

CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL NEWSLETTER



Message from our Presidents

As Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Library, we are honored to be part of this dedicated non-profit group, which works tirelessly to support the Julian Dixon Library. Our mission is simple: we raise funds to help maintain and enhance the library's vital services and programs.

We would like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports the Friends Book Room. Whether you donate books, purchase them, or do both, your contribution is invaluable. Our book sales are a key part of our fundraising efforts, accounting for over 70% of our income. The proceeds directly support various programs at the library, help purchase new books for checkout, and provide much-needed support to our hardworking Library Staff.

Currently, we're excited to be working on a project to create custom endcaps for all of the library's bookshelves, and we're updating our book carts to improve both the functionality and aesthetic of the library space. We also hold pop-up books sales in addition to our ongoing work to continue raising funds and keep our community engaged.

We also recently participated in this year's **CicLAvia: Culver City Meets Venice**, where we saw an amazing group of cyclists, dancers, walkers, runners, and skateboarders enjoying a giant, shared playground. It was an exciting and energizing day, and we had the pleasure of meeting many new faces, all of whom were eager to learn more about the library and our efforts. During the event, the Library Staff also signed up **118 new library card holders**, all at no cost, helping to bring more people into the fold of the library's offerings.

Your ongoing support makes all of this possible. Every donation, every purchase, every volunteer hour goes directly toward helping our library grow and serve the community. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey, and for helping to ensure the continued success of the Julian Dixon Library.

Sincerely,

Co-Presidents, Michael Laase and Aileen Zeidman
Friends of the Library



CicLAvia 2025 in downtown Culver City



Book Sale at Julian Dixon Library

Interview with Kelly Conn

Community Library Manager

When did you start working at our branch of the library and where you were previously?

The first day the library closed for the COVID-19 pandemic was also my first day as the manager of Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Prior to my arrival, I had worked at LA County Library locations in West Hollywood, Hermosa Beach, Avalon on Catalina Island, Lennox, and View Park.

What do you see as the main role of this library in the community?

I see the main role of the library as a hub for connection, learning, and enrichment for all ages. It's a place where the community should feel safe and cared for. The library is a resource for people to handle practical matters, explore their interests, feed their curiosity, and maybe even pursue their dreams.

What are some services or programs that people might not realize the library offers?

The library of course provides access to books, magazines, newspapers, movies and music—but it also offers some lesser-known services like ten free pages of daily printing/copying, a high school diploma program, California State Parks parking passes, online learning courses, passes to museums and other cultural institutions, annual tax forms, online homework help with live tutors, and a variety of in-person programs. Staff also take special pride in creating a responsive collection within Culver City Julian Dixon Library's four walls.





Book Sale Room



Looking for a great find? Well, what are you waiting for? C'mon and pop into the Friends Book Sale Room! It's absolutely bursting with great reads right now. Thanks to a steady stream of generous donations, the quality of books we're receiving has been excellent and the room is restocked several times a week with hundreds of new titles across fiction, nonfiction, kids, YA, and more. In addition to the books, we have an eclectic selection of DVDs and CDs and magazines.

If it's your first time visiting the Sale Room in a while, you will see we now have three carts located directly outside the room. These carts hold many of the new arrivals and most in-demand titles. The books on these carts move briskly and are restocked nearly daily! Here's just a very, very, very small sampling of some of the authors, titles, and subjects sold recently: Sarah J. Maas, Thursday Murder Club, Rick Riordan, Harry Potter, Philip K. Dick, Vogue, Malcolm Gladwell, Babysitter's Club, Dog Man, Michael Connelly, Frieda McFadden, Emily Henry, Atomic Habits, Braiding Sweetgrass, Stephen King, Kristin Hannah, Daniel Silva, Agatha Christie, and on and on and on....

In addition to the Book Sale Room, we'll also sometimes hold a Pop-Up Children's Books Sale. If you missed the one we just held on Saturday, September 20, keep your eyes open for the next one as we will announce it on our website and through our Friends membership email blasts as well as our Facebook group updates.

Everything in the Book Sale Room is priced to sell and every dollar supports programs and services at the Culver City Library. All books are sold as-is and all sales are final.

Whether you're hunting for your next great read, a gift, or a beloved classic, come browse — new treasures arrive often. When you step inside, you're not just discovering your next great read — you're also helping to keep the Library a vibrant hub for learning, connection, and discovery.

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

☐ Sustaining Senior (over 55 years of age): \$15.00 per year

☐ Family: \$20.00 per year

☐ Supporting Member: \$50 per year

☐ Business and Organization: \$100.00 per year

☐ Lifetime: \$200.00

DONATION:

☐ I wish to donate \$ _____

☐ In memory/honor of: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF \$ _____

☐ Cash

☐ Check payable to the Culver City Friends of the Library

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

☐ Please contact me at: _____

Please mail or bring this form with payment to:

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Thank you!



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