

# Culver City Friends of the Library



News from the Friends of the  
Culver City Julian Dixon Library

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## President's Message

Dear Friends,

As you may have seen in the Culver City News, the Friends annual summer movie event has been voted Best Event or Festival in Culver City! We're very honored and grateful to all of you who voted for us!

Speaking of events, at the last book sale we kicked off this year's reading festival, Little Culver City Reads 2008. You'll notice the "Little" before the name. That's because this year's book is the children's classic *Stuart Little*, by E. B. White, which has been a perennial favorite ever since its publication in 1945. This much-loved book proves that one's size is never as important as one's spirit of adventure.

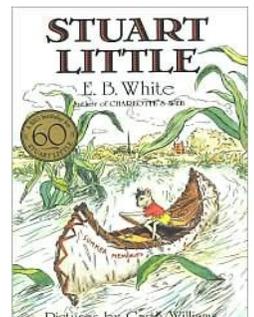
We have an exciting program of stories, contests and prizes lined up. And then, on August 9, Stuart Little himself will make a personal appearance at an after-hours pajama party at the library where you can put on pj's, bring blankets and pillows and watch the Sony movie *Stuart Little* in our very own Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Ever wanted to wear pajamas in public or hang out in the library after it closes to the public? Now's your chance! The complete schedule of events is here in the newsletter on page 3.

Finally, the Friends' Board has met with County representatives to begin the process of deciding on a capital improvement to the library, as has been our goal for many years. After we finish our preliminary research into what improvements are feasible, we will be seeking your ideas and suggestions.

Have a great summer, keep cool, and come join us in celebrating Stuart Little!

**Kevin Commins, President, Culver City Friends of the Library**

Have a Little Fun This Summer!  
Join the Friends and Celebrate  
*Stuart Little*



# Little CULVER CITY READS 2008 PROMISES TO BE BIG FUN!!

The Culver City Friends of the Library invite you to join us in *Little CULVER CITY READS*, the 2008 edition of our annual, community-wide reading celebration. Every summer, we choose a very special book and encourage people of all ages throughout Culver City to read it and participate in a series of events and activities. Sharing the same book broadens the appreciation of reading, stimulates discussions among friends and family, and promotes understanding of other people's viewpoints.

As the name shows, our program this year is more compact than in previous years, but every bit as exciting. This year we've chosen the much loved children's classic *Stuart Little* by E. B. White. The summer's Schedule of Events combines read-aloud story times, a chance for kids to meet and handle real mice, a demonstration of how the wizards at Sony Studios create their amazing effects, and Stuart Little himself coming to the Culver City Library to read aloud from his adventures. All of these celebrations build to our main event, an after-hours

pajama party in the library, with food, games, prizes and a special screening of the movie *Stuart Little* on Saturday, August 9. As in past years, these events will be featured in the Culver City News throughout the summer. For more information, pick up a flyer at the Library or visit our website at [www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org).

We hope you will participate! If you would like to contribute to this community celebration, you can become a sponsor with a monetary contribution, a non-monetary contribution (such as a gift certificate, food for an event, or an item for a drawing or door prize) or some combination of both. Most importantly, though, we hope you will read with us and join the fun at some or all of these programs and invite your friends and neighbors! Copies of *Stuart Little* are available for checkout at the library and for purchase at any Friends event for just \$6.

## WHO'S THAT TALKING IN THE LIBRARY? SHELF TALKERS!!

When you visit a bookstore do you notice that sometimes there are staff recommendations about various books? The same thing will be happening at our Culver City Julian Dixon Library this Summer. So next time you're in the Library, look around and you'll see these "shelf talkers."

These displays will be constantly changing and will be done by staff, volunteers, book club participants and Reading Program participants. If a recommended title is off the shelf the staff will be happy to assist you order a copy. This year the CCFOL has agreed to again sponsor the Adult Reading Program and we're looking forward to the recommendations from those participating in the Program.

If you have questions or would like to participate, feel free to call Laura Frakes, Community Library Manager at 310-559-1676 or email her at [lfrakes@library.lacounty.gov](mailto:lfrakes@library.lacounty.gov)

## READING SUGGESTIONS

If you're getting your book of the week suggestions from Oprah, and finding that they're always checked out at the library, check out [www.whatshouldireadnext.com](http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com) instead. Put in some books you've enjoyed and get recommendations from people who share your taste.

### ***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 Kevin 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:

#### ***Avon Independent Sales Rep. Brooke Powell***

(310) 836-0003 [www.youravon.com/brookepowell](http://www.youravon.com/brookepowell)

10% discount on orders over \$25.00 placed directly with representative, or online using the personal delivery option. 10%, excluding sales tax, will also be donated to the Friends. (May not be combined with any other offer.)

#### ***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 2008 Membership Card! All memberships expire in December annually. If you received this newsletter by mail, look on the label to see the year your membership expired.



# Upcoming CCFOL Events

## *July – September 2008*



**Please join us for Little Culver City Reads 2008, our summer reading festival, as we explore the classic children's book *Stuart Little* by E.B. White:**

**All Through the Month of July:**

**Coloring Contest.** Stuart's picture will soon be in the library and published in the Culver City News. We'll give prizes to the best colored entries.

**Essay contest.** We'll be asking several questions about *Stuart Little*. The best essay in each age group will be published in the Culver City News and will win a prize!

Entry forms and instructions are available at the library.

**July 19 (Saturday)  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

The Friends' Saturday Program: Children and adults will enjoy this fascinating presentation by Sony Pictures as they show how they create the special effects in movies like *Stuart Little*.

**July 24 (Thursday)  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Author Joy Horowitz will discuss her recent book, *Parts per Million: The Poisoning of Beverly Hills High School* and how the lessons learned there apply to Culver City as well.

**August 5 (Tuesday)  
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Stories from *Stuart Little* and a personal appearance by Stuart Little himself!

**August 7 (Thursday)  
3:00 PM**

Book Discussion Group for All Ages: Talk about the themes and ideas in *Stuart Little*, and why it's the favorite book of so many people.

**August 9 (Saturday)  
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

The Stuart Little Pajama Party! Stuart himself will be here to say "Hi!" (No cats, please.) There will be games and food in the plaza outside the library and in the community room. Then at 6:30, we'll watch *Stuart Little* in the main hall of the library after everyone else has gone home! Wear your pajamas and bring pillows and blankets so you can lie on the floor!

**September 2 (Tuesday)  
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: details to be announced.

**September 13 (Saturday)  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' Quarterly Book Sale at the Library: There's nothing Little about this book sale! Look for a big selection and even bigger bargains! No matter what you like to read, you'll find great deals at the book sale!

**September 20 (Saturday)  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Friends' Saturday program at the Library: details to be announced.

**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)!**

# More Reading Programs at the Library: Catch the Reading Bug

The Friends of the Library provide programs to supplement the library's regular programming, but check out the line up this summer!! There's nothing regular or routine about all the fun our librarians have planned at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library this summer!

## SUMMER STORY-TELLING

Every Wednesday all summer long at 2:00 pm, you can enjoy the storytelling troupe We Tell Stories performing interactive story-based plays at the library. The plays are designed for schoolage children, but preschoolers are welcome to attend as well and they love the shows too! The theme for the County-wide Summer Reading Program this year is "Catch the Reading Bug," so many of the plays will be bug-related. Check the library for a flyer listing all the plays -- and look for an extra-special performance on August 20th in celebration of Fiesta La Ballona! No registration or reservation is required to attend. Information is also available at [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org), on the Culver City website [www.culvercity.org](http://www.culvercity.org) and the We Tell Stories website [www.wetellstories.org](http://www.wetellstories.org). Series ends August 25th. All performances are made possible, in part, by a grant from the City of Culver City Arts in Public Places Fund.

Kids, Catch the Reading Bug...



## SUMMER READING GAMES

All children are encouraged to sign up for the reading-game portion of Summer Reading Program. Again, the theme is "Catch the Reading Bug" and the program includes children who read and children who are being read to. There will be two separate reading games: a reading game for the babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and another game for the schoolage children through starting grade 5 in the Fall. Participants will receive prizes (incentives) by participating in the reading game. The program is flexible and participants do not have to attend at any particular time in order to participate or collect their prizes; they may sign up any time during any hours the library is open. The grand prize is a bicycle donated by the Culver Westside Dental Group. There will only be one grand prize awarded and only those who have completed at least one reading game will be eligible.

## SUMMER STORY TIMES

**Under 3:** The summer session of My First Storytime for children under three years of age will be from 7/2 - 8/27 on Mondays and Wednesdays @ 10 am. Pre-registration is required and has already begun. Classes are limited to 25 children.

**Ages 3-5:** The summer session of Preschool Storytime for children 3-5 years of age will be on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. from 7/2 - 8/27. Pre-registration is required and has already begun. Class size is limited to 45 children.

**Entering K – 8 yrs:** Bedtime Storytime will continue all summer-long, Tuesdays @ 7 p.m. for school-age children to 8 years old. Preschoolers, toddlers and babies are also welcome. There is no registration required.



**Teens:** The 'Metamorphosis Teen Summer Reading Program' for readers in Grades 6-12, will run from July to August. Teen Readers: you can read to earn fun rewards!. By reading and turning in bookmarks, earn small to big prizes...the more you read, the bigger the prize! Teens can also join us this summer for Knitting Mondays, and Teen Tuesdays for Videogames, Boardgames, Creative Arts/ Food projects, Project Morph T-Shirt Design, Bookclub and Movie Days.



## Highlights of the Second Quarter of 2008



## BOOK SALES & MORE!!

**The Next Sale: September 13, 2008, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

Find some great treasures as you sift through the Friends' amazing quarterly display of gently used books on an incredible array of topics! As always, there will be a HUGE SELECTION of materials: Art • Biographies • Business • Children's • Classics • Computer • Cooking • Foreign Language • History • Home and Garden • Medical • Music • Mysteries • Novels • Paperbacks • Reference/Textbooks • Religion • Romance • Science Fiction • Self-Help • Sports • Travel • Audiocassettes • CDs • DVDs • Videos and More!

**The Latest Successes:** Our **June 28, 2008** book sale was a tremendous success, raising more than \$3000! As a special thank you to our members, this book sale started the evening before with a private "pre-sale" open only to members! Just one of many special benefits to being a member of the Friends! Is your membership current? if you're not sure, email the Friends at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org) and find out.

Our **April 12** sale was also a huge success, raising more than \$2500 and providing some extra entertainment on the side! Throughout the afternoon, local artist and world traveler, George Chialtas, displayed his paintings, talked about his incredible experiences in the Far East and shared photographs of China, Tibet, and the high-altitude train that took him to Lhasa.

Thank you to all our dedicated members, volunteers, library staff and public participants who helped make these sales so fun and successful!

**More to Follow:** Mark your calendar in advance for our Fall Book Sale and Arts and Crafts Fair on **November 22, 2008**. If you would like to reserve a booth to sell your handmade arts and crafts items, please email [slevin@cllaw.us](mailto:slevin@cllaw.us) or check the library for application forms starting in August.

**Donations Welcome:** Our book sales are successful due to the donations of books and media generously donated to the Friends by our community. If you have clean, gently used books, VHS tapes, DVDs or CDs cluttering up your closets and you're itching to clean, remember that we have a drop-off box for donations at the back of the library. If the box is full, you can just leave your donations on the loading dock. One hundred percent of the sales proceeds will be used to help improve our library.

**Volunteers Welcome:** We would love to have your help at the book sales! Set up starts around 7:30am and we start breaking the sale down at 2:30pm. See you then!

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### 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. 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.

**NAME(S) TO BE PRINTED ON MEMBERSHIP CARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP/ DUES:**     \_\_\_New \_\_\_Renewal

**Check one:**     \_\_\_ Individual: \$10.00/year                     \_\_\_ Family: \$20.00/year  
                  \_\_\_ Senior (over 55): \$5.00/year                 \_\_\_ Student (under 18): \$5.00/year  
                  \_\_\_ Business/Organization: \$100.00/year         \_\_\_ Lifetime: \$200.00

**DONATION:**     \_\_\_ Supporting Member: \$50/year                     \_\_\_ Sustaining Senior(over 55): \$15/year  
I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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