Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

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Next Meetings:

Holiday Luncheon Saturday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Hunan Restaurant at 10334 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, CA 91326

Cost: \$13; <u>deadline</u> for payment is Nov. 22 See page 8 for details.

General Meeting Saturday, Jan 3, 10:30 a.m. at the Granada Hills Library

General Meeting Saturday, Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. at the Granada Hills Library

Next Book Sales:

To be determined

President's Message by Pamela

I am delighted to say that we are still growing in leaps and bounds with new members joining all the time.

At this time I would like to thank the Members, the Board together with all the volunteers, for all the support and help they have given in 2014, and have made this "Friends Group" an amazing body of individuals.

November brings us Thanksgiving and we should feel thankful that we are in good enough health to function daily. Those who have had operations, been sick or indeed had bereavements, I wish you all well.

This is the last meeting of the year as our Holiday Luncheon is on Saturday, December 6th, at the Golden Hunan.

I just want you to know that our Friends Group has a solid reputation with Central Library as a group that not only strives to make things happen, and they do; we also are known for our positive attitude and our camaraderie. Let's keep it that way!

January rings in the New Year. Let's go forth and make it a remarkable 2015.

Pamela, President

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Monthly Classic Film Series at the Granada Hills Library

Starting on December 10, the Granada Hills Branch Library will present a classic film each month, hosted by Cliff, an adjunct professor of humanities for the Los Angeles Community College District.

All screenings will start at 1:30 p.m.

Contact the library for details: (818) 368-5687.



This newsletter was edited by Ellen

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<u>Librarian's Report – by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian</u>

Librarian's Report:



On November 3, 2014, the Granada Hills Branch Library had two dog handlers from Port Hueneme Naval Base come to tell the story about dogs and their handlers in the military. We learned that dogs at Port Hueneme Naval Base basically have three main jobs: they find explosives and bombs; they find drugs; and they find the bad guys. Their efforts in these areas have saved hundreds if not thousands of human lives. The relationship between handler and dog is amazing and one that often extends beyond their military careers. The relationship between human and dog is awesome and revered.



MA2 Cristina Collesano & Peterson introduces military dogs

During the month of November, the Granada Hills Branch Library participated in the California Reads – Cal Humanities program entitled "What it's Like to Go to War". The purpose of the project was to engage the residents of Granada Hills in a discussion of the veteran's experience in war and how our returning veterans rejoin their families and communities. To stimulate this conversation, we hosted 3 movies; we had a discussion of K. Marlantes' book "What It's Like to Go to War"; we had our own Carl Melnik come and tell the story of the development of our Granada Hills Memorial Veteran's Park and we had veteran Mr. DiMenno and his son come and share his story about revisiting Korea and the family's moving experience.

Staff Notes:

The Granada Hills Branch says "Get Well Soon" to Children's Librarian Heather Sells who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. And we tearfully say "Farewell" to clerks Elin Furry and Rena Reyes. Neither Elin nor Rena are leaving LAPL, they are transferring to other branches. We wish them luck and we hope someday they will return to their "home" branch.

Calendar of Events for December 2014 & January 2015

Sat. December 6, 2014 4:00 p.m. BARK - Kids read to therapy dogs

Wed. December 12, 2014 1:30 p.m. Movie Screening. Call for details: (818) 368-5687

Sat. January 3, 2015 4:00 p.m. BARK - Kids read to therapy dogs

Wed. January 14, 2015 1:30 p.m. Movie Screening. Call for details: (818) 368-5687

Wed. January 21, 2015 1:30 p.m. Book Discussion Group. Call for details: (818) 368-5687

Thurs. January 22, 2015 6:15 p.m. History Book Discussion. Read any book on California

history from 1900 to the present.

Wed. January 28, 2015 1:30 p.m. Classics Book Discussion Group. Call for details: (818) 368-5687

RECENT EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY



The INCA Peruvian folk ensemble performed music of the Andes at the Granada Hills Library on October 18.



Restaurant critic and food writer Richard Foss spoke about "Food, Drink & Manners at Shakespeare's Table" at the Granada Hills Library on October 21. This lecture was made possible by the Julia Child Foundation and the Culinary Historians of Southern California.

<u>Library Hours</u> <u>LAPL Policies</u>

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs.: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fri. & Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays & major holidays

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 <u>www.lapl.org</u>

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 "Locations & Hours"
- Scroll down the page and select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down the page and to the right: Select "Friends of Library Group"

OR

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

Markets' Community Programs by Renee

It's that time again!! The annual registration for Ralphs' Community Partners

Program started on September 1, 2014: All participants need to re-register once each
year, starting in September, to participate in this great program through which Ralph donates
a portion of the participants' purchases to the Friends of Granada Hills Library. You can
register online or at the market (by bringing the bar code below and your Ralphs card to be
scanned together at the checkout register). See registration instructions below.

For the last quarter, the Friends received \$492 from Ralphs!

Thank you to all those who have enrolled in Ralphs' Community Partners Program!

FRIENDS OF THE GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY COMMUNITY PARTNERS NO. IS 84984. PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW TERM BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

- 1. All of your members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2014.
- 2. Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at www.ralphs.com or by using the scan-bar letter at the register starting September 1, 2014.
- 3. There are two ways to enroll:
 - 1. Online registration (see instructions below)
 - 2. Scan-Bar letter

WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE:

- 1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
- 2. Click on 'Create an Account'
- 3. Follow the 5 easy steps to create an online account
- 4. You will be instructed to go to your email inbox to confirm your account
- 5. After you confirm your online account by clicking on the link in your email, return to www.ralphs.com and click on 'my account' (you may have to sign in again first).
- 6. View all your information and edit as necessary
- 7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards
 - b. Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organization's name

- OR -

IF YOU ARE ALREADY AN ONLINE CUSTOMER:

- 1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
- 2. Click Sign In
- 3. Enter your email address and password
- 4. Click on 'My Account' (In the top right hand corner)
- 5. Click on Account Settings
- 6. View all your information and edit as necessary
- 7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Community Rewards
 - b. Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions
 - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organization's name



"In the world of affairs, we live in our own age; in books, we live in all ages."

- -- Professor Hartley Burr Alexander (Inscription carved above the doors of the Los Angeles Central Library)
- "If we didn't already have libraries, they would now have to be invented. They are the keys to American success in fully exploiting the information superhighways of the future."
- -- James H. Billington
- "Somebody who only reads newspapers and at best books of contemporary authors looks to me like an extremely near-sighted person who scorns eyeglasses. He is completely dependent on the prejudices and fashions of his times, since he never gets to see or hear anything else."
- -- Albert Einstein
- "Chocolate is a perfect food, as wholesome as it is delicious, a beneficent restorer of exhausted power ... the best friend of those engaged in literary pursuits."
- Justus von Liebig, German chemist

Membership News

Welcome to our new members:

Connie, Linda, Christine, Ed, Virginia, Frank, Zelda, Emil

Annual membership dues are now due; you may pay the dues:

- In person at the next Friends' meeting
- By dropping off your payment and membership form at the library.
- By mailing your payment and membership form to:

Membership Chair The Friends of the Granada Hills Library 10640 Petit Avenue

Granada Hills, CA 91344

THE MEMBERSHIP FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE FRIENDS' WEBSITE AND ALSO AT THE LIBRARY.

To update your membership information, please email Greer at: grice913@gmail.com

Downtown Breakfast Meeting of Citywide Friends of the Library Groups' Officers at the Central Library on October 18, 2014

Standing (Left to Right):

- John F. Szabo, City Librarian
- Pamela, President,
 - Friends of Granada Hills Library
- Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian, Granada Hills Branch Library Seated (Left to Right):
- Donna, First Vice President, Friends of Granada Hills Library
- Dottie, Consultant, Friends of Granada Hills Library



Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

Elected Officers:

Pamela - President

Donna - 1st Vice President

Greer - 2nd Vice President - Book Sales
Betty - 3rd Vice President - Membership

Judi - Secretary Anne - Treasurer

Volunteer Chairs:

Renee - Hospitality Ellen - Newsletter Carol - Publicity

Sandy - Webmaster/Brochures

Dorothy - Consultant

Friends' Bus Trip and Central Library Tour on October 14, 2014 by Donna

Thanks to Councilman Mitch Englander and his staff, the Friends of the Library were provided with a bus for a trip to Central Library in Los Angeles. Twenty Friends boarded the bus at 9:00 a.m. Upon arrival at the Library, we divided into two groups and two docents gave us a very informative guided tour. Lunch was on our own in the "Bookends Café" where we had our choice of café fare or Panda Express. Before boarding the bus for home at 1:00 p.m., we had time to shop in the bookstore/gift shop, a very enjoyable ending to a very enjoyable day.







BOOK SALES

BOOK SALE REPORT by Greer



We had a GREAT book sale this month. We made \$956.03, including \$97.30 in donations. People were so generous when they found out what a bargain they were getting and many went back for more books. Parking on Saturday was nonexistent, several said they would have bought more books but couldn't carry any more to their car four blocks away. Considering our clearance prices, we sold a lot of books!

We had so much help this time, special thanks to Debbie and her son Nick who has stepped up as Setup/Teardown Manager now that Stormy can't do it. There were so many Friends helping to set up, tear down and sort throughout the sale, it really contributed to our success.

Thank you to Betty, Linda, Anne, Frida, Marcia, Judi, Liz, Cliff, Jo, Ann, Dottie, Joan, Donna, Sandy, Jackie, Ellen, Gary & Kate, Jeremy and Elders Thompson and Loshbaugh who both restocked the sale on Saturday. We did so well on Friday that we had room to bring in all the books from the shed. We sold half our inventory, now the shed is only half full instead of completely full.

All of our regular customers were so dismayed to learn this was our last sale, let's try to keep it going - our Library needs us! Thanks again to all of you who helped with the sale - it was so rewarding.

Greer

GET WELL WISHES

Best wishes to Children's Librarian Heather, who is recuperating from knee surgery.

Get well wishes to Stormy, who is recovering from surgery.



Puzzle: Numerical Rearrange from Dottie

Start with a number, add the given letter and rearrange to form a new word.

One +x =

Two + n =

Three + I =

Four + m =

Five + ry =

Six + a =

Seven + u =

Eight + o =

Nine + I =

Ten + x =

Eleven + o + p =

(The answers are on page 8.)



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAYS LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 11:30 A.M.

Dottie, new member Rita, and I would like you to join us at the Golden Hunan Chinese restaurant at 11:30 on Saturday, December 6^{tg}, for our annual Holidays Luncheon.

We'll enjoy a tasty lunch served family style, and here's the mouth-watering menu:

First, you'll be served your choice of Egg Flower Soup or Hot and Sour Soup – followed by Beef Broccoli, Sweet and Sour Pork, Chicken Chop Suey, Mixed Vegetable Fried Soft Noodles, Mixed Vegetable Fried Rice, and Dessert. The dessert will be a gift from our president, Pamela.

If you haven't already paid, it's \$13. Please make out your check to Dorothy and send it to her home by November 22nd.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you December 6th.

Joan

Book Review by Liz: Longbourn by Jo Baker

If you are a fan of the popular British show, <u>Downton Abbey</u>, you will enjoy this book. If you have read <u>Pride and Prejudice</u> by Jane Austen, you will enjoy this book. If, like me, you loved both, then you are in for a treat!

Beautifully written and carefully researched by the author, Jo Baker, it tells the story of life "downstairs" in the Bennett household at Longbourn. The book opens at 4.30 a.m. on a chilly September day in the county of Hertfordshire, England, where Sarah, our main character, is collecting cold water at the pump. It is washday, her chilblains have flared up and she imagines far off lands where apparently the local people wear very little or nothing at all, and how she would love to go there and never have to wash other people's underthings ever again!

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and their five daughters are asleep upstairs, blissfully unaware of their servants' daily lives, the endless routines, the drudgery, and take it for granted they are always available at the tinkle of a bell. Trapped by their class, the location and even their loyalty, there is little hope of the servants' lives changing and few opportunities to meet anyone outside the household.

Then, out of the blue, a new manservant is hired, James Smith, and Sarah's life begins to change.

As love and intrigue unfold downstairs, we see glimpses into the story told by <u>Pride and Prejudice</u>. Netherfield Park has been let by a Mr. Bingley, a young, unmarried gentleman of good fortune. For the Bennett girls, it means excitement, outings and possible husbands, but for downstairs, it means a "barrowload of extra work". Mr, Darcy, Mr, Collins, Mr, Wickham and others make appearances, but as a back-drop to the main story.

We are taken into the far past, the recent past and back to the present time at quite a pace, as plot lines converge and long held secrets between upstairs and downstairs are revealed. Finally, we take a short but fascinating glimpse into the future of <u>Pride and Prejudice</u> as Sarah's story reaches its climax.

I will definitely read <u>Longbourn</u> again and it has inspired me to re-read <u>Pride and Prejudice</u> to see if I can imagine Jo Baker's story unfolding behind the scenes.

Answers to the puzzle on page 7:

oxen, won't or town, either, forum, verify, axis, venues, hogtie, linen, next, envelope