

FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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"SaveTheLibrary" campaign needs your help.
Write to Councilmembers -- see pp.5-6

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 -- 1:30 pm

Come hear a representative from the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
present information and discuss the propositions
on the June 8, 2010 ballot.

Co-sponsored by the Library and the Friends.
All Welcome - Refreshments

MONARCH VILLAGE, our neighbor,
is honoring our Library and our Friends by throwing a
"COOKOUT FOR BOOKS"

THURS., MAY 20, 11:30 - 1:30 AT MONARCH VILLAGE
(your Invitation is on page 4 - RSVP immediately)

OUR NEXT HUGE USED BOOK SALE

Friday -- June 4, 2010 -- 1:30 - 5:30 pm
Saturday -- June 5, 2010 -- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

Yes - we are accepting donations
of books, dvds, cds, audiobooks,
for this Friends book sale and our Friends Bookstore (open daily)
Bring your items, in good condition,
directly to our Used Book Store, in the Library

Info and to volunteer: Contact *Margaret Talvin*
mtalvin@mac.com OR 818.343.7105

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...

As you can see by our front page - we have some great programs coming up.

The League representative's discussion will be extremely helpful as we face the California Primary Ballot on June 8. That's why the Friends pay for this event. For details and sample ballots - go to <http://california.evoter.com/>

See the wonderful invitation from our neighbor, Monarch Village (<http://www.monarchvillage.net/>) on page 4. They have brought smiles to our faces during these difficult budgetary times.

And, of course, our next quarterly Used Book Sale on June 4 & 5 should bring more smiles to your faces and ours. You can enjoy pouring through our inventory of donated books, dvds, cds, audiobooks, and taking home lots of gems for your own home libraries, while leaving a few dollars that add up and allow the Library to add gems to its collection too.

BUT, NOW TO A SERIOUS MATTER: The severity of the potential Library budget cut is REAL and IMMINENT unless we convince our City Councilmembers that the benefits of the Library staying open full time is so important that they must look elsewhere for extra funding. Within this newsletter, we've included some facts, an article, some addresses, and the City Librarian's analysis. Here's the time line: **The City Council's Budget and Finance Committee will send recommendations to full City Council by May 17. The City Budget for 2010-2011 will be passed on June 5. YOUR LETTERS TO COUNCILMEMBERS MUST REACH THEM BEFORE MAY 25.**

AND, FINALLY, we're still looking for more Community sponsors (\$100/year), to whom we'll be happy to link their website to ours -- for great publicity! <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3communitysponsors.html>

As always - feel free to write or call... We'd love to hear from you, and you're always welcome at our Board meetings (4th Wed. of the month - call first because sometimes we do our monthly business via email).

--Barbara Y. Leff, M.L.S. - 818.981.6920
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NO COMPUTER? NO PROBLEM...

For those of you who don't have computers or don't know how to use them to read all the newsletter information we recommend - just GO TO THE LIBRARY! You will find computers, friendly faces, instructions. You'll be able to read the pages on the screen yourself!

OUR BOOK CLUBS

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

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB -- In May, our reading was Look Again by Lisa Scottoline - and we even enjoyed a potluck dinner at Gail Sillman's home too! In June, we'll be discussing The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson. 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.**

HISTORY AND POLITICS BOOK CLUB -- In April, we talked about President Grover Cleveland and President Benjamin Harrison. In May, the meeting will be devoted to President Theodore Roosevelt. And in June, we will be discussing President William Howard Taft. We are learning American history through the study of the presidency; we started with President George Washington, and are continuing in order. Each member selects his/her own book on the current topic and shares the reading with the others. 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. DROP BY AND LISTEN IN... .**

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>

Jamie Ford - [Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet](#)
Alice Schroeder - [The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life](#)
Dave Eggers - [Zeitoun](#)
Hilary Mantel - [Wolf Hall : A Novel](#) (Man Booker Prize)
Daniel Levin - [The Last Ember](#)

HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS BOOKS (HOTP)

Here are our newest HOTP books and their arrival dates since our last Newsletter. The Friends subscribe to this service for \$6000/year 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 previous HOTP books - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org> .

5/11/10 -- Laura Bush - [Spoken from the Heart](#)
Emily Giffin - [Heart of the Matter](#)
Chuck Palahniuk - [Tell-All](#)
Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child - [Fever Dream](#)
Jane Smiley - [Private Life](#)
5/8/10 -- Queen Latifah - [Put on Your Crown: Life-Changing Moments on the Path to Queendom](#)
Debbie Macomber - [Hannah's List](#)
Scott Turow - [Innocent](#)
5/3/10 -- Fern Michaels - [Return to Sender](#)
4/28/10 -- Andrew Gross - [Reckless](#)
4/26/10 -- Amanda Quick - [Burning Lamp](#)
James Patterson and Maxine Paetro - [The 9th Judgment](#)
Stuart Woods - [Lucid Intervals](#)
4/20/10 -- Elizabeth George - [This Body of Death](#)
Alexander McCall Smith - [Double Comfort Safari Club](#)
Karen Robards - [Shameless](#)
4/19/10 -- Jennifer Chiaverini - [The Aloha Quilt](#)
Richard Paul Evans - [The Walk](#)
Anne Lamott - [Imperfect Birds](#)
4/13/10 -- Carol Higgins Clark - [Wrecked: A Regan Reilly Mystery](#)
Mary Higgins Clark - [The Shadow of Your Smile](#)
Martha Grimes - [The Black Cat: A Richard Jury Mystery](#)
Anna Quindlen - [Every Last One: A Novel](#)
4/7/10 -- Heather Graham - [The Killing Edge](#)
Elizabeth Peters - [A River in the Sky](#)
4/6/10 -- Elizabeth Berg - [The Last Time I Saw You](#)
Carol Burnett - [This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection](#)
Beverly Lewis - [The Telling](#)
Sue Miller - [The Lake Shore Limited](#)
4/5/10 -- Harlan Coben - [Caught](#)
Lisa Jackson - [Without Mercy](#)
Walter Mosley - [Known to Evil](#)
Karen Robards - [Shattered](#)
Raquel Welch - [Raquel: Beyond the Cleavage](#)
4/1/10 -- Jonathan Kellerman - [Deception](#)
Ian McEwan - [Solar](#)
Anne Perry - [The Sheen on the Silk](#)

March, 2010
A. E. Hotchner - [Paul and Me: Fifty-three Years of Adventures and Misadventures with My Pal, Paul Newman](#)
William Bernhardt - [Capitol Betrayal](#)
Jennifer Crusie & Bob Mayer - [Wild Ride](#)
Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman - [Secret of the Dragon](#)
Stephen Cannell - [The Pallbearers](#)
Karen Kingsbury - [Take Three](#)
Christopher Moore - [Bite Me: A Love Story](#)
Clive Cussler - [Silent Sea](#)
Linda A. Fairstein - [Hell Gate](#)
Randy Wayne White - [Deep Shadow](#)
Lisa Scottoline - [Think Twice](#)
Frances Mayes - [Every Day in Tuscany: Seasons of an Italian Life](#)
Jodi Picoult - [House Rules](#)
Erica Spindler - [Blood Vines](#)
James Grippando - [Money to Burn: A Novel of Suspense](#)
Joy Fielding - [Wild Zone](#)
Danielle Steel - [Big Girl](#)
Tim Lahaye - [Matthew's Story](#)
Robert B. Parker - [Split Image](#)
J. D. Robb - [Fantasy in Death](#)

February, 2010
Joanne Fluke - [Apple Turnover Murder: A Hannah Swenson Mystery with Recipes](#)
Fern Michaels - [Game Over](#)
Dana Stabenow - [A Night Too Dark](#)
Louise Erdrich - [Shadow Tag](#)
Laurel K. Hamilton - [Flirt](#)
Michael Palmer - [Last Surgeon](#)
Jenny Sanford - [Staying True](#)
Peter Straub - [A Dark Matter](#)
Don DeLillo - [Point Omega](#)
Jackie Collins - [Poor Little Bitch Girl](#)
Robert Harris - [Conspirata](#)
Adrianna Trigiani - [Brava, Valentine](#)
Chris Bohjalian - [Secrets of Eden](#)
Kristin Hannah - [Winter Garden](#)



Monarch Village invites you to participate in a special event, honoring the Encino-Tarzana Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library and its Friends of the Library:



“Cookout for Books”

**Thursday, May 20, 2010
11:30am - 1:30pm**

**Monarch Village
5325 Etiwanda Avenue
Tarzana, Ca 91356**

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of live entertainment, delicious BBQ cuisine, cool drinks and mingling with others in your community.....all while helping to increase the collection of books for the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library.

Please bring a book (new or pre-read), or a check (payable to the Friends) to enhance our local library's collection in these difficult budgetary times.

The donated books will be added to the library or given to the Friends' book sale, and proceeds will go to the library for other books or services.

Kindly RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited

(818) 344-4164 or scrisp@monarchvillage.net

Complimentary Valet Parking



SAVE THE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN - TO DATE:

So much has happened, and so little time is left, it's best to read about the campaign here:

<http://www.savethelibrary.org>

<http://www.savelapl.org>

Then, for an analysis of the city budget compared with the library budget, and the affects of the cuts, our City Librarian, Martin Gomez, conducted a webinar (an Internet seminar) on February 23, 2010. He spoke while sitting in his office in downtown Los Angeles, and we sat at our Branch Library office computers. Then, he answered our questions - either by phone or email. What an effective way to do a presentation to all the Friends throughout Los Angeles without our having to drive through heavy traffic to and from downtown L.A.! To see the accompanying visuals, including charts and graphs, that Martin Gomez presented during his webinar, go to the Los Angeles Public Library website - <http://www.lapl.org>. Click on "About the Library." Scroll down-click on Reports > City Librarian's Report to Friends Groups.

All day on May 8, 28 volunteers staffed a table in our Library. 420 library patrons were pleased to sign a petition & to write postcards to the City Council. This was almost the largest representation in the Valley.

For up-to-the-minute updates on our "Save the Library" campaign, visit our pages on Twitter and Facebook: <http://www.twitter.com/savethelibrary> <http://www.facebook.com/savethelibrary>

BOTTOM LINE: PLEASE WRITE OR CALL THE MAYOR AND YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS TODAY

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Here's a little nostalgia and sharing...

Margaret Wood, a former very active Friends Board member, writes: "I have loved each of the 8 or 9 libraries in my life, beginning with the Carnegie one in Ellensburg Washington when I was 6, and including the old and the new downtown LAPL, the old Powell Library at UCLA, the 1930s Hollywood on Hollywood at Irvine, since twice replaced, the old California ranch style in North Hollywood and on and on. Each has been a place of bliss. Now, with my eyesight so poor and driving restricted, I am deeply grateful for the wonderful service of audio books.

"When things are bad are when we need libraries the most..."

"Thank you for keeping the Friends going. I know only too well the unremitting effort required."

Finally - here's a long but important article - PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS:

Mayor Villaraigosa Tops Up His Piggy Bank With L.A. Public Library Budget
posted on www.SaveTheLibrary.org

by Shannon Salmon, Young Adult Librarian, LAPL, and creator of the SaveTheLibrary.org website
May 5, 2010

LOS ANGELES- You'd have to be living under a rock not to know that Los Angeles is facing a major financial crisis, with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the City Council scrambling to balance a budget that's teetering perilously close to the edge.

But many have been shocked to see the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL)—widely assumed to be high on the list of community services to be maintained at all costs -- suffer a devastating series of budget cuts that have already

resulted in Sunday closures, reduced weekday evening hours, and the pending loss of hundreds of experienced staff members and popular community programs. Despite thousands of petitions and emails circulated to City officials by library supporters, the cuts continue.

The City Council's Budget and Finance Committee will send recommendations to full City Council on May 17, with deliberations continuing until the budget is passed on June 5. So now is the time to speak out in support of the Library. The message for Mayor Villaraigosa and City Council is clear: RESTORE LIBRARY HOURS AND FUNDING. DON'T BALANCE THE CITY BUDGET ON THE LIBRARY'S BACK.

"If the Mayor is successful in his effort to slash the library budget we will have hardly any library services available in any community," said Roy Stone, President of the Librarians' Guild, AFSCME Local 2626. "The Mayor's efforts cannot simply be called 'lack of support' of the library because it has now reached an open and obvious effort to diminish one of the most important and essential services provided to every community in the City. The Mayor will single handedly be the most destructive force in the history of the Los Angeles Public Library System."

It might seem like the Library is just one casualty among many City departments in an unexpected financial crisis. But the reality is that this administration's assault on LAPL began three years ago, with a blatant and ongoing money grab in which LAPL has been forced to pay another department's rapidly growing bills. That department is the General Fund, the central repository of City money used by a variety of City agencies-- the same General Fund which Controller Wendy Greuel warns is nearly broke, and which is waiting on promised payments of \$73.5 million from the Department of Water and Power. Instead of holding the DWP, with its powerful union, responsible for its civic obligations, the City Library's relatively tiny budget is being gutted to top up the Mayor's piggy bank.

Over the past three budget cycles, Mayor Villaraigosa has turned to the library to make up costs where other departments overspent. In Fiscal Year 2008-09, LAPL was billed \$3 Million in building overhead costs that had always come out of the General Fund; LAPL tightened its belt and paid the bill. In Fiscal Year 2009-10, LAPL read the budget and found it was now expected to pay \$11.7 Million to the General Fund to cover overhead costs for maintaining its buildings; again LAPL made cuts, to book purchases and community services, and paid the bill.

Now, with the General Fund nearly exhausted by an administration that has spent itself into a hole, the Mayor has again turned to LAPL as an easy way of covering other departments' debts. The bill for Fiscal Year 2010-11 is \$22 Million, nearly twice what it was last year. The Library budget just can't take the hit: in mid-April, all L.A. libraries closed on Sundays, weekday hours were slashed, and hundreds of experienced staff members are slated for layoff.

What does the Mayor's proposed budget mean for Library service in Los Angeles?

- Libraries will be open only five days a week, for the first time in LAPL's 138-year history.
- 37% cuts to budget will result in 37% reduction in public services for the community.
- 30% staff reduction (328 positions) will leave every branch understaffed. In 1978, when there were only 62 libraries (there are now 72), there were 1459 staff members and 6 Million visitors. Under the Mayor's proposed budget for 2010-11, there will be 848 staff members to serve 18 Million visitors. Do the math—this is no way to balance a budget or serve a city.

Shannon Salmon, Young Adult Librarian at LAPL and creator of the Save the Library website, says "Our staffing is already down 20% from what it should be. With the 100+ layoffs to occur on July 1st in the Mayor's budget, we will then be down to 30% of our staffing. The reality for the public is that familiar faces will not be there anymore; the libraries will have to close down to 5 days a week; evening hours may have to be canceled; there will be less literacy programs, history programs, art exhibits and storytimes, because the staff that is left will be so overworked just trying to provide the basic level of customer services that our patrons need. *All of this, and we use only 2% of the General Fund budget.*"

Under no previous administration has the Library ever had to pay into the General Fund to keep the lights on, water running and trash cans emptied in the 72 City branches. With a \$22 Million bill coming due in the next Fiscal Year, LAPL will have no choice but to close branches and eliminate services. But if allowed to keep just \$7.8 Million of that \$22 Million, LAPL could keep all branches open six days a week.

The public is urged to visit the Save LAPL website <http://www.savelapl.org>, where with a single click they can send a message to the Mayor and all members of City Council urging them to restore library funding to its current level, retaining staff, weekend and evening hours, and community programs. For more information on this evolving story, visit the Save The Library website at <http://www.savethelibrary.org>.



LIBRARY EVENTS

Reported by Librarians to Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library
For UPDATES and DETAILS, go www.ETLibraryFriends.org

MAY - JUNE 2010

GAB PROGRAM - Grandparents & Books --Adults casually read with children Mon-Wed.3-5 pm; Sat.10:30am-12:30pm

MAY 2010

Sat., 5/1/10, 2:00 pm -- (TEENS) Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with giveaways & a comics workshop!

Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Tue., 5/4/10, 4:00 pm -- Arts & Crafts with Shokoufeh

Tue., 5/4/10, 6:30 pm -- Author Talk: Jack Salem, Heirs to the Pushcart Fortune (a novel based on his biography)

Thu., 5/6/10, 7:00 pm -- Friends' Page Turners' Book Club -- discussing Look Again by Lisa Scottoline (off-site)

Sat., 5/8/10, 1:00 pm -- Chamber Music Concert - pop and classical music in the library. Free! Co-sponsored by Friends

Wed., 5/11/10, 4:00-5:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Circle Time Storytime - for parents and pre-schoolers,

Thu., 5/13/10, 4:30-5:30 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Council - Voice your opinions about materials & programs library offers to teens.

Sat., 5/15/10, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm -- (TEENS) Student Smart: SAT Practice Test - Spaces limited, sign up now!

Wed., 5/19/10, 1:30-2:30 pm -- League of Women Voters discussing June election issues. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Thu., 5/20/10, 10:00 am -- (COMPUTER) Computer Training: Introduction to Microsoft Publisher. Sign up at Info.Desk

Thu., 5/20/10, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm -- Monarch Village sponsors "Cook-Out for Books" to honor our Branch Library and Friends of Library. All invited. @ Monarch Village, 5325 Etiwanda at Ventura Bl., Tarzana - Must RSVP to Monarch - 818.344.4164 - space limited! Please bring a book to donate (new or pre-read) or a check to Friends for a book.

Thu., 5/20/10, 6:00 pm -- (TEENS) SAT Follow-Up Session: Pick up scores & get tips to improve!

Wed., 5/26/10, 1:00-2:30 pm -- Friends of Library Open Board Meeting. All are welcome to share ideas...

Wed., 5/26/10, 4:00-5:30 pm -- Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club - Select & read a book on President Theodore Roosevelt; come prepared for a lively discussion.

Thu., 5/27/10, 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Volunteer Orientation - Find out how you can help the library and earn community service hours for your classes, graduation and college applications! For ages 13-17 only.

Monday, May 31, 2010 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Memorial Day)

JUNE 2010

Tue., 6/1/10, 6:30-7:45 pm -- Learning about Opera with Prof. Rochetti -- songs, discussion, and FUN!!

Thu., 6/3/10, 7:00 pm - Friends' Page Turner's Book Club -- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson (offsite)

Fri. 6/4/10, 1:30-5:00 pm, AND) _____ B-I-G BOOK SALE -- by Friends of Library

Sat., 6/5/10, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm) B-I-G BOOK SALE -- amazing prices!

Tue. 6/8/10 thru Sat. 6/12/10 -- Persian Art Exhibit

Thu., 6/10/10, 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Volunteer Orientation - Find out how you can help the library and earn community service hours for your classes, graduation and college applications! For ages 13-17 only.

Sat., 6/12/10, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm -- Art by Boz - Art and Discussion featuring Persian artist Boz Vakhshori

Thu., 6/17/10, 4:30-5:30 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Council - Voice your opinions about materials & programs library offers to teens

Sat., 6/19/10, 2:00 -- (CHILDREN) Children of all ages are invited to join the Children's Summer Reading Club and celebrate with music with Mr. Tom. Co-sponsored by Friends of Library

Tue., 6/22/10, 4:00-5:00 pm -- (CHILDREN) Children's Summer Reading Club - Join our Kids' Knight Time Reading Club and get prizes for reading.

Wed., 6/23/10, 1:00-2:30 pm -- Friends of Library Open Board Meeting - come & share ideas..

Wed., 6/23/10, 4:00-5:30 pm -- Friends of Library History & Politics Book Club -- Select & read a book on President William Howard Taft; come prepared for a lively discussion.

Tue., 6/29/10, 4:00-5:00 pm -- (CHILDREN) Children's Summer Reading Club - Join Kids' Knight Time Reading Club. Prizes!

Tue., 6/29/10, 6:30-7:45 pm -- Learning about Opera with Prof. Rochetti -- songs, discussion, and FUN!!

Los Angeles - Reading Capitol! [Ed. note: I wonder if still valid in 2010?]

“. . . Los Angeles, the city of Raymond Chandler, Ray Bradbury and Octavia Butler, is now the biggest book market in North America. And, as a recent survey by the National Endowment for the Arts demonstrates (with a statistical certainty of 99.5%). Californians read more than New Yorkers. Los Angeles is one of the great literary centers of the English-speaking world -- not to mention a growing center of the Spanish-speaking *mundo*.”

Source: -- Dana Gioia, “Literary L.A., with No Apology,” in *Los Angeles Times*, May 7, 2006.

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*Excerpt from "10 Reasons Why the Internet is No Substitute for a Library" by Mark Y. Herring.*

"Despite public demand, the notion persists with some that the internet makes libraries unnecessary. . . .

"The newest state university in California at Monterey opened without a library building a few years ago. For the last two years, they've been buying books by the tens of thousands because—surprise, surprise—they couldn't find what they needed on the internet. California Polytechnic State University, home of the world's highest concentration of engineers and computer geeks, explored the possibility of a virtual (fully electronic) library for two years. Their solution was a \$42-million traditional library with, of course, a strong electronic component. In other words, a fully virtualized library just can't be done. Not yet, not now, not in our lifetimes."

-- Published In *American Libraries Magazine* (<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org>)

This article originally appeared in *American Libraries* [the journal of the American Library Association], April 2001, p. 76–78, modified slightly January 2010.

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