

FALL NEWSLETTER



A Few Notes from the Librarian...

New Mobile App

The new mobile app for LA County Library is now available in the App Store and Google Play. You can search *LA County Library* in the store or use the following links:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/la-county-library/id1440488945?ls=1&mt=8>
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.sol.LACountyLibrary>

The new app has several new features, like the ability to read eBooks and listen to audiobooks from OverDrive without leaving the app, and the ability to link multiple library accounts. The app is available now and the department will be launching a marketing campaign starting November 13.

Closed Veterans Day

This month the library will be closed on Monday, 11/12 for the observation of Veterans Day as well as Thursday, 11/22 and Friday, 11/23 for Thanksgiving. I hope you have safe and enjoyable holidays.

Vote by Mail

We are offering an alternative solution for Vote by Mail (VBM) voters to easily and securely drop off their ballot in-person. From October 9th to Election Day the library, as well as the City Clerks office at City Hall, are among 150 locations where voters can drop off their ballot. Also, the library will serve as a polling site on Tuesday, November 6.

Makmo Comes to the Library...



MakMo vehicles are a new delivery system to support Makerspaces and to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs. MakMo is equipped with STEM-based learning technology and provides hands on learning to include aspects of computer coding, robotics, engineering, and science. Culver City Julian Dixon Library will host Makmo every third Thursday of the month at 3:45 PM at our weekly Kids' Club program.



In March, MakMo brought cublets robot blocks to teach children about robot construction using sense, action, and think blocks. In addition, children also learned

about electronics and circuits by designing and building models of working electronic circuits with snap circuits. We had a great turnout with 72 participants including parents and children. All were excited and engaged and expressed interest in future programs. In May, Makmo Librarian, Jennifer will bring Ozobots and Keva planks to teach children about coding and construction. Stay tuned to see what other STEM-based programs MakMo has in store!

MakMo is generously sponsored by Second District, Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas.

About the Actors' Gang...

@ CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY!

Our partnership with the Actors' Gang, the critically acclaimed (and nationally renowned) theater company heading by actor Tim Robbins, first began in late 2016, when they approached us to present a monthly play reading series at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. The Gang proposed coming to the library monthly, to read scenes from a different Pulitzer Prize-winning play, which would then be given a more complete reading a few weeks later at the Gang's theater home at the Ivy Substation. In the seasons since, the program has become a beloved one here at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library, with a devoted cadre of regular fans from our community attending each reading.



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It has been a win-win for all of us: As a not-for-profit theater company headquartered in Culver City, the Actors Gang is certainly part of our community, and we welcomed the opportunity to add a cultural and artistic program for our customers and visitors. The Gang was also pleased to have the chance to reach a different audience than the one coming regularly to their shows at the theater.

The first play that they read scenes from in our meeting room was Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*. In subsequent months, they've read scenes from classic American plays such as Marsha Norman's *Night Mother* and Suzi Lori-Parks's *Topdog/Underdog*. After the readings, which are as powerful, funny, and dramatic as one would expect from performers of the company's caliber, the actors engage in spirited conversation with members of the audience, discussing the themes and issues underlying each play. The readings provide a chance for our customers to experience world-class theater without having to go further than the library's meeting room.

This year they've been reading plays by acclaimed women writers, and although the group has scaled back to performing only once every two months, they have indicated that they'd like to start again on a monthly basis next season. In the months ahead, we're also hoping to amp up our own promotional agenda so that more folks will come and enjoy these amazing readings.

We certainly hope you'll come for a wonderful night of theater with the Actors Gang at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library!

The next reading, 1964's *Dutchman*, by Leroi Jones (later known as Amiri Baraka) is Wednesday, November 7 at 6 pm.

Set on a New York City subway train, *Dutchman* is a two-character confrontation between Clay, a well-dressed, intellectual African American man and Lulu, a beautiful, flirtatious white woman which begins playfully but builds rapidly in suspense and symbolism before lurching into dispassionate ruthlessness. Winner of the 1964 OBIE Award for Best American Play. Adults Only.



Free Wireless Printing...

Have you heard the news about the library's free wireless printing? Given the price of ink cartridges, 10 free pages (b/w only) is a good deal. If there are questions about the process, please contact our library staff.



Movies at the Library...

Given that Culver City has been referred to as “The Heart of Screenland,” it stands to reason that its library should offer related programming. And, thanks to the continued generosity of the Culver City Friends of the Library which has invested in the movie licenses required for public exhibition, patrons of our library have been able to enjoy feature film screenings for over a year in the small theater setting that the Meeting Room provides. During the past months we’ve presented adult fare like *The King’s Speech*, *La La Land*, *Bridge of Spies*, *Dunkirk*, *Baby Driver*, and *The Darkest Hour*; and for the kids we’ve shown *Zootopia*, *Jungle Book*, *Finding Dory*, *Moana*, and more. Future screenings include *The Big Sick*, *Lady Bird*, and *All The Money In The World* for grown-ups and *The Last Jedi*, *Coco*, and *Black Panther* for the younger crowd.

Response to our movie programming has been very positive because our patrons get to take in films that they may have missed when they were first released. Here again our Friends deserve thanks, as they were the ones who purchased the blackout

shades for the big windows and arranged for extra chairs beyond those initially available for use.

Why not enjoy a free feature movie screening with us? Drop by the library to pick up an events calendar or go to the County of Los Angeles Public Library website, at <http://www.colapublib.org/> , place the pointer on the “Events” link on the green menu bar, and find our library. Hope to see you soon!

Stuart Goldman, Lead Reference Librarian

2019 Friends Executive Board...

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 14 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.

Upcoming at the Library...

November 2nd – Blood Drive
November 7th – Actors’ Gang
November 10th – Flu Vaccinations
December 1st – Children’s Books Pop Up Sale
December 4th – Story Time
December 8th – Snowless Snow Party
January 18th – Installation Dinner of the 2019 Executive Board



Renew your membership or make a donation today.

Enjoy the benefits of email notices of upcoming events and the knowledge that you are contributing to a great institution. The Culver City Friends of the Library is a non-profit group comprised of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Culver City Julian Dixon Library.

Please join us! Just complete the form below (please print) and submit your dues today. You will receive the Friend's newsletter via email. Membership is from January to January.

Name(s) to be printed on membership card:

Address:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

_____ New _____ Renewal

Type of membership, please check one

_____ Individual: \$10.00/year _____ Family: \$20.00/year

_____ Senior (over 60): \$5.00/year _____ Supporting: \$50.00/year

_____ Student (under 18): \$5.00/year

_____ Sustaining Senior (over 60): \$15.00/year

_____ Lifetime: individual: \$200, couple: \$300

_____ Business/Organization: \$100/year

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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