

# Culver City Friends of the Library



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## President's Message

*From President Sharon Zeitlin*

What two words do movie producers and the Culver City Friends of the Library have in common? If you said "Ready? Action" you're right! The Friends in the "Heart of Screenland" are preparing to put on a production of exciting activities and events for our community.

This coming quarter, the Friends have some great events planned. In April, we celebrate National Library Week with a **membership drive** sponsored by Allan Goldman of Batteries Plus in Culver City. Also in April, we launch an exciting **new children's literacy program** sponsored by Laing Urban called BRICC – Building Readers In Culver City.

In May, the Friends kick off our **Culver City Reads 2006** program where everyone in the community is encouraged to read the same book. The book selected for this year's program is Peter Pan. There will be a series of activities and events revolving around this timeless story and will culminate with the screening of the movie in Veterans Park on August 19. Join us for the kick-off at the Farmer's Market on May 16. Beware, you may run into a pirate or two!

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## Calendar Overview

Look inside for the details about these fabulous events!

April 1 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Book Sale**

April 2 – 8  
**Membership Drive**

April 4 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Storytime and BRICC Kick-Off**

April 22 at 12:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Afternoon with the Friends**

May 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Storytime**

May 16 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Culver City Reads 2006 at the Farmer's Market**

May 20 at 3:00 p.m.  
**Saturday Afternoon with the Friends**

June 6 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Storytime**

June 17 at 3:00 p.m.  
**Saturday Afternoon with the Friends**

July 15  
**BRICC Program Awards**

August 5  
**Book Sale**

August 19  
**Peter Pan in the Park**



Friends' Website –  
[www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org)

Be sure to check out the Friends website for information about our events and how to get involved. Check it often as we continually update it with new information and event photos. (Click on "Past Events/Photos" on the left-hand side of the home page to find pictures from previous events).

# BRICC: Building Readers In Culver City

Laing Urban, John Laing Homes' newest division specializing in urban development whose headquarters are located in Culver City, has generously agreed to sponsor our newest program: Building Readers In Culver City (BRICC). BRICC is a children's literacy program aimed at motivating children to read. The first session of the program begins on April 4, 2006, coinciding with National Library Week, and will continue through June 27, 2006. All winners and participants will be invited to an awards ceremony and party at the library on July 15, 2006.

BRICC rewards children for every age-appropriate book they read, by placing a

"BRICC" featuring their name on the wall of the library. Acquiring ten "BRICCs" signals the building of an entire house. Prizes are awarded weekly for each BRICC. Grand prizes are also awarded at the end of contest to each child who completes a house. The entire program is free.

"We are proud of the BRICC program we built with the Culver City Friends of the Library" said Maria Salviati, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Laing Urban. "At Laing Urban, we strive to be good neighbors and nothing is more neighborly than building a better future for the children of our community."

This session marks the start of the BRICC program which is intended to be a year round offering, with three 12-week sessions spread throughout the year.

## Thanks to the Friends!

The money raised by the Friends funds all sorts of programs, improvements and acquisitions at the library throughout the year. We thought we would share this recent thank you -- for one of the more unusual contributions made by the Friends -- received from Gwendolyn Stevens, the Librarian in charge of Young Adult programs:

"Now that we're settled back in the library, I've had a chance to open the box of young adult books I purchased with the Friends' money in February. As I mentioned, a few weeks ago two teens from Culver High School told me that our library had the best manga collection out of all the libraries around. This really pleased me because manga (the term for Japanese comic books) is incredibly popular with teens--many "reluctant readers" voraciously read manga. Penny Winchester, my predecessor, created an excellent manga collection and I have tried to maintain and expand it--but I could not have done so without the Friends' generosity.

"In February I used the Friends' money to update and fill in some gaps in our manga collection; we now have the newest volumes in the "Case Closed," "King of Hell" and "Alice 19th" series, two new "Demon Diary" volumes, and the entire collection of the oft-requested "Love Hina" series. All these volumes are ones that the teens have asked for, and I am very grateful to the Friends for enabling us to provide them to the teens. The teens and I send you a big THANK YOU!!"

### *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](mailto:info@ccfol.org). What a wonderful way to show your support and recognition of the importance of literacy and education in our community. To show our thanks, we will publicize your business in the Friends newsletter and on our website.

### *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, plus a free 9V battery during the National Library Week, April 1-8, with a new or renewed membership

#### *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 Culver City*

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 2006 Membership Card!

Culver City Reads  
**Peter Pan**  
Summer 2006



## President's Message – Cont'd

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In June the Friends begin the exciting task of writing a book – a cookbook to be exact. Carrying on the theme of our Culver City Reads 2006 program, this fundraising project has been appropriately named “A Treasure Chest of Recipes.” To my knowledge, this is the first effort by a Friends group to write a book and we encourage the entire community to participate! There’s a lot “cooking” in Culver City and we want everyone to know.

Of course, we will also continue our programs on the third Saturday of each month and our story time and craft program with Councilmember Corlin on the first Tuesday of each month. So, take a look at the calendar section of this newsletter or check out our website ([www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org)) for all the details.

Our “Get Caught Reading” program, where each month influential, community leaders “get caught reading,” continues. Be sure to check out the photos in the Friends display case in the Library’s lobby.

The 2006 Executive Board, in coordination with the Library staff, has worked very hard to put together a series of educational and fun activities for everyone in the community. We welcome you to get involved. Join us for story time and crafts (it’s not just for kids), attend our programs, volunteer at the book sale or another event, contribute your favorite recipe to our cookbook or make a monetary donation. “Quiet on the set” is NOT a phrase you’ll hear from this group. We’re getting ready to make some noise and I look forward to your participation at Friends of the Library events this coming quarter!

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

## CCFOL Events This Quarter

**April 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### **Book Sale at the Library**

A huge selection of books at unbeatable prices! From 50 cents on up! No fooling!

**April 2 – 8**

### **Membership Drive**

What happens when “Check your Battery Day” (April 2) falls during National Library Week? You get a free battery for joining the Friends of the Library, of course! Sponsored by Batteries Plus in Culver City.

**April 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Storytime and BRICC Kick-Off**

Local elected officials and dignitaries will read for this very special story time in recognition of National Library Week. Refreshments will be served. (See page 2 for details on the BRICC program.)

**April 22 at 12:30 p.m.**

### **Saturday Afternoon with the Friends**

It’s National Volunteer Week! Honor library volunteers with pizza, salad and a John Candy, Tom Hanks “volunteer” movie at the Library. Free to CCFOL members. Memberships available at the door. (*Moved from April 15 due to a scheduling conflict.*)

**May 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Storytime and Craft**

Mother Goose stories in recognition of Mother Goose Day. There will be arts and crafts and Mother Goose herself may be there!

**May 16 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

### **Culver City Reads 2006 at the Farmer's Market**

Kick off Culver City Reads 2006 at the Farmer's Market with some of your favorite characters from Peter Pan. It's time to start reading this classic tale of adventure so you can join in the fun all summer long!

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## Did You Miss Out on Last Quarter's Programs?

The Friends had some great programs this past quarter! In case you missed them, here's a sampling of just a few:

On Saturday, January 21, 2006, in recognition of Mozart's 250th Birthday, the Culver City Friends of the Library presented an Afternoon of Music for the Whole Family. Jean Lee and Patricia Wang on violin, Johnny Ng on viola

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### May 20 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday Afternoon with the Friends**

What would National Children and Police Day be without a visit from our own Culver City Police Department? Join the fun for our second annual police program at the library with mascot Scout, police vehicles and lots of kid-friendly information!

### June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Storytime and Craft**

Get into the mood for the Culver City Reads summer program! Meet Peter Pan, Captain Hook and Tinkerbell and hear the timeless tale read aloud. Make your own treasure chest to take home! (Bring your camera!)

### June 17 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday Afternoon with the Friends**

Who wants to know how to make candy? Celebrate National Candy Month with everything you wanted to know about candy-making -- and indulge your sweet tooth with a few treats besides!

### June 17

#### **A Treasure Chest of Recipes**

Since the Friends are all about books, we're publishing one of our own: a Friends of the Library Cookbook! See your recipes in print! Look for more details about this fun and unique fundraiser at the library on our website for more information starting in June.

and Emily Candaux on cello performed a lively string quartet program of Four Dances from Les Petits Riens and the Opening (Allegro) Movement of Eine Kleine Nachtmusik. Arlette Cardenes provided an entertaining explanation and presentation regarding the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the music and instruments used in the performance, followed by question and answer.

On Tuesday evening, February 7, 2006, the Friends of the Library story time and craft program featured Councilmember Alan Corlin and special guest, author and illustrator Martha Sigall. Ms. Sigall is the author of "Living Life inside the Lines: Tales from the Golden Age of Animation" and the recipient of numerous awards for her animation artistry. She is also a resident of Culver City and worked in animation production from 1936 to 1989, drawing all the classic cartoon characters we love - Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Tom & Jerry, Droopy Dawg, Beany & Cecil, Tweety, and Porky Pig. This special children's program featured an animation demonstration, a short video presentation and beginner level arts and crafts. A great time was had by all!

On Tuesday evening, March 7, 2006, the Library and the Friends jointly presented a special story time with Councilmember Alan Corlin and a performance by the renowned theatrical troupe, "We Tell Stories" in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The program featured Dr. Seuss's "Sneetches" and Lewis Carroll's "The Walrus and the Carpenter." The performance was "standing room only," with well over a hundred people participating in this fun, interactive event. This delightful program was made possible by a grant from the Culver City Art in Public Places Fund.





## THE FRIENDS' INSTALLATION DINNER AND FUNDRAISER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The Friends of the Library celebrated their most successful year ever and started the new year with a bang at their Annual Membership Meeting, Installation Dinner and Auction held on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at San Gennaro Café in Culver City. The event, including Silent and Live Auctions, was attended by nearly 100 people and grossed over \$5000 to fund library programs and services.

Business was dispensed with quickly, as lifetime Friend and Mayor Albert Vera installed the new Executive Board: President, Sharon Zeitlin; Vice President, Alan Corlin; Secretary, Marissa Mead; Treasurer, Karen Maggio; Book Sale Chair, Wayne Pulliam; Membership Chair, Janet Hoult; Program Chair, Elaine Hirohama; Publication Chair, Sandi Levin; and Library Representative, Laura Frakes.

Special honorees Robert Baum and his wife, Clare, were thanked for supporting the 2005 Culver City Reads (Wizard of Oz) program. Laura Frakes, the new Community Library Manager at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library, was also introduced to the attendees.

The following awards were given to individuals and businesses in recognition of their support and contributions to the Friends in 2005:

Youth Participation:	Jacob Weiner
Community Impact:	Marissa Mead
Biggest Turkey (Best Animated Character):	Vince Motyl
Youth Volunteer of the Year:	Shai Maor
Resident Volunteer of the Year:	Elaine Hirohama
Business Volunteer of the Year:	Allan Goldman/ BatteriesPlus
Honorary Membership:	Robert and Clare Baum
Board Member of the Year:	Wayne Pulliam
Outstanding Business Partners:	Sony Pictures Entertainment
	Laing Urban
	Culver City News
	Culver Hotel
	San Gennaro Café
	Symantec Corporation

A special Readers and Rainbows award was given to President Sharon Zeitlin for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in making 2005 a fun and financially successful year for the Friends.

Everyone enjoyed the extensive dinner buffet provided by San Gennaro Café and Jay Handal's lively auctioneering skills led to hot and heavy bidding for Live Auction items, ranging from a one-of-a-kind Betty Boop animation cell to homemade ice cream. Valerie Perez and John Richo prepared a fantastic slideshow that ran throughout the evening, where those paying close attention could catch a peek of fun – and sometimes embarrassing – candid photos of library events from throughout 2005.





BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS IN APRIL

The Friends are pleased to help get the word out about the following exciting library programs:

Author appearance: Thursday, April 27, 6:45 pm: Dora Levy Mossanen, author of HAREM and COURTESAN

Spring celebration for kids and parents: Thursday, April 13, 9 am (before the library opens): egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

April book group selections: Thursday, April 20, the mystery book group reads GRAVE ENDINGS by Rochelle Krich. Wednesday, April 26, the general book group reads READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN by Azar Nafisi.

### *Generous Donation!*

THANK YOU to Bette and Gerry Sallus for their generous \$100 "matching" contribution. Using these funds, together with \$100 from the Friends, the librarians were able to purchase several new books to add to the renowned Judaica collection at the Library.

### *Executive Board Meetings*

The public is invited to attend the Friends' Executive Board meetings. These meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Culver City Julian Dixon Library Community Room. We welcome involvement from our members and look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you are unable to attend, feel free to forward your suggestions and ideas to: Culver City Friends of the Library, Attention: Sharon Zeitlin, 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230 or email us at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@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, with the assistance of the Library staff, has 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](mailto:info@ccfol.org).

## 2006 Culver City Reads: Peter Pan

*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. After loads of input from our community, the book selected for this year is "Peter Pan" by J. M. Barrie.

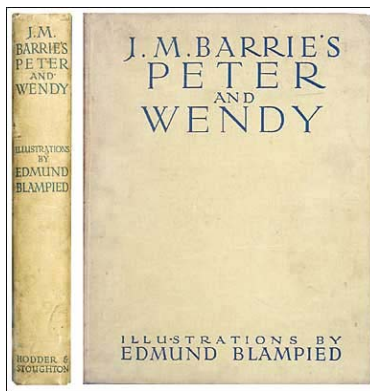
Throughout the next several months, the Friends will hold a series of events and activities revolving around this book designed to show children and adults alike how books come alive and to raise funds for the Library.



Everywhere you look this summer, expect to see Peter Pan, pixies and pirates! There will be storytelling, book discussions, essay and coloring contests, treasure hunts and all sorts of Neverland fun! The program culminates in an "under the stars" screening of Peter Pan at Veterans Park. Look for details in the library and on our website ([www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org)).

The success of the program depends on participation and support from businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. There are many ways you or your organization can contribute to this community celebration, including one of many levels of sponsorship, so please participate in whatever ways you can!

Anyone interested in serving on the Culver City Reads 2006 Program Committee, please contact Elaine at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org).





# BOOK SALES

## Past, Present and Future

### The Next Sale:

Book Sale April 1st at the Culver City Library --No Fooling!  
Saturday April 1, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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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! Thanks to the generosity of frequent donors Sony and Platt Library, there will be hundreds of boxes of books to choose from!

Libraries across Los Angeles County are holding this annual one-day book sale and there are prizes for the best sale! Come check out the fun decorations and help the Culver City Friends of the Library sell the most books across L.A. County!

### The Latest Success:

On Saturday, February 11th, bibliophiles were treated with a “Sweetheart of a Deal” at the first book sale of the year at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Thanks to everyone’s efforts, the Friends raised more \$1,700 for the day. The proceeds from the sales allow the Friends to expand the programs provided at the Library and supplement the publications.

Thank you to the hard work of our dedicated members, volunteers and public who helped make this another successful day, including: Bobbie Aood; Lynn Baril; Billie Buchanan; Howard Chesley; Alan Corlin; Vicki Daly Redholz; Dan Gallagher; Sally Gardner; Emelie Gerard; Jule Hachigian; Elaine and Emily Hirohama; Janet Hoult; Kane Ng; John and Nancy Kuechle; Sandi Levin; Sylvia Levin; Kevin Martinez, Shai Maor; Marissa Mead; Vince Motyl; Antonia Raya; David Rockwell; Bette and Gerry Sallus; Martha and Sol Sigall; Eadie Siegel; James Smith; Manuela Smith; David Warshaw; Jacob Weiner; Larry Weiner; Shelley Wiseman; Sharon Zeitlin; and everyone whose name we didn’t catch! And, as always, thanks to the Library staff for their support.

### Hold the Date:

The next book sale will be August 15 and you never know what new treasures will be on the tables that day!

## WAYNE SAVES THE DAY

What happens when at the last minute the guest speaker (Avery Clayton) can’t attend the Black History Month program? We called on our own Culver City Friends of the Library member Wayne Pulliam to save the day! On about 6 minutes notice, Wayne called into focus his many years as a collector of African American books and stamps and presented an amazing program. Recounting stories from the Revolutionary times right up to the 21st Century, he explained subjects as diverse as Thomas Jefferson’s family tree, the underground railroad, George Washington Carver’s favorite book, the Tuskegee Airmen and Jack Johnson’s legal battles. For almost an hour Wayne kept the audience enthralled with his vast knowledge and story telling ability. Thank you Wayne for stepping up to the plate and hitting what can really be termed as a “grand slam” afternoon program!

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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.

**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

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