

CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Message from our President

Dear Friends,

Since our last newsletter, we've had an exciting month at the Friends of the Library!

Our Pop-Up book sale was a wonderful success, and I extend my sincere thanks to our members, supporters, volunteers, and library patrons who participated. Every book purchased helps fund new library materials, programs, and future community events. Your support truly makes a difference.

I'm also pleased to report that our Endcap Project continues to move forward. While progress has been a bit slower than expected, we are making steady strides and look forward to celebrating its completion. We're especially grateful to the Culver City Historical Society for partnering with us by providing historic photographs that will help bring the project to life. More details about the celebration will be shared soon.

We're always looking for volunteers to help with future book sales and Friends events. If volunteering isn't possible right now, you can still support us by donating gently used books, which help raise funds while finding new homes with readers. We've also added Zelle as a convenient payment option at Friends-staffed book sales and for donations.

As a reminder, please drop off book donations during library open hours only. For large donations, please email info@ccfol.org to schedule an appointment. Thank you for being part of our library family. Your continued support helps keep our library thriving. One of the best ways to support our mission is by becoming a member of the Culver City Friends of the Library—we hope you'll join us!

Aileen Zeidman
President, Friends of the Library

LA County Library Signs of Solidarity

Residents can pick up free LA vs. Hate lawn signs in English/Spanish at the library while supplies last. The "Signs of Solidarity" campaign encourages inclusion, promotes awareness, and connects residents to resources for reporting acts of hate and discrimination.



Become A Member Today!

The Culver City Friends of the Library are a dedicated group of library lovers and volunteers who use proceeds from fundraising activities and annual memberships to supplement the library's programs, services, and supplies. By becoming a member, you're directly investing in a vibrant, accessible library for all.

Recent projects supported by the Friends include the purchasing of teen area furniture, magazines and newspapers, and popular children's books. As a member, you'll also receive our newsletter with updates on upcoming events, opportunities, and the impact your support is making.

Membership runs in the calendar year. If you didn't renew at the end of 2025, please do so now. All renewals made after this date will extend through 2027!!

To become a member, visit CCFOL.org or email info@CCFOL.org.

Recent Programming!

Block Printing for Teens (Apr. 22)

Learn Basic Tech for Beginners for Adults (Apr. 28)

The Story of You: Watercolor Selfies with Carlos Nieto for children and families (Apr. 25)

Watercolor Beach Umbrellas: Postcards (Jun. 13)

Upcoming Events!

Drop-In Hands-Only CPR (Jul. 7)

Naloxone (Narcan) Clinic (Jul. 7)

Bite Club Craft Time - Ages 5-12 (Jul. 11)

Adult 101: Paper Bag Journals for Teens - Ages 12-17 (Jul. 15)

Letters from the Owlery - Adults (Jul. 25)

Wind Chimes for Teens - Ages 12-17 (Aug. 5)

Calling Readers of All Ages!

Join LA County Library's summer celebration of reading and exploration.

From June 1 through August 9, log books, complete fun activities, earn badges, and be entered to win prizes. Participate in person or online via LACountyLibrary.org/summer-discovery.

Help us log 50,000 books for our Summer Discovery Program! Any books logged during this event will help us reach our goal!

Interview with a Librarian: ADRIANA ALBIZURES

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

One of the things I enjoy most is getting to know people in the community. It not only makes it easier to create programs that reflect their interests and needs, but it also helps build genuine, lasting connections. I especially love the moments at the reference desk when kids come to the Ask Us desk and light up after I help them find the book or movie they've been searching for. It's even more rewarding when they keep coming back, again and again. The same goes for adults, when someone new from a program passes by, waves, or stops to say hello, it's a small but meaningful.

My favorite book is *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. It's beautifully written and haunting. However, a book I often recommend is *How to Win Friends and Influence People in the Digital Age* by Dale Carnegie, it's incredibly helpful.

Have you noticed any trends in what people are borrowing or reading lately?

Romance is huge right now, especially "romantasy" (fantasy romance). Sports romances, like hockey-themed ones, are also popular; I get requests for those at least twice a month.

Do you have a personal favorite book you love recommending?



What programs or services are you most proud of this year?

When I first started at the library, I made it a goal to launch a series on digital literacy, and I'm proud to say that since 2023, we've been able to run multiple programs aimed at helping older adults improve their digital skills. Most recently, we launched a program called Creatability Club, designed for adults with developmental differences and their caregivers. We provide all the materials, and it's been such a fun, meaningful experience for everyone involved. It's especially rewarding to see all their artwork and the joy it brings to the participants. I also must mention the addition of library scavenger hunts. What started with our Shark Scavenger Hunt became so popular that we're now planning to run them seasonally. It's been a joy to watch kids and families explore the library together while solving clues and having fun.

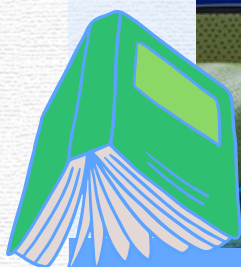
Q & A



Recent Service Statistics

- Gate count: 15,221
- Single-day highest gate count: 782 on Sat, April 4th
- Total users added: 451 (289 in person + 162 online)
- Active cards (2nd systemwide): 35,668
- Total circulation (2nd systemwide): 24,301

We continue to play an indispensable role in serving our community!



Did you know about our online collections, available 24/7 with your library card?

As a member of our library, you have access to eBooks, Audiobooks, and Magazines through Libby; Music through Freegal; and Streaming through Hoopla

More information can be found [here](#).

Renewal Forms

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:

Culver City Friends of the Library
 4975 Overland Avenue
 Culver City, CA 90230
 (310) 559-1676
 www.ccfol.org

Thank you!

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 or other feedback, feel
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 with us.

Email:
info@ccfol.org



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