

Culver City Friends of the Library



*News from the Friends of the
Culver City Julian Dixon Library*

Fourth Quarter 2008

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

As Summer '08 draws to a close, the Friends bid a fond adieu to Stuart Little, the mouse featured in our summer reading program. The after-hours pajama party held in the library was attended by nearly 200 people who enjoyed popcorn served by the Culver City Fire Department, pizza, games, face painting and then a screening of the Sony picture. I am grateful and a little bit in awe at the level of community support our events receive!

A big thank you to our volunteers: Yvette Washington, Susan Obrow, David Kuechle, Christina Gargiullo, Ed Rybka, Renee Pryor, Bobbie & Jim Aboud, Steven Hirohama, Emily Hirohama, Danny & Rose Peterson, Mary Noller and Shelby Silpasvang, as well as our board, Sharon Zeitlin, Alan Corlin, Sandi Levin, Elaine Hirohama, Steve Wieber, Wayne Pulliam, John and Nancy Kuechle, Lauren Mead, and the library staff Laura Frakes, Stephen Trumble, Susan Bodok and Joan Mead.

There are three special "thank you's" I want to give. First to the Culver City Fire Department who once again volunteered to come to our summer event and serve popcorn. Second, to the Culver City News, which featured our Stuart Little festival all summer long, ran pictures and articles about our programs, helped run our summer coloring and essay contests, and even published the winning entry! Finally, the summer reading program could not have happened without the generous support of Sony Pictures Entertainment which gave us the film, granted permission to use copyrighted images, and loaned us the incredible Stuart Little costume that made such an impression at all our events. They have been an enthusiastic and continuing supporter of the Friends and of the library and we are all very grateful.

I hope that all of you who had your picture taken with Stuart have looked it up on ccfol.org. Thanks to Morgan Genser of the Culver City News, professional quality portraits were taken during the pajama party which you can download anytime as a souvenir.

As we move into the fall, we have more fine programs scheduled as well as book sales and a craft fair just in time for the Christmas season. See you all then!

Kevin Commins, President, Culver City Friends of the Library

FUN AT THE FAIR!!

It was great seeing so many Friends at our booth at this year's Fiesta la Ballona as well as meeting many new people. As in previous years, we raised a substantial amount of money for the library and had fun doing it! A big thank you to our volunteers Patty Krause, Carole Gustin, Gary Silbiger, Renee Pryor, Lisa Pendse, Ethan Friedman, Joan Mead, Wanda Anesh, Aileen Zeidman, Daniel Wong, Elaine Hirohama, Alan Corlin, John & Nancy Kuechle, David Kuechle, Christina Gargiullo, Wayne Pulliam, and Steve Wieber. It takes a lot of work to run a booth and we appreciate all our volunteers. See you at next year's Fiesta!

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW?

One of the big advantages of being a Friend is automatic notification of upcoming book sales and events through email. Do we have your email address? If not, members can submit it to info@ccfol.org and it will be added to our e-mailing list. If you gave us your address but you haven't been receiving our emails, your spam blocker may be deleting our messages. Please add ccfriendspres@gmail.com to your approved list of

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 Kevin at info@ccfol.org.

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:

Avon Independent Sales Rep. Brooke Powell

(310) 836-0003 www.youravon.com/brookepowell

10% discount on orders over \$25.00 placed directly with representative, or online using the personal delivery option. 10%, excluding sales tax, will also be donated to the Friends. (May not be combined with any other offer.)

Batteries Plus in Culver City

10% Discount off regularly priced merchandise

Borders Express in Culver City (Fox Hills Mall)

20% Discount off regularly priced merchandise
(Note Waldenbooks/Brentano's is now Borders Express)

Szechuan Restaurant in Marina Del Rey

10% Discount on food purchases
(not valid with coupons, on deliveries, or on specials)

San Gennaro Café in Brentwood

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 Membership Card! All memberships expire in December annually. If you received this newsletter by mail, look on the label to see the year your membership expired.

senders. All your contact information is kept private and confidential by the Friends. It is never released to any third party.

Presenting.

THE WOMAN WITH THE HUNGRY EYES

Distinguished film historian Hugh Munro Neely will give an illustrated lecture at the Library on Saturday, September 20, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm on the life and career of THEDA BARA, the silent actress who introduced the word "vamp" into the language. Movie audiences of 1914 were enthralled by Bara, purportedly an exotic, Egyptian-born temptress who lured men into her bed and then callously tossed them aside to die. Her publicity called her a sexual vampire, "the woman with the wickedest face in the world," a creature that no man could either resist or survive. Mr. Neely will trace how a nice Jewish girl from Cincinnati became the symbol of destructive sexual urges and what her meteoric career reveals about American attitudes toward sex in the last century.

Mr. Neely's lecture last year on Mary Pickford was well attended and enthusiastically received, and we're pleased he agreed to speak again this year. The lecture is free and open to the public.

DONATION APPRECIATION!!

The Friends are extremely grateful for the wonderful donations that keep our programs and events going! In addition to the very generous financial support we receive from our many contributors, the Friends are very fortunate to receive all manner of "in kind" donations.

The thousands of books donated each year by the community keep our book sales going and raise tens of thousands of dollars for the library. The merchandise donated for sales and auctions makes our events fun and interesting and generates revenue that can be used for library programs and services.

The yarns, needles and supplies that have been provided by the community have allowed the teen knitting group to enjoy the chance to learn new skills, share talents with others, make new friends and create gifts for friends and family. (And you know that at the library we love a good yarn!) The program's success is largely due to the great support by the library staff and the community.



Upcoming CCFOL Events
September – December 2008



CCFOL program co-chairs Nancy Kuechle and Elaine Hirohama invite you to join the Friends in any or all of these exciting, free events:

September 20 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
 The Friends' Saturday Program: Distinguished film historian Hugh Munro Neely will give an illustrated lecture on the life and career of THEDA BARA, the silent film actress who introduced the word "vamp" into the language.

October 7 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM
 Story Time and Craft at the Library: Come hear special guest, Culver City School Board member Scott Zeidman read stories to children of all ages -- and stay for a fun Fall craft .

October 18 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 The Friends' Saturday Program: Culver City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Culver City Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES) will explain how they help keep our community safe and what you can do to help yourself and your neighbors be prepared for an emergency.

November 4 (Tuesday)
CANCELLED
 Story Time and Craft at the Library is cancelled due to the election. Please remember to VOTE!.

November 22 (Saturday)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Friends' Quarterly Book Sale and Holiday Craft Fair at the Library: Perfect for holiday gifts and seasonal decorations! A fantastic selection of books plus handmade gifts available for purchase: jewelry, greeting

cards, candles, soaps, vases, frames, ornaments, holiday decorations, pillows, art glass objects, handmade apparel and a variety of knitted and crocheted items.

December 7 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM
 Story Time and Craft at the Library: Usher in the holidays with festive stories and a Winter craft project.

December 20 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 Friends' Saturday program at the Library: Holiday party with special guests and yummy holiday snacks! Save the date!

For more information about these or any of our activities and events, please look for flyers or check out the display cases in the Library, call 310-559-1676 or visit www.ccfol.org!

County Library Programs:
 For more story time fun, remember that the library also offers **free story times** for families on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm (no registration required) and for toddlers and preschoolers on selected Monday and Wednesday mornings (registration required for the 10 week Fall session).

In addition, **Family Place Workshops** for children ages 1 to 3 and their parents/caregivers are offered most Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. A different community resource specialist will be available at each session, with games and activities offered for the children. Space is limited and reservations may be made by phone or in person at the library. Please direct questions to Joan Mead or Gregory Barnett.

IMPORTANT: 2009 CCFOL Board Nominations Open!!

2009 Officers Needed

The Friends need volunteers! 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 Friends' Executive Board by the close of the December Board meeting. The December meeting will be held on December 16, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Room at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library.

2009 Board Members Needed

Several members of the current Executive Board will be stepping down this year and others would like to change positions. As a result, the Friends are seeking new, enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers to join the Board! Membership on the Board is fun and rewarding, so please consider signing up for this great opportunity! In addition to the officers' positions, the other Executive Board positions are: Membership chairperson, Programs chairperson, Publication chairperson and Book Sale chairperson for the 2009 Executive Board.

Interested? Please contact Kevin Commins at info@ccfol.org prior to December 16, 2009 or come to the December 16 board meeting.

Selection Procedure

Only those individuals who have given their consent to serve can be nominated for or elected to an 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 in January of 2009. The procedure will be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

**CRAFT FAIR: SPACE AVAILABLE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SELL YOUR HANDMADE GOODS?**

Local artisans are invited to sell their arts and crafts at

***THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
QUARTERLY BOOK SALE***

Saturday, November 22, 2008

from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the

Culver City Julian Dixon Library, 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City

***SPACE IS LIMITED AND MUST BE RESERVED
IN ADVANCE, SO SIGN UP NOW!***

The vendor participation fee is \$35 per table (\$20 per table if you bring your own tables). Vendor donations of money or goods are also greatly appreciated! Registration forms are available at the information carousel in the library or online at www.ccfol.org. Contact Sandi at slevin@claw.us to reserve your booth today!



Highlights of the Third Quarter of 2008



BOOK SALES & MORE!!

The Next Sale: November 22, 2008, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Find some great treasures as you sift through the Friends’ amazing quarterly display of gently used books on an incredible array of topics! As always, there will be a HUGE SELECTION of materials: Art • Biographies • Business • Children’s • Classics • Computer • Cooking • Foreign Language • History • Home and Garden • Medical • Music • Mysteries • Novels • Paperbacks • Reference/Textbooks • Religion • Romance • Science Fiction • Self-Help • Sports • Travel • Audiocassettes • CDs • DVDs • Videos and More! This book sale will also feature a Craft Fair with a vast assortment of arts and crafts from local artisans! If you would like to reserve a booth to sell your handmade arts and crafts items, please email slevin@cllaw.us or check the library for application forms starting in August.

The Latest Success: Our September 13, 2008 book sale was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$2500! Thank you to all our dedicated members, volunteers, library staff and public participants who help make these sales so fun and successful!

Donations Welcome: Our book sales are successful due to the donations of books and media generously donated to the Friends by our community. If you have clean, gently used books, VHS tapes, DVDs or CDs cluttering up your shelves and you're itching to clean, remember that we have a drop-off box for donations at the back of the library. If the box is full, you can just leave your donations on the loading dock. One hundred percent of the sales proceeds will be used to help improve our library.

Volunteers Welcome: We would love to have your help at the book sales! Set up starts around 7:30am and we start breaking the sale down at 2:30pm. See you then!

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JOIN THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

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

DONATION: ___ Supporting Member: \$50/year ___ Sustaining Senior(over 55): \$15/year
I wish to donate \$ _____ In memory/honor of: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF \$ _____ in ___Cash ___Check payable to Culver City Friends of the Library
I wish to receive the Friends newsletter via: ___U.S. Mail ___Email

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