



Fall Newsletter

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Next Book Sale

Date To Be Announced

But we are having one more before the start of the renovation project.

Culver City Friends of the Library

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Presidents' Message

Plans continue to move forward on the Centennial Celebration Renovation Project. Our renovation sub-committee has been working closely with the County Library staff, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's office, the furniture providers and an interior decorator who specializes in libraries and who has worked with the County on many other projects to finalize decisions about furniture, fabrics, carpets and other aspects of this exciting project. Adding additional electrical outlets for enhanced electronic experiences are a key component. We are excited to see how this will enhance both the look and function of the library as we move forward!

While we still have no dates for the actual finalizing of the plans, the library is already preparing, de-cluttering, and organizing as they get ready for the work to begin. As the project has expanded in scope, the current plan is to actually shut down the library for a while to allow the work to proceed as expeditiously and safely as possible, with as little disruption as can be managed. We have been speaking with the City, the Teen Center and the School District about making arrangements for students who rely on the library resources in the interim. We will let you know as soon as we have any definite information about specific timing.

In the meantime, we have to thank the generous community members who have contributed to our Centennial Renovation fund. We have received well over \$10,000 to date, and we are working on plans to recognize these donors publicly and in the

Tea Tasting & Story Time

Special thanks to Dave De Candia for reading his new book, *Master Davey and The Magic Tea House, Legend of the Blue Tiger*. Dave took us on a journey to the remote tea plantations he visits as Master Tea Blender for Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. Like the characters in the book, Dave has survived a monsoon.

We also thank Kent Yoshimura, book illustrator, for his surprise appearance. Kent gave us insight into his inspiration for the illustrations which are both hand drawn and computer generated.

After the Q&A session, the audience sampled Dave's Blue Tiger tea blend. Lucky raffle prize winner, Elaine Rocchio, won the book and tea gift set which Dave donated.

You can find copies of the book at our library thanks to Dave's generous donation. We look forward to Dave visiting us next year for another informative and delicious presentation.



President's Report Continued

library. Names of our contributors who have given \$100 or more are currently posted on the CCFOL website and we welcome any and all further contributions.

We are now also asking for you to renew your memberships, and to think about joining the Friends of the Library Board. This is a very exciting time for us, so if you want to be part of the changes that are coming, think about volunteering to participate as a board member, an officer, or just an interested party!

Knitting Group The knitting group has been busy knitting and crocheting on Thursday afternoons. A variety of new and experienced knitters of all ages have joined the group. We average about 20 stitchers at our gatherings. In the spring, we made about 30 hats for the girl scouts of Troop 2265 for their "Caps for Chemo Patients" project. We also provided finger knitting instruction for around 60 students at the Faragut Artworks Day and again for another dozen or so students at the summer lunch program at La Ballona. Donations from Compatto Yarn Salon and Yarns Unlimited were gratefully put to use, as well as on-going contributions of yarn, needles and other knitting notions from community members. We are also meeting with the yarn bombing group at Culver City High School to see how we can coordinate our efforts and activities.

The First Tuesday Story Time has been highly successful with our gracious and generous guest readers. April saw School Board President, Kathy Paspalis as our guest reader. May story time was a big hit with La Ballona Principal Jennifer Slabbinick. We celebrated Father's Day with Culver City Little League President Dave Marrujo and the Culver City Fire Fighters read stories and gave fire safety tips for the August Story time. Audrey Stephens from the Child Development Center did a masterful job at our September story time. Many thanks to these wonderful community members for sharing their time and talents with the children

The book sale was highly successful. Due to the uncertainty about the closing date for the library renovations, we held our fall book sale in September and we earned over \$3000. Special thanks to the wonderful students from Culver High who were on hand to lug boxes of books, tables and canopies for us. Some of the great volunteers of all ages include: Hunter Norris, Kristian Cisneros, Damian Cisneros, Dolores Banerd, Jose Mendoza, Sean Keelan, Nafisa Khan, Valerie Altamirano, Joanna Assad, AviShai Melamed, Tobyann Mandel, Judith Orth, Dasha Stenshoel, Tia Tiggs, Rosie La Briola, Kyaw Soe, Barry Moskowitz, Mary Lavelle, Jioho So, Henry So, Elaine Rocchio and Juanita Jepson. We will continue the on-going book sale in the library, so be sure to check out the book room for great deals on books!

Elaine and Nancy
Co-Presidents

Upcoming Events

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.

December Story Time

Join us on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 for a story and craft. Reader to be announced.

Book Sale

The Friends are planning one more Book Sale before the renovations begin. The date is not yet set.



September Story Time reader Audrey Stephens

From The Librarian

In the last Friend's newsletter I asked, "Have you checked out the databases and online resources that County Library cardholders can use?" The library department has added some new options since then. **Zinio** is a service that lets you read full digital copies of your favorite magazines on a computer, tablet, smartphone, or ipad.

The MOOC concept is a relatively new phenomenon in public libraries. What does MOOC stand for? It is short for massive open online courses and has been touted as the next big thing in higher education since the concept came on the scene about a year ago. According to the hangingtogether.org blog [<http://hangingtogether.org/?p=2788>], 'public libraries excel at connecting people to services, partners, and peers. At an academic institution, MOOCs are an extension of existing online presence; in public libraries, MOOCs (and support for those taking MOOCs) may be an extension of their broad public education mission. County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd has described how the library department has experimented with offering course through Ed2Go — even with little promotion, these courses have been very popular. What might be possible if public libraries extended their online courses, or worked with material being produced in MOOCs? One desire expressed by participants in MOOCs has been a need for a common space to

come together with others taking the same class. Why not the public library as that space?' Check out the **Learn4Life & Universal Class** databases to explore the MOOC concept.

The most recent offering is a service called **Hoopla**. It allows library cardholders access to on-demand streaming movies and TV shows, as well as audiobooks and music that can be streamed. There's no waiting, and customers don't have to remember to return the digital materials: After a set period of time, they expire. You can find it promoted on the colapublib.org website.

Staff at the Information Desk will be glad to highlight some of these databases or you are welcome to explore them on your own. If you go to the colapublib.org website and then click on the Research & Learning link below the Welcome banner you will be able to see what is on offer.

Laura Frakes,

Community Library Manager
Culver City Julian Dixon Library

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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not already renewed your
membership for 2014, 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: _____

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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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