

# Culver City Friends of the Library



News from the Friends of the  
Culver City Julian Dixon Library

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Fourth Quarter 2007

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## President's Message

Dear Friends,

This past summer kicked off the third annual Culver City Reads Program, starting at the May 22 farmer's market and culminating at the "Born Free" movie-under-the-stars event on August 11. In between these two dates, our members were quite busy with fun CCFOL programs and events! In July, we had a lion photo shoot at Fire Station #1; an expert lecture on the life of Mary Pickford at the library; a Lions at the library story time; a road trip to ECOSTATION; and a sneak preview of The Actors' Gang's "Gulliver's Travels." In August, there was Paws 4 Reading at the Library, the movie under the stars and the Fiesta La Ballona booth. September's book sale was very successful and October's "Spooky Story Time" was a real hoot. Busy?? I'll say we were busy! Check out the "Past Events" page at [www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org) for photos!

If books make up a good library, then good volunteers make up the CCFOL. We had over 75 volunteers help out the day of the movie event. We regularly have 35 to 40 of us at the book sales. I congratulate you all on a job well done. We have more exciting events coming in the next few months. The last program we had was the Fire Department at the library, which was standing room only. Just look at the website to see the impact CCFOL is having on the community.

On December 1, we will have our holiday book sale and craft fair. Many local artists will be tempting you with their wares. Get some holiday shopping done at the CCFOL craft fair. Come out early for the best selection and don't forget your wallet. This year, when you are looking for the special gift for the person who has everything get them a yearly membership in the CCFOL. It really is the gift that keeps on giving.

Please **hold the date of Tuesday evening, January 29** for our annual installation dinner and all hands meeting. We will be contacting you by postcard about the details in the near future.

It has been an honor to be president of the CCFOL this year, but all good things end. I will continue to be active in the CCFOL, but it is time to hand off the baton to someone else. Kevin Commins has agreed to take on the responsibilities of President this coming year. Kevin did a wonderful job this year as Vice President and I am certain he will do a great job as our next President. We are also looking for new Board members. Please contact me if you are interested in helping. The CCFOL is a fun group to be involved with -- and we certainly make a difference for the library and the community we live in.

As this is my last President's Message, let me also take a moment to thank all those volunteers who make the CCFOL the great organization it is. To all of you who continually come out help at our events: I thank you. I especially want to thank the current members of the CCFOL board: **Kevin Commins, Lauren Mead, Sandi Levin, Wayne Pulliam, John and Nancy Kuechle, Laura Frakes and Sharon Zeitlin.** I also want to thank **Elaine Hirohama and Steven Wieber** who both worked as if they were on the board. Your hard work, enthusiasm, energy and ideas made my year as President one I will long remember. I could not have done it without you. I would not have wanted to do it without you.

I wish all of you a safe and joyful Holiday Season and a happy New Year.

**Alan Corlin, President, Culver City Friends of the Library**

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## NEED MORE SHELF SPACE ?

You may have noticed that book sales raise a tremendous amount of money for the library – more than \$10,000 a year! Do you know where we get those books? From people like you, who donate their gently used books. So, why don't you clear a little shelf space for yourself by "sharing" your books with others? Donate them to the Friends of the Library, so others can buy them, read them and enjoy them as much as you did. And, as if that wasn't good enough, the Friends will make money, too!

Remember, it is the end of the year and you can get a tax receipt for your donation.

## "BE PREPARED" FOR A GREAT TIME!

The Friends of the Library are staffing a booth at the City of Culver City's "Be Prepared Fair" to be held on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 10 am to 2 pm at Fire Station One (9600 Culver Blvd.). The Friends will be giving out "Bookie Bucks" to the first 1,000 attendees which they can redeem at the Friends of the Library book room or at a Friends quarterly sale to get a book for their Disaster Supply Kit. (A good book should be part of every disaster supply kit!)

The Fair promises to be a fun and educational event, with popcorn, prizes and fun for everyone:

Visit exhibitors and vendors and watch live safety demonstrations;

### *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 Alan at [info@ccfol.org](mailto: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)

#### *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 2008 Membership Card!

Purchase emergency preparedness gear;

Assemble a 3-day disaster supply kit with free disaster supplies (while they last). To receive free supplies, you must: bring a backpack or duffle bag and provide proof of culver city residency or employment

Join in activities especially for children, like: emergency vehicle displays; "ok sign" coloring contest; fingerprinting; meeting "sparky" the fire dog mascot; and meeting "scout" the police dog mascot.

Please stop by the Friends' booth!

## HOLD THE DATE!!

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner will take place on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Location to be announced – look for a postcard with all the details!

## FRIENDS TO THE RESCUE...

Which of these titles is unfamiliar to you?

*Jurassic Park*

*Bridge to Terabithia*

*Farewell to Manzanar*

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

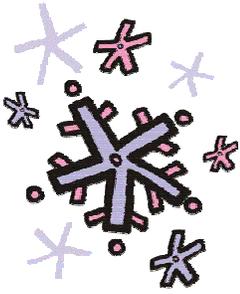
*Bearstone*

*Hatchet*

If you picked the penultimate title, you are not alone! These were required titles on the Culver City Middle School summer reading list. The library was able to bring in multiple copies of most titles by requesting

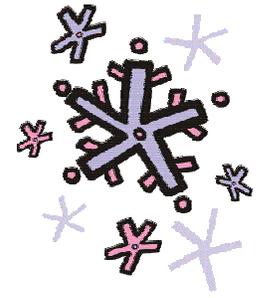
them from fellow County libraries. When it came to *Bearstone*, however, there were only 10 copies available to request. Neighboring library jurisdictions and local bookstores couldn't keep up with the demand.

So, the Culver City Friends of the Library purchased 18 copies of *Bearstone* by Will Hobbs to help meet the need for this title. This was great news to the Middle School students who needed to complete the assignment. Meanwhile, if you're looking for a book to read, check out *Bearstone*: just call [310-559-1676] and staff will be happy to put one aside for you.



# Upcoming CCFOL Events

## *November - February,*



**November 17 (Saturday)**

**10:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

The Friends will be giving out "Bookie Bucks" to the first 1,000 attendees at Culver City's "Be Prepared Fair" at Fire Station One (9600 Culver Blvd). The Fair will be full of fun and important activities, including assembling a 3-day disaster supply kit with free disaster supplies. Remember: a good book should be part of every disaster supply kit!

**December 1 (Saturday)**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' Book Sale and Craft Fair at the Library: Stock up for the holidays! Whether you're looking for novels to read over your holiday vacation, books to entertain the kids while they're out of school or great handmade gifts from local artists, you can find it all at this book and craft sale!

**December 4 (Tuesday)**

**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Listen to some of the marvelous stories of Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa and other Winter holidays.

**December 15 (Saturday)**

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Holiday Party, with refreshments, music, winter arts and crafts and a special visitor. Happy Holidays from Friends of the Library!

**January 1 (Tuesday)**

**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

CANCELLED: There will be no Story Time and Craft at the Library due to the New Year's Holiday. Happy New Year!

**January 19 (Saturday)**

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Join us for a Martin Luther King Day program at the library! Details to be announced.

**January 29 (Tuesday)**

**6:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner: come celebrate a year of great events and congratulate CCFOL board members past, present and future! (Location to be announced; look for a postcard in the mail.)

**February 5 (Tuesday)**

**7:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Story Time and Craft at the Library: Celebrate two February holidays in one! Come hear the new CCFOL President read Valentine's Day books and make a love-ly arts and crafts project!

**February 9 (Saturday)**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Friends' Quarterly Book Sale at the Library: Search the tables for romantic poetry for Valentines Day or a presidential autobiography to read over Presidents Day weekend! No matter what you like to read, you'll find great bargains at the book sale!

**February 16 (Saturday)**

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

The Friends' monthly Saturday program at the library. Details to be announced.

**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](http://www.ccfol.org)!**

# IMPORTANT: 2008 CCFOL Board Nominations Open!!

## *2008 Officers Needed*

The Friends needs 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 18, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M. in the Community Room at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library.

## *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 2007 Executive Board.

Interested? Please contact Alan Corlin at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org) prior to December 18, 2007.

## *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 on January 29, 2008. The procedure will be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board.



Highlights from the Fourth Quarter of 2007



## Culver City Reads 2007: Everyone Had A Roaring Good Time!

On Saturday, August 11, for the third year in a row, the Friends brought a book to life on a giant outdoor screen in Veterans Park. More than 500 people turned out for an "Under the Stars" screening of the movie based upon "Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds," the true-life, international bestselling book written by Joy Adamson about herself, her game warden husband, George Adamson, and Elsa, the orphaned cub lioness they raised while living in Kenya. More than 75 volunteers provided games, prizes, auctions, raffles and live music until the sun went down.

The Nairobi Fire Department (known throughout the rest of the year as the Culver City Fire Department) was on hand volunteering at the event and handing out popcorn. Fire Captain Bill Heins was the emcee for the evening and local musician Ronnie Jayne entertained. This event was made possible by all of the many Culver City Reads sponsors. The Friends are especially grateful to Lion Level (\$10,000) Sponsor Sony Pictures Entertainment, Elephant Level (\$5,000) Sponsors Culver City News and AT&T and Rhinoceros Level (\$1,000) Sponsors, Culver City Fire Management Group and Firefighters Association, Dave and Diana Hauptman, EcoStation and the STAR Education Foundation, Jin's Valero Service (Jin Kwak), Ronnie Jayne Music, A Song for You Productions, Albert and Ursula Vera (Sorrento Market), Symantec Corporation and Uncle Milton Industries. A full list of donors to Culver City Reads 2007 appears on the Friends' website at [www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org).



### BOOK SALES & MORE!!

**The Next Sale: Saturday, December 1, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
*Don't miss the December 1 book and arts and crafts sale!*

See what new treasures you can find for holiday gifts and fun winter reading right in front of your local, Culver City library.

You will not believe the beautiful **handmade gifts** available for purchase! Come browse a fabulous assortment of handmade jewelry, greeting cards, candles, soaps, vases, frames, ornaments, pillows, art glass objects, including paperweights, bowls and platters, children's watches and teddy bears, handmade apparel and a variety of knitted and crocheted items. The Friends are very fortunate to have so many talented local artists displaying their wares, including, Dorothy Miyake, Jo Febo, Lisa Levin, Lori Patton (Heartworks By Lori Jewelry), Sandie Teitler, Sharon Hyland Elstein, Shelly Papadopoulos and Winnie Yih. Be sure to stop by and do a little holiday shopping!!



**The Latest Success:** Our **September 29, 2007** book sale was a tremendous success, raising over \$2100! Thank you to all our dedicated members, volunteers and public who helped make this another successful day! And, as always, thanks to the Library staff for their support!

**More to Follow:** Our first sale of the new year will be on **February 9, 2008**. As always, 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!

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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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