

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Fall 2011
Quarterly
Publication

Next Meetings:

General Meeting:
Saturday, Sept. 10,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

General Meeting:
Saturday, Oct. 1,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

General Meeting:
Saturday, Nov. 5,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

Next Book Sales:

Friday, Oct. 21
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& **Saturday, Oct. 22**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& **Saturday, Dec. 10**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

President's Message by Mary S.

Dear Friends - members and library lovers: Libraries have been very lucky this summer to have our public libraries open 6 days a week -- Monday through Saturday. Kinda hard remembering the different hours on each day, but a tip I'll share is "putting a note on my daily carry-calendar helps me remember!"

The NEW "Drop Box", funded by the Friends, is located opposite the check-out desk. When the library is open and you want to return a book, but there is a L O N G line of patrons waiting, you can "DROP OFF" your books or CDs in the "DROP BOX" and scoot right out -- with NO WAIT! BUT, if there is NO LINE, be sure to drop materials off at the check-out desk and chat a minute with the smiling staff person. The Lock Box

is a small change to get used to, but the Friends guarantee you'll LOVE it!!

REMEMBER! For After Hours, the BOOK DROP at the Front Door is still available!

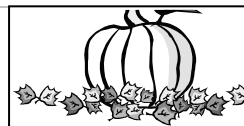
I hope you had a chance to see some of the summer "Film Fest" movies at the library. It's such a great concept -- to encourage reading the book -- either before or after -- and compare styles of writing books with writing movie scripts and learn the differences. This program will continue through the fall and winter. DO CATCH AT LEAST ONE PROGRAM!! The Friends are very proud of this donation. We are one of only several libraries in the Valley with this new Media Program.

We had two good Book Sales this summer -- June and August. Looks like our regular bi-monthly schedule is successful, and we plan to continue it. The next Sales will be in October and then December.

Thanks to everyone who was a member of our "Ralphs Community Contribution Program." In the past year, Ralphs contributed almost \$2.5 million to valued community organizations like Friends. And Ralphs is committed to giving again next year! We hope as many members as possible will participate in this partnership. It is an unmatched opportunity for members - and their families and friends! - to support the Granada Hills Library Friends group, so we can continue to buy more books, fund special programs and fulfill other needs of the library. See Renee Z's article on joining.

The Friends are busy planning fun for the public to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week - October 16 - 22! Come celebrate with us!

-- Mary S., President



This newsletter was produced and edited by Ellen Weinstein.

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It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam R., Senior Librarian

Librarian's Report: The definition of "censor" according to Webster's New World College Dictionary is to "examine publications, movies, television, programs, etc and to remove or prohibit anything considered obscene, libelous, politically objectionable, etc". Over the years, some of our greatest literature has been challenged or banned from schools and/or libraries. Los Angeles Public Library embraces the American Library Association's mission "to promote the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinions even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those viewpoints to all who wish to read them." It is with this in mind that the Granada Hills Branch Library has selected the theme of banned books for its latest Book and Film Discussion Fest.

Throughout history why have books been "banned"? They have been censored by individuals, organized groups and governments. Usually those who censor do so to conserve power and they do so out of fear. They fear corruption, offending the sensitive and destruction of culture. Books have been banned for religious, morality, language, sexual, political and other reasons. We have chosen to discuss eight books that were also made into movies which have been banned and/or challenged.

We will explore why these books were originally challenged and/or censored. We will discuss the context of the "concerns" within its timeframe and the motive of the challengers. We hope to engage in enlightening and interesting dialogue. Please join us! This Book and Film Fest has been made possible with the funding of the Friends of the Granada Hills Library. --- Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

Children's Books/Movies

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|-------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|
| • "How to Eat Fried Worms" | 9/24/11 | Sat. | 10:30 a.m. |
| • "Gulliver's Travels" | 9/27/11 | Tues. | 6:00 p.m. |
| • "The Witches" | 10/18/11 | Tues. | 6:00 p.m. |
| • "James and the Giant Peach" | 10/29/11 | Sat. | 10:30 a.m. |

Adult Books/Movies

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| • "Of Mice and Men" | 9/14/11 | Wed. | 1:30 p.m. |
| • "Da Vinci Code" | 9/29/11 | Thurs. | 5:00 p.m. |
| • "The Color Purple" | 10/12/11 | Wed. | 1:00 p.m. |
| • "Twelfth Night" | 10/26/11 | Wed. | 2:00 p.m. |

Library Events during
the Summer of 2011:

- 30 programs total,
total of 623 attendees

- 12 movie programs,
total of 152 attendees

Other News:

Tired of waiting in line to return your library materials? Now you can simply drop them in the indoor book return and avoid the lines. Please remember that if you plan on checking out more materials and your record is at its limit, you will need to bring your returns with you. Thank you, Friends of the Granada Hills Library!

Other Programs:

- 9/17/11 4:00 p.m. - Responsible Pet Care & Animal Safety
- 9/20/11 6:30 p.m. - Pajama Storytime
- 9/21/11 11:00 a.m. - Intro. To the Internet
- 9/21/11 1:30 p.m. - Book Discussion: "The Senator's Wife" by Miller
- 9/24/11 3:00 p.m. - Money Skills for Kids
- 10/1/11 4:00 p.m. - Money Skills for Kids
- 10/8/11 4:00 p.m. - Bugs and Mickey at the Opera
- 10/15/11 4:00 p.m. - Inca Peruvian Ensemble
- 10/19/11 1:30 p.m. - Book Discussion: "The Cookbook Collector" by Bexmoxgis
- 10/25/11 6:30 p.m. - Pajama Storytime

Please note new hours effective July 18, 2011: The library is once again open on Mondays!

(818) 368-5687

Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275

www.lapl.org

Library Hours

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. & Thurs.: 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Closed Sundays & major holidays

LAPL Policies

Loan Periods: 3 weeks, may be renewed 2 times.
 Fines charged for material returned after the due date.
 Placing a "hold" is free, BUT a \$1.00 fee per item will be charged if not picked up.

"A library implies an act of faith."

-- Victor Hugo

"Had it not been for the public library's collection, my love for writing, and my interest in crime fiction, might never have developed."

-- Sara Paretsky

"Libraries are full of hints to life's great puzzles."

-- Avi Steinberg

"I grew up in libraries, and I hope I've learned never to take them for granted. A thriving library is the heart of its community, providing access to information and educational opportunities, bringing people together, leveling the playing field, and archiving our history."

-- Josie Brown

Word Puzzle from Dottie O.

Unscramble the following words. Add "bb" to form a new word:

air - _____
 loge- _____
 hays- _____
 line- _____
 lead- _____
 mulled- _____
 slicer- _____
 cagier- _____
 rita- _____
 noir- _____

Have fun!

(Answers are on page 7)

Membership News by Maralyn P., Chair

It's time to renew your membership for the next fiscal year!

Please use the membership form on the next page to join or to renew your membership in the Friends of the Granada Hills Library. Thank you!

VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS

by Dottie O.

During the first two months of the third quarter of this year, July and August, we had a total of twenty-nine (29) people working at the book sale/or book sorting for a total of one hundred fifty-one (151) volunteer hours. This represents a monetary value of \$3,012.45.

This information helps to see the value of our Friends and to know how much the library does need us. Good job, everyone!



Wouldn't you like to "creatively design" the next Bulletin Board?? Friends try to do them quarterly: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter!

To volunteer, call Mary.

Friends of Granada Hills
Library's Bulletin Board
- Front Hall, August 2011



Installation of Officers
Luncheon on June 4, 2011,
Granada Hills, California

Left to right:

- Pam R.,
Senior Librarian (seated)
- Norma J.,
Guest Speaker
- Mary S.,
President
- Carol M.,
Publicity Chair (seated)

(photo by Dottie O.)

Let's Be Friends!

Please enroll me as a Friend of the Granada Hills Library

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

ANNUAL DUES

All donations are tax deductible

Individual \$ 10

Family \$ 15

Patron \$ 50

Business Friend/Organization* \$ _____

***If your company has a Matching Funds or Gifts Program, please enclose appropriate forms.**

Tribute Gift In Honor of \$ _____

Mail or bring form with your check made payable to:

**Friends of the Granada Hills Library
10640 Petit Avenue
Granada Hills, CA 91344**

Book Review from ALTAFF Newsletter: *Velva Jean Learns to Fly* by Jennifer Niven

During World War II, more than 1,000 women pilots ferried fighter jets and other military aircraft in a program started by Jacqueline Cochran called Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). It is into this "hidden" world that Velva Jean soars. Having left behind a confining small town in the Appalachian hills of South Carolina and an equally confining husband, Velva Jean decides to move to Nashville to realize her dream of singing in the Grand Old Opry.

Arriving in Nashville, she meets up with a woman who will become her friend and who shares her small apartment with her over a restaurant where Velva Jean finds work.

After rejection upon rejection by the Opry, Velva Jean – a truly indomitable spirit – is beginning to become depressed and to do something she seldom does – doubt herself. It is at this point that her brother, Johnny Clay, comes to Nashville to visit her.

Johnny Clay is eager to enlist in the army as a paratrooper, and as part of his preparation for this role, he takes Velva Jean to an old hanger, where they meet a former flying instructor willing to teach them both to fly. Once up in the air, Velva Jean is hooked. Flying feels natural and liberating to her, as it takes her "beyond the keep."

Convincing Cochran to let her into WASP is no small feat itself, but her persistence pays off, and she soon travels to Texas to begin training. This novel is based on the true history of the women who ferried planes across the country and across the Atlantic in WWII. The history is as fascinating as its heroine, who was way ahead of her time in finding her way in what was then the very heart of a man's world.

Velva Jean Learns to Fly is the sequel to *Velva Jean Learns to Drive*. You don't have to read the first to become completely engrossed in the second, but once you meet Velva Jean, you're going to want to!

SPECIAL THOUGHTS ... SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

Do you know that as one of 72 branches of the L.A. Public Library, our Granada Hills Friends group benefits with ideas, thoughts, and tips from a national organization called ALTAFF - which stands for "Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations" - of which the LAPL is a member?

This organization has just voted to change its name!! It will be known as "Citizens for Libraries" and will be a historic division of the American Library Association (ALA) that brings together all library supporters.

The uniting of the Citizen Voice for libraries has never been more important. School media centers are closing all across the country and those that are staying open are often staffed by non-librarians -- a move that does not increase the quality of education for the nation's children. When children and teens do not have access to a school media center, they depend even more heavily on public libraries in their community. And sadly, many of these libraries have reduced hours, staff, materials. And some have closed altogether.

At a time when students' only resource for homework is the public library; when access to free internet info for job hunting is critical; when free and resource-rich support for early childhood education has become more important than ever before, budget cuts are reducing or even eliminating this critical lifeline for the people who need it most.

Even though librarians are expressing a strong case to maintain library schedules and budgets, it is WE, the PEOPLE, who will ultimately prevail. One can argue that our Number ONE Issue of National Security is America's eroding standing as an educated nation prepared to compete in the global marketplace, and able to contribute to the world's knowledge. Education is CRITICAL and at its HEART are LIBRARIES!!

Citizens for Libraries are united. We MUST continue to bring our many voices together as one to insist that America's libraries be fully supported as we move through the 21st century.

A special advocate of education and lifelong learning and dedication to duty as a library advocate, who had a long career in public service is Bessie Boehm Moore of Mountain View, Arkansas. She gave credit for her love of community service and advocacy to her father, Edgar Boehm, who once told her, "you owe it to the community to do good work. It's like paying rent for being in this world."

Being a library advocate is about telling your library's story to friends, family, governing officials, and community influencers. It can be as simple as making a phone call, sending an e-mail, or having a casual communication. Your strength of commitment can have a lasting effect on libraries everywhere. Libraries throughout the nation need your voice, your time, and your talent. Remember the advice of Mr. Boehm: "Pay rent for being in this world."

(Extracted from July 2011 volume of "The VOICE" for American Libraries)

New Officers Elected in May

A new slate of officers for the Friends of the Granada Hills Library was elected to a two-year term at the Annual Meeting held on May 7, 2011 at the Granada Hills Library. The following officers were elected:

President:	Mary S.
First Vice President:	Open
Second Vice President - for Booksales:	Greer R.
Third Vice President - for Membership:	Maralyn P.
Treasurer:	Sharon G.
Secretary:	Willa H.

Officers were installed at a luncheon on June 4, 2011; the installation speech is shown on the following page.

*Left to right: Mary S., Greer R., Maralyn P., and Willa H. (seated). June 4, 2011.
(photo by Dottie O.)*



WANTED: First Vice President to fill vacant position on the Friends' Board

First Vice President: "In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall preside at meetings, act on behalf of the President, attend Board meetings, and assist the President as requested."

If interested, call Lois.

Speech by Norma J.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY
Annual Installation of Officers, June 4, 2011
Golden Hunan Restaurant, Granada Hills**

... I'd like to begin by thanking continuing officers for their effort and dedication in the year past. We all have busy lives, and allowing a portion of your time for service, especially volunteer service is more than generous. That said, allow me to welcome Greer –the “newbie” on the Board, and to tell her that I hope whoever stands here in my place next year, will be thanking and welcoming her back for another year's service to the Friends Board.

Please indulge me when I point out that I find it much easier to select an audio bedtime tale, than it was to choose a motif for this year's Installation—you guys having been exposed to most of my repertoire already! However, I am nothing if not persistent and just a week ago, shopping at Target, I had a moment of inspiration...No candles or flowers for my Friends, but something far more practical, ecologically sound and useful, too...crystal clear, liquid hand soap in just the colors this little script calls for...



You know, through the ages, colors have reflected our moods, signified devotion to cause and country, and celebrated significant events. Today, we will use color to welcome and install our newly elected Board.

So now, IF you're each ready, I am too! PLEASE, as I call your name will you step forward to receive this colorful token of your office and remain standing for the applause you so richly deserve.

TREASURER: SHARON G.

Sharon, as our Treasurer your color is white, significant of our total confidence in you as keeper of our funds and assets, and emblematic of your proven truthfulness and honesty. Yours is truly the most trustworthy position in our organization. We're grateful you'll be aboard for another year.

SECRETARY: WILLA H.

Willa, you have been elected to continue as our Secretary. Your color is red, the universal symbol of vigilance and alertness. Both these important qualities will help you to accurately record the important events and Board decisions of the year to come. Thank you for “re-enlisting!”

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT: MARALYN P.

Maralyn, as Membership VP your color is blue, denoting loyalty, fidelity and dedication to duty. As 3rd VP, it is your duty to welcome and orient new members, hopefully instilling in them your continued enthusiasm and support for the goals of the Friends of the Granada Hills Library. We're grateful to have you back for another year.

VP FOR BOOK SALES: GREER R.

Our newcomer, Greer, has been elected as 2nd Vice President. Your ever-popular color is green, a universal sign of prosperity and growth. Planning and carrying out Book Sales for the coming year will demand wisdom, stamina and enthusiasm. These traits, conveyed to your fellow members will ensure prosperity and growth for your group as well as the Library you have all come to love. We all welcome you to this new role, and plan to lend a hand when you need us.

PRESIDENT: MARY S.

Last but never least, my friend Mary, a lady both *salty* and stalwart by nature continues in this, her third term as President of the Friends. For you, two colors to represent the fascinating duality of this position and your nature; colors both powerful and beautiful in this delightfully clarified liquid form. First is purple, the color of ancient royalty, symbolizing power and leadership. As President, you are the leader of this organization, and have the power to oversee and carry out its business.

Gold, your second color, signifies unity. This membership is obviously united in their dedication to achieving the goals to which this organization is dedicated. They know that you know you may call on them anytime for help in attaining these goals. Best wishes, my dear friend, in all you do!

One final task, before turning things over to Mary, is to recognize your very *colorful* membership. To do so, I've brought along these little baskets of lollipops for everyone to share! May these sweet treats remind you each of how much pleasure your dedication brings to others who like me bless you for your labors on behalf of our community libraries. I am grateful to have been allowed to lend a hand here, and to have shared this happy day. It's been a great pleasure to celebrate you, your Board and your efforts on behalf of the Granada Hills Library, my own one-time “home library,” and still a cherished memory of my young motherhood and 2 small sons' lives. It is my happy task now to officially declare this Board duly installed & ask you to join me in offering them our warm applause & enthusiastic congratulations!

Book Sales

We raised \$782 at the book sale in June and \$830 at the August book sale. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the sales.



The next book sales will be held as follows:

Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22, in the Library's Community Room

Friday hours: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9 & Saturday, December 10, in the Library's Community Room

Friday hours: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Set-up.
- Closing.
- Cashiers (two-hour shifts).

To sign up, please contact:

- Cashiers: Donna at FriendsGHL@gmail.com
- Set-up and/or Closing: Greer at FriendsGHL@gmail.com

Volunteers are also needed to sort books during the week: Contact Dottie at FriendsGHL@gmail.com

Plastic grocery bags are needed: We need clean plastic grocery bags for the sales...nothing larger or smaller.

Book donations are needed: Book donations are needed for the next sale, especially paperbacks and children's books. Please drop off book donations at the Reference Desk in the Library.

The Friends' website is linked to the Los Angeles Public Library's website and can be accessed as follows:

- Go to the Los Angeles Public Library's website: www.lapl.org
- Select "About the Library"
- Select "Branch Libraries"
- Select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down to "Services" and select "Friends of Library Group"
- Click on "Continue to External Site"

OR

Go to the website google.com and search for "Friends of Granada Hills Library"

GET WELL WISHES -- AND CONGRATULATIONS

Get well wishes to Betty M. and Betty S.
And congratulations to Maralyn P., who is a new grandma! (It's a boy!)



Answers to Word Puzzle on Page 3:

rabbi, gobble, shabby, nibble, dabble, dumbbell, scribble, cribbage, rabbit, ribbon

Giving to the Friends of Granada Hills Library

by Renee Z.

The report for Ralphs and Food 4 Less is as follows:

Ralphs

First Quarter \$228.91

Second Quarter \$202.01

Third Quarter \$165.69

Fourth Quarter pending (approximately \$180.00)

Total Donation from Ralphs to Friends of the Granada Hills Library: \$671.61 (approximately).

Food 4 Less: Not disbursed until \$25.00.

It's that time again!!

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW TERM BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.

There is no pre-registration! This means that you cannot register for the new term until September 1, 2011 or after.

All of your members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2011.

Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at www.Ralphs.com or by using the scanbar letter at the register starting September 1, 2011.

If you received a scanbar letter last year, it is still good and can be used this year.

Even if your participants registered as recently as June or July 2011, they will be required to register again, on or after September 1, 2011.

Your organization does NOT need to re-register, only your participants.

This notice does not apply to participants of the Food 4 Less/Foods Co Community Rewards program.

Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY:

Thank you for your interest in the Ralphs *rewards* Community Contribution Program. We are happy to be a part of your fundraising.

Here is your Organization's Scanbar code as requested. This supplemental process allows your members without access to a computer to be a part of your fund raising through our Community Contribution Program.

How it works

- Make copies of this form and give the copies to members of your organization who wish to enroll with your organization, but do not have access to register online.
- Members take this form the next time they go shopping at Ralphs and hand it to the cashier to scan within their order IN ADDITION to either their Ralphs *rewards* Card, or phone number entry that is linked to their *rewards* card.



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