

# Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Fall 2012

Quarterly  
Publication

## Next Meetings:

General Meeting:  
Saturday, Sept. 8,  
10:30 a.m. at the  
Library

General Meeting:  
Saturday, Oct. 6,  
10:30 a.m. at the  
Library

General Meeting:  
Saturday, Nov. 3,  
10:30 a.m. at the  
Library

Holiday Party:  
Saturday, Dec. 1 at  
The Golden Hunan  
Restaurant.  
For details and  
reservations, call  
Donna A.

## Next Book Sales:

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

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

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## President's Message by Mary S.

I hope everyone had as good a summer as Joe and I did celebrating our birthdays during a 3-week vacation in Switzerland!! Speaking of birthdays, congratulations to our dear member, Lillian M., who celebrated her 90th birthday this summer!!

Our June Friends meeting was held in the Library Community Room with the theme "Fun with Friends" -- because we really DO meet new Friends and have FUN along with our hard work. Following a short meeting, at which we voted Pamela F. as our new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, I presented special thanks to our wonderful Executive

Board and Chairpeople. Members then enjoyed a delicious light luncheon. We presented an updated plaque, citing Friends' year-end gift donations to Granada Hills Library, to Senior Librarian, Pam Rhodes. (It's on the wall near the Book Drop - have a look!) Imagine, this TOTAL has now hit \$350,000, spanning a 40-year history of Friends' fund-raising efforts (1982-2012). Gifts have included new books and DVDs, children's and adult programs, furniture, computers and other equipment, and our new Media Center.

Fall and Winter are almost here and the Friends are looking at a busy schedule ahead. Not only do we celebrate "National Friends of the Library" week Oct. 21 - 27, but we have an exceptional celebration date this November. No, something more than Thanksgiving --

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
to the Granada Hills Library!



The Friends will help celebrate the very FIRST DAY that the Granada Hills Library opened -- FIFTY YEARS AGO!! Watch for plans to mark this special Birthday! Maybe we'll do it all in October!! Just think of the fun we'll have dreaming up ideas to mark the event!

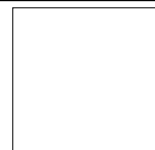
Oh, and don't forget our bi-monthly Book Sales. The next one will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22. And, our first meeting for the year will be Saturday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the library. Hope many of our members will come so we can hear more ideas to add to some our Board has thought of for these 2 special celebrations. We'd like to hear YOUR IDEAS!!

C Ya on the 8th!

This newsletter was edited by Ellen Weinstein.

## FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY

10641 PETIT AVENUE  
GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344



## It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

### Librarian's Report:

The library was a bustling place this past summer. We had 800 kids and teens participating in the summer reading club. We had 355 patrons come to 14 of our free movie showings. We had over 1500 patrons attending 38 programs. Notwithstanding the programs, many patrons visited the library to use computers, check out DVDs and books, read the paper and magazines and just to beat the heat! There were times in the library when nearly every seat in the reading room was full. Some of the more unusual programs were: a volcano enthusiast, a magic show, live therapy dogs to read to, an astrologer, a representative from the Peace Corp, a live folk song group, a children's tea party and live reptiles! We want to thank the Friends of the Granada Hills Library for their support of all the film screenings, the refreshments for the tea and summer reading club parties and the subsidy for the volcano enthusiast. It was a grand summer and you helped make it so!

Also, we are very proud to announce a new Adult Librarian, Mike Packard, has joined our staff. He has worked in three other branches (Sylmar, Studio City and Chatsworth) during his twelve years with LAPL. He brings a passion for Adult Programming and extensive professional experience to our team. We are so very glad to have him. Please stop by the Reference desk to say "hello".

August 20th our new City Librarian, John Szabo, joined LAPL. He comes to us from Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as Director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System for 5 years. He's experienced in leading bond initiatives, innovative library services, urban and community library issues and e-technology. We look forward to his leadership in directing LAPL's future as the greatest library in the country!

### Branch News:

The library will be changing its hours on 10/15/12. Measure L called for a reinstatement of hours and we will have the following schedule in effect then:

Monday/Wednesday	-	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday/Thursday	-	12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday/Saturday	-	10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Come Celebrate with Us!

**September 17, 2012 is U.S. Constitution Day.** Two-hundred and twenty-five years ago, the U.S. Constitution was signed by thirty-nine brave men who changed the course of history. This document established the framework of our government and the rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Constitution Day became a national observance in 2004. We are celebrating this event at the Granada Hills Branch Library with several programs: Children's librarian, Heather Sells, will be hosting an hour long **Program for Kids** by sharing stories, showing a DVD and singing songs. For teens and adults, we will be showing three movies: **"Swing Vote"** starring Kevin Costner; **"Twelve Angry Men"** starring Henry Fonda; and **"The Best Man"** also starring Henry Fonda. The highlight of the events is guest speaker, **Professor James E. Sefton of CSUN's History Department**. He will lead a **discussion on Democracy and the U.S. Constitution**. We are offering a limited supply of free copies of the book "The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution" by Richard Beeman. To get your free copy and the schedule of events, call the library at (818) 368-5687. We hope to see you come help us celebrate our wonderful form of democracy. These programs are made possible with the support from Cal Humanities, an independent non-profit state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit [www.calhum.org](http://www.calhum.org).

### Calendar of Events:

9/4/12 - Tues.	6:30 p.m.	P.J. Storytime
9/8/12 - Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Friends of the Granada Hills – General Membership mtg.
9/11/12 – Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Film Screening: Big Miracle
9/15/12 – Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Inca Music Performance
9/17/12 – Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Kids Celebrate Constitution Day
9/18/12 – Tues.	5:00 p.m.	Film Screening: Swing Vote
9/19/12 – Wed.	1:30 p.m.	Book Discussion: Ray Bradbury's "Dandelion Wine"
9/19/12 – Wed.	3:30 p.m.	Film Screening: 12 Angry Men
9/20/12 – Thurs.	1:30 p.m.	Film Screening: The Best Man
9/20/12 – Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Discussion on Democracy & The U.S. Constitution led by Prof. James E. Sefton
9/21/12 – Fri.	2-5 p.m.	Used book sale
9/22/12 – Sat.	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Used book sale
9/28/12 – Fri.	3 p.m.	Juvenile Film Screening: TBD
10/4/12 – Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Film Screening: La Bamba
10/5/12 – Fri.	3:00 p.m.	Juvenile Film Screening: Casper
10/11/12 – Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Film Screening: Born to Be Wild
10/17/12 – Wed.	1:30 p.m.	Book Discussion: T.C. Boyle's "When the Killings Done"
10/19/12 – Fri.	3:00 p.m.	Juvenile Film Screening: TBD
10/25/12 – Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Princeton Review – Study Skills for Teens
10/26/12 – Fri.	3:30 p.m.	Halloween – Story and Craft



**PLEASE NOTE: EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS START OCTOBER 15!**



#### **Library Hours Until 10/15/12**

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

#### **Library Hours Starting 10/15/12**

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs.: 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fri. & Sat.: 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.

**(818) 368-5687**

**Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275**

**[www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)**

"Librarians have always been among the most thoughtful and helpful people. They are teachers without a classroom. No libraries, no progress."

-- Willard Scott

"October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book."

-- John Sinor

"Books are companions, teachers, magicians, bankers of the treasures of the mind – humanity in print."

-- Barbara Tuchman

"My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read."

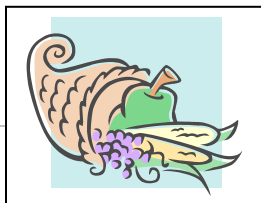
-- Abraham Lincoln

"Books will persist because they're beautiful and useful. They're like horses after the automobile – not gone, but transformed into a recreational beast."

-- Disk Brass, Microsoft

"I like stories well told. That is the reason I am sometimes forced to tell them myself."

-- Mark Twain



## Membership News by Donna A., Chair

We now have 54 fantastic Friends. I want to thank everyone for their membership and their support.

-- Donna A., Membership Chair,

### Patrons

*The Belsh Family*

*Helen G.*

*Joyce & Eric G.*

*Sandy J.*

*Mary & Joe S.*

*Joan V.*

**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!**

### Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

#### Elected Officers:

Mary S.	- President
Pamela F.	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Greer R.	- 2nd Vice President - Book Sales
Donna A.	- 3rd Vice President - Membership
Willa H.	- Secretary
Dorothy O.	- Treasurer

#### Volunteer Chairs:

Rene Z.	- Hospitality
Ellen W.	- Newsletter
Carol M.	- Publicity
Sandy J.	- Webmaster/Brochures

### Recent Donations by the Friends:

- \$250 for the Summer Reading Club for kids, to hire a performer for the kickoff session and to provide snacks and craft supplies.
- Up to \$500 to renew the library's performance site license for one year, which allows the library to show movies from major studios.

## 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

Many THANKS to the following Community Partners, whose donations to our end-of-year June luncheon made it so special:

FOOD FOR LESS, Balboa Street

FRESH & EASY, Balboa Street

RALPH'S, Balboa/Devonshire Street

RALPH'S, Chatsworth/Zelzah Streets

TRADER JOE'S, Balboa Street

and

GOLDEN HUNAN RESTAURANT, Reseda Blvd.

MANDARIN KING RESTAURANT, Devonshire Street



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](http://www.lapl.org)
- Select "About the Library"
- Select "Branch Libraries"
- Select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down to "Services" and select "Friends of Library Group", then click on "Continue to External Site"

OR

- Go to the website [google.com](http://google.com) and search for "Friends of Granada Hills Library"

### Word Puzzle - Provided by Dorothy O.

You are given two five-letter words. Put the same pair of letters in front of each of them to complete two familiar seven-letter words. (Example: quire and tress. Ac+ acquire and actress.) You can do it!

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. ounce - avail | 2. hoots - price | 3. latin - state | 4. event - orate |
| 5. heist - tempt | 6. stain - alone | 7. verge - sable | 8. amble - other |

(See the answers on page 7.)

## Markets' Community Programs By Renee Z.

Hello Friends,

Welcome to a new contribution season. Please be reminded that your Ralphs Club Card and Community Partner scan bar need to be scanned yearly. The new year for contributions will start September 1, 2012.

I have found the easiest way for me is to bring in the scan bar (included in this article) along with your Ralphs Club card and have them scanned together at the register by the checker AFTER August 31, 2012. Instructions below. That way, the Friends will continue to enjoy the quarterly donations that Ralphs makes to our group.

Your Food 4 Less cards do not need to be re-activated, only Ralphs.

Thank you again for participating. I thought a good challenge this year would be to have at least two new people scan their cards along with a renewing Friends member. I already know the two people I will be asking.

The Friends have been receiving approximately \$500 in contributions each year from Ralphs!

— **It's that time again!!**

**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW TERM BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2012.**

**There is no pre-registration! This means that the first day you can register for the new term is September 1, 2012 or after.**

1. All of your members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2012.
2. Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) or by using the scanbar letter at the register starting **September 1, 2012**.
3. If you received a scanbar letter last year, it is still good and can be used this year.
4. Even if your participants registered as recently as June, July or August 2012, they will be required to register again, on or after **September 1, 2012**.
5. **Your organization does NOT need to re-register**, only your participants.
6. This notice does not apply to participants of the Food 4 Less/Foods Co Community Rewards program.

Thank you,  
Community Contributions Staff



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## Book Sales

### BOOK SALE REPORT

by Greer R.



Next booksale: September 21 & 22. Friday from 2-5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Set up will be Friday morning starting at 9 a.m. We'll need lots of volunteers to help haul and set up, shelve and sort. We are accepting donations and have recently received many nearly new mysteries.

In July, we volunteered 190 hours - WOW! Patrons and Friends donated 227 books this summer with an estimated value of over \$6,000 that the library has incorporated into its collection - WOW again. The book sale in July raised \$517.85. (I forgot to count how many boxes we sold.)

I'm asking anyone who can make it to help out with the book sale setup Friday morning. See you there!

Greer

### BOOK REVIEW BY SANDY J., FRIEND AND WEBMASTER

#### **"Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco Smoke to Global Warming" by Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway**

This book gives a chilling account how politics and policy were influenced, to the detriment our society and to our global existence, by just a few bad scientists. Having come through WWII, they were fearful of Communism and anything that resembled government control challenging capitalism. Their work was supported by industry (oil and big business) whose profits were threatened by the scientific findings on tobacco smoke causing cancer, acid rain destroying forests and buildings, and carbon emissions leading to global temperature increases and melting of polar ice caps. These few bad men campaigned to mislead the public and politicians publishing in non-scientific journals denying, without facts of their own, data accepted for nearly 40 years by the scientific community. The public does not read scientific journals and scientists are reluctant to put themselves into the national spotlight. Without a doubt now, tobacco can cause cancer and acid rain exists and is only partly diminished by catalytic converters and electrostatic precipitators. The repercussions of the delays in regulating carbon emissions nationwide and worldwide are yet to be seen.

### CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION OF THE FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

To reduce the cost of printing and postage, the Friends' quarterly newsletter will no longer be mailed by U.S. mail to members. Starting with this issue of the newsletter, it will be available as follows:

- The newsletter will be emailed to those members with email addresses on file.
- The newsletter (and past issues) can be viewed on the Friends' website. See page 4 for instructions on how to access the Friends' website.
- Printed copies of the newsletter will be available at the library; publication dates are approximately the 1st of September, the 1st of December, the 1st of March and the 1st of May.