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WED. JULY 2 - 7:00 PM - Refreshments

Writers Guild of America. Award winning Television Writer, Producer, And Author. Past President of Women in Film. Her more than 300 TV scripts include *My Three Sons*, *F Troop*, *Bob Newhart*, *Maude*, *Too Close for Comfort*, and *All in the Family*.

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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
(SAVE THIS DATE - NO FURTHER REMINDERS)

CHANGES IN LIBRARY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Board of Library Commissioners of the Los Angeles Public Library has approved the following **changes to the Library's Fines/Fees Schedule and Loan Period, to be effective July 13, 2008.**

- * The daily overdue fine for adult material will increase from 25 cents to 30 cents.
- * The loan period for books, magazines and audiobooks will decrease from 3 weeks to 2 weeks. (Items may be renewed 3 times if they have not been reserved by other patrons.)
- * Those residing outside of Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties will be charged an annual fee of \$25.00 for a library card.

[Source: <http://www.lapl.org> > What's New?]

To explain: The Los Angeles Public Library is subject to the same budget cut for 2008-2009 as all other city departments, except for the Police and Fire Departments. Therefore, LAPL must make adjustments to meet this reduced budget. The original plan for re-instituting a reserve fee on branch loans was rescinded (see "Library Problems Abated" p.4). Instead, the overdue fines were increased. The decrease in loan period will allow items to circulate more frequently to readers without spending money for extra duplicate copies of popular books. Remember, LAPL is getting no budget increase to deal with price increases on books and materials, processing fees, and gas prices for its vans to deliver reserved items to all its 71 branches. We appreciate your understanding!

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We urge you to give us your email address so we can keep you current on issues of vital interest (see "Library Problems Abated" - page 4). We promise to use it only occasionally for items of importance and not to give out your email address to others. Please send your email address to: President@ETLibraryFriends.org - or call me at 818.981.6920. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...

In this and future issues of our Newsletter, I will share with you some items of interest in the library world. Some examples in this issue are:

WEB NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY WORLD INTERESTED IN CHINA? -- THE BEIJING OLYMPICS (August 9-24, 2008)

I'm a retired librarian since 1996, but still maintain my American Library Association membership - giving me access to these kinds of news items in ALA members-only online publications. We welcome other articles of interest in our Friends' Newsletter.

--Barbara Y. Leff, M.L.S. - 818.981.6920
President@ETLibraryFriends.org

TARZANA - LEGACY - THE BURROUGHS FAMILY

As you may know, our Tarzana community was named for the fictional character of "Tarzan" in the series, Tarzan of the Apes - created by Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875-1959), world renowned author and award-winner. Burroughs, "established the community of Tarzana with the renaming of the historic 'Rancho del Cabrillo,' to the 'Tarzana Ranch,' consisting of 550 acres which he had purchased in 1919 from the Estate of General Harrison Gray Otis, the former publisher of the Los Angeles Times and Mirror Company. By 1922, Burroughs had subdivided the northerly 100 acres of the ranch and was actively marketing the 'Tarzana Tract' on the 'Tarzana Ranch, and as noted in the October 15th issue of the Los Angeles Examiner, 'New Town of Tarzana Is Established.' In 1927, the Tarzana Women's Club asked Burroughs permission to use the Tarzana Ranch name which was later submitted with application for the establishment of the 'Tarzana Post Office,' on December 16, 1930." Thus, Tarzana was born and it has thrived ever since.

Sadly, Danton Burroughs died on May 1, 2008, at the age of 63. Danton, a family man, businessman, and collector of art, artifacts and literary works, had been one of the protectors and promoters of the legacy of his grandfather, Edgar Rice Burroughs, continuing the family tradition. Danton was "instrumental in the promotion and licensing of many diverse media properties, such as feature films, animated features, television series, daily and Sunday comic strips, live stage productions, theme park attractions, new editions of original novels and foreign editions, conventions, Burroughs Bibliophiles, fanzines, and comic books." We extend our condolences to the Burroughs family, and appreciate that they will continue the legacy of Tarzan and Tarzana.

Places to explore...

- Burroughs family museum website -- <http://www.ERBzine.com>
- Danton Burroughs memorial tribute webpage - <http://www.dantonburroughs.com>
- Collection of Tarzan books and some memorabilia - north end of Encino-Tarzana Branch Library - above the Magazines. The books are available for loan.
- Small museum in the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center, 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana 91356 (corner of Vanalden) -- <http://mytarzana.org>

--Main source: Press Release -- <http://www.erbzine.com/mag21/2192.html>

WEBSITE NEWS

Our website - <http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org> - continues to grow and develop thanks to the sharp eye and interest of our webmaster, Judy Russell. First, Judy updates it almost daily! Then, Judy has added more wonderfully helpful resources for kids, teens, parents, seniors, and everyone. When an important website link is discontinued, she uploads a copy of that resource to our website (giving credit, of course) so the link is still valid. She scouts around the Library and LAPL website, for more events to keep us current. **Check us out - at least once a month - to see all that is worthwhile knowing.**

OUR BOOK CLUBS

We're pleased to report that another book club is forming: **A HISTORY AND POLITICS BOOK CLUB**. They will meet at an Encino home on Wednesday, June 25, at 7:00 pm. At this organizational meeting, the members will discuss what periods of history and politics interest them and will share suggested titles of books to get the club going. **All are welcome to join**. Anyone wanting additional information should contact Maryalyce Reilly at 818.758.0979 - or mreilly616@sbcglobal.net.

Our **GENERAL BOOK CLUB**, now in its third year, meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm also at an Encino home. Members choose books of general interest, fiction and nonfiction, and take turns leading the discussion. Selections have been varied - see past titles (<http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/3bookclub.html>). Our next book is Ken Follett's The Pillars of the Earth. Read this great historical novel of 12th century England and join us on Sept. 4 - after our summer hiatus. Enjoy a stimulating discussion. For details, contact Chair Carol Fox at bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org

We are open to forming more book clubs - generic or specific genres. Let Carol know your thoughts and interests.

Bookstore and Book Sales

We welcome volunteers - Contact Margaret Talvin - 818.343.7105 - booksales@ETLibraryFriends.org
Also we need donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, videos. Take to Library Info Desk.

TEACHERS: A teacher told one of our volunteers the following anecdote: She thinks our book sales are great! She volunteers at a local elementary school -- helping with their "Reading Buddy" program. She loves being able to bring books to the kids without spending a fortune. Kids run up to her and ask if she brought any books that day. They wanted them!

CITY LIBRARIAN RETIRING

Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian for the City of Los Angeles, will retire from the Los Angeles Public Library in August 2008. Holmes is responsible for the administration of the city's library system, which serves four million people—the largest population of any library in the United States—through the Central Library, 71 branches and online resources at www.lapl.org. Holmes also oversees the department's \$120-million budget and 1,200 employees.

"A 30-year veteran with the department, Holmes' accomplishments include successfully building 64 branches on-time and under-budget in the largest library construction program in the nation. She also spearheaded the restoration of library service following the 1992 civil unrest that destroyed two branches and the devastating 1994 Northridge earthquake that damaged and closed more than 30 branches. Following both disasters, Holmes restored full library service within a year."

Several of our Friends members have known Fontayne for many years and have admired and respected her. We are sad that she will no longer be leading the Los Angeles Public Library, and wish her joy in her retirement.

To learn more about LAPL progress and Fontayne's achievements, see the LAPL website - the source for the first two paragraphs above: http://www.lapl.org/newsroom/releases/Fontayne_Retire.html

LIBRARY PROBLEMS ABATED!

WOW! We had some excitement recently -- a real concern to those of us who love the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL). We kept our members up-to-date via email, but we just couldn't do the same to our members who don't have or didn't give us their email addresses because it all happened in the short space of a week or two. A lot occurred behind the scenes. Here are some of the highlights:

February 2008 - In anticipation of a major budget cut, LAPL had stopped purchasing books and materials, supplies, furnishings, etc. This was an inhouse decision and not publicized beyond LAPL staff nor to Friends groups.

4/16/08 - Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library President (FOL President) received email that LAPL and Board of Library Commissioners was recommending a \$1 per book inter-branch transfer fee on reserved books - to partially cover two separate budget cuts -- one was a cut to alleviate a City Budget crisis immediately, and the other was the anticipated 2008-2009 budget cut to all City Departments (excluding Police and Fire). From the Library Budget, the cuts would delete \$2 million of the Book Budget, eliminate all Sunday hours for 8 regional libraries (including Mid-Valley, West Valley, and North Hollywood), and diminish Library staff. Further, the email notified us that a grass-roots movement - SAVE LAPL - had been organized with the City Librarian's approval - and to look at <http://www.savelapl.org> - a new website with the purpose to fight this fee and look for other ways to handle the deficit instead. City Librarian was to meet with Mayor and City Budget Committee on May 1 for initial budget talks.

4/17/08 - FOL President sent email to FOL members apprising of situation and inviting them to FOL Board meeting on 4/23/08; on the agenda was a vote to support the SAVE LAPL position. Also, we recommended writing "City Hall." We did not have time to do a postal mailing to non-email members.

4/21/08 - Local councilmen and neighborhood councils were invited-suggested by Sandra Berube.

4/22/08 - FOL President received email from Rob Glushom, Encino Neighborhood Council President, saying he would attend 4/23 meeting, and would call a special ENC meeting to support the cause, if necessary.

4/22/08 - FOL President received email from City Librarian that the 875 emails/calls objecting to the transfer fee caused them to rethink and rescind the \$1 fee request, and instead they were recommending a 5-cent-increase to overdue fines on adult books.

4/22/08 - FOL President sent email to all FOL members, councilmen, and neighborhood councils that the transfer fee issue was resolved, and thus it was no longer an item on the Board Meeting agenda.

4/23/08 - FOL Board meeting - discussed issues as after the fact - no vote necessary.

5/6/08, 5/15/08, and 6/3/08 - Emails from Wendy Greuel, Council Member and Vice Chair of L.A. Budget and Finance Committee, responding to FOL President's and members' emails. Greuel supported the Library and reported that over \$3 million was restored to the Library Budget. This was a direct result of the Mayor, City Librarian, and City Council members being bombarded with 1300 emails/calls not to cut the Library budget for the immediate needs! (Yeah - the individual actually has some clout!)

Final Resolution: The immediate cut to the Library budget was reinstated thanks to the grass roots movement, however, the planned reduction to City Departments for 2008-2009 was still in effect. See "Changes in Library Policies..." on page 1.

For interesting details - see the SAVE LAPL website - <http://www.savelapl.org>

LIBRARIES ARE COMPLEX!

"It's often said that today we have to run three libraries at once: the library of yesterday, today and tomorrow. We run both the physical, visible library, and the one that exists beyond the walls. This raises many questions of what a library is and encompasses, what it isn't, where the boundaries lie, the impact on what we do and how we do it, what our clients want, how we serve them and what kinds of librarians serve them."

-- Mark Beatty, President, Library and Information Technology Association,
a Division of the American Library Association.

Source: *American Libraries Direct*, an e-newsletter of the American Library Association, June 11, 2008

INTERESTED IN CHINA? --- THE BEIJING OLYMPICS (August 9-24, 2008)

"Truth in Fiction: With the Beijing Olympics on the horizon, renewed protests against China's occupation of Tibet, and China's rise as a formidable, increasingly capitalist, and environmentally detrimental world power, questions about the true nature of Chinese society are more urgent than ever. In these incisive novels and short story collections by Chinese and Chinese American writers, the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre serves as a portal into deep truths about China's past, present, and future."

This statement is an introduction by Librarian Donna Seaman to her annotated list of selections of recent "Chinese literature" - [all translated to English]. The following titles from her list are available at the **Los Angeles Public Library**:

Brothers. By Da Chen. 2006.

Part history lesson, part coming-of-age tale, Chen's sweeping saga, set against the backdrop of the Chinese Cultural Revolution, revolves around two half-brothers separated by fate. They approach manhood with no knowledge of one another, and while they have similar tastes in women, their views on democracy are oppositional as their paths finally converge in Tiananmen Square.

Big Breasts & Wide Hips. By Mo Yan. 2004.

Controversial Chinese writer Mo Yan, whose acclaimed novel *Red Sorghum* (1987) was made into a popular film, spans China's bloody twentieth century and pays earthy tribute to the power of women in this sprawling, bizarre, and demanding tale of the struggle to survive in rural China in times of violent turmoil. [Book Jacket: "Each of the seven chapters recounts a different era, from the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 through the fall of the Qing dynasty in 1911 and the early years of Sun Yat Sen's Republic, the Japanese invasion in the 1930s, the civil war, the Cultural Revolution, and the post-Mao years."]

The Crazyed. By Ha Jin. 2002.

In National Book Award winner Ha Jin's unforgettable novel, graduate student Jian Wan sits with his beloved professor, Yang, who is paralyzed and demented in the wake of a stroke. While he rages about his horrendous ordeal during the Cultural Revolution, courageous student protesters mass on Tiananmen Square, and everything Jian holds dear is imperiled.

Lili: A Novel of Tiananmen. By Rui Wang (aka Annie Wang). 2001.

In Wang's first American book, Lili's parents, "politically mistrusted intellectuals," are sent to the countryside for "reeducation." Lili runs away and returns to Beijing, where she takes up with similarly displaced adolescents. Cynical and fatalistic, she eventually opens her heart to an American journalist and commits to the struggle for democracy after the killings at Tiananmen Square.

A Private Life. By Ran Chen. 2004.

The decades connecting the Cultural Revolution and the demonstrations at Tiananmen Square provide the context for this sensuous coming-of-age tale. Sensitive and gawky, Ni Niuniu never fit in. Teased by her classmates and neglected by her father, she is sexually abused by a teacher and a neighbor, and eventually retreats from the realities of politically charged Beijing.

A Thousand Years of Good Prayers. By Yiyun Li. 2005.

In her superbly provocative and memorable debut, Chinese American Yiyun Li pairs short stories about life in an increasingly capitalist yet still viciously repressive China with tales about Chinese immigrants and visitors to America.

Wang in Love and Bondage: three novellas. By Xiaobo Wang. 2007.

Wang (1952-97) writes boldly of sex in the three novellas gathered here, wry social-realist exercises demonstrating that in a repressive society, whether of the future, the Cultural Revolution, or post-Mao but still policed 1990s China, sex affords the only excitement worth the risk of slander or prison.

Source: *Booklist Online Read Alert*, Newsletter #10 - June 11, 2008
an electronic publication of the American Library Association, available to ALA members.

Other subjects to explore in the LAPL Catalog: "Sports China History" "China" (subject browse) "Olympics"

WEB NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY WORLD

Source: [American Libraries Direct](#), June 11, 2008, and June 18, 2008
an e-newsletter of the American Library Assn., available to ALA members

Midwest Libraries Endure Rising Floodwaters

Natural disasters affect libraries - their collections, resources, and valuable archives. Read about how the floods have seriously affected many libraries in the Midwest.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/june2008/midwestfloodsjune13.cfm>

Books, Tears, and Blood

Saad Eskander, director of Baghdad's national library, wants to 'help Iraqis understand their past and build their future' through education. "When Eskander talks about his library, he makes it sound a combination of a national healing process, a social crucible for establishing a more egalitarian society, and a centre of free inquiry that Iraqi intellectuals have been denied for decades". Read about this library and the former Kurdish fighter, who believes culture is the key to the future of Iraq.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/jun/09/iraq.iraqandthearts>

New Great Websites for Kids

A great online resource with hundreds of links to commendable websites for children, organized by subject. Special section for parents, caregivers, and teachers, and sites in Spanish. This website is kept current by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. (We've added it to our Friends "Resources for Kids" web page - <http://www.etlibraryfriends.org/5kids.html>)

<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>

Press release: <http://ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/june2008/GWS.cfm>

Britannica Goes "Wiki"

"In a bid to wed the comprehensive, grassroots information factory of Wikipedia [wherein readers may edit entries] with the authority of the traditional encyclopedia, *Encyclopaedia Britannica* announced June 3 it is opening the floodgates for online user submissions into its 240-year-old publication—a move it long resisted. What Britannica wants to do is create 'a welcoming community for scholars, experts, and lay contributors.'" [But, its experts will confirm new contents before publication.

Read more at: <http://britannicanet.com/?p=86>
- AND - <http://blog.wired.com/business/2008/06/ency.html>

\$1.22 Million Awarded to Native American Libraries

"On June 10, the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded Native American tribes across the United States \$1.22 million dollars to improve and sustain their library services. The grant monies will be distributed among 209 tribes, and will bolster library services offered by Native American tribal communities and Alaskan Native villages."

<http://www.ims.gov/news/2008/061008.shtm>

Is the Electronic Book Gaining Ground?

The wireless e-book reader the size of a paperback book - known as "Kindle"- is gaining ground according to recent BookExpo America scuttlebutt. Example: Those who wanted to read the print edition of Scott McClellan's new book were out of luck in early June because the publisher was out-of-stock, but the e-book version was available immediately from Amazon.com (downloaded in one minute). [Prices: hard cover \$27.95; Amazon hard cover \$15.37; Kindle e-book \$9.99]. To keep current on the subject, read: "Is Kindle the iPod of e-books?"

http://www.philly.com/philly/entertainment/20080610_Is_Kindle_the_iPod_of_e-books_.html

Kids still go for print!

A new study by [Scholastic](#) finds that 75% of kids age 5–17 agree with the statement, "No matter what I can do online, I'll always want to read books printed on paper," and 62% say they prefer to read books printed on paper rather than on a computer or a handheld device. The [2008 Kids and Family Reading Report](#), a national survey of children and their parents, also found that kids who go online to extend the reading experience—by going to book or author websites or connecting with other readers—are more likely to read books for fun every day. Read details and the Reading Report at...

<http://www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/news/readingreport.htm>

ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY EVENTS

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

JULY - AUGUST 2008

(Library is closed on Sundays)

Tuesday, July 1 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (KIDS) Children's Summer Reading Club - - Surprise Program
Wed., July 2 - 7:00-8:00 pm -- Meet Author and Screenwriter Irma Kalish - 2004 Writers Guild of America Awardee
Thursday, July 3 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (MIDDLE SCHOOLERS) VIP Book Club Kick-Off Party - review newest books
Friday, July 4 -- LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day)
Monday, July 7 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Tuesday, July 8 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (KIDS) Children's Summer Reading Club - - Surprise Program
Thursday, July 10 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)
Thursday, July 10 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Passport to Reading Party & First Comix. @#! Book Club Meeting!
Saturday, July 12 - 2:00-3:00 pm -- Teen Volunteer Orientation
Saturday, July 12 - 2:00-4:00 pm -- New Voices Poetry Group - Share your poetry with other local poets!
Monday, July 14- 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time
Monday, July 14 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Tuesday, July 15 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (KIDS) Children's Summer Reading Club - Jungle Bugs
Wednesday, July 16- 10:30-11:30 am -- Computer Comfort [sign up at Information Desk]
Thursday, July 17 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)
Thursday, July 17 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Second Comix @#! Book Club Meeting!
Saturday, July 19 - 2:00-3:00 pm -- (TEENS) Join us for a visit from local young adult author Cecil Castellucci!
Monday, July 21 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Tuesday, July 22 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (KIDS) Children's Summer Reading Club - - - Surprise Program
Tuesday, July 22 - 6:30-7:30 pm -- Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine
Wednesday, July 23 - 1:00-2:30 pm -- Friends of Library Open Board Meeting - everyone is welcome!
Thursday, July 24 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)
Thursday, July 24, 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Third Comix @#! Book Club Meeting!
Monday, July 28 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Storytime!
Monday, July 28 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Tuesday, July 29 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (KIDS) Children's Summer Reading Club - - - Surprise Program
Wednesday, July 30 - 10:30-11:30 am -- Introduction to Library's Health Databases [Sign Up at Information Desk]
Thursday, July 31 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)
Thursday, July 31 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Last Comix @#! Book Club Meeting!
Thursday, July 31 - 5:30-6:30 pm -- Book Lover's Book Club - discussing Queen of the Big Time By Adriana Trigiani

Saturday, Aug. 2 - 2:00-3:00 pm -- (TEENS) Aimee Major Steinberger, author of Japan Ai, a graphic novel about her recent adventures in Japan. Professional animator for "Futurama," "Simpsons," et al.

Monday, Aug. 4 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Tuesday, Aug. 5 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (KIDS) Children's Summer Reading Club - - -MAGIC SHOW with Tony Daniels
Thursday, Aug. 7 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)
Thursday, Aug. 7 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Surprise "Passport to Reading" Program
Saturday, Aug. 9 - 2:00-4:00 pm -- New Voices Poetry Group - Share your poetry with other local poets!
Monday, Aug. 11 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time
Monday, Aug. 11 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Wednesday, Aug. 13 - 10:30-11:30 am -- Computer Comfort [sign up at Information Desk]
Thursday, Aug. 14 - 12:30-2:30 pm -- Life Stories Writing Class (weekly class)
Saturday, Aug. 14 - 4:00-5:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Volunteer Orientation
Monday, Aug. 18 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22-23 - 10 am to 5 pm -- FANTASTIC USED BOOK SALE - sponsored by Friends of Library
Monday, Aug. 25 - 3:00-4:00 pm -- (PRE-SCHOOL) Pre-School Story Time
Monday, Aug. 25 - 6:00-7:30 pm -- Computer Basics with BZ (weekly class)
Tuesday, Aug. 26 - 6:00 pm -- Immigration Law with attorney David Kramer
Wednesday, Aug. 27 - 1:00-2:30 pm -- Friends of Library Open Board Meeting - everyone is welcome!
Thursday, Aug. 28 - 4:00 pm -- (TEENS) Teen Council Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 28 - 5:30-6:30 pm -- Book Lover's Book Club --- discussing Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius by Dave Eggers

MEMBERSHIP 2008

By Jenny Lapidus, Membership Chair

It was with much reflection and then pride that the membership brochure has been revamped. **Our new teal-colored brochure is included in this newsletter for your perusal. As a valued member of the Friends, it has been included for you to pass along to a friend or neighbor. But first, please take a look.** Your membership dues have done so much. You will see reference to this in the brochure. It is hard to believe that the last version was created in 2004. We just ran out of the 1000 brochures we had. Hopefully, we will be back in print sooner this time. A strong membership is so vital!

Another change this year, and one that will continue, is sending thank you notes when membership renewal dues are received. We hope you received yours!

This is now my second year with membership. I am feeling much more comfortable handling the Excel software program and the other logistics in asking our members to renew. I want to thank the phone committee that sprang into action when we realized in June that renewals were straggling in. It is wonderful to be a part of an organization that saw a problem and immediately sought out a solution. To those of you who responded to our mailing, thank you. To those of you who responded to our phone drive, thank you. Our renewal mission is now complete. New memberships are welcome throughout the year. The membership process will start again in January 2009.

Enjoy your summer. A full report on the number of members will be presented at the annual meeting held in November.

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