

## FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wed., November 18, 2009 - 1:00 pm**

*Agenda:* Brief business meeting with a few annual reports, biennial election, and news about the Los Angeles Public Library. Also, we will introduce our new Acting Branch Manager, **Michele Raeburn**.

*Program:* **Relevancy of Lincoln in Today's Society.**

*Speaker:* **Bruce Keswick**, Discussion Leader of our History & Politics Book Club, and a history buff mainly interested in 19th century American history, especially dealing with President Abraham Lincoln, his life, and his effect on American history. Bruce is an estate planning attorney with an emphasis on Living Trust and Trust Administration.

**Please Join Us -- Refreshments too!**

### ANOTHER GIGANTIC USED BOOK SALE

**Fri. & Sat. -- December 4 & 5, 2009 -- 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* OR 818.343.7105

Note: The inventory and prices of our book sales are the same as in our **Bookstore (open daily)**, except we box and store the overflow donations, and display the contents for our big quarterly book sales, like this one.

Book Sale Committee: Norma Lamken, Joyce Propper, and Margaret Talvin.  
Board Liaison: Mark Lamken, 2nd Vice President.

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...**

**Adele Druck**, 1st Vice President, and I attended a special Friends of Library reception for the new City Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, held in the Rare Books Room of the Central Library downtown. Mr. Martin Gomez spoke about the challenges facing the Library - and Adele will report on that at our Annual Membership Meeting. Please plan to join us on November 18. Special Treat will be our speaker - our in-house historian, **Bruce Keswick**.

Also, at our Annual Membership Meeting on Nov. 18, I will present my President's report for 2009 covering our gifts to the Library and our activities. My report will be summarized on our website and printed in our next Newsletter too. Until then, know that the Friends have made a BIG difference in the number of current books available to you, our Library patrons, and in the rest of the collection for adults, teens, and children, in programming, furniture and furnishings, and supplies. Know also, that it is your continuing memberships, donations, and support of our Bookstore and Book Sales that have allowed us to help fund our Library. The result is that our branch library's collection and services continue to be the best! **THANK YOU!**

Finally, I'd like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our officers for serving so beautifully these past two years, and for agreeing to continue for another two years (see their names in the article on page 4). **THANK YOU** too to our Committee Chair: Book Clubs - **Carol Fox**; Communications/Telephone: **Lois Levy**; Hospitality - **Judy Cohn**; Membership - **Jenny Lapidus**; Program - **Linda Grose**; Publicity/Outreach - **Gisela Sehnert**; Volunteer Appreciation - **Richard Kazie**; Webmaster - **Judy Russell**. And also, special thanks to our former Senior Librarian **Melissa Potter** (now heading the Silver Lake Branch), who worked with us for most of our term of office.

--Barbara Y. Leff, M.L.S. - 818.981.6920  
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## **Welcome to our new Senior Librarian**

Interviewed by Adele Druck, First Vice President

By now many of you have met Michele Raeburn, our new Senior Librarian. With the departure of Melissa Potter for the new Silver Lake branch library, Michele has been appointed Acting Branch Manager.

Michele has been in the Los Angeles Public Library system for 28 years and has worked in all the branches in the San Fernando Valley at one time or another; she has also worked at the Glendale Branch and Central libraries. Her original career choice was to be a teacher, but when there were no teaching jobs available she followed her father's suggestion and went to library school.

One of her biggest challenges and most interesting experiences was to work on the computerization of the library's collection and to supervise the bar coding of the hundreds of thousands of books for all branches. Michele explains that the Los Angeles system is the largest computerized public library in the country. She says that the computerized library is a great advantage for the staff, and for some patrons; however there are still many who have always looked to the librarians for assistance and continue to do so.

Michele says she is an old fashioned page-turning book reader, not too interested in recorded books or in trying out one of the new electronic books like the Kindle. She says older people who were raised to be readers may have become dinosaurs in our time while young people who read fewer books have advantages and access to information through computers and do their reading online.

Michele was very complimentary about the Friends and pleased to have "so many good people interested in the branch and willing to work." She says that money raised by the Friends to supplement the budget has resulted in one of the best collections of any branch.

The Friends welcome Michele and look forward to working together with her.

## HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS (HOTP)

The Friends subscribe to this service for \$6000/ann. so that the newest books that are "hot-off-the-press" will be in your hands quickly. As new arrivals are placed on the Library's New Book Shelves, we announce titles immediately on our website - and post a printed list every week or so on our Library display board. HOTP may be borrowed for **seven days, but no reserves, no renewals, and two books maximum.** (FYI - duplicate copies are available via the Library's usual reserve/hold system - to await your turn.) See our website for August and September HOTP books - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org> . Our recent HOTP books and arrival dates were:

- 11/2/09 ---- John Irving - Last Night in Twisted River  
Andrew A. Rooney -- Andy Rooney: 60 Years of Wisdom and Wit  
Philip Roth - The Humbling
- 10/31/09 -- David Baldacci - True Blue  
Patricia Cornwell - Scarpetta Factor  
Robert Jordan - Gathering Storm  
Laura Parker - Miracle on the Hudson: The Survivors of Flight 1549 Tell Their Extraordinary Stories of Courage, Faith, and Determination
- 10/27/09 -- Peter Mayle - Vintage Caper  
Suzanne Somers - Knockout: Interviews with Doctors Who Are Curing Cancer - And How to Prevent Getting It in the First Place
- 10/20/09 -- Iris Johansen - Blood Game
- 10/16/09 -- John Saul - House of Reckoning
- 10/13/09 -- Barbara Taylor Bradford - Breaking the Rules  
Michael Connelly - Nine Dragons  
Mark Fuhrman - Murder Business: High Profile Crimes and the Corruption of Justice  
Robert B. Parker - Professional  
Stuart Woods - Hothouse Orchid
- 10/7/09 -- Nevada Barr - 13 1/2  
Valerie Bertinelli - Finding It: And Satisfying My Hunger for Life Without Opening the Fridge  
Marc Eliot - American Rebel: The Life of Clint Eastwood  
Jonathan Kellerman - Evidence: An Alex Delaware Novel  
R. A. Salvatore - The Ghost King: Transitions, Book III
- 10/5/09 -- Mitch Albom - Have a Little Faith: A True Story  
John Sandford - Rough Country
- 10/2/09 -- William Bernhardt - Capitol Offense

## OUR BOOK CLUBS

Our two Book Clubs are growing. New members are always welcome - contact Book Club Chair Carol Fox at [bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org). For previous readings, check our Book Club webpage: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclubs.html>

**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.** Since mid-year 2009, we've read: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak; Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama; March by Geraldine Brooks; Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Ahead are these: Nov. 5 - Sweet and Low: A Family Story, by Rich Cohen; Jan. 7 - Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon; Feb. 4 - Sashenka by Simon Sebag Montefiore.

**HISTORY AND POLITICS BOOK CLUB** -- We are learning American history through the study of the presidency. We started from the beginning and are now reading about Abraham Lincoln. Each member selects his/her own book on the current topic and shares the reading with the other members. This provides for a lively discussion coming from various authors' viewpoints.

Bruce Keswick, an attorney and history buff, is our discussion leader. **We meet in the Library on the 4th Wednesday of the month - 4:00-5:30 pm. (3rd Wed. in Nov. & Dec.)** On Oct. 28, we covered Pres. Lincoln up to his presidency; on Nov. 18 we will discuss Lincoln's Presidency and the Civil War; Dec. 16 will finish Lincoln and combine that with Pres. Andrew Johnson; and Jan. 27 will focus on Pres. Ulysses S. Grant. Join us...

## FRIENDS' BIENNIAL ELECTION

The Nominating Committee met on Monday, October 26. Those present were: **Adele Druck** (Chair), **Carol Fox**, and **Linda Grose**; those available by phone were: **Joanne Candiotti** and **Margaret Talvin**. The Committee nominated the current officers for another term of office, and they have all accepted. We are requesting that our Board make an exception and allow these officers to serve again beyond the term limits, for the good of our organization, as our Bylaws allow. Election will take place at our Nov. 18 Annual Membership Meeting. Nominations will be welcome from the floor. The slate of officers recommended is:

**President – Barbara Y. Leff**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Adele Druck**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Mark Lamken**

**Recording Secretary - Evelyn Perl**  
**Corresponding Secretary - Esther Bronner Rose**  
**Treasurer - Nonie Lann**  
**Member-at-Large – Jane Gebers**

## JANE'S BOOKS

### WHO SHOPS AT THE LIBRARY'S FRIENDS USED BOOKSTORE?

ANSWER: just about any and everyone! In the last few months some of my customers have been:

TEACHERS finding treasured gems for their classroom collections.

A SMART SHOPPER who comes in every few months. He came in recently looking for pristine cookbooks (plans to give each of his friends a cookbook or other treasure for Christmas).

A MINISTER FROM OUT-OF-STATE, who was delighted to find just what he needed in our religious section to spice up his sermons with interesting tidbits.

A VERY LITTLE BOY buying a quarter children's book to give to his littler sister for her birthday.

A TEENAGER needing a Classic book for an extra-credit book report at school.

A WOMAN with a list of her favorite authors' books, trying to fill in the missing gaps in her collection (found quite a few too).

ANOTHER CUSTOMER -- WHO HAS A LONG COMMUTE -- comes in regularly to buy Audio Books.

AN ACTOR who buys books of plays and practices his craft at home with them .

BARGAIN HUNTERS who like our thrifty prices and wide selection. Etc, etc etc.

Yes, our used-book store is there for your pleasure and benefit. Which brings up another important subject. We could use more Volunteers to help in the store:

### WHO VOLUNTEERS IN OUR BOOKSTORE?

PEOPLE WHO LOVE BOOKS, enjoy getting out, meeting people and have some spare time. If that sounds like you, perhaps you'd like to join us? Sure could use your talents and help.

'Til next time,

Jane Gebers

[Editor's note: Jane is one of our main Bookstore volunteers and Member-at-Large, and an avid reader.

## **GIFT FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THE LIBRARY**

Encino Neighborhood Council donated security locking music CD cases and accompanying insert trays.

## **CURIOUS? HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...?**

Jenny Lapidus (our Membership Chair) had some great questions about the Los Angeles Public Library - and specifically our Encino-Tarzana Branch. Thought we'd share the answers provided by Michele Raeburn, our Acting Branch Manager:

JENNY: WHEN A BOOK IS PLACED ON HOLD, HOW DOES IT GET TO OUR LIBRARY?

MICHELE: When you place a book on hold, your library card number goes at the end of the Holds list of card numbers for that title. A new book that has many holds doesn't even reach the branch that purchased it until all the library patrons on the holds list for that title throughout the city have obtained a copy of that book. THEN, we receive the book that we ordered, but not before. The Holds Management Dept. at the Central Library downtown coordinates the Holds procedures and resolves any problems that occur, not the individual branches.

JENNY: HOW MUCH MONEY IS COLLECTED FROM OVERDUE BOOKS IN A MONTH?

MICHELE: I have no system-wide figures on how much money is collected just from overdue item fines - each day, month, or year! Those monies are included with lost book fines, library card replacement fees, copy machine and printer payments, and a myriad of other monies collected each day, all of which go to the Library's Business and Accounting Depts. at Central Library downtown.

JENNY: WHO KEEPS THE LIBRARY COMPUTERS RUNNING?

MICHELE: There is a cadre of trained computer techs who rove from branch to branch repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining the thousand-some computer terminals in each region. They work in tandem with the Information Technology Dept. and the Information Technologies & Collections Administration Dept. to make sure all terminals all over the City are working with the system servers properly, that the servers (located downtown) are working correctly and are updated regularly. They also answer the hundreds of questions and problem calls from staff at 72 branches and Central Library daily.

JENNY: HOW MANY VOLUMES IN OUR ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH LIBRARY?

MICHELE: We have around 64,000 items in the Encino-Tarzana Branch collection; that includes books, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, videos, comic books, graphic novels, et al.

JENNY: DOES ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH HAVE A CERTAIN TYPE OF COLLECTION THAT OTHER LIBRARIES DO NOT HAVE?

MICHELE: Each branch is allowed to own a special collection or several, depending on:

- the local need for that type of collection
- the staff needed to maintain it,
- the Library funds required and available to maintain and update it,
- and, of course, the space available in the branch to adequately house the collection.

The Encino-Tarzana Branch has several special language collections: Russian, Spanish, and Persian. And, the most unique collection of anywhere in the country, is the Edgar Rice Burroughs Collection of books (including those focusing on "Tarzan"), which was donated by the Burroughs family and Edgar Rice Burroughs Corporation.

## **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS TOO?**

**FEEL FREE TO CALL OR WRITE AND WE'LL FIND THE ANSWERS FOR YOU:**

Call Barbara Leff at 818.981.6920 -- or [president@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:president@ETLibraryFriends.org)

## LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY - Central Library

630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071

**ALoud Lecture Series** -- <http://www.lfla.org/aloud/index.php>

**ZOCALO Public Square Lecture Series** -- <http://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/>

**THURSDAYS at Central** -- <http://www.lapl.org/events/thursdays.php>

### SPECIAL EXHIBIT

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

#### ***Karsh 100: A Biography In Images***

August 2, 2009 - January 23, 2010

Central Library – First Floor Galleries

*In celebration of the 100th birthday of renowned photographer Yousuf Karsh (1908-2002), the Los Angeles Public Library and Library Foundation of Los Angeles are hosting an exhibition of the great portraitist's work. The selected images offer a visual biography of this twentieth-century legend.*

*Karsh made a career photographing the world's most distinguished statesmen, artists, literary figures, musicians, scientists, actors, and actresses. Traveling the globe, he gained access to virtually every great figure of his time. Among his most famous iconic images are the ones he made of Winston Churchill (1941), Albert Einstein (1948), Pablo Picasso (1954), Ernest Hemingway (1957), Jacqueline Kennedy (1957) and Sophia Loren (1981).*

*This exhibition explores the eminent photographer's celebrated works alongside his lesser-known images. Included are photographs from his early years as he was developing his photographic style as well as works he made on assignment in the 1950s after he became widely known - views of Canada for Maclean's Magazine and images of industry for Ford of Canada and Atlas Steel. Archival material revealing Karsh's personality, his approach to his work, and the friendships he forged with sitters is also included, as well as prints from his large format camera.*

*This exhibition was organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.*

### **SOME WEB NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY WORLD**

Excerpt Source: [American Libraries Direct](#), an e-newsletter of the American Library Association.

*"...National Security Letters Reform Act of 2009 – which are critical for protecting Americans against government invasion of privacy and, generally, for restoring critical checks and balances to our government. Notably, the bill would allow Americans to use libraries and bookstores without fear that their choice of books will be monitored by overzealous federal agents." (Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Chairman, U. S. House Judiciary Committee, 10/09)*  
Read more at: (<http://judiciary.house.gov/news/091020.html>)

*"Google Editions will Embrace Universal E-Book Format. Google's store will not be device-specific--allowing for e-books purchased through Google Editions to be read on the far greater number of e-book readers that will flood the market in 2010." (PC World, 10/16/09)*  
Read more at: ([http://www.pcworld.com/article/173789/google\\_editions\\_embraces\\_universal\\_ebook\\_format.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/173789/google_editions_embraces_universal_ebook_format.html))

*"BookServer: A Plan to Build an Open Web of Books. The Internet Archive has just unveiled their ambitious project called BookServer, which will allow users to find, buy, or borrow digital books from sources all across the web. The system, built on an open architecture and using open book formats, promises that the books housed there will work on any device whether that's a laptop, PC, smartphone, game console, or one of the myriad of e-Readers like Amazon's Kindle. The project's lofty goal is to essentially create an open web of books where anyone can publish their books and make their content available via search." (ReadWriteWeb, 10/20/09)*  
Read more at: ([http://www.readriteweb.com/archives/bookserver\\_a\\_plan\\_to\\_build\\_an\\_open\\_web\\_of\\_books.php](http://www.readriteweb.com/archives/bookserver_a_plan_to_build_an_open_web_of_books.php))

## FRIENDS RECOMMEND

Our Board members share titles of media they've enjoyed. Here's our recommended list since our last newsletter. For more authors/titles previously recommended, see: <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3recommend.html>

Leo Carrillo - The California I Love  
Michael Connelly - The Scarecrow  
Jeff Jarvis - What would Google Do?

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## ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY EVENTS

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

### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2009

*(Library is closed on Sundays)*

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

**GAB PROGRAM** - Grandparents and Books - Adults read with children casually-Mondays thru Saturdays. See Info Desk.

Monday, November 2, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
Thursday, November 5, 4:00 - 5:00 pm -- **(TEENS)** Teen Volunteer Orientation  
**Thurs., November 5, 7:00 pm -- Friends of Library Page Turner's Book Club -- Sweet and Low: A Family Story (offsite)**  
Monday, November 9, 3:30 - 4:30 pm -- **(PRE-SCHOOL)** Pre-School Storytime - Dinosaur Day  
Monday, November 9, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
**Wednesday, November 11 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Veteran's Day)**  
Thursday, November 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm -- **(TEENS)** Teen Council  
Monday, Nov. 16, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
Tuesday, November 17, 4:00 - 5:00 pm -- **(KIDS)** Arts & Crafts with Shokoufeh  
**Wed., November 18, 1:00-3:00 pm -- FRIENDS OF LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -**  
**Brief business meeting; followed by guest speaker - Bruce Keswick, "Relevancy of Lincoln in Today's Society." Keswick is an attorney, history buff, and discussion leader of the Friends History & Politics Book Club. Refreshments. Everyone welcome!**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 4:00-5:30 pm -- FOL History & Politics Book Club - Select & read a book on President Abraham Lincoln (his presidency & the Civil War); come prepared for a lively discussion.**  
**Thursday, November 19, 4:00 - 5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Holiday Card Making**  
Thursday, November 19, 5:30 - 6:30 pm -- Book Lovers Book Club  
Wednesday, November 25, 10:30 - 11:30 am -- **(PRE-SCHOOL)** Pre-school Circle Time Storytime -  
Parents and pre-schoolers, join our circle and share stories with us.  
Monday, November 23, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
**Thursday & Friday, November 26 and 27 - LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving)**  
Monday, November 30, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held

### **Friday & Saturday December 4 & 5, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Friends B-I-G Book Sale**

Monday, December 7, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
**Thursday, December 10, 4:00 - 5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Cupcake Decorating!**  
Monday, December 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm -- **(PRE-SCHOOL)** Pre-School Storytime  
Monday, December 14, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
Tuesday, December 15, 4:00 - 5:00 pm -- **(KIDS)** Arts & Crafts with Shokoufeh  
**Wednesday, December 16, 1:30 - 2:30 pm -- Stroke 101 - critical information on staying healthy and reducing your risk of stroke.**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 4:00 - 5:30 pm -- FOL History & Politics Book Club - Select & read a book on President Abraham Lincoln (his presidency and beyond) and President Andrew Johnson; come prepared for a lively discussion.**  
**Thursday, December 17, 6:00 - 7:00 -- (TEENS) Student Smart: Getting Into the College of Your Choice**  
Monday, December 21, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
Wednesday, December 23, 10:30 - 11:30 am -- **(PRE-SCHOOL)** Pre-school Circle Time Storytime -  
Parents and pre-schoolers, join our circle and share stories with us.  
**Thursday, December 24 -- LIBRARY CLOSING AT 12:30 PM (for Christmas Eve)**  
**Friday, December 25 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Day)**  
Monday, December 28, 6:00 pm -- **(COMPUTERS)** Computer Basics with BZ. Call first to confirm class is being held  
**Thursday, December 31 -- LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5:00 PM (for New Year's Eve).**

**NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE COMPUTERS.**

PLEASE - COME IN AND USE OUR FREE LIBRARY COMPUTERS. THE LIBRARY EVEN OFFERS VERY SMALL CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS - THOSE WHO KNOW NOTHING AND PROBABLY ARE AFRAID TO TRY!! COME IN - JOIN THE 21ST CENTURY. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID... AND YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS WILL BE PROUD OF YOU TOO!!

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**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

for all kinds of fascinating items.

News of our Friends' and Library's people and activities.

Look at Resources for Kids, Teens, Parents, Seniors, and All.

Take time to go online from time to time -- you'll enjoy it, and learn from it too!

<http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF OFF-SITE STORAGE  
FOR OUR ARCHIVES**

**We have several boxes of files, which we are reviewing to reduce contents.**

**Is there no one who can spare us some space?**

Please call Barbara Leff at 818.981.6920 -- or [president@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:president@ETLibraryFriends.org)

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