

Culver City Friends of the Library



News from the Friends of the
Culver City Julian Dixon Library

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Sandi Levin, Editor

President's (Outgoing) Message

What a wonderful year 2006 has been for the Friends of the Library! I'd like to take this opportunity to summarize our accomplishments. At the onset of the year, we set several goals, and achieved them all! These included increasing public awareness of the Friends, building membership, raising money to enable the Library to better serve our community, and putting on educational programs for the entire community to enjoy.

Our success would not have been possible without the participation of so many people and some special thank you's are in order. I'd like to thank the 2006 Executive Board, a group of creative, hardworking, and dedicated volunteers, Community Library Manager Laura Frakes and her staff, and the Culver City City Council and City staff members for their ongoing support. Special thanks to the Culver City Fire Department, whose unique involvement with the Friends in 2006 really stands out. And, of course, we thank all the businesses, organizations, Friends of the Library members, and community members who volunteered their time and services, donated money, and participated in our activities.

Over the past year, we developed new programs and continued several of our existing ones. Thanks to Phil Simmons of Laing Urban and his team for sponsoring our new BRICC (Building Readers in Culver City) program. We continued our "Get Caught Reading" program where different, influential people "got caught reading" each month. We saw the 2nd annual *Culver City Reads* program where the community read Peter Pan and we held a series of exciting activities and events revolving around this classic book. By all measures, this program was a huge success and we raised over \$25,000! We also got the entire community involved in writing a book – a Cookbook! This "Treasure Chest of Recipes" is a must-have! We continued to maintain a strong internet presence; thanks to Alan Corlin for managing our fantastic website. We increased our involvement with local groups, making several donations of needed books to the Culver City Senior Center, the Brotman Medical Center, the Brentwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and local shelters for battered women and abused children. We continued our monthly Saturday afternoon programs and Tuesday story time/craft hours, quarterly book sales and many other activities.

Having served as President of this organization for the past two years, I'm thrilled to pass on the gavel to incoming President Alan Corlin and thank him for stepping up from Vice President to take on this challenging position. Several of our other existing Board members will continue to serve. Lauren Mead will continue as Secretary, Sandi Levin as Publications Chair, and Wayne Pulliam as Book Sale Chair. Several new faces on the Board, although not new to the Friends, will include Kevin Commins as Vice President, Gayle Smashey as Treasurer, and John and Nancy Kuechle as co-chairs of Membership. The position of Programs Chair is yet to be filled. If you are interested, please contact Alan Corlin. Special thanks to outgoing Board members Elaine Hirohama who served as Programs Chair, Dr. Janet Hoult as Membership Chair, and Karen Maggio as Treasurer. We hope you'll all stay involved!

Our annual membership meeting/installation dinner will be held on January 30th and I welcome you to join us. This will be a fun event and a time to thank our outgoing Board members, welcome our new Board members, and formally recognize some special people for their significant contributions to the Friends in 2006. In addition to the dinner, an exciting series of events and activities is planned for the coming quarter.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for your tremendous support over the past two years. I have been touched by the number of calls and emails I have received expressing appreciation for the work I have done as President. I step down confident that the Friends' will continue to grow and improve. It has been a true privilege to serve as President of the Friends, I treasure the opportunities I had to work with so many of you, and I look forward to working together with the incoming Board to continue to promote reading, education and literacy in our community. I wish everyone a very happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

Dr. Sharon Zeitlin, President, Culver City Friends of the Library

Get Ready for Culver City Reads 2007

The Friends are looking for your suggestions for the next *Culver City Reads* book selection. It's time to start planning *Culver City Reads 2007*!

Culver City Reads is a community-wide reading celebration that encourages people of all ages throughout Culver City to read a very special book together and participate in a series of events and activities that take place over the summer months. It is designed to broaden one's appreciation of reading, to stimulate discussions among friends and family, and to promote understanding of other people's viewpoints.

In 2005, the Friends "kicked off" this program with the book "The Wizard of Oz" and the program was so successful it was featured on the front page of the *Culver City News* nearly every week throughout the summer. In 2006, everyone read "Peter Pan," the timeless story of adventure and magic by J.M. Barrie. The Schedule of Events was phenomenal, full of pixies, pirates and possibilities, and well-attended

throughout! It culminated with an "Under the Stars" screening of the family film *Peter Pan* at Veterans Park. Through these events, the Friends strive to show children and adults alike how books can come alive.

What book would you like to see the community read in 2007? Phone, write or email your suggestions to the Culver City Friends of the Library, 4975 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230, www.ccfol.org, and (310) 559-1676.

Installation Dinner And Annual Meeting

For all the details about this fabulous event, just look at the flyer included with this newsletter – and send in your reservation now!!

The Friends' Annual Membership Meeting and Installation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 6:00 PM at Maxi's Grill at the Radisson Hotel in Culver City. We would love to have you join us for a great event, celebrating a great year!

All in one night, we will:

Thank the Outgoing Board Members;

Congratulate the 2007 Friends' Executive Board;

Consider Amending the Friends' Bylaws;

Listen to Brent Hatch, the Nationally Acclaimed Author of the bestselling book *Raising a G-rated Family* in an X-rated World who will entertain us, answer questions and autograph books.

Bid on Auction Items, including books, gift certificates for local restaurants and stores, merchandise and gift baskets to raise money for the library.

We hope to see you there!

Visit Your Friends

What takes more hits than an over-the-hill boxer? What gets more requests than an Elvis impersonator? If you answered the Culver City Friends of the Library website, you were correct! Since its inception on November 6, 2005 the CCFOL site has had over 456,000 requests. Over 7,900 distinct hosts were served and more than 13 Gigabytes of data have been transferred from the website to other computers.

Face it: people like to see themselves doing fun things. Have you looked at the latest Santa Claus pictures under the "Past Events" button? Santa Claus at the Library 12-16-2006. Make sure you have your speakers turned on when you do. Have you clicked on the Peter Pan and Friends at the Fire Station and Culver Hotel 8-12-2006 link yet? The CCFOL brings exciting interactive afternoon events to the library. Native American Indian Event at the Library 11-18-2006 is just one example.

The web site is just one exciting part of the CCFOL. The web site has had a lot of attention because you have given the CCFOL your time and energy. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me at ad747@lafn.org and let me know how we can work together to make the site even better.

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 Sharon at 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)

Red Brick Pizza in Culver City

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!



Upcoming CCFOL Events

January – April, 2007



January Reminder:

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Memberships expire on December 31 each year, so please renew your dues or join as a new member this month! Please complete the form on the last page and mail in your dues today. With membership, you receive this quarterly newsletter, a membership card that will entitle you to benefits at various local businesses and, most importantly, the satisfaction of knowing that your dues helped purchase new books, supplies, programs and equipment for the library!

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

In honor of International Creativity Month, Mr. Milton Levine, Culver City resident and the inventor of Uncle Milton's Ant Farm will speak to adults and children about the development of this American toy icon.

**January 30 (Tuesday)
6:00 PM**

Installation Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting. See insert for details and RSVP now!

**February 3 (Saturday)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' quarterly book sale at the library. Get a sweetheart deal on all kinds of great books!

**February 6 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Celebrate two February holidays in one! Come hear Presidents read Valentine's Day books and make a love-ly arts and crafts project!

**February 17 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Look for details at the library or at www.ccfol.org about an exciting guest speaker in Honor of National Black History Month.

**March 2 (Tuesday)
6:45 PM – 7:50 PM *** Note Time Change**

Story Time at the Library: Join "We Tell Stories"

and Alan Corlin for an imaginative, interactive story time in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday! *(Joint program with the Culver City Julian Dixon Library, sponsored by the Culver City Redevelopment Agency and the Friends)*

**March 17 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Look for details at the library or at www.ccfol.org about a special program in Honor of National Women's History Month.

**April 3 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

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

**April 14 (Saturday)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' quarterly book sale at the library.

April 15-21
National Library Week -- look for information at the library or www.ccfol.org about special programs this week, including a story time with local celebrities.

**April 21 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about kites – and make your own kite in Honor of National Kite Month!

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!

Volunteer in the Book Room

Do you have an extra two or three hours a week to work in the Friends' Book Sale room?

Wayne Pulliam and Steven Wieber, with the assistance of the Library staff, have been doing an outstanding job of keeping the shelves stocked and the room organized. However, with the number of donations we receive, we need additional assistance.

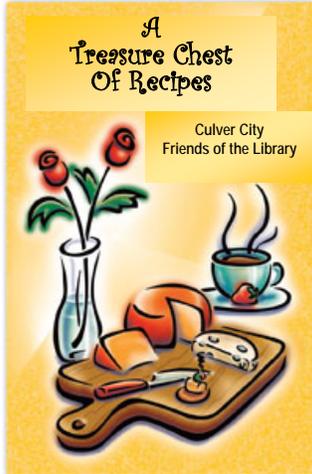
If you are interested, please contact Wayne at 310-559-1676 or info@ccfol.org.

What the Friends Have Been Up To...

What's Cooking in Culver City?

The Culver City Friends of the Library recently took on the exciting task of preparing a cookbook that we've entitled "A Treasure Chest of Recipes." The cookbook features 250 favorite recipes, is beautifully illustrated, easy-to-read, professionally printed and bound, and sure to be treasured for years.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed a treasured recipe for this cookbook. The Friends of the Library strives to get everyone involved in the Library and we are so pleased that this "Community Cookbook" project truly reflects the involvement of the residents of the Culver City community at large, including their family and friends. Contributors include current and former members of the Culver City City Council, School Board and other elected offices, as well as City Commissioners, City employees, business leaders, local chefs, library staff, members of the Culver City Friends of the Library and many other civic organizations.



To give you a "flavor" for some of the recipes in the book, I'd like to highlight a few of the recipes that our City staff members contributed and thank them for their creativity in tying in their recipes with their work. For example, Police Chief Don Pedersen contributed a recipe for Felony Fudge, City Attorney Carol Schwab contributed a recipe for a Torte, Transportation Director Steve Cunningham's recipe for Natural Gas Chili demonstrates his commitment to alternative fuels, Public Works Director Charles Herbertson contributed his special recipe for Pump House Stew, and Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Bill LaPointe contributed his recipe for Home Run Hamburgers.

Other contributors include Robert Baum (the great-grandson of L. Frank Baum, the author of the Wizard of Oz), Janice Pober (Vice President Sony Pictures Entertainment), Patsy Flanigan (Flanigan Farms), Dr. Richard Corlin (former President of the American Medical Association), and restaurant owners and chefs Jennie Cook (Double Dutch), Jay Handal (San Gennaro's Café), and Matt Lyman (Tender Greens), and many more!

This one-of-a-kind cookbook is available for purchase for only \$15 at the circulation desk of the Library or you can order your book via the Friends' website which is www.ccfol.org (add \$5 for shipping). For those of you who pre-purchased the book, you can pick it up at the Library. All proceeds go directly to support the Library.

Special thanks to the cookbook committee: Sharon Zeitlin, Sandi Levin, Julie Lugo Cerra, Alan Corlin, Barbara Brody, Kevin Commins, Elaine Hirohama, and Michele Cerra Lachoff.

Winter Holidays with Friends!



Snapshots from a Busy Quarter



Giving Thanks with Friends!





BOOK SALES & MORE!!

The Next Sale: Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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: A Book and Craft Sale

Our **December 2** book and craft sale was a tremendous success! The proceeds from the sales allow the Friends to expand the programs provided at the Library and supplement the publications.

Thank you to the talented arts and crafts vendors and to our dedicated members, volunteers and public who helped make this another successful day, including (in sign-in order): Sandi Levin, Alan Corlin, Crystal Alexander, Maggie Meinschein, Erik Story, Wayne Pulliam, Mary Menzel, Howard Chesley, Elaine Hirohama, Lynn Baril, Brittany Webber, Lynne Pulliam, John Kuechle, Nancy Kuechle, Mary Lavelle, Suzanne Mantell, Evelyn Fink, Steven Wieber, Jeff Stanton, Gerald Sallus, Ruth Naiditch, Kevin Martinez, Kevin Commins, Glenn Alexander, Dan Gallagher, Vince Motyl, Lauren Mead, Barbara Corlin, Andrea Harnack, Sharon Zeitlin and everyone whose name we didn't catch! And, as always, thanks to the Library staff for their support!

More to Follow: April 14, 2007

There will be another book sale on **April 14, 2007!** Be sure to mark it on your calendar, since you never know what new treasures will be on the tables that day!

The Culver City Julian Dixon Library

Library Sponsored Programs:

Saturday, January 13, 2:00 pm: Culver City author *S.E. Harrison* will discuss the theory of wealth that he proposes in his recent book, *Plutonomics: A Unified Theory of Wealth*.

Monday, January 29, 3:45-5:30 pm: Free Screening!!! Sneak preview of *Sony Pictures* DVD release "*OPEN SEASON*." Costumed characters and Arts and Crafts will precede the movie screening from 2:30-3:45 pm.

Saturday, February 3, 2:00 pm: *Spirit of Black Folklore*. Multiethnic storytelling troupe *We Tell Stories* presents an afternoon of Black History Month (made possible in part by a grant from the Culver City Arts in Public Places Fund).

Saturday, February 10, 2:00-3:30 pm: *Don't Take Anything Personally: Stay Calm in Any Situation*. Personal coach *Linda Landon* explains how to integrate principles from The Four Agreements into your life.

Saturday, February 24, 2:00 pm: Where Black is Brown: The African Diaspora in Mexico. *Professor Toni Mokjaetji Humber* will explain her latest research.

Black History Month Movie Screenings:

Remember the Titans The true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit. 2000, PG. Saturday, January 27, 2 pm & Thursday, February 4, 3 pm.

The Rosa Parks Story The story of the civil rights heroine whose refusal to obey racial bus segregation was just one of her acts in her fight for justice. 2002, not rated. Thursday, February 22, 3 pm.

Women's History Month Events:

Susan Gallerito as Eleanor Roosevelt Saturday, March 10, 2 pm

Heroines All, Great and Small with Storyteller Audrey Kopp. Saturday, March 24, 2 pm.

Overflow parking available next door at 4909 Overland Avenue

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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: I wish to donate \$_____ In memory/honor of: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF \$_____ in ___Cash ___Check payable to Culver City Friends of the Library
I wish to receive the Friends newsletter via: ___U.S. Mail ___Email

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