

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Spring 2013

Quarterly
Publication

Next Meetings:

Annual Meeting:
Saturday, May 4,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

**General Meeting &
Installation of
Officers Luncheon:**
Saturday, June 8,
10:30 a.m.
at Roma Bistro Station:
19524 Nordhoff St.
Northridge, CA 91324
(cross street is Shirley;
in shopping center
with Bevmo)

\$20 for lunch,
check payable to:
Friends of Granada
Hills Library. Please
pay at the meeting on
May 5. Payment
deadline: May 31.

Next Book Sales:
Friday, May 17
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, May 18
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Sept. 21
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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President's Message by Mary S.

Dear Friends,

We are approaching the end of our group's fiscal year -- June 30. We are also approaching the end of my term as Friends' President. In reflection of my 5 years in this office, I feel deep gratitude for the many new experiences, challenges, and accomplishments. But especially, for the new "friends" I have met and enjoy so much!

It's been amazing to talk with so many people -- both members of Friends of GH Library and resident non-members who have lived in Granada Hills many years, and who warmly remember bringing their

young children to "OUR" library!

I am especially grateful to our Executive Board and Chairpersons for their dedication and hard work, making our group so accomplished and meeting our goals to help buy new books, DVDs, programs, new furniture and miscellaneous materials that help keep Granada Hills Library shelves full and the interior current! (Remember, LA City provides a really limited budget, and our Friends mission of fund raising to gift the library supplement that budget!)

I look forward to continuing as a member, enjoying more friendships, and feeling proud of the wonderful FREE services our library offers the Granada Hills community.

Mary S., President



President's Closing Thoughts

From January's meeting:

We don't stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing

From February's meeting:

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."
-- Marcel Proust

From March's meeting:

"Live thy Life, Young and Old, Like yon Oak,
Bright in Spring,
Living Gold."
-- Alfred, Lord Tennyson,
"The Oak"

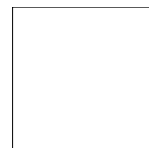
From April's meeting:

Happiness isn't the easiest thing to find, but one place you're guaranteed to find it is in a friend's smile.

This newsletter was edited by Ellen W.

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It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

Librarian's Report:

"If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we need more new ideas for more wise men (women) reading more good books in more public libraries. These libraries should be open to all—except the censor. We must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives and listen to all the criticisms. Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors. For the Bill of Rights is the guardian of our security as well as our liberty."

— John F. Kennedy

In the spirit of Mr. Kennedy's statement above, The Book Discussion Group of the Granada Hills Branch Library just recently participated in the National Endowments for the Arts, Big Read program. The program is designed to re-vitalize the public's interest in reading together. The Los Angeles Public Library's selection for this program was Naguib Mahfouz's book "The Thief and the Dogs." Twelve of us read the book and met to discuss it. We had a vibrant and dynamic exchange of impressions, criticisms and opinions. We shared our perspectives with each other and in doing so it broadened our collective experience of the book. Individuals in our group have acknowledged that these group discussions have widened personal exposure to books they wouldn't necessarily have chosen to read...and they have been glad for it! Bravo to all who participated!

We are now preparing for a robust summer reading program. The theme of the Summer Reading Program is "Reading is Sooooo Delicious!" Please bring your children and teens in for a visit, it will be fun.

See you at the library!

Calendar of Events

April 17	1:30 p.m.	Book Discussion: "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines	
April 19	3:00 p.m.	*Fabulous Friday Films for Kids!	Call for more information
April 20	3:30 p.m.	Film make-up artist Brian Stock will demonstrate the magic of SFX make-up and create the illusion of a "severe burn victim" out of a volunteer.	An amazing presentation!
April 23	1:00 p.m.	Computer Class: Word Processing with LAPL	Call for reservations
April 26	2:00 p.m.	Computer Class: E Media Basics	Call for reservations
April 27	4:00 p.m.	Teen Book Talk Interviews: Listen to interviews and book talks by and about teen authors.	
April 29	3:30 p.m.	Storytime in Espanol. VAAS students read to kids.	
May 3	3:00 p.m.	*Fabulous Friday Films for Kids!	Call for more information
May 4	1:30 p.m.	SAT Practice Exam	Call for reservations
May 7	6:30 p.m.	Heather's Handicrafts! Springtime stories and craft.	Preschool to age 8
May 13	3:30 p.m.	Storytime in Espanol. VAAS students read to kids.	
May 14	6:00 p.m.	*Free Movie Screening	Call for more information
May 15	1:30 p.m.	Book Discussion: "Fall from Grace" by Richard N. Patterson	
May 23	6:15 p.m.	CSUN's Prof. Sefton leads a discussion on the film "Emperor, MacArthur and Hirohito"	
May 24	2:00 p.m.	Computer Class: E Media Basics	Call for reservations

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Granada Hills Library.

Call the library for summer programming.

Library Hours

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

OUR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON IS SOOOON!

The Roma Bistro Station will welcome us at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8th, for our installation luncheon. The address is 19524 Nordhoff St., Northridge.

DIRECTIONS: From Tampa and Nordhoff, drive west past Sears to Shirley St. (Be sure to keep to the right, or you'll be on the Nordhoff bridge.) At Shirley St., turn left into a mall. Roma Bistro will be on your right. Handicapped Parking is in front of BevMo (2 doors from Roma).

Our meeting will start at 10:30. Installation of officers will again be done by our good friend Norma J. And THEN we'll enjoy a great lunch. Here's the menu:

Choose your entrée from among
 PENNE PASTA WITH SHRIMP AND PEAS
 EGGPLANT PARMESAN
 CHICKEN PICCATA

We may also choose between soup and salad, and coffee or tea. AND, we'll have dessert! Total cost, including tax and tip, is \$20.

NOTE: They have a full bar.

Please plan to pay at the May meeting, or you may send your check, made out to Friends of Granada Hills Library, to Joan V.

P.S. If you have to cancel, you'll need to do so by the end of May to be reimbursed.

Puzzle - The Answer Lies Within **Provided by Dottie O.**

Every answer is a three-letter word that ends a familiar two-word phrase. You will be given the first word of the phrase. You provide the three-letter word that ends it. (The 2nd word will be found in the first word.)

Example: Arctic Air. See how you do!

1. Stage _____
2. Carpenter _____
3. Legal _____
4. Abstract _____
5. Copper _____
6. Electric _____
7. Butcher's _____
8. Tennis _____
9. Double _____
10. Young _____
11. Switch _____
12. Race _____
13. Grab _____

(Answers are on page 6)

"The public library is one of the great strongholds of democracy. Who doesn't love a library? It is a place you can go in any town and discover the world."

-- Pat MacEnulty

"The contents of a library can take you further than your own imagination could begin to imagine. To open a book is to open your mind."

-- Amberle Cianne

"My local library shaped me as a reader and a writer; I couldn't imagine my childhood without that warm inviting building at its center."

-- Sarvenaz Tash

"When I enter a library, I feel I've come home."

-- Barbara Wright

"A fondness for reading, properly directed, must be an education in itself."

-- Jane Austen,
Mansfield Park

"You can never be wise unless you love reading."

-- Samuel Johnson,
Boswell's Life of Johnson Vol. IV

"Reading is a staple of life, like bread or water. Or chocolate."

-- Rett MacPherson,
A Misty Mourning

Membership News by Donna A., Chair

The Friends have 54 members as of April 2013.

Welcome to our new members: Charlene J., Debbie W., Wafa A., Kate M. and Agnes M.

-- Donna A., Membership Chair

Membership applications to join the Friends of the Granada Hills Library are available at the library and are also available online at the Friends' 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 "Locations & Hours"
- Scroll down the page and select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down the page and to the right: Select "Friends of Library Group"
- Scroll down the page and select "Branch Library Support Groups Sites"
- Select "Granada Hills" to reach the Friends' website

OR

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

Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

Elected Officers:

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

Volunteer Chairs:

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

Recent Donations by the Friends:

- \$829 to purchase books and DVDs (total for January and February).
- \$452 to purchase books and DVDs in March.
- \$150 for the Japanese Tea Ceremony program on January 30.
- \$160 for two frames to display the City's certificates issued to commemorate the library's 50th birthday.

Movie Trivia Question – from Lillian M.

To all Movie Buffs:

Who are the two actresses who played the same role in a movie that was made twice in fifteen years? (Hint - It was originally a book.) These same actresses appeared together several years after the later version of the movie and appeared as mother and daughter.

(Answer is on page 6.)



Markets' Community Programs

By Renee Z.

Thank you again to all the friends that are participating in the Ralphs Community Reward and Food 4 Less program.

This quarter, Friends of the Granada Hills Library earned \$149.98, 12-1-12 through 2-28-13. We have 51 households participating this year so far and that has been the highest ever. We look forward to the rewards. Here is a breakdown of what we have earned from inception – after registering your Club Card and swiping it each time you shop.

09/01/07 THRU 08/31/08 **\$427.35**

09/01/08 THRU 08/31/09 **\$469.19**

09/01/09 THRU 08/31/10 **\$984.57**

09/01/10 THRU 08/31/11 **\$789.98**

09/01/11 THRU 08/31/12 **\$639.73**

09/01/12 THRU 11/30/13 **\$263.58**



— 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 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.



MARCH BOOK SALE:

The final tally for the book sale is: Boutique: \$60.50; Donations: \$26.85; Book sale: \$579.52 for a total of \$666.87 for the two days. Friday's total was \$509.07 and Saturday's total was \$157.80. Thank you, Julie, for all your fabulous crafts, this month's theme was Spring. A very special thank-you to Betty Fougner who cashiered most of Friday and to Beverly Stallings who once again spent hours sorting books.

It was slow both days with a low turnout. We do so much better on Fridays since there's parking, our serious shoppers come in the first day and we're there for 7 hours. On Saturdays, we get a lot more families and Library patrons, folks who buy four or five books. We could probably make another \$100 if we stayed open until 5:00 p.m.

We need paperbacks! And we always need children's books. Several of you mentioned that you have cookbooks to donate and suddenly they're selling again, so please drop them off the next time you're in the Library. I'm happy to pick up your books if you'd like, email me at grice913@gmail.com. Did I mention we need paperbacks?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Next book sale is May 17 & 18. We'll set up Thursday, 5/16, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. We always need help sorting, arranging and shelving the books. Friday, 5/17, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - SEE YOU THERE!

Next Book Sales

May 17 & 18

(No book sale in July)

September 20 & 21

November 15 & 16

BOOK REVIEW BY GREER R.: Emily Alone by Stewart O'Nan

This novel chronicles a year in the life of 80-year-old Emily Maxwell, a widow with two distant grown children and grandchildren who have no time for the older generation. It observes her every day life, often spent with her sister-in-law Arlene whose stroke alters the course of their weekly routines. It's a deeply felt book about the emotional and physical challenges of aging told from Emily's perspective with candor and humor. O'Nan would often describe my mother on one page and then would be writing about me on the next. I think you all will like this one - and it's available at Granada Hills Library.

Answers to Puzzle on page 3: set, ant, age, art, ore, eel, cut, net, bed, gun, hit, car, bag

Answer to Movie Trivia Question on page 4: Joan Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor; the movie was "Little Women." First one was in 1933 and the later one was in 1948. They both appeared as 'Amy'. In 1950 (?) they appeared as mother and daughter in "Father of the Bride."

GET WELL WISHES

Best wishes to Norma H. and Betty S.



IN MEMORY

Condolences to Robert O. on the loss of his father.

BOOK REVIEW BY RENEE Z.: Moloka'i by Alan Brennart

I have recently completed reading the historical fiction book MOLOKA'I. I was inspired by my Friend Jackie, the canonization of St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope who treated the lepers and my recent sojourn to the Hawaiian island of which I had always had a curiosity. I find it exciting to read or have read a book and travel to the destination and follow in the footsteps of one or more of the characters. This book details quite accurately the history of Kalaupapa and Kalawao which are two of the locations that patients were banished to once they were hospitalized with lesions that would not heal and tested positive for *Mycobacterium leprae*. The book follows Rachel, a charming five-year-old at the time the lesion is discovered on her leg by her mother, until her death and chronicles many struggles that Rachel and the other human beings had to endure when being sent to what most saw as a place to live out a death sentence, a living hell. Rachel did not die of what is now called Hansen's disease, although she did succumb to complications from the disease. The part that I personally found heartbreaking was what happened to children that were born in the colony. These newborns were immediately taken from their parents and sent to another island and put up for adoption. The new biological parents could only live out their lives wondering, imagining, hoping and praying that their infant would be adopted into a loving family.

As I stood on the shore of Kalaupapa, now a National Park, I found it ironic that a little over 100 years ago this place was a living hell. Now it is one of the most beautiful spots on earth. The land is now owned partially by the government and it is prohibited to build or even be there without a chaperone. As of now, there are only 17 former patients that have chosen to live out their lives in Kalaupapa, Moloka'i. They will have a home there until they die. What will happen to this beautiful piece of land afterwards is yet to be seen. I was told that many investors have their eyes on this place as a resort destination. My wish is for this special place to be preserved for all to learn and enjoy.



April 6, 2013

To: Members of Friends of the Granada Hills Library

From: Nominating Committee
Lois Lande, Chair
Lillian S. Marcus

Lois M. Lande
Lillian S. Marcus

Re: **SLATE OF OFFICERS** - September 2013 to June 2015

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the years 2013 -2015:

President	Pamela Franklin
First Vice President	Donna Antrim
Second Vice-President for Book Sales	Greer Rice
Third Vice President for Membership	Edna Shifflett
Secretary	Judi Vitacco
Treasurer	Open

The floor is now open for further nominations.

Installation of officers will be June 8, 2013 at restaurant

Election of new officers: May 4, 2013 at the Annual Meeting at the Granada Hills Library
Installation of officers: June 8, 2013 at the General Meeting at Roma Bistro Station

WANTED: TREASURER FOR FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY

"Treasurer shall collect all revenues; notify Third Vice President for Membership of dues-paying members; pay all bills approved by the membership; keep and maintain proper financial records for the fiscal year; provide a Treasurer's report at each meeting of the membership, and prepare any tax and other pertinent documents required by city, state, and federal agencies."

– from the Bylaws for Friends of the Granada Hills Branch Library

If interested, please contact Lois L.

