

THE FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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18231 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, CA 91356

FABULOUS USED BOOK SALE
Friday-Saturday, October 12-13, 2007
10 am to 5 pm

Good Selection - Great Bargains - Many are "near new"

HABIT BURGER GRILL
Friday-Saturday, October 12-13, 2007
Before - During - After our Book Sale
Present Flyer (p.7) and 20% goes to Friends

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, Nov. 28 - 1:00 pm
PLAN TO COME - LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE:
ALL FRIENDS' PROGRAMS ARE CANCELED - including:

Sept. 20 - Ray Bradbury, author

Oct. 4 - Lisa See, author

We have a problem! We plan programs but our community doesn't come!

Candidly: For most of our programs/events, attendance has been minimal - varying from 5 to 15. A few programs bring in 20-25 and once we enjoyed almost 200 (Ray Bradbury). But, attendance is so unpredictable that most of the time we apologize to our speakers just minutes before the programs begin! This is not good - not for our speakers and not for us. So, we have suspended these two highly popular authors for Sept. and Oct., because we did not want to take a chance on being embarrassed yet again. (cont. on page 2)

- Queries: (1) Do you prefer to go elsewhere for your programming needs and wants?
(2) Is the timing of 6:30 pm so impossible? (The Library closes at 8:00 pm).
(3) Is our extensive publicity not reaching you? If not, what do you suggest?
(4) Are the topics of little interest? (See below for list of our previous topics)
(5) Why don't you come? Please tell us...

We have selected programs to expand our experiences with books and media. We look for the good and unusual. Our past programs, since our Library was rebuilt, have been: Poetry reading, children's literature, presidential anecdotes, magician (for Library's 1st anniversary), Tarzana historian, golf author, guide dogs, TV writer, attorney for Klimt stolen art, banned books, gardening, travel writer, Indian sacred places, beauty secrets, knitting ideas; columnist Al Martinez; authors Maggie Anton, Denise Hamilton, Rochelle Krich, Yvonne Bornstein; music by woodwind ensemble, band playing 40s & 50s & Mozart, students singing holiday music, Opera Bureau speakers; Viktor Frankl dramatic reading. Trips to Los Angeles Public Library (downtown), Disney Hall, and Getty Villa in Malibu.

The decision is in your hands. Shall we continue to plan programming? If so, what interests you? If you do not respond, we may have to discontinue all programming.

Please respond to: Linda Grose, Program Chair at program@ETLibraryFriends.org or leave a message in the Friends' Bookstore at the Library and Linda will call you.

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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN** **by Barbara Leff**

Our Friends activities are all doing very well - except for our programming attendance.

In February, we honored our Friends' volunteers with a brunch; in March, we honored the Library staff with lunch; and in April, the Central Library invited representatives of all-city Friends' groups to a brunch with a dynamic speaker. Encino Sun (local newspaper) invited our President and Publicity Chair to its first anniversary breakfast. (Lots of great food these months - and good sharing of ideas!)

Our Bookstore continues to thrive, even without a Bookstore Manager, thanks to all our dedicated volunteers. We had success with a June Book Sale and an August Sorting Book Sale. From our income -- sales and membership renewals -- we were able to donate another \$8000 to the Library for books and materials, \$3600 for DVD cases and inserts, two meeting room tables, and to give funds for children and teen programs. Our Book Club is growing, with members reading and sharing ideas. Our website continues to provide invaluable news and resources.

So, all in all, we are satisfied. PLEASE DO JOIN US at our forthcoming activities...

Our next B-I-G Book Sale on Oct. 12-13 should provide lots of great books for your home library. If you take our flyer on page 7 to Encino's Habit Burger Grill, they'll give us 20% of our Habit Grill sales - translated into more money for the Library. At our annual meeting, we will be voting on a new slate of officers for 2008-2009, and gathering ideas for more Friends' activities.

Questions? Please contact me at 818.981.6920 or [president@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:president@ETLibraryFriends.org)

## WEBSITE NEWS

We have a fantastic beautiful website - [www.ETLibraryFriends.org](http://www.ETLibraryFriends.org)

We urge you to explore our website and view:

- Links to -- lots of online resources for kids, for teens, for parents/teachers/librarians, for seniors; Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) databases; libraries; newspapers; prize-winning books for adults; and local/state/federal government websites.
- Lists of our Library and Friends events with photos.
- News of Friends' activities - Bookstore, book sales, book club readings, volunteer activities, photos, Friends reading/viewing recommendations, our history, and business - board, bylaws, agendas.
- Library Information - Hours, special data, Librarian's message, what's new, list of freebies.
- Direct links to the LAPL website - with descriptions of its "treasures."

We're continually adding new features. Check it out! You'll be glad you did. Any other ideas for our website? Contact our excellent webmaster, Judy Russell -- [webmaster@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:webmaster@ETLibraryFriends.org)

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Since our last Newsletter, we've read and enjoyed discussing at our monthly meetings:

- [Kite Runner](#), by Khaled Hosseini
- [Water for Elephants](#), by Sara Gruen
- [The Glass Castle: A Memoir](#), by Jeannette Walls

Our next meeting is October 4, 7:30 pm, to discuss [Middlesex](#) by Jeffrey Eugenides. For information and off-site location, contact Carol Fox, Book Club Chair -- 818.705.3697 or [bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org](mailto:bookclubs@ETLibraryFriends.org)

## FRIENDS RECOMMEND

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

- Books:** [Shadow of the Sun](#), by Ryszard Kapuscinski
- [Portrait of an Unknown Woman, a Novel](#), by Vanora Bennett
- [Mr. China](#), by Tim Clissold and Horacio Pons
- [The Bible](#)
- TV:** [The Daily Show](#) (Comedy Central) -- Jon Stewart often interviews authors

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK

**Sept. 29 - Oct. 6, 2007**

"First observed in 1982, Banned Books Week reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. The event is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, The American Library Association, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the National Association of College Stores. It is endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book." -- American Library Association -- <http://www.ala.org/>

Read a banned book. Celebrate! "Treasure Your Freedom to Read" -- "Free People Read Freely"

See: Banned Books Week - <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.htm>

## **JANE'S BOOKS: OUR CHILDREN AND BOOKS**

by Jane Gebers

As members of Friends of the Library, naturally, we want our children and grandchildren to be readers like us. Being able to read and being a reader are two different things. A real reader inhales a book a week, or at least one a month.

How do we develop a love of books and reading in our children? As a former teacher I suggest you start early with those little cardboard baby books. When I buy a baby gift – whatever it is – I include a book. I have bought a zillion copies of "Pat the Bunny." My grandkids' favorite is "Good Night Gorilla," but there are dozens of irresistible ones. Some teach visual discrimination, names of colors or objects or any number of things – and some are just for fun.

Read to your babies: Mother Goose, Dr. Seuss, fairy tales and so many more. Keep reading to your children, even after they can read by themselves. It's a bonding experience and a great opportunity to talk with your child. All sorts of things can come up when you're reading together.

When one of my sons was about 12 and a dedicated TV viewer, I wanted something to lure him back to reading books. I went to a bookstore and bought him a dozen books he might be interested in including mythology, Vikings, war history (still a favorite subject) repairing things, etc. His favorite was a book about 1920's Chicago gangsters – but what the hey, he was reading again and became a teacher! Somehow boys seem to need more encouragement to keep up the reading habit than girls do.

Besides having a collection of books at home, including old favorites they can turn to when bored, children need a library card, someone to keep track of their books and regular trips to the library to keep their interests stirred up. Life can be busy for both parents and child, but if one of your priorities is to develop a child reader (getting scarcer these days) you need to keep books readily at hand for your child.

And, don't forget our Friends Used Bookstore. Just outside the store's entrance is a special cart with Travel and Computer books on one side and children's books on the other. Sometimes we have a plethora of books and other times an anemic selection. (It all depends on *your donations*). Please do donate books your kids have outgrown, but be sure to ask your child first. They might like to hang on to some old favorites. Finally, make sure each child has a home library of his/her own.

### **A PRINT COPY OF A BOOK IN JUST 15 MINUTES!**

Can you imagine yourself standing in front of a machine, pushing a few buttons, and a single copy of a book is printed, bound, and presented to you within 15 minutes?

Three "Expresso Book Machines" are currently being demonstrated in New York, Washington, and Alexandria, Egypt. **On Demand Books** is a demonstration project of Jason Epstein, formerly of Random House, and Dane Neller, formerly of Dean & DeLuca.

The New York Times article included a description of the current prototype: "The book machine, which occupies the space of two deli-style ice cream freezers, looks like office photocopiers attached to a tinted stereo cabinet and computer terminal. It hums, makes spitting noises, moans and then belches out a newly glued book, fresh as bread and almost as hot. . . . The Rube Goldberg contraption produced a book from digital code to hefty paperback in under 15 minutes."

Current plans are to use the machine for books that are out-of-print (like the classics), publications from small publishers, vanity publishing, or anything in PDF (Portable Document Format) that the computer can read. Copyrighted books would have to be negotiated price-wise, before available. (cont. on page 5)

A 300-page book-on-demand costs about \$3 to produce. The machine may eventually sell for \$20,000 or more. It is principally aimed toward public libraries and bookstores that could sell to customers at cost or at a markup. Some are questioning whether this would be good for libraries or bookstores - but others say that having available a book too costly to reprint would be another venue for book collecting and reading.

*Source:* Anthony Ramirez, "And Now, Folks, Behold the 15-Minute Publisher," in the New York Times, 8/2/07.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**  
by Jenny Lapidus, Membership Chair

I am pleased to report to the members-at-large that we are almost 200 members strong and that I have met and talked to many lovely and dedicated people as the drive progressed. Please take a moment to look at the front of this newsletter to the left of your mailing address.

- If your newsletter sticker reads, Thank You for Your Continued Membership and Support - then your 2007 dues are up-to-date.
- Otherwise, we invite you to rejoin for the 2007 calendar year. Please take a moment to fill out the form below, and return it to the Library.

The 2008 campaign will begin next January. Thank you once again for your interest in the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library.

**FRIENDS OF THE ENCINO-TARZANA LIBRARY**

**2007 Membership Renewal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am renewing my membership:

*Levels of Membership:* ? Individual \$5 ? Family \$10 ? Contributing \$15 ?  
Supporting \$25  
? Sustaining \$50 ? Benefactor \$100 Business/Organization \$100

For a contribution of \$100 or more, a bookplate may be placed in a Library volume, selected by the Librarian, or your business card may be printed in our newsletter. Please make your check payable to *Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library*.

I would like to participate in the Friends - please call me about volunteer activities. \_\_\_\_

Please return this form to  
Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Library – 18231 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, CA 91356

Thank you for your continued support!

## EAVESDROPPING ON BOOKS

*When you watch or listen to author interviews and book discussions, do you feel like you're eavesdropping? Or, do you like audiobooks? Then, you'll enjoy these shows:*

**CONNIE MARTINSON TALKS BOOKS** - Interviews with authors by an interviewer who actually reads the books in advance. This weekly 30-min. series airs on local TV - channel 35. Mon.-Fri. 3:00 pm and repeats 11:30 pm; Sat. 3:00 pm. Check program schedule on LA Cityview 35 ([www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org)). Sponsored by Los Angeles Public Library. For summaries of Connie's interviews, and book reviews by author and by title, see [www.conniemartinson.com](http://www.conniemartinson.com).

**BOOKMARK** - Maria Hall-Brown interviews authors on KOCE - Orange County Public Television. This weekly 30 min. series airs Tues. at 7:00 pm and repeats Thurs. at 11:30 pm. See schedule at [www.koce.org](http://www.koce.org)

**BOOK TV** - All day, every weekend (including 3-day weekends), C-SPAN2 features interviews, panels, discussions on non-fiction books. They also visit book fairs, including L. A. Times Book Festival. See schedule at [www.c-span.org](http://www.c-span.org).

**BOOKNOTES** - An online archive of C-SPAN3's Brian Lamb's interviews of contemporary non-fiction authors, 1989-2004. See current schedule at [www.booktv.org](http://www.booktv.org) and choose transcripts to hear at [www.booknotes.org](http://www.booknotes.org).

**ROMANCE NOVELS** - Video playback from an extensive author interview list on the Internet. Go to [www.romancenovel.tv](http://www.romancenovel.tv).

**MEET THE WRITERS** - "Audio Interviews" and "Video Interviews" on the Barnes & Noble website at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) -- page titled "Meet the Writers."

**BORDERS MEDIA** - Borders features two venues of recorded author interviews on its website at [www.bordersmedia.com](http://www.bordersmedia.com):

**Borders Book Club** - individual interviews and book club discussions with authors.

**Borders Live at 01** - interviews, discussions, music - with authors and artists.

**AMAZON PODCASTS** - Online interviews and exclusives at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Scroll down to "For the Community" for "Amazon Podcasts," which includes bookclips and archives.

**OPEN BOOKS RADIO** - Donna Seamans, Associate Editor of ALA's Booklist, interviews authors on her hour-long Chicago-based radio program. Audio versions are retrievable at [www.openbooksradio.org](http://www.openbooksradio.org).

**THE BIG READ ON XM** -- Satellite radio series, airing audio versions of classic novels in 30-min. installments, premieres 9/10. Includes interviews and commentary by authors, actors, and other public figures. Broadcast 3 times daily, Mon.-Fri., on Sonic Theater (XM Channel 163)

*What do you recommend? Please share with us and we'll add to our list next time...*

**Friends of the  
Encino-Tarzana Library**

PRESENTS A FUNDRAISER EVENT AT

**the  
Habit.<sup>®</sup>  
BURGER GRILL**

@ Encino Town Center  
17132 Ventura Blvd. (near Arnestoy)  
**ENCINO**

October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

JOIN US AND ENJOY DELICIOUS CHARBURGERS,  
SANDWICHES, SALADS AND SHAKES

→ PRESENT THIS FLYER WHEN YOU ORDER AND WE WILL  
DONATE 20% OF THE RECEIPTS GENERATED  
TO YOUR ORGANIZATION! ←

## EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

### *September 2007*

Computers for Seniors - Mondays 6:00-7:30pm  
Life Stories Writing Class Thursdays 12:30 - 2:30  
(except 9/13)  
**6** Thurs. Friends Book Club -7:30 (off-site)  
**13** Thurs. Multicultural Arts & Crafts Class  
for Kids (sponsored by Friends) 4:00-5:00  
**17** Mon. PreSchool Storytime 3:00  
**20** Thurs. Ray Bradbury - CANCELED  
**26** Wed. OPEN Board Meeting of Friends - 1:00  
**27** Thurs. Book Lovers Book Club 5:30 - 7:00  
**29-Oct.6** Banned Books Week -  
(See: American Library Assn.- [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))

### *October 2007*

Computers for Seniors - Mondays 6:00-7:30pm  
(except 10/8)  
Life Stories Writing Class Thursdays 12:30 - 2:30  
Banned Books Week - Sep. 29 - Oct. 6  
(See: American Library Assn.- [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))  
**4** Thurs. Middle School New Fiction Club  
4:00 - 5:00

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**4** Thurs. Lisa See - CANCELED  
**8 Mon. Library Closed (Columbus Day)**  
**12-13** Fri.-Sat. Friends USED BOOK  
SALE 10:00-5:00  
**18** Thurs. Multicultural Arts & Crafts Class  
for Kids (sponsored by Friends) 4:00-5:00  
**24** Wed. OPEN Board Meeting of Friends - 1:00  
**25** Thurs. Book Lovers Book Club 5:30-7:00

### *November 2007*

Computers for Seniors - Mondays 6:00 - 7:30pm  
(except 11/12)  
Life Stories Writing Class Thurs.days 12:30 - 2:30  
(except 11/22)  
**1** Thurs. Friends Book Club -7:30 (off-site)  
**12 Mon. Library Closed (Veteran's Day)**  
**15** Thurs. Multicultural Arts & Crafts Class  
for Kids (sponsored by Friends) 4:00-5:00  
**20** Tues. Inca Music Program for Kids 4:00-5:00  
**22-23 Thurs.-Fri. Library Closed (Thanksgiving)**  
**28** Wed. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -  
Friends of Encino-Tarzana Library - 1:00  
**29** Thurs. Book Lovers Book Club 5:30-7:00

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