



Fall Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2015

Book Donations

In addition to the book bin at the Express Library site, book donations may also be made at Vet's Memorial Building. The City of Culver City is assisting the Friends of the Library by contributing storage space for book donations, and is collaborating with the Friends by accepting book donations at that site. To help City staff, it would be appreciated if donations could be made in small, manageable boxes or bags, since there will not be a bin on that site. Donors should drop off lightly filled bags and boxes of books to the Rental Office at the Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City 90230 during regular Rental Office Hours which are Tuesdays through Fridays 11 am to 6 pm. Complimentary parking is available.

Culver City Friends of the Library

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FOL Needs You!!!

The Friends of the Library group has been fairly quiet this year, as we wait for the re-opening of the renovated library. The County assures us that the project is on track. They say they have completed the preliminary work on the interior electrical upgrade and the preparation of the roof for the solar panels. We eagerly await more information as things progress. We have written the first check as a deposit on the furniture and are excited about that.

Although we still only have the "early 2016" indications for re-opening the library, we are beginning to think about plans for when it does re-open. This is a great time for you to think about getting involved in the Friends of the Library. As always, this is the time to renew your membership, and you won't want to be left out of the festivities or new programs that will be occurring when the library re-opens.

In addition, at our last annual meeting, we added two new positions to the Board. These positions, Member at Large, are currently unfilled. We are looking for people who would like to become more involved and this is a great opportunity to help us out and give back to the library. If you are interested in these (or any other board positions) please let us know.

We are also looking for committee members for some of the upcoming activities. We will be planning a Grand Opening Celebration (or two) when the library re-opens, and if you would like to be part of the planning process, please get in touch with us.

When the library re-opens, we are hoping to ramp up the programs and activities that are offered as a regular thing. If you would be interested in serving on our Program committee, we welcome your input.

In addition, with the Culver City Centennial kick off in September, 2016, we plan to sponsor a One Book, One City program. The book selected is West of Sunset by Stewart O'Nan, and the author plans to come and speak as part of the celebration. If you would like to help plan activities for this activity, please let us know.

There are several ways of getting in touch with us. You can send an email to either info@ccfol.org or ccfriendspres@gmail.com. You can also indicate on the membership renewal form if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2016 and hope that you will be part of it!

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 second Wednesday of the month at 6:30.

Please contact us at info@ccfol.org by November 11 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.

2015 Executive Board

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Book Sale ChairWayne Pulliam
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Alternative Libraries

The closest full-service county libraries are the Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library at 4533 Admiralty Way in Marina del Rey and the View Park Library at 3854 West 54th St. in Los Angeles.

The LA city libraries that are most convenient are the Mar Vista library at 12006 Venice Boulevard, the Palms/Rancho Park branch at 2920 Overland Avenue and the Playa Vista library at 6400 Playa Vista Dr. While a County library card cannot be used at an LA City library, any California resident can get an LA City library card. More information about that can be found on the LAPL website at <http://www.lapl.org/about-lapl/borrower-services>.

Students who have used the library as an after school homework center, may want to explore the possibilities at their individual school sites and at the Culver City Teen Center, located at 4153 Overland Avenue.

Put Books On Hold On Line, Pick Up at the Express Library

Don't forget that while the Culver City Julian Dixon library is closed for renovation, you can request books online which will be delivered to the Express library (or any other county library you specify) and you will be notified via email when they are ready for you. Also, ebooks are available via the app Overdrive in a variety of languages. County library website is: <http://www.colapublib.org>

Feel free to share this newsletter with people who want updates about our library renovation and/or who might be interested in joining the FOL to support the library and getting to know others who are involved with the Culver community

From the Librarian

Our library has two monthly book groups that have been in existence for many years. One group covers both fiction and non-fiction and the other focuses on mysteries. During the remodel both groups have continued to meet at the neighboring Lloyd Tabor Marina del Rey Library. When our library reopens in 2016 the mystery group will celebrate a 15 year milestone and the other group predates that.

I moderate the mystery group and members discussed having a “theme” for the books selected during the remodel and, after reviewing several options, landed on the idea of mysteries set around the world. We made a deliberate decision to avoid geographic settings such as the United States, the United Kingdom and Scandinavian countries because so many authors use those locations. Some of the books we selected are set in Thailand, Australia, Brazil, China and South Africa.

The book we read in September was Blessed are the Dead by Malla Nunn. It is the third book in her series featuring Detective Emmanuel Cooper. The books are set in 1950's South Africa with the backdrop of apartheid. The action in the novel takes place in the Drakensberg mountains located in South Africa [please see image below]. Overall our group gave the book a favorable rating and would recommend it to others. Ms. Nunn's works have been nominated for an Edgar Award for Best Novel, an Edgar Award for Best Paperback Original and the Macavity Award for Best First Mystery Novel.



Below you will find some of the mysteries the group has recently read (*Thanks to K.K. for excellent record keeping*). When our library reopens staff is contemplating adding a romance book group due to the popularity of that genre. You may remember our library paperbacks were always majority romances due to customer demand. I hope you find good books to read during the remodel as well as other materials to enjoy. When I am at the Express Library I see customers checking out and returning books, DVDs, audio books, music CDs and a few magazines from nearby libraries. Talking to some of those regulars I understand people are also getting titles from the colapublib.org website using the free OverDrive, OneClickdigital, Freegal, Zinio and Hoopla services.

On behalf of library staff I know we are looking forward to seeing the newly remodeled library and reconnecting with customers while everyone appreciates the upgrades that your group, coupled with the Board of Supervisors/2nd District and Library Department, have made possible. Hope to see you soon.

—Laura Frakes, Community Library Manager

Culver City Julian Dixon Library Mystery Book Group History – most recent 18 months

Cara Black' Murder at the Lanterne Rouge; John Burdett's Vulture Peak; Thomas Cook's Sandrine's Case; Paul Doiron's The Poacher's Son; Robert Ellis's City of Fire; Ken Follett's Night Over Water; Daniel Friedman's Don't Ever Get Old; Leighton Gage's Vine in the Blood; Chuck Greaves's Hush Money; Kerry Greenwood's Unnatural Habits; Martha Grimes's The Grave Maurice; Denise Hamilton's Damage Control; William Landay's Defending Jacob; Malla Nunn's Blessed Are the Dead; Louise Penny's How the Light Gets In; Ian Rankin's Standing in Another Man's Grave; David Rosenfelt's Unleashed; Qui Xiaolong's Enigma of China

Complete list dating to 2001 is available upon request.

Email lfrakes@library.lacounty.gov and use subject line: Complete Mystery List

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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 2015, please
take a moment to do so today.

JOIN THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

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Name(s) to be printed on membership card: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Type of membership, please check one: New Renewal

- Individual: \$10.00/year
- Senior (over 60): \$5.00/year
- Student (under 18): \$5.00/year
- Sustaining Senior (over 60) \$15.00/year
- Family: \$20.00/year
- Supporting: \$50/year
- Lifetime: individual: \$100 couple: \$200.00
- Business/Organization: \$100.00/year

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering:

- I'm interested in becoming a Board Member
- I'm interested in joining the new Program Committee
- I'm interested in joining the Re-Opening Celebration Committee
- I'm interested in joining the One Book, One City Committee

Total enclosed tax-deductible payment of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Culver City Friends of the Library. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.