



Spring Newsletter

SPRING, 2016

Book Donations

Book donations are welcomed and needed. Please leave your donations in the donation bin outside the library or drop them off inside the library.

Book Sale

Our next Book Sale is yet to be scheduled. Currently, we're collecting book donations for the sale. We hope to have enough donations to hold a sale in the summer.

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Library Re-Opening Celebrations

The Friends of the Library had two events to mark the re-opening of the library. The first on Thursday, February 18th evening was a sneak preview for donors who contributed to the Library Renovations Campaign last year.

The Friends had our Annual Gala Dinner on Friday following the official opening. Over 100 people enjoyed food from EnjoEAT in the renovated community room. Wine (white only please, new carpets!) and soft drinks were also served. Attendees were able to walk around and see the renovated library. The County had the official opening on Saturday, February 20. In his speech, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas praised the Friends and acknowledged that without our support and initiative, none of this would have happened.



Thank You to These Generous Donors Who Made Our Opening Events Sparkle

- Paula and Tom Wilson
- Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
- Culver City Flowers
- Culver City High School Jazz Combo
- EnjoEAT Italian Restaurant
- Lodge Bread
- Sorrento Italian Market
- Starbucks
- Trader Joe's
- Wheel House Cheese

Thank You Volunteers!

We have had the most amazing people turn out to help us with the library re-opening, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with them! Many thanks to Tom and Paula Wilson and Diane and Paul Taylor, whose generosity with their time and money made such a difference and will continue to do so as we go forward! Our crew for the grand opening festivities were the best. Fran Kissel, Michele Pultorak, Marion Joy, Sandi Eliga, Marla Corburn, Carole Curtin and Judy Dattels were new additions to our ranks who helped tremendously. Marla Corburn and Fran Kissel get special thanks for the amazing donations they obtained for us from local businesses. Aileen Zeidman coordinated with EnjoEAT for discounted food for the dinner. They knew the right people and the right words to garner great support and make a big difference in our bottom line. In addition to the Board and the library staff, we also have to thank our stalwart supporters who knit, baked, set up, cleaned up and gave advice as well as help. These include Judy Blake, Debbie Corwin, Susannah Baxendale and Diana Solomon. Another special thank you to the City of Culver City, and especially Susan Obrow and her staff for helping with the collection and storage of books during the closure. We are so grateful for the support of friends, the community and the City of Culver City.

If you are interested in helping us with our upcoming events, please let us know. In addition to the Edible Book Festival, we are beginning to plan for the One Book One City Read for the Culver City Centennial. Planning is starting now, and we would love to have your ideas and your support as we move forward!



Edible Book Festival Saturday, May 14

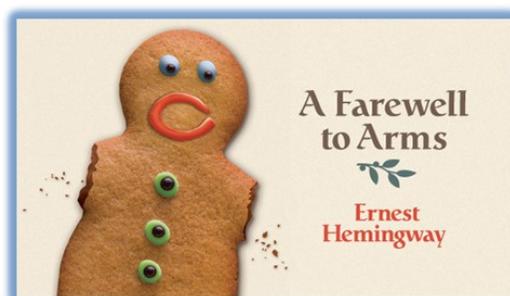
The Culver City Friends of the Library will be hosting our Edible Book Festival on Saturday, May 14. You can make a “book” for the contest or just come to judge and admire the entries. We invite people to make their edible books and bring them to the library on Saturday, May 14 between 1 and 1:30. From 1:30 to 2:30, you may admire the displays and vote for your favorite. At 2:30, we will award the prizes in the following categories:

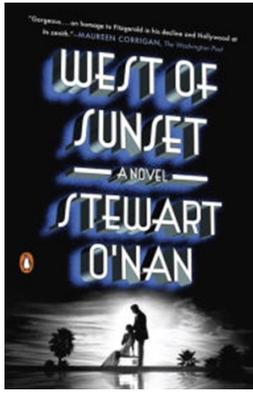
- Most Humorous
- Most Creative
- Best Kids’ Book Portrayal,
- Most Delicious- looking,
- Most Inspired
- People’s Choice
- Best depiction of West of Sunset,
the Culver City One Book, One City selection.

A special cake will be available for tasting! Come join us to celebrate books, food and friendship!

What’s An Edible Book?

An edible book is anything having to do with books that is made out of edible materials. You can re-create a picture from a book, a book cover, or a play-on-words. It’s a fun way to combine food and literature in any sort of drama or whimsy that inspires you. You can choose to make a realistic facsimile of part of a book, or use your creativity for a play-on-words with the book title and the ingredients. Some examples might range from a plate of Green Eggs and Ham in homage to Dr. Seuss, frowning grapes, for Grapes of Wrath, Alice in Wonderbread, or green- frosted graham crackers for Graham Greene.





One Book, One City

As part of the upcoming Culver City Centennial Celebration, the Friends of the Library are excited about sponsoring a One Book, One City Read! We are delighted to announce that the book we have selected is West of Sunset by Stewart O'Nan. West of Sunset is a best-selling novel about F. Scott Fitzgerald's life while he was struggling to make ends meet as a screenwriter at MGM, so it is a great choice for Culver City. We have arranged to have Stewart O'Nan come to Culver City on October 14 and 15, 2016, to speak to students and community members about the book as we celebrate this citywide read.

We are hoping that book clubs in Culver City will embrace this book as one of their reading selections for the fall, and we will be holding book discussions at the library for those who aren't in book clubs but would like to participate. Book Club Guides will be available. This will also be on the list of optional books for CCHS high school students for the 2016 summer reading list, and Mr. O'Nan will be meeting with students at the high school on Friday, October 14, 2016.

We are beginning to plan the activities that will complement this Citywide Read. If you are interested in helping with the planning (or giving us your ideas) please let us know. Our email is info@ccfol.org. We are looking forward to a very exciting program that will be a great way to celebrate books, the centennial, and the Heart of Screenland.

2016 Executive Board

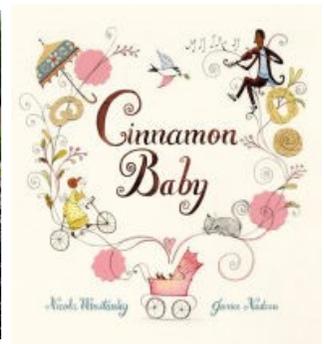
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Knitting Returns

We will resume our popular afternoon knitting group on Monday, May 2. While this originally was designed as an activity for teens, we found that stitchers of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to learn, knit and grow together. Our group has gone from 5 year olds to 85 year olds! Newcomers begin with finger knitting, progress to the use of the knitting loom and then work on knitting or crocheting with needles and hooks. A variety of techniques and projects are available at any level.

We are looking forward to coming back together to share instruction, materials, knowledge and enjoyment. We will meet on Mondays from 2:30-4 pm in the Meeting Room of the library. Materials will be provided by the Friends of the Library (thanks to generous donations of yarn, hooks and needles from the community). We are hoping to continue our tradition of incorporating charity knitting into our sessions as the needs arise, and may institute an on-going blanket making project for groups such as Project Linus in addition to our Caps for Chemo patients.



Story Time

Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm

with Paula Wilson reading
Cinnamon Baby

Followed by a Mother's Day craft.

Admission is free.

Presidents' Letter

It's amazing to look at the beautifully renovated library and think back on the long road we've traveled to arrive at this point. That our offer to purchase new furniture would spark such a total overhaul of so many aspects of the library was beyond our wildest dreams. The innovations and renovations that accompany the new look of the library have brought us into the 21st century and we are delighted with the results. It was truly a collaboration between all the stakeholders, and I think we can all be proud of what we accomplished. We have meshed the classic beauty of the new furniture with high tech functionality. As we walk through the library and see people plugged into the electrical outlets, sitting and reading in the nooks by the windows, and checking out laptops for library use, we can't help but appreciate all the work and support that went into this endeavor, and how much the community seems to appreciate the results.

It was a long year while the work was being done, and not having the library available really brought home to many of us what an important part of the community it is. Users of all ages are delighted to have the facility back, and the new look and feel will be enjoyed for many years. We look forward to enjoying the amenities, and continuing to work with the library staff on ways to improve the experience for patrons. While the library is beautiful and functional, it is still a work in progress. We are eager to move ahead and see what more we can accomplish!

JOIN THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

The Culver City Friends of the Library is a non-profit group comprised of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. The Friends strive to heighten public awareness of the Library's resources, services and needs, enrich the Library's resources through funds derived from memberships, donations and special projects, and stimulate gifts to the Library of books and other materials. The support provided by the Friends enables the Library to enrich its resources, enhance its services, and expand its programs to maximize the Library's role and usefulness in the community. Please join us! Just complete the form below (please print!) and mail in your dues today. You will receive the Friends' newsletter via email. Membership is from January to January.

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: \$200 couple: \$300.00
- Business/Organization: \$100.00/year

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering:

I'm interested in joining the new Program 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.

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Librarian's Letter

During our first month of operation we have been busy welcoming back customers, meeting folks who have only recently discovered our library as well as planning and promoting many events. Here are some examples:

For adults

Public Health Week Celebration

Saturday, April 9, all day

April 3-9 is Public Health Week and to celebrate here's your chance to meet with representatives from the County Board of Health to discuss issues of health and wellness. Co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Jazz: Eryn Charles in Concert

Saturday, April 30 at 2:00pm, Meeting Room

The "Master of Soul Beach Groove" performs a jazz concert with guitar, vocals, and positive music. "Soulful, passionate, and engaging."

Culver City Julian Dixon Library Book Clubs:

All groups meet in our Meeting Room.

Mystery Novel Book Group:

Reykjavik Nights by Arnaldur Indridason, Thursday, April 14 at 6:45.

Romance Novel Book Group:

To be announced, first meeting, Monday, April 18 at 6:45.

No Page Unturned Adult Book Group:

The Water Museum by Walter Urrua, Wednesday, April 27 at 6:45.

Novels of Louise Erdrich Book Club:

Love Medicine, April 21, at 6:30pm.

For children/families

Bubblemania!

Tuesday, April 12, 3:30pm-5:00pm, Meeting Room

Come meet our Bubbologist who will perform a 45 minute show on the science and fun of bubbles, forming various shapes and sizes of bubbles. For the grand finale, some lucky children will get to be inside a giant balloon! Ages 5 and up.

Portable Planetarium

Wednesday, April 20, 3:30pm-5:00pm, Meeting Room

The universe comes to the library in this one hour program combining science, entertainment, and special effects which teach the constellations and other astronomy. Signups requested: Limited to 40 attendees. Ages 5 and up.

Rudy's Radical Science Show

Wednesday, April 27, 3:30pm-5:00pm, Meeting Room

An action packed introduction to chemistry, including demonstrations of live chemical reactions! Ages 5 and up.

Storytimes

Tuesdays:

Toddler Storytime (ages 0 to 3), session starts April 19 and 26 at 10:00 and 10:30am. Tickets are handed out just prior to the storytime.

Bedtime Stories (0 to preschool), at 7:00pm.

Wednesdays:

Toddler Storytime (ages 0 to 3), starts April 20 and 27 at 10:00am.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 to 5) starts April 20 and 27 at 11:00am.

For Teens

Finding the Right College and Loving It

Monday, April 11 at 6:30 to 8:00pm, Meeting Room

UCLA trained independent college counselor Jamie Wallace will discuss how to search for colleges in this free seminar for college-bound teens. She will outline what to look for, highlight the importance of self-assessment, and explore how thinking outside the box can help you in your college search. Ages 13 to 18.

Chess Classes for Children and Teens

Saturday, April, 23, 3:30-4:30pm, Meeting Room

Learn how to play chess with the Los Angeles Chess Club! All levels welcome. Each session will include instruction and supervised competitive play. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 5 to 18.

Make Your Own Keychain!

Thursday, April 21, 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Meeting Room

Join us as we design and create colorful hard plastic keychains, utilizing pens, pencils, and a type of plastic that shrinks and hardens when it's baked in an oven. An exciting, artsy opportunity, co-sponsored by the Culver City Friends of the Library. Ages 13 to 18.

Our Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/CulverCityLibrary>] is up and running at long last

thanks to librarian Paul Birchall. An in-house method of promoting our events is a monthly events calendar combined with a one page newsletter. The April 2016 calendar/newsletter can be picked up at the two public service desks at the library

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

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY RENOVATIONS SUMMARY

<i>Facility improvements before the remodel</i>		<i>After</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Number of Public Computers	26	40	+ a kiosk w/ 12 laptops for use in the library
Number of Public Catalogs	4	All PCs	+ iPads on aisles for quick look ups
Self-check Units	1	3	Current models vs 2 nd generation
Electrical Outlets	see notes	31 tables provide outlets	Before the remodel outlets were in place for vacuuming & basic library infrastructure.
Meeting Room Amenities	-	see notes	New microwave, bar refrigerator, carpet, paint, tables & chairs
Seating (adult, teen & juvenile areas)	148	250	This includes the meeting room
'Green' Environmental Features: The Julian Dixon Library is the first Net Zero Energy Project in the county!	None	see notes	Solar panels on roof & parking lot HVAC Systems Upgrade Energy efficient ceiling lights Drinking fountain w/ a bottle filler Southern CA appropriate landscape
Other:	-	see notes	New roof Window treatments Lamps on tables Paint Carpet squares Digital information display unit Parking lot repaved & striped New data infrastructure & cabling

