

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

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President's Message by Mary S.

PLEASE VOTE ON MARCH 8!

"Vote March 8! Vote Yes on Measure L! Help keep our libraries open to promote literacy and provide resources to help students succeed. Vote Yes on Measure L to provide a safe environment for children and to provide job placement help for the unemployed. Vote Yes on Measure L to help provide programs for seniors. Just vote YES on Measure L."

Next Meetings:

**Saturday, Mar. 5:
General Meeting
at 10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library**

**Saturday, Apr. 2
General Meeting
at 10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library**

**Saturday, May. 7
Annual Meeting
at 10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library**

Next Book Sales:

**Friday, Apr. 15,
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Apr. 16
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Friday, Jun. 17,
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Jun. 18
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Indoors at the Library**

My Dear Friends,
I'm proud to be your President! I'm proud to volunteer/participate side-by-side with a group of delightful and dedicated members. We are a small group of "Movers & Shakers" that puts together book sales every other month -- book sales that raise money that helps to buy books, DVD's, and other materials to keep the Granada Hills Library bookshelves filled.

I love to see the special programs hosted at the library for our community. And I love the fact that OUR Friends group sponsors several of the programs every year.

Now, this year the Nominating Committee has asked me to be President -- again -- for next year. I am very honored to be asked and look forward to improving my leadership skills -- and delegating to "you-all" more efficiently and effectively so that we can become an even stronger and better group.

N-O-W!! I need your help! The By-Laws Committee has just put together some really "NEAT" job descriptions! (Always open for upgrading and/or changes.) This year one Board position is still open -- 1st V.P. (The job description is included in this newsletter.) WE, (Friends) and especially "I", need it filled! because it will make MY job easier -- and help ME live longer!!

And truly, filling this will make a better management team for our Friends group.

The position is really not that overwhelming -- and will actually provide someone with a tremendous satisfaction in contributing to the future and continuation of free library services to all.

I need you. Our Friends group needs you.

If you want to consider this position, but have a few questions, I'll try to answer as best I can. So, C'mon -- "gimme" a call.

Yours for FREE LIBRARY SERVICES.

Mary S., President

This newsletter was produced and edited by Ellen W.

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FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY
10641 PETIT AVENUE
GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344



It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam R., Senior Librarian

Have you been inside the library lately? We're exciting! We're bustling! Adults are here in the morning hours using computers to prepare resumes, apply for jobs, check emails, do online shopping, conduct research, catch up on the news, and learn how to use the Internet. Preschoolers are here in the morning hours listening to library volunteers read stories. Students come in after school to complete homework, play on computers, and find reading material. Preschoolers and parents come to evening pajama story times. Families come to evening and Saturday special entertainment and educational programs. Adults come to share their thoughts and opinions of the books they've read! Of course, everyone comes in search of a good book, DVD or music CD. We are vibrant and a light in the community!

But with city budget shortfalls is our light threatened? For the first time in 140 years, the library has experienced severe cuts in service hours. In the last 12 months, library hours have been cut three times. Our future service hours are currently uncertain. Measure L on the March 8th ballot is one way to guarantee that the library's share of the city budget is sufficient to restore and sustain the levels of service we have provided historically. Measure L will allow us to continue to purchase materials for our collection. Currently LAPL ranks last in per capita spending on library materials among the 8th largest U.S. libraries. Measure L will allow us revenue to cover the direct and indirect costs to the library. Measure L will gradually increase the minimum funding guaranteed by the City Charter to the library. It is not a **new** tax! It does not require residents or property owners to pay more taxes or fees.

Since 1878, the City Charter has had a provision guaranteeing library funding. The amount of that guarantee has been updated five times during the past 130 years. The last time this guarantee was altered was over 10 years ago. Currently, the Library receives less than 2% of the City's general fund. There is no way to know how the budget would be redistributed if the charter is amended -- the Mayor and City Council will make that tough call, which they do every year as part of the annual budget process.

March 8th, 2011 is the Citywide election. Don't forget to vote!

Pam R.
Senior Librarian

P.S. For more specific Measure L facts, come to the library!



PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES IN BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS EFFECTIVE 7/18/10



(818) 368-5687

Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275

www.lapl.org

Library Hours

Closed on Mondays

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

Wed., 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.

"The computer can help us find what we know is there. But the book remains our symbol and our resource for the unimagined question and the unwelcome answer."

-- Daniel J. Boorslin

"A good book has no ending."

-- R.D. Cumming

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."

-- Maya Angelou



"A library is the home for the imagination."

-- Lisa Scottoline

"This will never be a civilized country until we expend more money for books than we do for chewing gum."

-- Elbert Hubbard

Membership News by Donna A., Chair

We currently have 69 members.

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!

Recent Donations by the Friends:

- \$2,363.54 to purchase books and DVDs in December and January.
- \$795.23 to purchase books and DVDs in February.
- Approximately \$500 to purchase a Public Performance Site License, which will allow the library to show movies from major studios. This is a one-year license that will be used primarily to encourage children to read by showing movies based on children's books.
- \$134.61 for a floor stand with a directional arrow to control foot traffic in the library when there is a long checkout line.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

Julie C. -- for Book Sale Coordination & Researching Power Wash

Dottie O. -- for Behind-the-Scenes Book Sorting

Sandy J. -- for By-Laws Committee Coordination & Measure L Promotion

Greer & Stormy R. -- for Lugging Loads of Books

Bill T. -- for Installing Book Sale Banners on Library Building

Maralyn P. -- for Listening Patiently to our President

Friends Volunteer Hours By Dottie O.

The total volunteer hours for the 4th quarter of the year, from October 1st to December 31st, 2010, which only covers the book sorting and sales, is as follows:

56 volunteers worked 161.25 hours.

The monetary value of these hours is \$3,216.94.

The yearly total hours is 656.25 hours, with a monetary value of \$13,092.19.

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

SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES!!! MARCH 8: VOTE "YES" ON MEASURE L

Keep our libraries open, our children safe, provide literacy and job placement help for the unemployed, programs for seniors, resources to help students succeed -- with NO NEW TAXES AND STRICT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

MEASURE L will respond to recent reductions in library services that have resulted in:

- Library hours cut 3 times in the past 12 months;
- Library service cut from 7 days/ week to 5 days/week - for the 1st time in the Library's 139-year history;
- AND Library staff cut by 28%!

MEASURE L provides emergency funding - WITHOUT RAISING TAXES! - to restore and maintain library hours, purchase books and support library services.

MEASURE L FACTS:

- WILL Restore 6-day-a-week service at ALL 73 branch libraries, and eventually 7-day-a-week service at 9 libraries;
- WILL increase access to Library's computers; programs such as after-school/summer youth; student homework help; adult literacy and job search programs.
- Will purchase books! L.A. currently ranks LAST in per capita spending for library materials among the 8th largest U.S. libraries.

See the following websites for more information:

www.yesonlibraries.com

<http://www.librariansguild.org>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY:

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| 3/5, 10:30 a.m. | - Friends of the Library General Membership meeting. |
| 3/8, 6:30 p.m. | - We Read Together Storytime: Stories and crafts with children's librarian, Heather. Theme is: "Heather & the Hopping Leprechauns." |
| 3/12, 10:30 a.m. | - Introduction to word processing class. <u>Please call 818-368-5687 for reservations.</u> |
| 3/12, 12:00 p.m. | - UCLA's Gluck Music Performance Program presents a free flute concert. |
| 3/16, 1:30 p.m. | - Book Club: Librarian-led discussion of Nadine Gordimer's book "Get a Life." |
| 3/24, 6:15 p.m. | - Book Club: CSUN's Prof. Sefton leads a discussion of Paul Johnson's new biography, "Churchill." |
| 3/25, 1 p.m. | - Introduction to word processing class. <u>Please call 818-368-5687 for reservations.</u> |
| 3/26, 2 p.m. | - Magic Show with magician Tony Daniels will feature the rabbit, Bunnacula, and dove, Mariah, performing special tricks. All ages welcome. Immediately following the show, Tony will lead a magic workshop for magicians-in-training. Children ages 8 and up are welcome. <u>Reservations required.</u> Limited seating. |
| 4/2, 10:30 a.m. | - Friends of the Library General Membership meeting. |
| 4/9, 3 p.m. | - Opera for Kids! Regi Merwin introduces kids to the magic of opera with highlights of "Hansel and Gretel." |
| 4/12, 6:30 p.m. | - We Read Together Storytime: Stories and crafts with children's librarian, Heather. Theme is "Hair Raising Adventures with Heather." |
| 4/15, 2-5 p.m. | - Used Book Sale in the Library's Community Room. |
| 4/16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | - Used Book Sale in the Library's Community Room. |
| 4/20, 1:30 p.m. | - Book Club: Librarian-led discussion of Cynthia Ozick's book, "Heir to the Glimmering World." |

Computer Class: Introduction to the Internet. Please call the library at 818-368-5687 for dates and times.



HELP WANTED: ONE (1) LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR FGHL

1st Vice President: In the absence of the President, First Vice President shall preside at meetings, act on the President's behalf, attend Board meetings, and assist the President as requested.

(P.S. The President is usually at meetings -- but needs someone "just in case" -- and needs a listening ear from time to time!!)

If you are interested in the position of First Vice President, please contact Mary S.

Revision to the Friends' Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee met three times to review the Bylaws. Minor sentence structure and formatting changes were made for clarification. Two new sections were added to "Article V: Officers and Committees." One is titled "Section 8: Duties and Responsibilities of Officers," the other is titled "Section 9: Duties and Responsibilities of Appointed or Volunteer Committee Chairs."

Copies of the revised Bylaws are available at our Friends website.

Friends of the Granada Hills Library's Website

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"

Book Sales

In 2010, we raised \$6,600 from our book sales!
Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the sales.



The next book sales will be held as follows:

Friday, April 15 & Saturday, April 16, 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, June 17 & Saturday, June 18, 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: Renee 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.

Word Play By Dottie O.

Only two different two-letter blocks will complete all the words below. Example: AB is a two-letter block, CD is a different two-letter block. In each word, the same block is used twice. What are the two-letter blocks?

BA__ PA__

BI__ EI__

RI__ RA__

RU__ SA__

SI__ EI__

SI__ SO__

TI__ TO__

TI__ EI__

See page 8 for the answers.

Giving to the Friends of Granada Hills Library

by Renee Z.

Happy New Year, Friends,

We have 31 households participating in the Community Partners Program. Thank you, everyone, who has swiped their card at Ralphs. Thank you to everyone who has asked a friend to sign up for this program.

Ralphs Community Partners' contribution to the Friends of the Granada Hills Library for the first quarter was \$228.91. This is for the months of September through November, 2010.

The Food 4 Less contribution was \$3.64. Since it is under \$25, our check will be mailed when our total reaches \$25. As of now we have 3 households signed up for Food 4 Less.

Please see me if you need more information or a Food 4 Less card.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Z.

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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Answers to Word Play on page 7:

Two letter blocks are CK and NG
Backpack, Bingeing, Rickrack, Rucksack,
Singeing, Singsong, Ticktock, Tingeing

Please recycle this newsletter by sharing it with a friend, family member, or neighbor.