

Culver City Friends of the Library



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President's Message

Dear Friends,

I want to start off my first column as CCFOL president with a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing Board and, most especially, to past president Dr. Sharon Zeitlin. Becoming President of CCFOL after what Sharon and the prior board were able to accomplish is a little like taking the stage right after Elvis! The two years Sharon was at the helm have been, by my estimation, the most productive and innovative in the entire history of the CCFOL. Sharon's leadership coupled with an enthusiastic board led CCFOL into new territory. I also want to thank all the members of the board, past and present: your help has made CCFOL one of the most successful, productive and FUN groups in town.

This year we will strive to maintain the high quality and great enthusiasm that have captured the imaginations of thousands of community members this past year and have yielded so many successful programs for CCFOL -- Culver City Reads, Outdoor Book Sales, Get Caught Reading, Monthly Story Time and more! We have wonderful things in store for you this year, too! Look for more great programs and fabulous speakers -- from our own local heroes in the Culver City Police and Fire departments, to national experts on kites, classic movies, child-rearing and loads of other topics and join us for exciting safari adventures as we embark on Culver City Reads 2007, celebrating the acclaimed book "Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds" and watch the Academy Award-winning family movie under the stars in Veterans Park.

We have also set a goal to expand membership and business partnerships. Business partners benefit by having their name posted on our website as well as by gaining new customers by giving sales incentives (discounts) to members of the CCFOL. The business partner form is located on the CCFOL website (<http://www.ccfol.org>) download a few copies and keep them with you. When you go shopping or out to dine just ask the owner or manager to look over the form and explain to them the benefits of becoming a business partner. On a lark a few months ago one of our members asked a restaurateur in Los Angeles to become a business partner. There was an almost immediate "yes" answer.

We will also hold more of our ever-popular book sales: there will be at least FIVE this year. The Culver City community is extremely generous in providing the CCFOL with a lot of books to sell. We can always use your help at the sales. It is a lot of fun and it really benefits the library. Look for details in this newsletter! Also, the winter sale in early December will be accompanied an arts and crafts sale, so those of you with artistic talents (not me!), start thinking about what great holiday crafts and gifts you want to display!

I look forward to working with all of you to make this another fabulous year for the premier Friends of the Library group in Los Angeles County.

Alan Corlin, President, Culver City Friends of the Library

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Board Installation, Award Presentations & 2006 Celebrations!

A capacity crowd attended the Friends' Annual Membership Meeting and Installation Dinner on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel in Culver City. It was a great event, celebrating a great year! The program highlighted CCFOL's accomplishments in 2006 -- the Friends' most successful year ever -- including the popular and inspiring Culver City Reads 2006 program based upon the classic novel Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie. Throughout the evening, literally thousands of photographs of 2006 Friends of the Library events slowly flashed on a large screen, reminding attendees of all the fun they had in 2006.



The program began with a silent auction

to raise funds for the Culver City Julian Library, featuring many wonderful items, including gift certificates for local restaurants, fantastic merchandise from local vendors, books, and much more! Lots of bidders went home happy and every item sold, netting thousands of dollars for the Friends to use to support the library!

Next, the Friends presented awards to some of the many generous and talented contributors to the fantastic programs in 2006. The awards winners were:

Youth Volunteers of the Year – Emily Hirohama & Kevin Martinez

Entertainers of the Year – Ronnie Jayne & Muriel Clark

Captain of the Year – Fire Capt. Bill Heins (aka Capt. Hook)

Community Impact Award -- Culver City Fire Department

Resident Volunteers of the Year – John & Nancy Kuechle

Business Volunteers of the Year -- Susan S. Deen, CPA & Charles A. Deen, CPA

Outstanding Business Partners – Sony Pictures Entertainment, Laing Urban, The Culver City News, The Culver Hotel & Symantec Corporation

Board Member of the Year -- Elaine Hirohama

Books & Believers Award – Sandi Levin



The 2006 Board of the Friends of the Library was also recognized for their many contributions, with special appreciation to outgoing members.

Of course, many commendations, awards and kudos were presented to outgoing President Sharon Zeitlin, whose vision and dedication over the past two years made the Culver City Friends into the most active and successful Friends of the Library organization in the County.

Installing officer, Culver City Fire Chief Jeff Eastman, swore in the 2007 Board with a unique blend of humor (making them to promise never to burn books or play with matches) and solemn tradition (asking them to faithfully fulfill the duties and obligations of their offices). As Chief Eastman congratulated the new board on their installation, the Fire Department promised their continued support again in the coming year. The newly installed 2007 board members are:

- President: Alan Corlin
- Vice President: Kevin Commins
- Secretary: Lauren Mead
- Treasurer: Gayle Smashey
- Book Sale Chairperson: Wayne Pulliam
- Membership Co-Chairs: John and Nancy Kuechle
- Publication Chairperson: Sandi Levin
- President Emeritus: Sharon Zeitlin
- Community Library Manager: Laura Frakes (member, ex officio)

The last official event of the evening was the live auction, featuring such fabulous items as a one-of-a-kind animation cell by local animation artist and author, Martha Sigall, "Chief for a Day" with Culver City Police Chief Don Pederson and homemade ice cream made and personally delivered by Vice Mayor Alan Corlin. A fabulous time was had by all!

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.

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

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 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 2007 Membership Card!



Upcoming CCFOL Events

April - July, 2007



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Memberships expired on December 31, so please renew your dues for 2007 or join as a new member if you haven't yet! **If you received a one-page letter along with this newsletter, your membership is more than a year out of date!** Please complete the form on the last page and mail in your dues today.

**April 3 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Celebrate the arrival of Spring with a springtime craft and some special stories read by CCFOL President Alan Corlin!

**April 14 (Saturday)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' Book Sale at the Library: Libraries across the County are holding this annual one-day book sale. Come out and help us sell the most books of any Friends of the Library group in the County!

**April 19 (Thursday)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

In honor of National Library Week, VIP reader(s) will read the County Library's featured books. Multiethnic storytelling troupe *We Tell Stories* will perform 3 interactive, story-based plays.

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from the Culver City Arts in Public Places Fund.

**April 21 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Join us for some high-flying fun in honor of National Kite Month, as kite expert Neil Tuthill presents how to make, fly and enjoy kites. Take home a kite of your very own (while supplies last)!

**May 1 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Listen to Mother Goose tales and make a special Mother Goose craft. What better way is there to celebrate Mother Goose Day?

**May 19 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Join the fantastic Culver City Police Department in honor of National Children and Police Day! Look for Scout, the police mascot, police vehicles, giveaways, free fingerprinting for children and more!

**May 22 (Tuesday)
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Culver City Reads at the Farmers Market: Join us on a safari through the farmers market in downtown Culver City as we kick off Culver City Reads 2007, a celebration of "Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds" by Joy Adamson.

**June 5 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Check the website (www.ccfol.org) or pick up a flyer at the library for more information on this event.

**June 16 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Time Line Films presents all the fascinating facts about Culver City's most famous and powerful screen legend, Mary Pickford. Are we celebrating National Candy Month or National Rose Month? With America's Sweetheart, it could be either one!

**July 3 (Tuesday)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: It's a story time safari! Meet some of the amazing animals and characters from "Born Free" the featured book and movie for Culver City Reads 2007.

**July 14 (Saturday)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' Book Sale at the Library: Look for hot prices on great books at this mid-summer sale!

**July 21 (Saturday)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Culver City Reads 2007 continues with a Saturday safari program for the whole family.

**July (date to be announced)
7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Book Discussion Group: Join your friends and neighbors in reading "Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds" by Joy Adamson and then share your insights in this professionally facilitated discussion group. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library and will also be available for purchase at the circulation desk commencing in May, 2007. (Proceeds support the Library.)

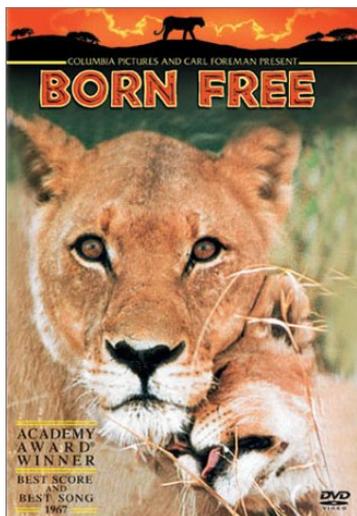
For more information about these or any of our activities and events, please look for flyers or check out the display cases in the Library, call 310-559-1676 or visit www.ccfol.org!

CULVER CITY READS 2007

Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds

By Joy Adamson

Culver City Reads is now in its third year! This lively and fun-spirited program aims to get people excited about reading – and



to raise money for the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. More specifically, 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 and, in the process, raise money to support and improve the programs, facilities and equipment at the library.

After extensive community input, the book selected for this year is the highly

acclaimed bestseller **“Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds”** by Joy Adamson. Throughout the next several months, the Friends will hold a series of events and activities revolving around this book to show children and adults alike how books come alive and to raise funds for the Library. Look for guest appearances at the library, farmers market and other locations around town; bring your little ones to a safari-themed story hour at the library; dress up in khakis or an animal costume for a Saturday program; or share your insights about the book at an evening discussion group at the library. And be sure to join us when the program culminates in an “under the stars” screening of the movie Born Free at Veterans Park. This will truly be a summer of adventure and learning!

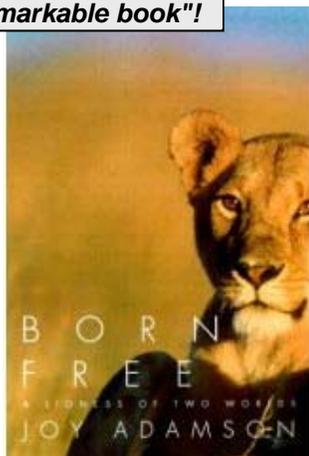
Of course, the success of the program depends on financial support from businesses, civic organizations, and individuals! There are many ways you can contribute to this community celebration, including one of many levels of sponsorship. Sponsorship can be achieved by a monetary contribution and/or a non-monetary

contribution, such as certificate, food for an event, or an item

***The New York Times
hailed it as a "fascinating
and remarkable book"!***

a gift

for a drawing or door prize. The many types and benefits of sponsorship are listed on the sponsorship form included with this newsletter. Please support the library by taking a moment to fill out this form. Your generosity will make our summer brighter, our library better and our community stronger!



Ant Farm and Uncle Milton!



Being not-so-quiet in the library...

Highlights from the First Quarter of 2007



CCFOL President Reads for Presidents' Day



Celebrating Women's History Month



BOOK SALES & MORE!!

The Next Sale: Saturday, April 14, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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! Libraries across the County are holding this annual one-day book sale. Come out and help us sell the most books of any Friends of the Library group in the County!

The Latest Success: Our **February 3** book sale was a tremendous success! The proceeds from the sales allow the Friends to expand the programs and supplement the publications and equipment provided at the Library.

Thank you to our dedicated members, volunteers and public who helped make this another successful day, including (in alpha order): Alan Corlin, Barbara Corlin, Brittany Webber, Dan Gallagher, Elaine Hirohama, Emily Hirohama, Erik Story, Evelyn Fink, Gayle Smashey, Gerald Sallus, Howard Chesley, Jeff Stanton, John Kuechle, Ken Roos, Kevin Martinez, Kevin Commins, Lauren Mead, Lynn Baril, Maggie Meinschein, Mary Lavelle, Mary Menzel, Nancy Kuechle, Sandi Levin, Shai Maor, Sharon Zeitlin, Steven Wieber, Suzanne Mantell, Vince Motyl, Wayne Pulliam, and everyone whose name we didn’t catch! And, as always, thanks to the Library staff for their support!

More to Follow: July 14, 2007

There will be another book sale on **July 14, 2007!** Be sure to mark it on your calendar, since you never know what new treasures will be on the tables that day!

The Culver City Julian Dixon Library

Library Sponsored Programs:

Overflow parking available next door at 4909 Overland Avenue

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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: 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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