



Fall Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2012

Book Sale & Craft Fair

**Saturday,
November 17
9 AM to 3 PM**

**Culver City
Julian Dixon
Library**

**Culver City Friends
of the Library**

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Presidents' Message

The year has flown by quickly. Suddenly it's time to start encouraging people to renew memberships or join the board!

Special thanks to our story time readers this year. Culver City Firefighters gave safety tips prior to Independence Day activities for July story time. Mr. Culver City, Mike Cohen did a terrific job right before Fiesta La Ballona getting us ready for those festivities. School Board Member, Nancy Goldberg, helped us celebrate grandparents in September. New CCUSD Superintendent, David LaRose read Harold and the Purple Crayon in honor of explorers in October. We are looking forward to more civic dignitaries in the coming months! There will be no Friends story time in November, due to the elections. Don't forget to vote!

Thanks to Membership Chair Sharon Hyland-Elstein, and all the members who renewed at the annual Membership Drive/Ice Cream Social. If you haven't renewed, now is a good opportunity. Thanks also to Lifetime members for their on-going support of the library.

The Girl Scout Gold project, spear headed by Isabella Avencola, was a

rousing success. She ended up with more than the 60 knit squares she was expecting, and representatives from Upward Bound House visited the Thursday knitting group to talk about their program, and thank her for her volunteer efforts. Many knitters and crocheters participated!

If you've been in the library lately, or read Laura's report, you may have noticed lots of changes. The staff has been working diligently to re-organize the library space and we are reaping the benefits. We've been meeting with representatives of the County library staff and we are hoping to collaborate on more improvements in the near future. Watch this space for more news!

Our very popular book sale and craft fair will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 9 to 3 at the

library. A good time to stock up on books and gifts. Talented Culver City artisans will display their wares. This will be followed on December 8 by the Snowless Snow Party, always a fun day for kids of all ages.

Our Annual Membership Meeting and Installation Dinner will take place in January. Details will be coming later, but we hope you will plan to attend.

We would like to thank you for your support this year. We have enjoyed working with the board, the library staff and volunteers as we help the library get through these tough fiscal times.

Elaine and Nancy
Co-Presidents



UP COMING EVENTS IN BRIEF

Details at www.colapublib.org.

Every Thursday at 2:45
Knitting in the community room.

The Friends Executive Board meets the third
Tuesday of every month at 6:30.

November 6 Vote! (no storytime)

November 17 from 9 to 3
Craft Fair and Book Sale.

November 22: Thanksgiving, Library closed

December 4 at 7
Storytime with Celia Carroll

December 1 at 2
Technology That Motivates and Educates

December 8 at 1
Snowless Snow Party
with crafts and storytime.

December 25: Christmas, Library closed

Monthly Story Time

Most months the Friends feature a guest reader at story time.

Thursday Knitters

The Thursday afternoon knitting group is entering its sixth year. Started as a way to teach teens and tweens to knit or crochet, it has expanded to work with stitchers of all ages and all abilities. We meet every Thursday from 2:45 to 4:15 in the Community room at the library. Yarn, needles and instruction are all available for free. We always welcome donations of yarn and supplies, which can be dropped off at the library.

Holiday Arts & Craft Fair With Used Book Sale

A fantastic selection of handmade gifts will be available for purchase including jewelry, greeting cards, ornaments, holiday decorations and many more. In addition, our last book sale of the year will feature a huge selection of gently used books and comic books as well as a large selection of National Geographic Magazines. The Arts & Crafts Fair runs from 9 to 2, the book sale from 9 to 3. Come early for the best selection! Renew your membership at this event and receive a free Bookie Buck.

December Story Time

Celia Carroll will read a story, followed by a craft.



Snowless Snow Party

Snow cones, crafts, snacks, everything but snow is featured at this fun winter party for kids. See photos at left from last year's party. From 1 to 3 pm.



From The Librarian

I hope you have dropped by the library since mid-September and seen some of the changes we've made. The children's section now has child height shelving and this allows more sunlight into the building. The area beyond the book sale room now has an expanded magazine and newspaper space. More seating has been added and for those using laptops there is less noise since the DVDs and audiobooks have been relocated to other parts of the library. And there is new seating and tables by the creek windows (tip: on rainy days grab one of these chairs because when it rains hard the view of that running water is hard to resist).

Of course we have been busy with ongoing and special programs and more are planned for the end of the year. You can see upcoming events listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We are now brainstorming for the April 2015 celebration of our library serving the Culver community for 100 years. Please stay tuned for more information about the centennial milestone as it gets closer.

What's next? We hope to soon establish two study closets as well as a quiet room. The meeting room is more welcoming since it has been upgraded with new paint, carpeting and an improved sound system. We have rearranged the room and it now has a more spacious appearance.

Finally, staff is looking forward to improvements under discussion with the Friends and the County. They will enhance the library and benefit our customers. I know the members have worked hard to raise funds for these changes while never losing sight of the importance of having fun during the process.

Here's to a safe and positive remainder of 2012 and an even better 2013.

Laura Frakes,
Community Library Manager
Culver City Julian Dixon Library



Pillows for Upward Bound

Girl Scout Isabella asked knitters in the Thursday Knitters Group to make 60 squares which she made into pillows for families with children in need staying at the Upward Bound House (a non-profit organization that provides housing, supportive services and advocacy to homeless families). Here are the beautiful results.

Are You Interested In Joining The Friends Executive Board?

The Friends of the Library's Executive Board is seeking nominations for next year's Board. We meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Library. Please contact us at info@ccfol.org by November 17 if you're interested.

Our mission is:

To maintain an association of people interested in supporting the Library.

To heighten public awareness of the Library's resources, services and needs

To enrich the Library's resources through funds derived from memberships and special projects; to stimulate gifts to the Library of books and other publications and materials; and to encourage endowments and bequests.

To enable the Library to enhance services, expand programs and add new dimensions that maximize the Library's role and usefulness in the community.

To develop support among legislators and other elected officials to enable the Library to better serve the community

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Renew your membership today!
Membership in the Friends is for
the calendar year. If you have
not already renewed your
membership for 2013, please
take a moment to do so today.

JOIN THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

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NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON MEMBERSHIP CARD _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP/DUES: NEW RENEWAL

CHECK ONE: INDIVIDUAL \$10.00/year SENIOR (OVER 65): \$5.00/year FAMILY: \$20.00/year

SUPPORTING \$50/year STUDENT (UNDER 18): \$5.00/year LIFETIME: \$200.00

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: \$100.00/year SUSTAINING SENIOR (OVER 65) \$15.00/year

TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF

\$ _____ in Cash Check payable to Culver City Friends of the Library

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