

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org>

Note to non-computer readers: 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.

ANOTHER GIGANTIC USED BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday -- DECEMBER 2 & 3 -- 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

Can't get to our Book Sale? Then 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 Committee: Margaret Talvin, Norma Lamken;
to Board Liaison Mark Lamken, 2nd Vice President;
and to all of our dedicated and tireless volunteers -- adults and teens.**

LIBRARY STORE "POP-UP"

Friday -- December 9, 2011 -- 1:30 - 5:30 pm
Saturday - December 10, 2011 -- 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

The downtown Library Store is coming to Encino-Tarzana Library,
the only location in the Valley for this season!

SHOP from a wonderful selection of fun and eclectic goods and gifts,
while supporting our Los Angeles Public Library.

Shop in person in Encino-Tarzana "Pop-Up" or downtown, or online:
Library Store, 630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles 90071
213.228.7550 - <http://www.ifla.org/store>

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is my last President's Column -- I am retiring. After 8 years, I believe that it is time for new leadership, new ideas, and new connections - to maintain a viable organization. I'm very, very pleased that **Adele Druck, will be our new President**. She and I have worked closely these years. Adele is capable, bright, talented, and dedicated. I'm certain that she will serve our organization very well!

I'd like to say a special "Thank You" to **Joyce Propper**, who served as a co-chair of our Bookstore & Book Sale Committee for many years. Joyce has retired, and we greatly appreciated her hard work and dedication and all that she did to contribute to our success.

I will file my last President's report at the end of this year - and it will be published in our next Newsletter, along with many of our other Board members' reports.

In conclusion, I'd like to repeat what I said at our Annual Membership Meeting on November 16, 2011:

"I have really enjoyed my years as President. We have had an unusual group of Board members – they all do their jobs! That's very different from most organizations where the president often has to prod and micromanage, or step up and do the jobs for others. All of our volunteers are excellent - they have all been caring and dedicated, and they are truly wonderful human beings. The Library staff members too have all worked hard and long to assist their patrons. Our branch managers, exemplified by David Hagopian, have all been open to ideas and suggestions; they each have supported what we do – so that we in turn can support them. Our Friends goals have been to enrich and enhance this Library Branch, and I know that we have done that – for our Encino-Tarzana community -- 2004 through 2011.

"I am honored to have shared these years with such an excellent group. I thank you for the opportunity to have served in the library arena, which is so dear to my heart."

With strong good wishes and in friendship,
[Barbara Y. Leff](#), M.L.S., President (2004-2011)
Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library

FRIENDS' WEBSITE

Our website, with Judy Russell's excellent ideas and technical skills, not only looks wonderful with its unique design and new rotating photos but also has a tremendous amount of useful information. Statistics for October 2011 show total hits of 8393, so it is being used. It's easy to read and has lots of pertinent resources and information for all of our members. [Check it out...](#)

FRIENDS' 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 Clubs webpages](#):

Page Turners Book Club: We will discuss on Dec. 1, 2011 - [The Imperfectionists](#) by Tom Rachman. On January 5, 2012, we will talk about [Cleopatra, a Life](#) by Stacy Schiff. Since last reported, we have read: Tracy Chevalier - [Remarkable Creatures](#); Jodi Picoult - [House Rules](#); and Daniel Levin - [The Last Ember](#). We take turns leading the discussion; and **Susan Kolker** reminds us of meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm, at a member's home in Encino.

History & Politics Book Club: Since our last report, continuing our exploration of U. S. history through the presidents, we have discussed the tenures of Presidents Gerald R. Ford through William J. Clinton. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 25, 2012, continuing discussion on President Clinton. We read books from many sources on the presidents. **Bruce Keswick** leads the discussion; **B. J. Hanson** sends meeting reminders for the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm at the Library.

REPORT ON 2011 FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At our Annual Membership Meeting on November 16, we heard some Board member interim reports; they confirmed that we did have a successful year so far. Their annual reports will be filed at year's end. Among other meeting highlights were:

2010 Friend of the Year: We introduced **Jenny Lapidus**, Membership Chair, to whom we gave a Certificate at our last Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast; she was featured in our last Newsletter.

2011 Friend of the Year: We honored **Jane Gebers** for her many years of service - as 1st Vice President and then Member-at-Large. Jane writes an occasional Bookstore column for our Newsletter, i.e. [Jane's Books](#), and volunteers weekly in [our Bookstore](#). She also makes many phone calls to others to serve as Bookstore substitutes, often working the shift herself. Our Bookstore has thrived because of Jane's dedication to keeping the Bookstore open as scheduled. THANK YOU, JANE!

New Friends' Officers (Jan. 2012 - Dec. 2013) were nominated and elected unanimously; they will be appointing the remainder of the Board. Our new officers are:

President - Adele Druck
1st Vice President - Jane Gebers
2nd Vice President - Mark Lamken
Treasurer - Nikki Smith
Recording Secretary - Doris Friedrich
Corresponding Secretary - Esther B. Rose
Members-at-Large - Ilene Braverman, Bonnie Siegel, and Nonie Lann.

Our guest speaker was **Cecily J. Young**. She was a former Principal Architect with Steven Ehrlich Architects - the firm that designed our Encino-Tarzana Branch Library in 2002-2003. Cecily's Power Point presentation included photographs of libraries around the world, and focused on our Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. She explained that the soil and topography - streets, alley, wash - defined the shape. Further, LAPL's instructions were very specific regarding square footage, areas and rooms, parking spaces, etc. The architects designed the large front windows to make the library more noticeable on busy Ventura Blvd. Cecily's presentation was excellent, and all appreciated her expertise and time.

LIBRARY STAFF NEWS

David Hagopian, Senior Librarian and Acting Branch Manager, reports that this month the Encino-Tarzana Library had **the 2nd highest circulation among the 72 branches** of the Los Angeles Public Library. David reported that the Library's monthly standing has varied between 2nd to 5th during 2011. This explains the occasional long check-out lines at the Library desk. Read David's excellent [2011 Interim Report](#) on our website - he delivered a shortened version of it at our Annual Membership Meeting on November 16.

Candice Mack, our popular Young Adult Librarian, has moved to the Studio City Branch Library, where she now serves as Acting Senior Librarian. We miss her! We're waiting patiently for her replacement.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Library and the Friends have enjoyed help from our community (See [Community Sponsor webpage](#)):

- **Encino Neighborhood Council** - donated nearly \$2,000 for books.
- **Monarch Village, Senior Community** - for a buffet lunch and successful used book drive
- **Dr. Gerald Newmark and Deborah Newmark of The Children's Project** ("How To Raise Emotionally Healthy Children")
- **Judith M. Sack** - for her presentation on Senior Fraud Scams, etc.
- **Trader Joe's, Encino** - bottled water to refresh our volunteers.
- **VIP*S Family Restaurant and Paul Ma** - lunches for our volunteers on Book Sale Saturdays.

THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Jan. 2010 - Dec. 2011):

We appreciate the time, thought, dedication, and experience all Friends' Board members have brought to their "jobs" these past two years. THANK YOU - THANK YOU:

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| -- President – Barbara Y. Leff | -- Communications/Telephone Chair – Lois Levy |
| -- 1st Vice President – Adele Druck | -- Hospitality Chair – Judy Cohn |
| -- 2nd Vice President – Mark Lamken | -- Membership Chair – Jenny Lapidus |
| -- Recording Secretary – Evelyn Perl | -- Publicity/Outreach Co-Chair – Gisela Sehnert |
| -- Corres. Secretary – Esther B. Rose | -- Volunteer Appreciation Chair – Richard Kazie |
| -- Treasurer – Nonie Lann | |
| -- Member-at-Large – Jane Gebers | |
| -- Book Clubs Chair – Carol Fox | |

REPORT ON THE FRIENDS AND THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Barbara Leff and **Adele Druck** attended a Friends Appreciation Meeting on October 15, 2011, in [Central Library](#), 630 W. 5th St., Los Angeles 90071, hosted by **Martín Gómez**, City Librarian. Each Friends group received a Certificate from the City Librarian (posted in our Bookstore). Mr. Gómez spoke of many things, including the passage of Measure L by our citizens that directed more funds to the Library. He outlined the State of the Los Angeles Public Library, Progress Report on Library Goals, and Future Challenges. We were also greeted by **Kenneth Brecher**, Ex-Officio Director of the Library Foundation, and by our Friends' representative on the Foundation Board, **Patricia Kao**, of the Friends of the Chinatown Library.

Then, we were introduced to **Melissa Potter**, who has been appointed LAPL Principal of Volunteer Services. Melissa's appointment shows that our City Librarian values our volunteer services enough to assign a professional to help us with our goals. We know Melissa well - she was our Branch Manager, 2006-2009, and we think she is the perfect person for that role. During her workshop, Melissa introduced the new "**LAPL FOL Wiki**." This "Wiki" is a website -- an online gathering place, available to Friends of Library Presidents and Board members. Our Wiki will provide Library information and serve as a forum where Friends can share insights, information, and best practices. We're looking forward to availing ourselves of both of these new Friends' services. It was good to meet and greet Friends' presidents from other branch libraries too during a delicious buffet brunch.

Earlier in the year, **Barbara Leff** attended a workshop to provide a "Framework for Digitally Inclusive Communities": FCC's mandate to provide broadband throughout the country. They are looking to libraries and museums to help provide input and support, and the Friends were invited to participate.

The "Write to Literacy" Conference invited our Friends to have a table at their CSUN Conference, Nov. 5. Along with an LAPL Literacy expert, **Adele Druck**, **Evelyn Perl**, and **Barbara Leff** promoted our Library.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY -- [WHAT'S NEW??](#)

- All 73 libraries are now open on Mondays, thanks to the passage of Measure L by the voters.
- Los Angeles Public Library has published a [Job Hunting Guide](#)
- Free popular music downloads are now available! Download up to 3 DRM-free music tracks a week with the new service, "**Freegal**"
 - A new version of the app - "LAPL To Go" - is now available - and it includes mobile self-checkout for the Silver Lake Branch - for iPhones and others.
 - Library e-books are now available for the Kindle.
 - Need info on the go? Text a Librarian! LAPL offers text message reference service (standard message rates apply). Also, Hold notices are now available via text message on mobile phones.

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](#):

Laura Hillenbrand - [Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption](#)
Lyanda Lynn Haupt - [Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness](#)
David L. Ulin (Editor, L.A. Times Book Review) - [The Lost Art of Reading: Why Books Matter in a Distracted Time](#)
Nicholas Carr - [The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing To Our Brains](#)

Mandy Moore and Leanne Prain - [Yarn Bombing: The Art of Crochet and Knit Graffiti](#)
Rohinton Mistry - [A Fine Balance](#)
Wallace Stegner - [Angle of Repose](#) (Pulitzer Prize)
Maria Riva - [Marlene Dietrich](#)
Tea Obrecht - [Tiger's Wife: a Novel](#)
[Midnight in Paris](#) (film)
J. M. G. Le Clezio - [Wandering Star](#)

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 October 2011, [see our webpage](#):

November, 2011

11/18 -- Edna Buchanan - [A Dark and Lonely Place](#)
Joan Didion - [Blue Nights](#)
Tom Brokaw - [The Time of Our Lives: A Conversation about America: Who We Are, Where We've Been, and Where We Need to Go Now, to Recapture the American Dream](#)
James Garner & Jon Winokur - [The Garner Files: A Memoir](#)
Mindy Kaling - [Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me \(And Other Concerns\)](#)
Stephen King - [11/22/63](#)
Chuck Pfarrer - [SEAL Target Geronimo: The Inside Story of the Mission to Kill Osama bin Laden](#)
Condoleezza Rice - [No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington](#)
Danielle Steel - [Hotel Vendome](#)

11/3 -- David Baldacci - [Zero Day](#)
Jennifer Chiaverini - [The Wedding Quilt](#)
Catherine Coulter - [Prince of Ravenscar](#)
Bill Cosby - [I Didn't Ask to Be Born: \(But I'm Glad I Was\)](#)
John Grisham - [The Litigators](#)
Anthony Horowitz - [The House of Silk](#)
Walter Isaacson - [Steve Jobs](#)

Gregory Maguire - [Out of Oz: The Final Volume in the Wicked Years](#)

October, 2011

Iris Johansen - [Bonnie](#)
John Connolly - [The Infernals](#)
Philippa Gregory - [The Lady of the Rivers](#)
James Patterson - [The Christmas Wedding](#)
M.C. Beaton - [As the Pig Turns](#)
Jeffrey Eugenides - [The Marriage Plot](#)
Nicholas Sparks - [The Best of Me](#)
Ozzy Osbourne - [Trust Me, I'm Dr. Ozzy: Advice from Rock's Ultimate Survivor](#)
Michael Lewis - [Boomerang: Travels in the New Third World](#)
Ellen DeGeneres - [Seriously...I'm Kidding](#)
Alice Hoffman - [The Dovekeepers](#)
Kyle Milles - [Robert Ludlum's The Ares Decision](#)
Stephen R. Covey - [The 3rd Alternative: Solving Life's Most Difficult Problems](#)
John Sandford - [Shock Wave](#)
Richard Castle - [Heat Rises](#)
Lee Child - [The Affair](#)
William Shatner - [Shatner Rules: Your Key to Understanding the Shatnerverse and the World at Large](#)

Libraries Tap into Crowd Power

By Sanhita SinhaRoy

November / December 2011

Wikipedia wants libraries to join the “crowdsource.”

The notion that the research efforts of a group of people with varying opinions, when aggregated, can result in better information than a specific expert could come up with—aka “crowdsourcing”—has been around for some time. It’s one of the ideas on which the 10-year-old Wikipedia is based. So it seemed only natural when one of the most-consulted websites in the world recently posted a ubiquitous banner stating WIKIPEDIA LOVES LIBRARIES. What has resulted is nationwide “editathons”—editing marathons organized by active Wikipedia users to expand and add depth to the website’s content on a wide range of cultural and historical topics.

Dozens of editathons are taking place across the country, loosely based around Open Access Week in late October. The events have spanned from Atlanta to Boulder, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C.

“We want to bring Wikipedians to the library,” Richard Knipel, president of the Wikimedia New York City chapter, told American Libraries. The concept was created to supplement the sourcing of Wikipedia’s information, he said. “Ideally we want our searches to be drawn from the whole body of knowledge in the world. Unfortunately, a large portion is still drawn from online available sources, and we want to broaden that.”

Wikipedia has long faced criticism from scholars and others about flawed information in its articles. A study at Carnegie Mellon University (PDF file) two years ago found that one problem with crowdsourcing is that a small number of highly active users can skew how the information is packaged. One solution? A shift toward “smartsourcing.” In other words, instead of soliciting for help more widely, a group (such as Wikipedia) can now sharpen its focus on what it expects from outsiders (online articles on a specific category) and who it is reaching out to for help (librarians and patrons with access to well-sourced information).

In New York, this harnessing of collective wisdom was on display on October 22 at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, where the public was invited to contribute to Wikipedia’s articles on musical theater. The six-hour event, which NYPL called “Wikipedia! The Musical!” attracted dozens of people who made use of the library’s special collections to add and update entries to the open-source site. At any given moment between noon and 6 p.m., an average of 20 people plugged away at their laptops and researched materials from the library’s closed-stacks collection of newspaper clippings, videotapes, manuscripts, correspondence, sheet music, stage designs, programs, posters, and photographs.

Doug Reside, digital curator for the performing arts at NYPL, helped put the event together and told AL that the mix of attendees ranged from college students to retirees. Many of them have used Wikipedia, he said, but not all of them had known how to contribute to it. “The increased literacy was valuable. Many of them linked [Wikipedia articles] to the library, bringing greater exposure to the library.” Additionally, Reside said, patrons—especially students—learned about the extent of NYPL’s collection and became better informed about the mechanics of using the closed stacks, such as how to submit call slips: Staff reported the number submitted that day doubled.

“What was really exciting to see was the energy,” he said. “Most people think of the library as a quiet space, but here it was in an active mode of research that you don’t often expect. It can be an individual study center, but it can also be a place where people can create collaboratively.”

At the Tom of Finland Foundation Library in Los Angeles on October 30, the “Queering Wikipedia Editathon” drew community activists, library school students, and members of the foundation to create and update LGBT-related articles. Katie Herzog, director of the Molesworth Institute, helped put the event

together and told AL that the meeting inspired dialogue about gay history and generated an increased interest in activism for citizen-created content. "Everyone left feeling like it was the first of many to come," she said.

June 2011 editathon at the British Library. The Wikipedia Loves Libraries series was modeled after this past summer's Great American Wiknic (a day in which Wikipedia users met up in various cities nationwide), the WikiProject GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums) collaboration effort, and the June 2011 editathon at the British Library, where the public gathered at the library's English and Drama department and were given access to its resources.

Of course, crowdsourcing research isn't new to the library community. Earlier this year, NYPL invited the public to help transcribe its restaurant menu collection, one of the largest in the world. And Maine-based LibraryThing—an online site where individuals can share book catalogs—has existed since 2005. The National Archives in D.C. has also partnered with Wikipedia to digitize its documents and promote their use.

Chicago Public Library held its editathon on October 29. The research topic there was "Barack Obama: the Chicago Years" and included information about President Obama's early life and career, as well as information about his state, U.S. Senate, and presidential campaigns and elections. The Chicago event also sought volunteers to add and edit articles about the city's architecture and theater. (While contributors are not required to write solely on an approved topic, organizers suggest keeping the focus on a specific theme.)

Tony Vernon, volunteer Chicago director for Wikipedia who organized the event, believes collaborating with libraries is a natural fit for Wikipedians. "Libraries want people to learn and have quality information, and this is a tool to enable people to use that information more efficiently."

Knipel of Wikipedia's New York chapter said he would like the Wikipedia Loves Libraries series to become an annual event that reaches out to more library communities, including international ones.

If other editathons take place in the coming years, NYPL's Reside said he and his colleagues would "definitely" participate. "It exposes our collection to the people who didn't know we were here," he said. "It's a great vision for libraries."

[LIBRARY EVENTS at Encino-Tarzana Library](#)

DECEMBER 2011

Friends of the Library Page Turners' Book Club - Discussing The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman -
Thursday 12/1/11, 3:00pm (offsite)

Friends of Library B - I - G Used Book Sale -- Friday & Saturday, December 12/2/11 and 12/3/11, 10:00am - 5:00pm. Thousands of books. Most 50¢ - \$1 - many "near-new." Hard cover, paperback, special editions, fiction, nonfiction, adult, children, various languages.

(KIDS) Arts & Crafts Fun with Shokoufeh. Tuesday 12/6/11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Guitar Concert with Taro - All are invited to an evening of holiday and classical selections on the guitar.
Thursday 12/8/11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Library Store Pop-Up for holiday shopping! The Library Foundation will set up a mini-Library Store in our Meeting Room, filled with a wonderful selection of unusual gifts and goods. Encino-Tarzana Branch is the only location in the Valley for this popular downtown store, that supports the Los Angeles Public Library.
Fri., 12/9/11, 1:30-5:30pm - AND Sat., 12/10/11, 10:00am-5:30pm.

Introduction to the Internet - For people who want to learn how to use the Internet. Please call the branch to reserve a place in the class. **Wednesday 12/14/11, 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Persian Movie Screening - "Gray" with English subtitles. *Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*
Wednesday 12/14/11, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

(TEENS) Teen Council - Help plan your library branch events and have some input about what materials and programs the Library offers to teens. *Co-sponsored by the Friends.* **Thursday 12/15/11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

(TEENS) Teen Chefs Program: Holiday Celebration Sticks! - Make long pretzels dipped in chocolate! Great gift for the holidays! Refreshments. *Co-sponsored by Friends.* **Fri.12/16/11, 4:00-5:00 pm**

Winter Solstice Stories & Songs - Children & Families are invited to a special hour of stories & songs celebrating winter with Karen Ray Kraut. *Co-sponsored by Friends.* **Tues.12/20/11, 4:00-5:00 pm**
Friends of Library Open Board Meeting - **Wednesday 12/21/11, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**
Book Lover's Book Club. **Thursday 12/22/11, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
LIBRARY IS CLOSED -- **Saturday, 12/24/11, AND Monday, 12/26/11 -- (Christmas Holiday)**

JANUARY 2012

LIBRARY IS CLOSED -- **Monday, 1/2/12, (New Year's Day)**

Friends of the Library Page Turners' Book Club - Discussing Cleopatra, A Life by Stacy Schiff -
Thursday, 1/5/12, 3:00 pm (offsite)

(TEENS) SAT Practice Test (Student Smart). **Saturday 1/7/12, 10:00am - 2:30pm**

"Astrology, Alchemy, and Healing" with Bob Campbell. **Tuesday 1/24/12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Friends of Library Open Board Meeting - let your voice be heard! Call 818.343.1983 to confirm meeting.
Wednesday 1/25/12, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club - Select & read a book on President William J. Clinton. Come for a lively discussion. **Wednesday 1/25/12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

Book Lover's Book Club. **Thursday 1/26/12, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

Last Saturday of the Month Poetry - Come listen to an eclectic group of poets. All are invited to participate. Read a classic poem or your own poetry. Each reader will have six minutes. Hosted by Ron Dvorkin.

Saturday 1/28/12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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COME VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

BROWSE THE SHELVES AND BE SURPRISED! YOU'LL FIND LOTS TO INTEREST YOU!

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