

# Culver City Friends of the Library



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Culver City Julian Dixon Library

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## President's Message

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. Your board of directors has been doing a tremendous job this year promoting reading and raising money for the library. We have had an amazing series of events so far this year. In addition, book sale proceeds are up, as are the number of volunteers who assist at the sales. Our bank account is healthier than it has ever been and participation by community members at CCFOL events also has increased. I encourage you to join us at one of our board meeting: 6:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the community room in the library.

If you have looked at the Culver City News or the Friends' web site ([www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org)) you have seen the types of events that have attracted so much community attention recently. In June, School District Superintendent Myrna Rivera Cote read to an enthusiastic young audience and the fascinating "Mary Pickford" lecture by Timeline Films drew a capacity crowd. July story time was a real scream: who knew the library would let wild animals loose inside the building!?! The kids loved it when the lions read to them. We also had a "sneak preview" of excerpts of The Actor's Gang production of Gulliver's Travels. To top off July, Friends' members received free admission to the Star ECO Station and a special private program. Wild animals inside! Wild animals outside! All promoting reading and helping us increase membership. Thank you to ECO Station and Marla Wolkowitz for collaborating on this fun event!

For the few of you out there who have not yet joined in the fun — it's not too late! There is still plenty to do in the coming weeks as the adventure continues. August 7th there is a story time at the library with live animals. August the 8th is book discussion group at the library about the book "Born Free." And, of course, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual movie "Under the Stars" with internationally acclaimed family film "Born Free" will be August 11 in Veteran's Park. The movie event is always fantastic, so I urge you to attend. Contact me directly at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org) if you would like to volunteer the day of the event!

"Culver City Reads" is successful because of the great community support, the energetic volunteers and of course, our generous sponsors. I especially want to thank our major sponsors, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Culver City News and AT&T.

I look forward to seeing each of you at one of our upcoming events!

*Alan Corlin, President, Culver City Friends of the Library*

By Kevin Commins

## DONATIONS DO DOUBLE DUTY

Most of the books that are donated are sold in our book sales to raise money for the library. But the Friends also give some of them to selected institutions and charities who request them. Places like hospitals, shelters and social centers constantly need reading material and we happy to let them share in the generosity of our donors.

Book Sale Chairman Wayne Pulliam is seen giving a selection of reading material to Jason Bevington of the Westwood Veterans' Hospital to help stock their in-house library. It's a wonderful opportunity to thank those men and women who have served our country so bravely.

The last official event of the evening was the live auction, featuring such fabulous items as a one-of-a-kind animation cell by local animation artist and author, Martha Sigall, "Chief for a Day" with Culver City Police Chief Don Pedersen and ice cream made and personally delivered by Mayor Alan Corlin. A fabulous time was had by all!

## A ROOM WITH A CREW

To a lot of patrons, a trip to the library isn't complete without a visit to the Friends' ongoing book sale room to check out what's new. Keeping the room supplied with fresh stock takes commitment, time and energy. We'd like to thank our volunteers, Margaret Yoshina, Heib Malcom, Wayne Pulliam and Steve Wieber for devoting several hours each week to keeping our sale room filled with fresh titles. Stop by the next time you're visiting the library and see what treasures await you!



## FRIENDS HELP HOST TRIBUTE TO AUTHOR

KCRW's Bookworm, Michael Silverblatt, interviewed Susan Straight at a special event at the Library on April 18th. Her latest novel, *A Million Nightingales*, for which she has been named as a Finalist for this year's Book Prize, is the powerful and moving story of a mixed-race young woman set in early 1800s Louisiana. The evening was part of the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books in co-sponsorship with the County of

Los Angeles Public Library system.

### *Partner with the Friends*

We are seeking additional businesses in the community that would like to partner with us to provide discounts to our members. If you are a business owner or know of a company that might be interested in working with us, please email Alan at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org).

#### *Friends of the Library Business Partners*

Being a member of the Friends of the Library has its perks! Use your Membership Card to get great discounts at the following local businesses:

#### *Batteries Plus in Culver City*

10% Discount off regularly priced merchandise

#### *Borders Express in Culver City (Fox Hills Mall)*

20% Discount off regularly priced merchandise  
(Note Waldenbooks/Brentano's is now Borders Express)

#### *Szechuan Restaurant in Marina Del Rey*

10% Discount on food purchases  
(not valid with coupons, on deliveries, or on specials)

#### *San Gennaro Café in Brentwood*

Buy one entrée, receive the second entrée of equal or lesser value FREE.  
Maximum value \$12. Valid Sunday - Thursday only.  
Not valid holidays or with any other offer.

Note: You must renew your dues to receive your 2007 Membership Card!

Growing up in Riverside, where she still lives, Straight has been able to use her love of language and story, and her experiences with the widely diverse ethnic mix of people in Riverside, to create works which explore the dynamics of race and culture in America, both historically and in contemporary life. Almost universally praised by critics, her readership is large and growing.

The Friends contributed the refreshments which were enjoyed after the event and were on hand to sell the author's book, which Ms. Straight autographed. We hope Culver City readers will check out her books, either at bookstores or in the library.



# Upcoming CCFOL Events

## August - October, 2007



**August 7 (Tuesday)**  
**6:30 PM – 7:50 PM**  
 Safari Story Time and Craft at the Library! It's your turn to read! Read stories to live animals from the Paws 4 Healing R.E.A.D. program and make a fun animal craft!

**August 8 (Wednesday)**  
**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**  
 Book Discussion Group: Join your friends and neighbors in reading *"Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds"* and then share your insights in this professionally facilitated discussion group led by Mary Menzel, Director of the California Center for the Book at UCLA.

**August 11 (Saturday)**  
**5:00 PM – 9:30 PM**  
 Join us for a "roaring" good time at the under the stars screening of the movie **Born Free** at Veterans Park! Be sure to get there early to enjoy music, games, prizes, auction, costume parade, sandwiches and other treats! Don't leave without a signed book and some fun safari souvenirs! See enclosed flyer for details.

**August 25-26 (Saturday & Sunday)**  
**11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
 Be sure to hunt down our booth at Fiesta La Ballona! Buy some gently used books or a few safari souvenirs to support the library.

**September 4 (Tuesday)**  
**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**  
 Story Time and Craft at the Library: What do you call three great stories in a row? A hat trick! It's Fall Hat Month, so join us for stories about hats and a nifty hat craft. If it's not fun, we'll eat our hat!

**September 15 (Saturday)**  
**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
 Munchies with the Mayor: Celebrate National Civics Awareness Month with the Mayor and Friends and learn how local government works!

**September 29 (Saturday)**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
 Friends' Book Sale at the Library: At \$1 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks, you can afford to stock up on great books at this Fall sale!

**October 2 (Tuesday)**  
**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**  
 Story Time and Craft at the Library: Get in the mood for Halloween! Discover tricks and treats in the library: come in costume for pumpkin stories and a spooky craft!

**October 20 (Saturday)**  
**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
 Celebrate Fire Prevention Week with Culver City Fire Chief Jeff Eastman! Learn some great safety tips, check out a real fire truck and take home some fun free souvenirs!

**November 3 (Tuesday)**  
**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**  
 Story Time and Craft at the Library: Join Tom Turkey for Thanksgiving stories and a special Fall craft. Bring your camera!

**December 1 (Saturday)**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
 Friends' Book Sale and Craft Fair at the Library: Stock up for the holidays! Whether you're looking for novels to read over your holiday vacation, books to entertain the kids while they're out of school or great handmade gifts from local artists, you can find it all at this book and craft sale! (Interested in selling your wares? Check out the website or write to [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org).)

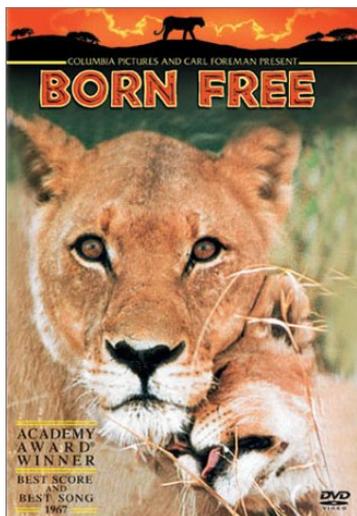
**For more information about these or any of our activities and events, please look for flyers or check out the display cases in the Library, call 310-559-1676 or visit [www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org)!**

# CULVER CITY READS 2007

## ***Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds***

By Joy Adamson

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the third year of Culver City Reads! Every year, this lively and fun-spirited



program gets people excited about reading – and raises money for the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. More specifically, Culver City Reads is a community-wide reading fest sponsored by the Culver City Friends of the Library to promote reading, education, and literacy. This program encourages people of all ages to read the same book and, in the process, raise money to support and improve the programs, facilities and equipment at the library.

This year we have had a summer full of safari adventures as we enjoy the highly acclaimed bestseller **“Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds”** by Joy Adamson. The photographs to the right will give you just a taste of the costumes, cats and literary lions that roamed Culver City these past weeks.

**It's not too late to join the fun!** Get a copy of the book and participate in the rest of Culver City Reads 2007! The Friends of the Library have made copies of "Born Free" available for purchase at the library for just \$15; all proceeds from the sale of the book go directly to support the Library. The book is also available for checkout at the library.

Over the course of the next few weeks, you can join the Friends for a safari-themed story hour with costumed and live animals at the library; or share your insights about the book at a professionally facilitated evening discussion group at the library volunteer at any of the Born Free events.

Whatever else you do, be sure to join us when the program culminates in an “under the stars” screening of the movie Born Free at Veterans Park. You can volunteer at one of the game booths, dress up in khakis or an animal costume for the costume parade or just relax on a blanket on the grass and watch a fantastic movie on a giant screen under the stars.

Help us make this truly a summer of adventure and learning!

***The New York Times  
hailed it as a "fascinating  
and remarkable book"!***



Gulliver Travels to the Library



Lions at the Library

## Highlights from the Second Quarter of 2007



Lion Meets Bobcat at ECO Station



Elsa Gets Caught Reading



Warmly Salutes

**The Culver City Friends of the Library  
and the  
Culver City Julian Dixon Library**



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## Literary Lions Kick Off Culver City Reads 2007

If you were at the Culver City Farmers Market on May 22, you couldn't help but notice three lions manning (or is it lioning?) the Friends of the Library booth. President Alan Corlin, Vice President Kevin Commins, and Board Member Sandi Levin donned fake fur to kick off this summer's Culver City Reads selection, Joy Adamson's *Born Free*. A variety of safari and lion-motif merchandise were available at the stand, as well as the book *Born Free*.

Many thanks to Sharon Zeitlin, Emily Hirohama, Elaine Hirohama, Gerald and Bette Sallus, Martha and Sol Sigall, Janet Hoult, Patty Krause for their help with the booth, for taking turns in the lion costumes, and for spreading the word about this year's program, which promises to be the best yet.



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## BOOK SALES & MORE!!

**The Next Sale: Saturday, September 29, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

As always, there will be a HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS: Art • Biographies • Business • Children's Books • Classics • Computer • Cooking • Foreign Language • History • Home and Garden • Medical • Music • Mysteries • Novels • Paperbacks • Reference/Textbooks • Religion • Romance • Science Fiction • Self-Help • Sports • Travel • and more! Also Audiocassettes • CDs • DVDs • Videos!

**The Latest Success:** Our **July 14** book sale was a tremendous success, raising over \$4,000! Plus, one of Culver City's professional theater groups, The Actors' Gang, capped off the day with a special sneak preview of portions of their innovative new production of *Gulliver's Travels*. Thank you to The Actors' Gang and all our dedicated members, volunteers and public who helped make this another successful day! And, as always, thanks to the Library staff for their support!

**More to Follow:** There will be another book sale on **December 1, 2007** and **this one will include an arts and crafts sale!** So, mark your calendar to see what new treasures you can find for holiday gifts and fun Winter reading! And be sure to contact the Friends at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org) if you are interested in selling your handmade craft items at the sale.

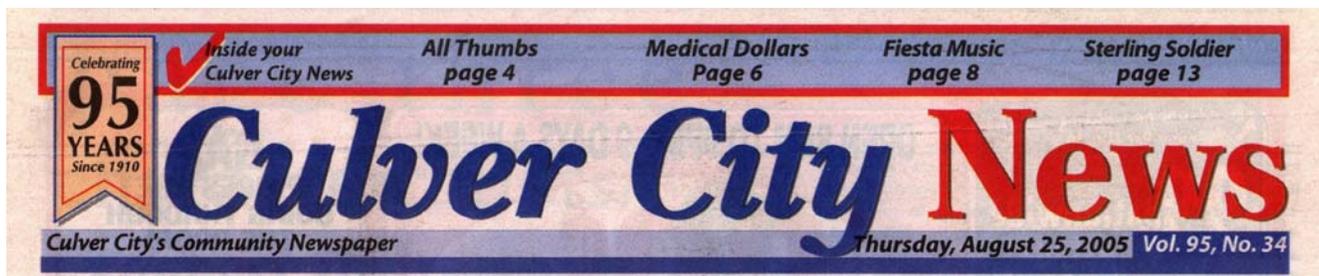
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The Culver City Friends of the Library is a non-profit group comprised of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. The Friends strive to heighten public awareness of the Library's resources, services and needs, enrich 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. With membership you receive a Friends membership card that will entitle you to various benefits at local businesses. You will also receive the Friends' quarterly newsletter.

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fun pack and  
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