



December 14, 2010

Dear Members of the Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library,

The Library and the Friends have been quite busy since our last newsletter.

1) Good news! On Nov. 16, "City Council unanimously voted to place a measure on the March 2011 ballot that would increase the Charter-required funding for the Library. The increase would stabilize the library budget and restore 6 and ultimately 7 day a week Library service using existing funds with no new taxes." **See details in the last page from the Los Angeles Public Library. Please plan to vote in favor of the measure in March.**

2) Use of the Library has been heavier, especially on Tuesdays, since the branches have been closed Sundays and Mondays due to huge budget cuts. Encino-Tarzana is the 5th busiest branch among all 72 branches!

3) Seniors: If you have not been to our past programs on this subject, be sure to come this time. It will save you heartache and answer a lot of questions! **Wed. Jan. 12 - 1:30-2:30 pm -- Senior Fraud Scams - Boost Your Resistance -- with our expert, Judith Sack, JD.** Co-sponsored by the Library and the Friends.

4) Our last book sale on Nov. 12-13 was a success - the best yet - thanks to Joyce Propper, Norma Lamken, Margaret Talvin, Mark Lamken (2nd VP Liaison), our wonderful volunteers, and all of you who either donated books/DVDs or came to buy. Next Sale is Feb. 11-12. **Problem:** The company that bought our left-over books is now closing. Do you know of a company that will box and take away many cartons of books after our sale, and perhaps pay us per box?

5) Our Friends' Annual Membership Meeting on Nov. 17 was interesting with good attendance. Be sure to check our website for our [Librarian's Annual Report](#) -- I think you'll find it enlightening. Oral Annual Reports from our President, Membership, Book Sales, and others, will be printed in our next newsletter. We were most appreciative of the representatives from our **Encino and Tarzana Neighborhood Councils** for speaking with us so that we could learn a little more about our community. [See Event Photos](#).

6) Thanks to our Friends' gifts, our Library has been able to give our community many special items - beyond the strapped city library budget, e.g. new books (including Hot-Off-The-Press), CDs, DVDs, programs for children, teens, and adults (e.g. League of Women Voters), along with supplies and miscellanea. We're so glad that our income can afford this kind of support!

7) Our Friends' Board gave holiday cheer to our bright and hard-working Library staff. Adele Druck, our 1st VP, and I delivered a big tin of delicious "European Cookies" to share, chocolate coins for each, and a lovely flowering plant for their kitchen table. And, we gave several pots of poinsettias to add color to our Library's public areas. **ALSO**, we invited the Library staff to our next Friends' Board meeting on January 26 for "meet and greet and eat" when we'll enjoy some pizza together; the staff wanted to bring dessert to show their appreciation to us. **See Senior Librarian David Hagopian's thank you note below.**

8) Sad news - David Hagopian's father passed away last week. David is our Senior Librarian/Acting Branch Manager. We send him our condolences and wish him good thoughts of their time together - to

help sustain him during this difficult period. (FYI - see article in Daily News, Dec. 14, 2010, page A1 - "J. Michael Hagopian, 1913-2010, Survivor Documented Armenian Genocide," and a 4-minute video interview - AND - Los Angeles Times Obituaries," Dec. 14, 2010, page AA6, "J. Michael Hagopian, Armenian-American documentary filmmaker and Thousand Oaks Civic Leader.")

Finally, know that **ALL CITY LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED - FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, DEC. 24 AND 25, AND DEC. 31 AND JAN. 1** - for the holidays. Reminder, be sure to check our Friends' website for news, up-to-the minute schedules, photos, resources and links, and all good things.

Wishing you all a happy holiday and an especially healthy and happy 2011...

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Subject: Thank you

Hi Barbara, Adele, and Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Friends of the Library:

Thank you so much for the cookies and chocolates and holiday wishes to the staff. That was so thoughtful and considerate. I can assure you that this was the perfect gift and everyone on the staff enjoyed the treats immensely.

I wish a great holiday season to every one of you and, though I do not believe that a simple thanks is enough to express my gratitude for all you do for this branch: Thank you so much for all you do for this branch. It is recognized, it is appreciated, and it is felt.

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Subject: [LAPL-Friends] City Council Approves Library Funding Ballot Measure for 2011 Election

Good news for the Los Angeles Public Library!

Today, the City Council unanimously voted to place a measure on the March 2011 ballot that would increase the Charter-required funding for the Library. The increase would stabilize the library budget and restore 6 and ultimately 7 day a week Library service using existing funds with no new taxes.

The Council voted on the measure after hearing passionate testimony from a dozen library supporters, friends, union representatives and librarians.

The current Charter-required appropriation for the Library is .0175% of each \$100 of assessed tax value on property within the city. The proposal is to increase the Library's Charter-required appropriation up to a maximum of .0300% within a four-year period. Again, sufficient funding to add back staffing to provide 6 and 7 day a week service.

Unlike a parcel tax measure, which as a new tax requires a two-thirds super majority, approving a charter amendment only requires a simple majority of the electorate (50% + 1). If approved by the voters in March 2011, new funding could be available as early as July 2011.

A special thank you to all the friends who expressed their opinion about the measure to the Mayor and City Council. Your voice was heard loud and clear!

I will keep you updated on our progress with this measure.

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