

SPRING NEWSLETTER



A Few Notes from The President...

We've gotten off to a wonderful start here in 2017. In January, we held our annual Installation Dinner which was a splendid evening with delicious food and great company. In addition to installing the incoming Executive Board, we honored the volunteers and members of the community whose extraordinary efforts helped make 2016 such a great year for us.



2017 Executive Board Installation

Time does fly! It might feel like it was a just a few days ago but it has been over one year now since reopening after the remodel. The updated library is a big hit and a pure joy to use. If you're one of the few who haven't visited since the remodel, please do yourself a favor and come on in!

In addition to our continuing monthly story times, we are very excited about a couple of events coming up. Be sure to read on for details on the upcoming Edible Books Festival and the One Book/One City Jr. program!

We recently held a special "Bag Sale" in our sale room which was a tremendous success. Voracious readers brought in their own shopping bags and filled them with books for a super low price – filling their bookshelves while also supporting our library! We have also been having a great response to our Pop Up book sales at many of our events. Thanks to our rolling carts we can roll out customized mini-sales tailored for particular events. Particularly popular have been the Pop Up book sales of children's books at our story times! There's no need to fret if you miss these sales – the book sale room is



FOL at the Culver City Centennial 5K



Storytime with School Board member Sue Robbins



Snowless Snow Party

constantly being replenished with quality books and our regular pricing is still the best deal in town. The shelves are restocked on a nearly daily basis so if you don't happen to find that special book one day, you very may well the next. The best part is that you will have supported your library while doing so!

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2017 Executive Board

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From the Librarian...

As we pass our first anniversary of the library remodel, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the recent past and provide an update for the present and near future.

The Building, Programming Highlights and Return of Customers, Friends/Volunteers & Staff

If you haven't had a chance to stop in, I hope you will do so. Over the past year we've received many compliments on how the library looks and functions. We're happy to provide a tour and point out improvements.

We have a mix of returning and new faces with staff, the CCFOL Board, volunteers and customers. The latter takes into account the closure of the View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library that will reopen later this year.

The CCFOL One Book/One City Centennial events were a hit and we are happy to partner with the Friends in 2017 for a Wimpy Kid version geared to teens and tweens.

Speaking of hits, we're delighted to provide monthly readings by the Actors' Gang at the library. They offer a wide variety of plays and the price can't be beat: *free!*

In May we'll take part in the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read with a focus on *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. A book discussion will be led by the author's granddaughter on Thursday, May 4 at 6:45 p.m. and the film will be screened on Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Improvements - Both Visible & Behind the Scenes

The increased number of public computers, coupled with the laptop kiosk, have proven very popular with customers of all ages.

A wide selection of classics has been reestablished on aisle 22B.

Thanks to Friends support, we have a two-year film license and black out shades in the meeting room. This helps us show popular films and will be useful for the upcoming *Wimpy Kid* events.

Staff relocated nonfiction DVDs and music CDs to walls in both the children's and adult sections of the library to expand the overall DVD collection and make CD browsing a more comfortable process.

One of the last stages of the remodel was installation of the new signs at both service desks and in other parts of the building.

The new Friends payment box allows customers greater self-service and removes a step from the banking process.

Sit-down catalogs were established several months after we reopened so customers could spend time searching, placing holds and taking notes. These were in addition to the mounted iPad catalogs on aisles 1 and 12.

The resized furniture and décor in the Homework Center was an additional upgrade that occurred after we reopened in February 2016.



**Presentation to Albert Vera Jr.
at Installation dinner.**

We adjusted how magazines were displayed in the children's teen and adult areas. In response to customers' suggestions, the current edition of three high demand newspapers (*New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*) are now loaned out from the ASK US desk.

Future - Realistic World Scenario

We are searching for options to change the way the music CDs are shelved. Currently they are 'spine-out' as opposed to customers flipping through the CDs with covers facing out. I am continually surprised by how popular this collection remains. It seems like our customers like a mix of music downloads (check out the Freegal &/or Hoopla services) as well as traditional discs.

One of our greatest concerns is to meet the demand for parking. It will be interesting to see the impact of View Park reopening. We remain in contact with our neighbors to encourage them to observe our posted parking signs, and we call parking enforcement when the need arises. If the parking lot is a barometer of how well we are doing, we must be knocking it out of the park. Quick tip, Friday morning is usually a good time to get a space without having to circle the lot.

Fingers crossed, the booksale room will continue to be popular with customers because, at some point, I hope the FOL will consider upgrading our aisle signs. I am exploring options that are streamlined, attractive and functional.

Expanding the children's Spanish and Japanese language book collections remains a priority. We are making gradual progress.

If audiences continue to build, at some stage we may need to acquire more meeting room chairs.

Someday I may share my ideal world scenario... ;-)

In Conclusion

I love many things about public libraries and one of the most enjoyable aspects is how interactive they are – people browse the new book collection, &/or attend a storytime (*books, songs and art activities!*), &/or join a book club, &/or see a movie or dramatic reading in the meeting room, &/or use a laptop or PC, &/or get tax forms, &/or purchase a great book for a competitive price in the booksale room or at a pop-up sale, & so much more!

The Department's motto is "The Library gives you the freedom to connect, explore, create – whatever your needs or dreams" and I believe the Culver City Julian Dixon Library lives up to the motto every day.

Laura Frakes

An Edible Books Festival
Saturday, May 20, 2017
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Admission is Free
Entries Should be Brought in Between
2:00-2:30p.m.

Create an edible book using your imagination and any (edible) objects you choose or just admire the entries and vote for your favorite!

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- Most Humorous
- Most Creative
- Best Kids' Book Portrayal
- Most Delicious Looking
- Most Inspired
- People's Choice
- Best Depiction of Wimpy Kid Book
- Best Depiction of Culver City Centennial



One Book/One City, Jr.

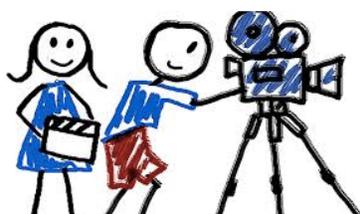
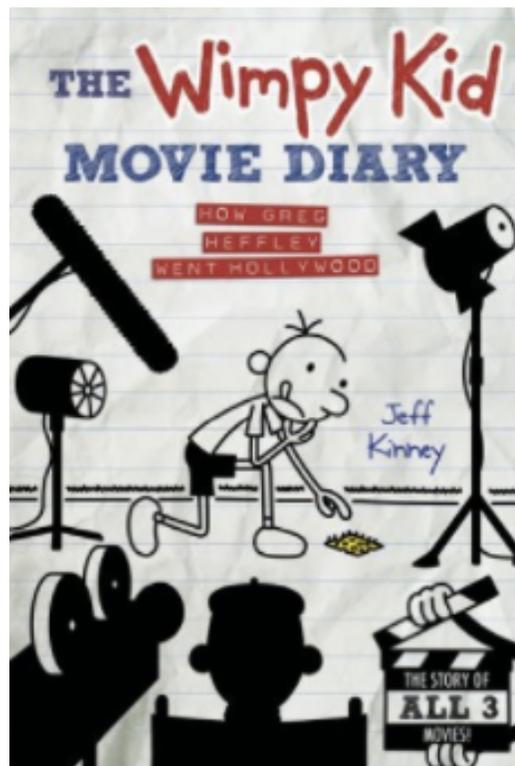
To close out the Culver City Centennial Celebration year, the Friends of the Library are planning a junior version of our popular One Book/One City program from last year. Titled "One Book/One City Jr.," we are promoting the reading of the book The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary by Jeff Kinney. This non-fiction book traces the making of the popular 2010 movie, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," and seemed to be a perfect title for students in the "Heart of Screenland."

The book is acceptable for the CC Middle School summer reading assignment, and will be also part of the library's Summer Reading Program. The culmination of the project will be a film festival, "The Not-so-Wimpy Film Festival" to be held at the library on September 9, where winning films will be screened during a gala celebration.

The program will kick off on Saturday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the library meeting room with a Wimpy Kid party including games, activities and food, followed by a screening of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" movie.

During the month of July, workshops on story-telling, film-making and film presentation will be held at the library on Saturday afternoons on July 8, 22 and 29, conducted by graduates and current students of the Culver High School AVPA film program. On August 5th there will be a discussion of the book followed by a trivia game and an edible craft. All workshops and the book discussion will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Student films are due to be turned in to the library by August 26 to allow the distinguished panel of judges time to make their decisions. There will be a variety of categories and age classifications. More information on videos and submission guidelines will be available on the FOL website at <http://ccfol.org>.



A Yarn "Makerspace"

The FOL knitting club has been going on for over a decade now, and it is with great delight we announce that we are actually a part of the relatively new "makerspace" movement. One definition of makerspace is - "a collaborative work space inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing."

This is a perfect description of what goes on in the meeting room from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on Monday afternoons. Knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and abilities gather to create, explore and enhance their skills in a setting of friendship and collegiality. Materials that continue to be donated by the community are provided for participants, and instruction and assistance is available for all levels.

Individual projects, as well as group projects are worked on, and the group is delighted to help support "Blankets of Love, South Bay", a group that collects handmade blankets for babies in need at local hospitals.

Drop in and join us any Monday!



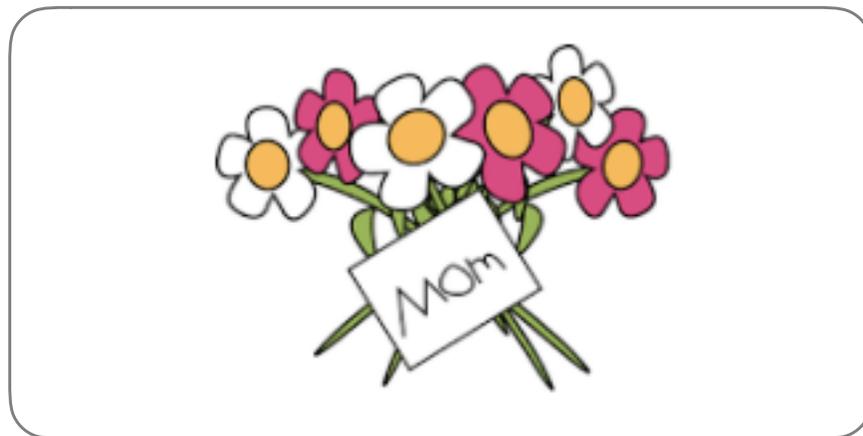
FOL Knitting Club Members
Elaine Hirohama and Nancy Kuechle
Present Wayne Pulliam with an Afghan

Special Note from Librarian Laura Frakes...

Our library staff asked us to reach out to the community to see if anyone has board games or toys they would like to donate to the library for afterschool activities. If you have any you would care to provide, please drop them off with the front desk or Ask Us desk staff.

They are looking for gently used games and toys that are complete and appropriate for the afterschool crowd such as: *Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Jenga, Scramble, Monopoly, Game of Life, Legos, Deck(s) of playing cards, UNO, Yahtzee, Connect Four, Flashcards [any elementary or middle school subjects], Dominoes, Pictureka!, Chinese checkers, Sorry, Trouble.*

Thank you!



Story Time

Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm

with Michael Lasse.

Followed by a Mother's Day craft. Admission is free.

(Join us for Story Time on the first Tuesday evening every month!)

Join the Culver City Friends of the Library!

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:

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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

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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**.

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