

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Spring 2014
Quarterly
Publication

Next Meetings:

General Meeting
and Potluck Lunch
Saturday, June 7,
11:00 a.m. at the
Bermuda Seniors
Mobile-Home Park,
15445 Copper Street,
Mission Hills

See page 4 for
more information.

General Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 6,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

General Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 4,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

Next Book Sales:

Friday, July 18,
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, July 19,
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19,
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Sept. 20,
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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President's Message by Pamela F.

Our first fundraiser did just fine at Presto Pasta. We made a profit but the most important thing to come out of this is that it truly was a community effort. Megan Cottier and Jessie Levine from Councilman Mitch Englander's office showed their support by attending.

The "Matinee Movie Afternoon" has really proven successful; at the showing of "Gravity" there were approximately 80 people at the showing. Thank you to our Senior Librarian Pam Rhodes who sets the stage and selects the movies.

There are no elections this year so I would like to thank the Board individually.

V.P. Donna A.: Donna has proven time and again

to be the inspiration of so many good ideas and followed through with phone calls and just has been my right hand person in so many ways.

Secretary: Judi V. is exemplary in her presentation of the minutes and is always on top of things and keeps our records in good standing.

Treasurer: Anne S. does a wonderful job of keeping our financial standing in good order and presents her reports in a timely manner at every General Meeting.

V.P. Book Sales: Greer R. continues to run our Book Sales. There is a lot of work to be done behind the scenes for the sale and Greer masterfully prepares this task with her little "elves". Our

Book Sales are the main fund raising event for us so way to go Greer!

Renee: The Ralphs's scanning program is increasing in numbers and proving to be a financial gain. This leaves Renee with a smile. Renee has organized a couple of trips that have proven very successful and those attending are hopefully looking forward to future trips.

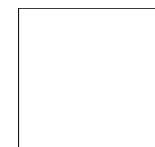
Editor of Newsletter Ellen W.: Ellen edits and publishes our wonderful newsletter and is truly appreciated in all her endeavors.

Carol M.: Carol is our publicity chairman and thank you for all you do in getting our events published in a timely manner.

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This newsletter was edited by Ellen W.

FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY
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It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam R., Senior Librarian

If you haven't already seen the LAPL Customer Satisfaction Survey posted on the LAPL website, please go online and take a look. You can choose a 3 minute, 7 minute, or a 15 minute survey to tell us what you like about the library and what we can do to better serve you. If you cannot access the survey online, we can provide you with a paper survey. Just come to the Reference desk and ask for a survey. Your feedback, thoughts and opinions will give us valuable information for making your neighborhood library a more satisfying experience.

Currently our staff is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program which kicks off June 9th, 2014. We will be hosting many programs for the Granada Hills Community. Specifically we are planning a Teen Movie Festival on Tuesdays at 3pm and a Kids Film Festival on Fridays at 3:15. Call us for specific movie titles. Additionally, check our calendar for the variety of other programs we will be hosting. It will be an exciting summer at the library!

Thank you--- Friends of the Granada Hills Library--- for all your support! You are a wonderful group. Your dedication to our library is awesome.

Pam Rhodes
Senior Librarian

Calendar of Events for June, July and August 2014:

Dahn Yoga	- Mondays, 11:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.: 6/2/14, 6/9/14, 6/16/14, 6/23/14, 6/30/14
Pajama Storytimes	- Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Friday Film Festival for Kids	- Fridays, 3:15 p.m.
Bark- Read to the Dogs	- First Saturday of the Month, 4:00 p.m.: 6/7/14, 7/5/14, 8/2/14
Tony Daniels' Magic Show for Kids	- (Summer Reading Club kick-off) 6/14/14, 4:00 p.m.
Chinese Calligraphy	- 6/19/14, 4:00 p.m.
Special Movie Screening (Call for details)	- 6/12/14, 5:30 p.m.
Special Movie Screening (Call for details)	- 6/17/14, 1:30 p.m.
Writer's Workshop	- 6/21/14, 12:30 p.m.
Photography Workshop	- 7/24/14, 3:00 p.m.

Please call the Granada Hills Library for more programs!
(818) 368-5687. We plan to have a busy summer.

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

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"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from Page 1)

Sandy J.: Sandy makes sure our website is up to date and provides us with bookmarks and flyers that are so very important for our events.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to add that it has been a pleasure for us to act in our official capacity for the "Friends Group" and look forward to so doing for another year.

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do!"

Pamela F.

Markets' Community Programs By Renee

Thank you, Friends of the Granada Hills Library, for a very successful quarter earning our largest donation in the Community Partners Program from Ralphs and Food 4 Less. For this second quarter we have earned \$336.43 from Ralphs and \$62.29 from Food 4 Less. We have 87 households signed up as of now. If you are interested in inviting a friend to contribute - which only requires registering their Ralphs card along with the Granada Hills Library scan bar (located on book markers available at the library or our website www.csun.edu/~hcchm001/FGHL/Ralphs-bar-code.pdf), we will be more than grateful.

The donations are automatically deposited into the Friends' account. This money is used for community programs and it also fills in the gap between the county funds distributed to our Granada Hills Library branch and what is still needed to purchase for the public use. One of the most recent successful programs has been our cinema series. There has been a very good turn-out for the recently released movies. There probably is a movie showing that you weren't able to see during its theatre run. I know I have been able to catch up on quite a few. See you at the movies or perhaps our used book sale on May 16 and 17!



Puzzling Questions - Provided by Lottie V.

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- 1) How long did the hundred year's war last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From what animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In what month do the Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial plane?

(See page 6 for answers.)

Friends' President
Pamela's closing
thoughts from recent
meetings:

For March 2014:

"There are some people
that live in a dream
world, and there are
some who face reality,
and then there are those
who turn one into the
other."

For April 2014:

"I speak to myself.
I even answer myself.
For once, we both agree."

For May 2014:

"We don't live in the
moment: We waste all
those days looking
ahead and counting the
days until the day of
a special event. Enjoy
your day, have fun,
help people – you won't
get it back again."

"Read, every day,
something no one else is
reading. Think ...
something no one else is
thinking. Do ...
something no one else
would be silly enough to
do...It is bad for the
mind to be always part
of unanimity."
-- Christopher Morley

"A short story is a
different thing all
together - a short story
is like a kiss in the dark
from a stranger."
-- Stephen King

"Never trust anyone who
has not brought a book
with them."
-- Lemony Snicket,
Horseradish: Bitter
Truths You Can't Avoid

Membership News

Welcome to our new members: Linda S., Frida H., Susan F., Rorry and Cheryal K., Ingrid H., Lynn N., Judi B., and Terri M. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

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

UN-INSTALLATION POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The Friends' Un-Installation Potluck Luncheon has been set for Saturday, June 7th, at 11 a.m. The luncheon, of course, is our June meeting.

The place is the charming clubhouse at the Bermuda Seniors Mobile-Home Park, 15445 Copper Street, Mission Hills.

DIRECTIONS: From our library, drive east on Chatsworth St. towards Sepulveda, or take the 118 East and exit at Sepulveda. Turn left on Sepulveda, under the 118, past The Bear Pit and Coco's on your left. That will be Bermuda St. Turn left on Bermuda one short block to Langdon. Turn right one VERY short block. The clubhouse will be on your right. If you're coming from east of Mission Hills, take the 118 West, exit at Sepulveda, turn right to Bermuda St. and left on Bermuda.

Please plan to bring a salad of ANY kind (garden, potato, tuna, jello, macaroni, fruit, ambrosia...you get the idea!). Make your salad enough for six servings. We'll also need sodas, water, and ??? If you'd prefer to bring a beverage, or rolls and butter, call me.

Joan V., Chair

Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

Elected Officers:

Pamela F.	- President
Donna A.	- 1 st Vice President
Greer R.	- 2nd Vice President - Book Sales
Betty F.	- 3rd Vice President - Membership
Judi V.	- Secretary
Anne S.	- Treasurer

Volunteer Chairs:

Renee	- Hospitality
Ellen W.	- Newsletter
Carol M.	- Publicity
Sandy J.	- Webmaster/Brochures
Dorothy O.	- Consultant

American Girl Tea Party on February 15

It was a special day on February 15, 2014! Children's Librarian, Heather, hosted an American Girl Tea Party for 56 guests (kids and adults) of Granada Hills. Of course, our ever supportive Friends of the Granada Hills Library and Star Volunteer (Pamela F., Donna A., Arline H. and Judy B.) helped make the event elegant by sponsoring serving delicious cupcakes and juice. Can you believe it? The cupcakes were homemade by our incredible Children's Librarian. The American Girl program introduced and highlighted the eight historical and many contemporary American Girl characters. This book series promotes gentle life lessons and values. Readers learn the importance of family and friends, compassion, responsibility, forgiveness and encouragement that girls can accomplish anything. Many girls brought their dolls to the party and it was an incredibly great time for all!

*Pam R.
Senior Librarian
Granada Hills Branch*



Book Sales

BOOK SALE REPORT

By Greer R.



We had another successful sale - we made \$851.81 in sales and \$74 in donations for a total of \$925.81. We had a lot of coffee-table books that we sold for \$3 and we had so many cookbooks that went for .25 each. And we even sold 2 berry boxes of Harlequin romances!

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered: Pamela F., Donna A., Dottie O., Judi V., Debbie K., Pat M., Mary S., Ellen W., Anne S., Holly and Joseph G. (he helped take the lids off the boxes), Linda S., Jackie L., Joan V. (what a trooper, she came to help with a brace on!), Cliff O., Marcia H., Jo P., Julie C., Elaine D. and Arline H. Another great big thank you to our book hustlers, Stormy R., Nick S., Jeremy H. and Mike M. You should see those guys hustle books, they had the room cleared out in 20 minutes!

I look forward to seeing you all at the pot luck in June when we'll see if there's enough interest in a July book sale.

Next Book Sales

Friday, July 18 & Saturday, July 19: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Friday, Sept. 19 & Saturday, Sept. 20: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 15: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Book Review by Sandy J.: Sycamore Row by John Grisham, 2013

Two of my favorite John Grisham novels are "The Painted House" and "A Time to Kill." Now I must add "Sycamore Row." This latest novel, a sequel to "A Time to Kill," opens with the body of Seth Hubbard hanging from a tree. Before this, Hubbard, a recent self-made millionaire, writes a new will by hand renouncing his previous one (holographic will) leaving the majority of his wealth to a cleaning lady, Lettie Lang. Lang took care of him during his cycles of chemotherapy and recovery. Hubbard's two adult children and grandchildren, neglectful and disrespectful during Hubbard's life, attack the legality of this will with a vengeance. Was Hubbard murdered? Why leave the majority to Lettie Lang? The chilling story that slowly emerges rivals the atrocities presented in "A Time to Kill." Whatever your reaction to the premise of this story, read it and I guarantee you will be surprised!

Recent donations by the Friends:

- \$1,110.75 for book purchases in March and \$594.10 for book purchases in April.
- \$766.23 for library supplies (DVD covers and plastic book covers).
- \$30.54 for refreshments for the American Girl Tea Party held on February 15.

Answers to Puzzling Questions on page 3:

- 1) 116 years; 2) Sheep and horses; 3) Ecuador; 4) November; 5) Squirrel fur; 6) Dogs; 7) Albert; 8) Crimson; 9) New Zealand; 10) Orange (of course)

Metro Art Tour on March 23, 2014

By Liz M.

Inspired by "On Gold Mountain" by Lisa See (at the time being read by the library Book Club), Renee suggested a field trip to Chinatown, an important setting in the book. Lunch at the Yang Chow restaurant was our destination, but who knew the journey would be so delightful?

Around a dozen of us gathered at North Hollywood Metro station at 10am where we met our art docent, Carole. She handed everyone a complimentary "tap card" (our day pass to the Metro system). Carole is a volunteer and leads tours of the Metro's amazing and extensive artwork. The Metro has been commissioning artists since 1989 for many projects, both permanent and temporary. Our tour focused on the Red Line, starting at North Hollywood, with stops at Hollywood and Vine and Union stations.

Vibrant colors and the huge scale of some of the pieces are what stood out for me. Starting at the North Hollywood station entrance, you cannot miss the three arches in green, orange and yellow, representing the lime, orange and lemon groves that once covered the region. As you descend the steps into the Metro, you are greeted by the striking "Kaleidoscope Dreams" in tile by Anne Marie Karlsen (2000) depicting the dreams and aspirations of the San Fernando Valley immigrants. At Hollywood and Vine you see old fashioned movie cameras, ceilings covered in old movie reels and other huge pieces of artwork related to the movie business. At the top of one of the escalators is a special effect light trick. At first you think it is just flashing lights moving across a large screen but if you slightly cross your eyes and look into the middle distance (!) pictures of old movie stars suddenly emerge!

At Union station a giant tiled mural called "City of Dreams" by Richard Wyatt depicting early and contemporary settlers of Los Angeles overlooks the concourse. Nearby there is a water feature, an allegorical "river of time", with historical artifacts (May Sun, 1995).

We changed to the Gold line and emerged at Chinatown to find a detailed floor design of granite tiles representing the Ba Gua Chinese symbol called The Wheels of Change (Chusien Chang, 2003).

It was a fascinating tour, there was so much to see, and yet we hardly scratched the surface of all the art there is to see across the Metro system.

At around noon we arrived at the restaurant, the Yang Chow. By chance there was a large round table available. A number of dishes were served on a lazy susan and we all tucked in to a really excellent Chinese meal at a very reasonable price. Around 1 p.m., we browsed the shops in Chinatown before heading home.



MEET THE LIBRARIANS!



Pam R.



Michael P.



Heather S.

Pam R. - Senior Librarian

Pam has been the managing librarian of the Granada Hills branch for 9 years. Prior to coming to Granada Hills, she worked at the Central Library and the Woodland Hills & Porter Ranch Library Branches. She has worked a total of 14 years for LAPL. The library is her second career. She retired from a 25-year career in mortgage banking in 2000. Pam loves to have fun! She is an avid bike rider, occasionally practices yoga, plays in her garden a lot, loves to read a good book, is ready to travel to beautiful, exotic and remote places, likes to cook, loves the arts and enjoys a relaxing dip in the jacuzzi. She loves the Granada Hills community and is committed to creating a community library that is stimulating and interesting.

Michael P., Adult Librarian II

Mike is the tallest member of the Granada Hills staff, and some would say the best dresser. He washed ashore at the Granada Hills Branch 2 years ago after being tossed around the Los Angeles city library system for 12 years. Before acquiring his masters degree in Library Science, Mike worked as a printer, film set painter, New York City bike messenger, and touring rock musician. He used to read a lot of fiction but reads mostly history and classic literature these days. Some of his favorite authors are Herman Hesse, Gore Vidal, Hunter S. Thompson, and J.R.R. Tolkien. When he isn't answering patrons' questions about how to access their e-mail, he is picking avocados on his 7-acre ranch outside Escondido.

Heather S., Children's Librarian

I have been with the library for almost 30 years as Children's Librarian. When I started, we had 2 children's librarians and 25 schools and 25 on the staff here at Granada Hills. I also worked at Eagle Rock Branch for 2 years in 1992. I met my 2 husbands through 2 clerks here at this branch, and was the most affected by the Northridge Earthquake (living next to the Meadows apts.). I was sent downtown to Central Library and learned the art of performing puppet shows there in the Children's Literature Dept. My passion currently is recommending books to kids of all ages, and introducing them to the special sticker markings for grade levels. I also am "passionate" about the collection development process, besides reaching the kids in school presentations and during the Summer Reading Club. My hobbies include being a "tv-aholic" and doing needlepoint/cross-stitch projects. My "children" are my 4-legged furry friends—Macy and Penny. I enjoy singing in the church choir and singing songs in my story times. My reading pleasure is the "cozy mystery" genre.