

CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Newsletter

September 2005

President's Message

Sharon Zeitlin, Ph.D.

This summer the Friends introduced a community-wide reading celebration called *Culver City Reads*. We kicked off this reading program with the classic book "The Wizard of Oz" and put on a series of exciting events revolving around this book. I'm thrilled that so many of you could participate in our activities.

The *Culver City Reads* program brought together community members, librarians, businesses and organizations all working together with a common goal – to promote reading, education and literacy in our community. It was a huge success! I want to thank each and every one of you for your invaluable role. Like rainbows and tornadoes, two weather-related phenomena in the book, you are all truly awesome!

We had several additional goals that were accomplished. These included increasing awareness of the Friends, getting more people involved (at one event, we had over 100 volunteers and nearly 600 attendees), and raising necessary funds for our Library while putting on a series of educational activities appropriate for all ages. I'm pleased to report that we raised over \$15,000! The following pages are filled with details about our *Culver City Reads* program.

This summer we saw the devastating effects of another weather phenomenon – Hurricane Katrina. I was touched by the response of our Executive Board and Friends' members who worked together to raise funds for victims of this disaster and donations of books for individuals displaced by this hurricane. People coming together to so generously help others reminds me how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful community and, indeed, there's no place like home, Culver City!

Over the past 3 months, the Friends have allocated \$2,000 to add to the Library's collection of DVDs and \$3,000 to update necessary reference books. This is in addition to the funds we commit monthly to enhance the Library's collection of books and audiovisual materials for adults, young adults and children, sponsor programs, and purchase needed supplies for the Library. Thank you for your generous donations which make this all possible.

The final quarter of 2005 brings other wonderful opportunities for the Friends which are detailed in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you – our old and new friends – at these events and welcome your active participation!

Book Sale – October 1

On Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM the Friends will hold a huge book sale at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Come early for the best selections!

October: Fire Prevention Month

On Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, the Friends welcome Culver City Fire Chief Jeff Eastman. In recognition of Fire Prevention Month, Chief Eastman will lead this very important program. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to meet the Fire Chief. He will be joined by other Culver City Firefighters and their mascot "Sparky". A fire truck will also be on hand. Special give-a-ways will be provided compliments of the Fire Department. A program you don't want to miss!



November: Drum Month

On Saturday, November 19, 2005 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, join a surprise guest in recognition of Drum Month. A musical program children and adults will enjoy!



December: Happy Holidays!

On Saturday, December 17, 2005 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, join the Friends for a holiday party in honor of our supporters – our members, the community, the librarians, and our 2005 *Culver City Reads* sponsors. We'll also have a very special guest, Santa Claus, who will visit with children and their families. Thanks to the Culver City Police Officers Association for arranging for their Santa sleigh to make this special stop at the Library (as you know, our Police Officers escort Santa throughout Culver City on several evenings in December). Other special guests will include Santa's elves, a reindeer, a toy soldier, and a polar bear. This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit with Santa and his helpers, including our Culver City Police Officers. Be sure to bring your camera for photos with Santa and his festive friends.

This time of year is marked by giving. At this program, the Friends will be collecting books and toys for children who have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Please help us help others in need.



Calendar of Events

BOOK SALE

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Come early for the best selection of books.

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

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Join Fire Chief Jeff Eastman for a very special presentation in recognition of Fire Prevention Month.

STORYTIME WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALAN CORLIN

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 2005 (7:00 PM – 7:50 PM)

Councilmember Alan Corlin will read stories and participate in crafts with children and their families in recognition of Thanksgiving.



DRUM PROGRAM

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Join a surprise guest in recognition of Drum Month. A musical performance you won't want to miss.

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CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

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HOLIDAY PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2005 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

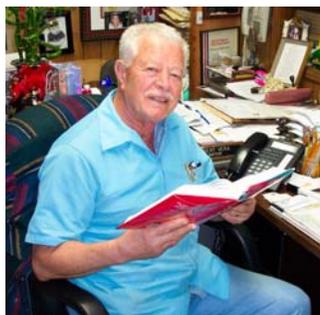
Join the Friends and our special guest, Santa Claus, for a fabulous holiday party. Thanks to the Culver City Police Officers Association for arranging for their Santa sleigh to make this special stop at the Library. Donations of books and toys will be collected for children who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Free admission to all of the above events

Get Caught Reading



Culver City Mayor Albert Vera "Gets Caught Reading" in September. Check out the display case in the Library to see who "Gets Caught Reading" each month!



Culver City Reads 2005

The Friends held several fundraisers as part of its *Culver City Reads* summer program.

Wizard of Oz Trivia Night

Jay Handal, owner of San Gennaro Café, generously hosted the Friends' Wizard of Oz Trivia Night fundraiser on June 22. Guests brought fascinating bits of Oz trivia and Jay provided wonderful appetizers and drinks. Jeanette James sold "wickedly" beautiful jewelry and donated a percentage of her sales to the Friends. Thanks to both Jay and Jeanette!



Culver Hotel General Manager Xing Hu and Friends of the Library President Dr. Sharon Zeitlin



Muriel Clark and Mike Nickerson

Munch at Munchkins

More than 150 people thoroughly enjoyed the Friends' Saturday, July 23rd fundraiser at the Munchkins Restaurant in the historic Culver Hotel. Xing Hu, the Hotel's general manager, generously donated the use of the beautiful venue and the delicious appetizers, desserts and beverages.

In addition to the fantastic food and Oz-themed decorations (compliments of Elaine Hirohama, Kim Goines and Sandi Levin), there was singing of the wonderful Wizard of Oz songs by Muriel Clark and Mike Nickerson and magic by the amazing magician, Howard Paris. Robert Baum, the great-grandson of the author L. Frank Baum, autographed books and souvenirs and lent an almost regal air to the event. His presence that night, combined with the fact that his great-grandfather's classic was filmed in Culver City, completed an ephemeral transformation of the hotel, albeit for a few hours, to the Land of Oz.

There were drawings for lots of great prizes, including a one night stay in the famous John Wayne Suite at the Culver Hotel compliments of Xing Hu and a set of the 14 Oz Books written by L. Frank Baum generously donated by Robert Baum. A great time was had by all!

Culver City Reads Fundraisers (continued)

“Under the Stars” Screening of the Wizard of Oz

The long awaited “Under the Stars” screening of the Sing-A-Long “Wizard of Oz” movie took place on Sunday, August 21. Veterans Park was the backdrop where over 500 fans of the enduring story of fantasy, witches and flying monkeys gathered on the grass for one night to enjoy what has become one of the greatest and most popular cinematic feats of all-time.

This event was the centerpiece of the *Culver City Reads* summer-long program initiated by the Friends that sought to involve the entire city in the wonders of reading and spotlight the fantastic literacy programs available at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. In addition, it served as a major fundraising opportunity, with all of the proceeds going to the Library.

The evening officially began when Culver City Mayor Albert Vera took the stage and proclaimed “Tonight, Culver City will be transformed into the Land of Oz!”

Children and adults dressed up as their favorite Wizard of Oz characters and joined Chief Administrative Officer Jerry Fulwood (the show’s emcee), Councilmembers, Robert Baum (great-grandson of Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum) and his wife Clare, and representatives of the Program’s sponsors in a costume parade down the Yellow Brick Road. There was also a costume contest with every child winning a prize compliments of Rene Ramos, manager of El Pollo Loco.

There were photo opportunities with “Dorothy” (Elaine Horn, nationally-renowned Judy Garland impressionist) and the “Wicked Witch” (Kurt Raymond, master Oz impressionist). There was music and singing led by Ronnie Jayne and a special singing performance by Muriel Clark. Like every good movie theatre, popcorn, candy, and drinks were available for purchase, as were commemorative “Culver City... There’s No Place Like Home” T-shirts. The Friends held an “Over the Rainbow” drawing for nearly 50 prizes, kindly donated by local businesses and community members.

Finally, at 8:15 PM the movie began. Professional media services, including the movie screen, projector and sound equipment were generously provided by Sony Pictures Entertainment. Perform-a-long fun packs, complete with a magic wand, bubbles, a noise-maker, and a kazoo, enhanced the movie experience. Children and their parents once again reveled in the story of the Kansas farm girl who is unexpectedly delivered to the mystical Land of Oz with her dog Toto and, with the help of four special friends, learns the meaning of friendship and that there really is “no place like home.”

“An absolutely spectacular community event”, “An unbelievable turnout by the community”, “Families, friends and neighbors came together to celebrate a wonderful book coming to life on the big screen”, are just some of the comments we received in emails, letters, and phone calls from people following the event, all anxious to hear about the Friends plans for next year!



Pictured above: Jerry Fulwood, Program emcee



Culver City Reads Contests

The Friends sponsored two contests associated with our *Culver City Reads* Program. Prizes were awarded to the winners on stage at the Wizard of Oz movie event.

There’s No Place Like Home Essay Contest

In 300 words or less, participants were invited to tell us why “There’s No Place Like Home (Culver City)”.

The grand prize winner was Vicki Daly Redholtz (senior category). Tied for second place were Emily Hirohama (children grades 7-9 category) and Malia Javier (children grades 10-12 category). Their essays were published in the *Culver City News* and were on display at the Library during the month of September.

Wizard of Oz Coloring Contest

Children through third grade were invited to color a picture portraying Wizard of Oz characters Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto.

The grand prize winner was Isabella Avincoloa. All coloring contest entries were on display at the Library during the month of September.

Congratulations to the winners! We thank everyone who participated in the contests; all entries were fantastic. Contest judges included Alan Corlin, Bill Heagy, Herb Rosenberg, Dr. Janet Hault, Karen Maggio, and Linda Fernandes. Entries were anonymous at the time of judging.



Crowd at the screening of the Wizard of Oz movie

Culver City Reads Sponsors

We sincerely thank our generous sponsors for their support. The *Culver City Reads* program wouldn't have been so successful without them! Types of sponsorship and minimum contribution are listed below and on our website. Contributions include monetary and/or in-kind donations.

Ruby Slipper - \$10,000+
Sony Pictures Entertainment



Emerald City - \$7,500
John Laing Urban

Wizard - \$5,000
Oz Sings, LLC
San Gennaro Café
Symantec Corporation
The Culver City News
The Culver Hotel
Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures

Dorothy - \$1,000
Elaine Horn
Kurt Raymond
Robert Baum

Scarecrow - \$500
Culver City Police Officers Association
Event Construction Services/Coe Electric
Philip and Linda Simmons
Ronnie Jayne Music: A Song for You Productions

Tinman with a Heart - \$250
Albert and Ursula Vera, Sorrento Italian Market
Curves – Culver City
David K's T-shirt Printing
Liberty Fitness of Culver City
Mike Nickerson
Muriel Clark
Westfield Fox Hills

Tinman - \$100
Alan Corlin
Alex Oliva
Althea and Bill Heagy
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Batteries Plus
Bette and Gerald Sallus
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Eric O'Neal

Tinman - \$100 (continued)
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Janet and Charley Hoult
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Steven Zeitlin
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TL Designs
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Vince and Linda Motyl

Lion – \$50
Accents by Ann
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Culver City Fire Department
Culver City Police Department
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Julie Todd
King's Kebab

Culver City Reads Sponsors (continued)

Lion - \$50 (continued)

Michael Steinberg
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Patty Krause, in memory of Richard J. Krause
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Trader Joe's
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Toto - \$25

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Ralphs
Roger Fieldman
Rozina's Beauty Salon
R.S.V.P.
Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill
S & W Country Diner
The Conservatory for Coffee, Tea & Cocoa
The Wellness Spa
Wanda Boulgarides
Yvonne Popp

Culver City Reads Program Committee

Special thanks to the incredibly creative and hard-working *Culver City Reads* Program Committee who, within just a matter of months, organized the fantastic series of Wizard of Oz events and activities for the Culver City Community: Alan Corlin, Elaine Hirohama, Eric O'Neal, Dr. Janet Hoult, Karen Maggio, Sandi Levin, Dr. Sharon Zeitlin and Steve Rose.



Pictured to the left: Karen Maggio, Dr. Sharon Zeitlin, Elaine Hirohama, Councilmember Steve Rose, Crystal Alexander, and Councilmember Alan Corlin

Culver City Reads Volunteers

Throughout the summer, volunteers from our community came out in force to assist with Friends events and activities. Thanks go to the following individuals for their invaluable assistance:

Crystal Alexander, Phil Alley, Lynn Baril, Clare Baum, Robert Baum, Dr. Jessica Beagles-Roos, Stephanie Benjamin, Sylvia Bernstein, Barbara Brody, Billie Buchanan, Pam Byrne, Tom Camarella, John Castro, Muriel Clark, Aileen Connolly, Tom Connolly, Alan Corlin, Josh Corlin, Dr. Richard Corlin, Jesse Craig, Jacob Crunk, Vicki Daly Redholtz, Charles Deen, Susan Deen, Rick Dickert, Patricia Duncan, Lorna Ellsworth, Donna Enterante, Glenn Esterly, Guisela Estrada, Joel Falter, Linda Fernandes, Evelyn Fink, Lauren Fox, Lee Freehling, Kellee Fritzal, Jerry Fulwood, Dan Gallagher, Emelie Gerard, Kim Goines, Martha Gunther, Jay Handal, Bill Heagy, James Herr, Jacki Herskowitz, Elaine Hirohama, Emily Hirohama, Steven Hirohama, Charley Hoult, Dr. Janet Hoult, Heather Iker, Jeanette James, Ronnie Jayne, Patricia Ann Jordan, Fran Kissel, Rich Kissel, Patrice Kinnon, Dr. Steve LaDochy, Dr. Michael Landau, Bill LaPointe, Jane Leonard, Sandi Levin, Sylvia Levin, Karen Maggio, Mike Maggio, Skye McDougall, Joan Mead, Mary Menzel, Michelle Minyon, Dr. Mike Montgomery, Patti Mooney, Vince Motyl, Ruth Naiditch, Carol Newman, Marty Nicholson, Mike Nickerson, Mary Noller, Eric O'Neal, Laura O'Neal, Valerie Perez, Janice Pober, Lynn Pedigo, Bob Pine, Wayne Pulliam, Darryl Rachel, David Rockwell, Dr. Ken Roos, Steve Rose, Jerry Sallus, Nancy Saltzman, Ellen Schmalholz, Carol Schwab, Eadie Siegel, Gary Silbiger, Barbara Silverstein, Les Silverstein, Linda Simmons, Phil Simmons, Wayne Slappy, Sean Sloan, Maria Stone, Tracy Sulkin, Julie Todd, Perry Waldow, Gary Walker, Elaine Warner, Jim Warner, Cory Warshaw, David Warshaw, Mike Whitaker, Brandon Wong, Olivia Wong, and Dr. Sharon Zeitlin. Our thanks and sincere apologies to anyone who has been left out; any omission was unintentional.

We thank the following people/groups who also contributed to the success of the *Culver City Reads* Program: Culver City Julian Dixon Library Manager Evelyn Udenyi and her Staff; the Culver City City Council Mayor Albert Vera, Vice Mayor Gary Silbiger, and Councilmembers Alan Corlin, Carol Gross and Steven Rose; Chief Administrative Officer, Jerry Fulwood and former Assistant CAO, Deborah Fancett; City Attorney Carol Schwab and Deputy City Attorney Heather Iker; Culver City Police Chief John Montanio and the Culver City Police Department; Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Bill La Pointe and Department Staff; Public Works Department Director Charles Herbertson and Department Staff; members of the Culver City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Culver City Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES); and all of the Friends of the Library members and program participants too numerous to mention by name, but too important not to acknowledge.

Community Input

We have had a wonderful response from the community to our *Culver City Reads* events and activities revolving around the classic book "The Wizard of Oz". In addition, we have received an overwhelming number of requests for a similar program next year. In our effort to be responsive to the community, we are seeking your input regarding next year's book selection. Please email your suggestions to Sharon at info@ccfol.org.

If you are interested in serving on the program committee, please contact Sharon at info@ccfol.org.

This year's fundraising efforts have been highly successful. Are there things you'd like to see at the Library? If so, please let us know. Email us at info@ccfol.org.

Summary of other *Culver City Reads* Events

Check out the Friends' website (www.ccfol.org) for photos from each of the events below.

July 5: **Storytime with Robert Baum** – Robert Baum, great-grandson of Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum, read stories and participated in crafts with children and their families.

July 9: **Book Sale** – The Friends held a huge book sale, including the sale of the book "The Wizard of Oz".

July 14: **Wizard of Oz Book Discussion Group for Adults** – Discussion group facilitated by Vivian Rosenberg.

July 16: **Storytime with "Dorothy"** – Dorothy (City Treasurer Crystal Alexander) told stories and lead children and their families in Wizard of Oz songs. She was accompanied by the Wizard (Councilmember Steve Rose), the Scarecrow (Councilmember Corlin), the Wicked Witch (Dr. Sharon Zeitlin), two farm hands (Elaine Hirohama and Karen Maggio), a tornado (Dr. Janet Hoult) and a Flying Monkey (Children's Librarian Joan Mead).

August 27 and 28: **Fiesta La Ballona** – The Friends sold books at this fantastic community event.

Sept 17: **Over the Rainbow and Through the Tornado: The Wizard Explains Weather** – Dr. Steve LaDochy, climatologist and Associate Professor at California State University Los Angeles and Rick Dickert, meteorologist and weathercaster for Fox 11 Morning News and Good Day L.A., explained where rainbows and tornadoes come from and provided demonstrations of these fascinating weather phenomena. They also answered questions about the most recent and devastating weather event in our nations' history – Hurricane Katrina. The Friends collected cash and book donations for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Join the Friends!

Culver City Friends of the Library

Membership Form

(Please print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (check one):

New Renewal

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one):

Student (under 18 years of age): \$5.00 per year
 Individual: \$10.00 per year
 Senior (over 55 years of age): \$5.00 per year
 Family: \$20.00 per year
 Business and Organization: \$100.00 per year
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NAME(S) TO BE PRINTED ON MEMBERSHIP CARD:

DONATION:

I wish to donate \$ _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF \$ _____

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I wish to receive the Friends of the Library quarterly newsletter via:

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I wish to get involved in the Friends of the Library:

Please contact me at: _____

Please mail or bring this form with payment to:

Culver City Friends of the Library
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Culver City, CA 90230
(310) 559-1676

Thank you!

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Councilmember Alan Corlin, Dr. Steve LaDochy, Dr. Sharon Zeitlin, Dr. Janet Hoult, and Councilmember Steve Rose

2006 Officer Elections

In accordance with our by-laws, the Executive Board is accepting nominations for the following positions:

President • Vice President • Secretary • Treasurer

- Any individual interested in serving as an officer must make it known to the Board by the close of the November Board meeting. The November meeting will be held on November 8, 2005.
- Only those individuals who have given their consent to serve shall be nominated for or elected to such office.
- If more than one candidate seeks an office, either a ballot will be mailed to the membership or a vote will be taken at the annual membership meeting. The procedure will be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

2006 Board Members Wanted

The Friends are seeking a Membership chairperson, a Program chairperson, a Publicity chairperson, a Publication chairperson, a Fundraising chairperson, and a Book Sale chairperson for the 2006 Executive Board. Interested? Please contact Sharon at info@ccfol.org prior to November 8, 2005.

Executive Board Meetings

The Friends of the Library Executive Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the Culver City Julian Dixon Library Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you Center Theatre Group

Thanks to the Center Theatre Group for donating 60 complimentary tickets to the Friends for the September 24th performance of **all wear bowlers** at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. An email invitation was sent out to Friends members, volunteers, and *Culver City Reads* program sponsors and ticket requests were filled on a first come, first served basis. If you didn't receive this invitation, it means we don't have your email address. If you would like to be included in such invitations in the future and/or receive updates between newsletter mailings, please forward your email address to us at info@ccfol.org.

Thank you Herb and Diane Rosenberg!

After many years of dedicated service, Herb and Diane Rosenberg resigned from the Friends' Executive Board in August. We thank them for their many contributions over the years and look forward to their participation again very soon!

Thank You Friends of the Library!

From Marissa Mead

I would like to thank the Friends of the Library for donating so generously to my service project.

I am a senior Girl Scout trying to complete my Gold Award project that consists of a 50-hour service project which benefits my community. Growing up, I was always enthralled by the magic world to which reading transports me. I would read for hours under the covers with a little flashlight after I was supposed to be asleep. So I decided to bring this entrancing magical world to other children who are less fortunate than I.

Currently, I have constructed small children's libraries at four different battered women and children's shelters. I have collected over a thousand books, over a hundred stuffed animals ("reading buddies") and am currently helping them write a collaborative book about their interests and experiences. This book which they have helped author will become part of their library. It is my hope that this book will provide them with a sense of satisfaction in contributing their own stories and will help incoming children understand that they are not alone.

Thank you once again for helping me complete this project – your generous donations have helped enrich these disadvantaged children's lives.



Friends' President Dr. Sharon Zeitlin and Marissa Mead

For Sale

Have you purchased your "Culver City...There's No Place Like Home" T-shirt yet? We only have a few of these special shirts left (available in adult and child sizes). Please stop by the Circulation Desk and one of the Library staff will be happy to assist you.

Also available are "fun packs" from the Wizard of Oz movie event. Each fun pack includes bubbles, a wand, a noise-maker, and a kazoo (and can be purchased for only \$1.00). Use them as birthday party favors, give them out to trick-or-treaters instead of candy, and/or decorate holiday packages! Please contact Sharon at info@ccfol.org if you're interested in purchasing a few.

Display Case

The Friends thank Elaine Hirohama and Dr. Sharon Zeitlin for creating such fantastic displays in the display case in the Library. If you misplace your newsletter, stop by the Library display case to find out what's happening each month.

Friends Website – 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.

"Bookie" the Bookworm

Children and teens through grade 12 were invited to participate in the Friends "Name the Bookworm" Contest held over the summer. We selected a winner in each of five categories and an overall winner for "Best Bookworm Name".

Best Bookworm Name: Katelyn Coon - Name "Bookie"

Children grades 10-12: Shai Maor - Name "Dixon"
Children grades 7-9: Francesca Devoto - Name "Author"
Children grades 4-6: Rebekah Popoff - Name "Aesop"
Children grades K-3: Joanna Popoff - Name "Gutenberg"
Children in pre-school: Katelyn Coon - Name "Bookie"

Books for Sale in the Friends' Book Room

The Friends' Book Room, located inside the Library, is open during Library hours with great buys and a variety of titles for your reading pleasure. Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays: Closed

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 community businesses:

Batteries Plus in Culver City

10% Discount off regularly priced merchandise

Red Brick Pizza in Culver City

10% Discount on food purchases

(not valid with coupons, on deliveries, or on specials)

Waldenbooks/Brentano's Bookstores

20% Discount off regularly priced merchandise

Partner with the Friends

We continue to seek businesses in the community who would like to partner with us to provide discounts to our members. This is a great way to get exposure for your business! If you are a business owner or know of a company that might be interested in working with us, email Sharon at info@ccfol.org.

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