at our Library Information Desk. Request a receipt for tax purposes.)
- 4) Volunteer to serve as Historian/Archivist - this is a Friends' Board position.
- 5) Volunteer your home/garage to store our Friends' archives - 8 cartons (or 4 + 4)

If you can help, please contact Barbara Leff - 818.981.6920 - President@ETLibraryFriends.org

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NEWS ABOUT GOOGLE BOOKS

As you may know, Google has been working with libraries of Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Michigan, and University of Oxford as well as the New York Public Library to digitally scan books (including out-of-print books) from their collections so that users worldwide can search them in Google Books. Some works are available full text; others only brief bibliographic data and selected pages. On October 28, 2008, according to [Wikipedia](#), Google stated that they have 7 million books searchable through Google Book Search, including those scanned by their 20,000 publisher partners." See Google Book Search - <http://books.google.com/>

Latest News: **Google settles scanning suit with authors, publishers.** "After two years of negotiations, a settlement has been reached in lawsuits between Google and author and publisher groups over the search-engine company's scanning of copyrighted books. . . subject to approval by a New York federal court. . ." Source: [American Libraries Direct](#) - October 29, 2008.
<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/october2008/googlelawsuitsettled.cfm>

Note: The precursor of Google Books and still a valid, authoritative, and useful source for book content is the **Project Gutenberg**. It maintains currency and provides downloadable copies of information, books, and other materials in public domain (copyright has expired). See <http://promo.net/pg/>

POET LAUREATE KAY RYAN

American Libraries Direct: "The Library of Congress fall literary season opened on October 16 with a reading by Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry Kay Ryan. Ryan, who was appointed to the laureateship by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington in July, is the author of six books of poetry. Her latest is The Niagara River (2005). Her philosophy is that 'Poetry should leave you feeling freer and not more burdened.'..."
http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4378

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL EXHIBITS

<http://www.lapl.org/events/>

"Play Ball! Images of Dodger Blue, 1958-1988"

Central Library, First Floor Galleries, July 12 - November 9, 2008

"L.A. Unfolded: Maps from the Los Angeles Public Library"

Central Library, Getty Gallery, Oct. 15, 2008 through Jan. 22, 2009

FRIENDS RECOMMEND

Our Board members share titles of media they've enjoyed. Here's our recommended list since our last newsletter:

Da Chen - Brothers (recommended in our June 2008 Newsletter - Chinese Literature)
Bookmarks magazine (comprehensive book reviews & coverage -- <http://www.bookmarksmagazine.com>)
Phyllis Lee Levin - Abigail Adams: A Biography
Achy Obejas - Days of Awe (novel about Cuba and Cuban-Americans)
James Frey - Bright Shiny Morning
Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
Harry Harrison - 50 in 50: Fifty stories for fifty years!
Joyce Cheney - Aprons: A Celebration
James M. McPherson - "To the Best of My Ability:" The American Presidents
Joanne Fluke - The Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder (Hannah Swenson Mysteries)
Noah Gordon - The Last Jew
Joyce Carol Oates - The Museum of Dr. Moses: Tales of Mystery and Suspense
Allegra Goodman - Intuition
Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin - Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time
E. L. Doctorow - Ragtime
Mark Glamack - Littluns and the Book of Darkness (www.littluns.net)(for teens & above)
Shaunda Kennedy Wenger and Janet Kay Jensen - The Book Lover's Cookbook: Recipes Inspired by Celebrated Works of Literature, and the Passages that Feature Them
Elizabeth Gilbert - Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia
Diane Ackerman - Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story
Markus Zusak - The Book Thief
Sophie Kinsella - Confessions of a Shopaholic
Lauren Bacall - By Myself and Then Some
Sherman Alexie - The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
Bill Boyarsky - Big Daddy: Jesse Unruh and the Art of Power Politics
Michael Chabon - Gentlemen of the Road; A Tale of Adventure
Robert Whitaker - The Mapmaker's Wife

For more authors/titles previously recommended, see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.html>

WEB NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY WORLD

Source: American Libraries Direct, an e-newsletter of the American Library Assn.,

Free weekly subscription available to all now -- see: <http://www.ala.org/ala/online/alddirect/alddirect.cfm>

Excerpts from American Libraries Direct - October 22 and October 29, 2008:

Library use rises as economy falls - "Haverhill (Mass.) Public Library Assistant Director Susan Katzenstein said the library is usually 'an incredibly busy place.' But nowadays, 'our usage is through the roof.' The Haverhill library is not alone. Across the region, local public libraries are reporting a surge in use, a trend officials tie directly to the economic hardship many are facing." . . .

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/16/library_use_rises_as_economy_falls/

Wikipedia and the meaning of truth - "Simson L. Garfinkel writes: 'Many people, especially academic experts, have argued that Wikipedia's articles can't be trusted because they are written and edited by volunteers who have never been vetted. Nevertheless, studies have found that the articles are remarkably accurate...' . . ."

<http://www.technologyreview.com/web/21558/?a=f>

Windowshop at Amazon.com - "Windowshop.com is a new site introduced last week that allows you to virtually browse through the best-selling Amazon.com products in various categories, including books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and videogames. You can either use your mouse or the arrow keys . . . to scroll through the content..."

http://www.nytimes.com/external/readwriteweb/2008/10/27/27readwriteweb-go_virtual_window_shopping_at_amazon.html

New Presidential Records Act signed - "President George W. Bush signed the Presidential Historical Records Preservation Act of 2008 (S. 3477) into law October 13. The act establishes a matching grant program for the preservation of historical records of former presidents whose archives are not maintained in federal depositories. The legislation culminates years of effort by Virginia legislators and the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum in Staunton, Virginia." . . .

<http://www.newsleader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20081021/NEWS05/81021007/1002/news01>

ALA seeks \$100 million in stimulus funding - "American Library Association is asking Congress for \$100 million in stimulus funding to aid the nation's working families during the current economic crisis. Aid is sought to stem the bleeding of critical library services that help Americans with job searches, small business development, financial literacy, and other essential assistance in hard economic times. . ." <http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/?p=996>

Living Library a success in Santa Monica - "The first official Living Library in the United States went live October 18 at the Santa Monica (Calif.) Public Library. The event was organized by library staff to foster community understanding of alternative lifestyles. Patrons could check out one of 14 Living Books (people, volunteers really, including two Buddhists, a feminist, a teenager, a nudist, and a vegan) for 30 minutes to engage in a conversation and challenge a stereotype. The Living Library Project was first presented in 2000 to the public in Denmark at the Roskilde Festival. Since then it has been adopted by organizations in Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Norway, and Portugal. . ." <http://living-library.org/flying-start-in-santa-monica-los-angeles.html>

Survey of journalism blogs - "Paul Bradshaw writes: 'Blogs have become part of the editorial furniture. As of this year, 70% of U.S. newspapers, 85% of UK news organizations, and 44% of European news organizations were offering journalist-authored blogs, and all the signals from editors and management suggested these figures would continue to rise. . . Perhaps the most significant change was in the way that blogs provided a platform for stories or detail that would otherwise not make the print or broadcast version at all.'..."

<http://onlinejournalismblog.com/2008/10/14/blogging-journalists-survey-results-pt1-context-and-methodology/>

Christian Science Monitor ends print edition - "After a century of continuous publication, the Christian Science Monitor will abandon its weekday print edition in favor of an online presence, its publisher announced October 28. The cost-cutting measure makes it the first national newspaper to largely give up on print. . . ."

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/29/business/media/29paper.html?_r=2&adxnml=1&oref=slogin&adxnmlx=1225576855-E41bbgGXiSQcUunctig/FQ

ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY EVENTS

as reported on the Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library website.
For UPDATES and DETAILS, go to <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2008

(Library is closed on Sundays)

[NOTE: COPIES OF THIS LIST ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY.]

Tues.-Fri. -- GAB (Grandparents & Books) Kids share reading fun with GAB Library Volunteers (See Info Desk.)

Monday, Nov. 3 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time

Monday, Nov. 3 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ

Thursday, Nov. 6 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)

Thursday, Nov. 6 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Holiday Scrapbooking & Card-Making!

Thursday, Nov. 6 - 7:00 pm -- Friends of Library Page Turners Book Club -- Light in August by Wm.Faulkner (off-site)

Saturday, Nov. 8 - 2:00-4:00 pm -- Join New Voices Poetry Group - Share your poetry with other local poets! Open to all

Monday, Nov. 10 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ

Tuesday, Nov. 11 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Veteran's Day)

Thursday, Nov. 13 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)

Thursday, Nov. 13 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Volunteer Orientation - Sign up for community service points

Monday, Nov. 17 - 10:30-11:00 am -- Internet Basics with Leon. (Sign up at Information Desk)

Monday, Nov. 17 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time

Monday, Nov. 17 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (KIDS) Leo Politi (children's illustrator & author) Birthday Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, Nov. 18 -- 6:00-7:30 pm -- Sleep Apnea - Learn more about the problem and possible solutions

Wednesday, Nov. 19 - 10:30-11:30 am -- Intro to LAPL Home Page - Learn how to use Library's computer catalog

Wednesday, Nov. 19 -- 1:00-3:00 pm -- Friends of Library Annual Membership Meeting. Guest speaker: James J.

Sullos, Jr., President, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Inc., speaking on "Tarzan and Tarzana--Past and Present."

Reports on Friends' accomplishments during 2008. Meet and chat and enjoy refreshments.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 - 4:00-5:30 pm -- Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club discussing U. S. Presidents.

Select and read a book on President Thomas Jefferson (pre-presidency), and come prepared for a lively discussion

Thursday, Nov. 20 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)

Thursday, Nov. 20 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Council Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 20 - 5:30-7:00 pm -- Book Lovers Book Club discusses Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

Monday, Nov. 24 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 27-28 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Monday, Dec. 1 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time

Monday, Dec. 1 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)

Thursday, Dec. 4 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)

Thursday, Dec. 4 - 7:00-8:30 pm - Friends of Library Page Turners Book Club - Eat, Pray, Love, by Elizabeth

Gilbert (offsite - Encino home)

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 5 & 6 -- 10:00-5:00 pm -- Friends of Library B - I - G Used Book Sale - Unbelievable bargains!!

Monday, Dec. 8 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)

Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 10:30-11:30 am -- Intro to LAPL Home Page - Learn how to use the library's computer catalog

Thursday, Dec. 11 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)

Saturday, Dec. 13 - 2:00-4:00 pm -- Join New Voices Poetry Group - Share your poetry with other local poets! Open to all

Monday, Dec. 15 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time

Monday, Dec. 15 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)

Tuesday, Dec. 16 -- 4:00-5:00 pm -- Holiday Crafts with Shokoufeh

Wednesday, Dec. 17 - 4:00-5:30 pm -- Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club discussing U. S. Presidents.

Select and read a book on President Thomas Jefferson (presidency & thereafter) and come prepared for a lively discussion

Thursday, Dec. 18 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)

Thursday, Dec. 18 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Candy Making in the Library -- join us for this delicious program.

Thursday, Dec. 18 - 5:30-7:00 pm -- Book Lovers Book Club discusses Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

Monday, Dec. 22 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)

Wednesday, Dec. 24 -- LIBRARY WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 PM

Thursday, Dec. 25 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Day)

Monday, Dec. 29 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - LIBRARY WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 PM (for New Year's Day Holiday)

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