

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Summer 2013

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Next Meetings:

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

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

Next Book Sales:

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

Friday, Nov. 15
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Nov. 16
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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President's Message by Pamela F.

Hello to you all!

I hope everybody enjoyed their Summer with family and friends.

As your new President, I will try and work diligently with the new Board of Officers to continue the marvelous job so ably performed by the former President and Board.

Although not being in this group for any length of time, I have made some wonderful new friends and hopefully as time passes will get to know many more of you.

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions that you may have and need addressing.

Pamela F.,
President

Calendar of Events: Granada Hills Library

See Page 2 for special events for the week of September 9-14.

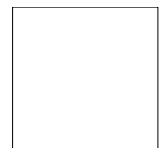
Date	Time	Description
9/16/13	10:30am	Database Class - Learn how to use LAPL databases.
9/17/13	6:30 pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
9/18/13	1:30 pm	Book Discussion: The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein
9/23/13	4:30 pm	Database Class – Learn how to use LAPL databases.
9/24/13	6:30 pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
9/25/13	11:30am	Film Screening: A classic starring Gregory Peck followed by a discussion of Melville's Moby Dick
9/27/13	2:00 pm	E-Media Class – Learn how to use E-readers
9/27/13	4:00 pm	Inca Peruvian Music Program
10/1/13	6:30 pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
10/5/13	4:00 pm	BARK- Children Read to Therapy Dogs
10/8/13	6:30 pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
10/15/13	6:30 pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
10/16/13	1:30 pm	Book Discussion: Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner
10/22/13	6:30 pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
10/25/13	2:00 pm	E-Media Class – Learn how to use E-readers
10/28/13	6:00pm	Peace Corp Information Presentation
10/29/13	6:30pm	Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers

For more information, call (818) 368-5687.

This newsletter was edited by Ellen W.

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:

Welcome Back Friends!

Many of you have been on holiday or just relaxing and taking it easy this summer. Hopefully that meant an occasional visit to the library for books, DVDs, magazines or to catch a program! Now that you are back let me tell you, it has been one of our best summers yet!

We had 900 kids & teens participating in the Summer Reading Program (Reading is So Delicious!) this year. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we hosted 24 film showings that drew in 470 attendees. We hosted an additional 29 programs that drew another 715 attendees. So... as you can see things were hopping. One of the more creative programs we did was the Cupcake Wars! Kids decorated cupcakes and were rewarded for their imaginations.



Now, the fun just doesn't stop!

We are participating in the Library Foundation's initiative: What Ever Happened to Moby Dick? This is a program that is re-imagining great works of literature throughout Southern California. We are hosting a week of programs. Please try to show support by attending one of these programs. (Shown to the right).

Thank you dear Friends for helping us make the Granada Hills Branch Library magical in the hearts and minds of our community. –Librarian Pam

A Whale of a Week at Granada Hills Branch Library

- **Mon. 9/9/13 @ 7pm: Guest Speaker: Diane Alps of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society**, a non-profit organization that protects whales, dolphins and porpoises, will talk about whales and the controversial Santa Barbara Channel. Learn about last year's whale beachings. **Win a door prize: Whale Watching for 2, sponsored by Island Packers.**
- **Tues. 9/10/13 @ 6:30pm: Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers.** Children's librarian will tell Whale Tales.
- **Wed. 9/11/13 @ 4pm: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Ocean Program: "Thar She Blows – A Whale of a Lesson"** Examine the difference between baleen & toothed whales. Hear whale sounds, view a slide show, participate in a whale breathing experiment. Reservations required. **Win a door prize: Whale Watching for 2, sponsored by Island Packers.**
- **Thurs. 9/12/13 @ 5pm: Film Screening:** A classic film starring Gregory Peck.
- **Fri. 9/13/13 @ 3pm: Film Screening:** A documentary nature film featuring the ocean.
- **Sat. 9/14/13 @ 4pm: Guest Speaker: Alan Salazar, Chumash/Tataviam Storyteller & Traditional Paddler of Tomols** Learn about tomol canoe crossings in the Santa Barbara Channel, Chumash traditions and whales. **Win a door prize: Wildlife cruise for 2, sponsored by Island Packers.**



See Page 1 for additional library events scheduled for September and October.

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

-- Andrew Carnegie

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

-- Mark Twain

"Reading one book is like eating one potato chip."

-- Diana Duane, *So You Want to Be a Wizard*

"We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading."

-- B. F. Skinner

"Libraries were full of ideas--perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons."

-- Sarah J. Maas, *Throne of Glass*

"Happiness is sharing a bowl of cherries and a book of poetry with a shade tree. He doesn't eat much and doesn't read much, but listens well and is a most gracious host."

-- Astrid Alauda

"The public library is where place and possibility meet."

-- Stuart Dybek



Membership News

It's time to renew your membership!

Please complete the membership form on page 4 and:

- Turn it in with your annual dues payment at the next Friends' meeting, at the library on September 7; or
- Turn it in with your annual dues payment when visiting the library; or
- Mail the membership form with your check to:

Friends of Granada Hills Library
10641 Petit Avenue
Granada Hills, CA 91344

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

Volunteer Chairs:

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



The Friends' Board at the Installation of Officers Luncheon on June 8, 2013 at Roma Bistro Restaurant (left to right): Anne S., Judi V., Pamela F., Donna A., Greer R., and guest N. Jacobs.

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

Mary S.'s Speech on May 4, 2013 as Past President of the Friends of Granada Hills Library

Dear Members, I want you all to know that these past 5 years have been an exciting, enriching, and wonderful memory!

I never dreamed that when I retired from "work/work" xx# of years ago that I would be involved with such a warm and stimulating group of people who would challenge & support me to lead the Granada Hills Friends group to achieve such outstanding successes.

In 2009, we had a wonderful grant of \$15,000 from the Patriot Oil Trust Fund which, in addition to books and DVDs, purchased added the "Media Center" to our library. This year will be our 2nd grant from Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council -- totaling \$2,500. In 2010, we were also fortunate to receive \$1,000 worth of new books from Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. I'm sure we'll continue our bonding/partnering with all our Neighborhood Councils next year.

In addition to our gifts of many new books, DVDs, & CDs for our library shelves, many members and friends of members have donated books -- not only for Book Sales, but many books, being in such good shape, hit the library shelves for community use, before ever reaching the Book Sales!

The Friends have also gifted our library with new furniture which gives a nice clean crispy look to the library community rooms. Have you seen the Book Drop? The 3-Tiered Display Table near the Reference Desk? The colorful ABC Book Display in the Children's area? The convenient signs keeping borrowers calm and "in-line"!?

And don't forget to notice small gold clips on the fronts -- which say '**GIFTED BY FRIENDS**'.

And, how could you ever forget our **50th BIRTHDAY BASH** last October!!

And, how can I forget: The yearly trips to Central Library for workshops on different library topics. And chatting with members of Friends groups from 72 branches at the LA City Central Library. And while at Central Library, touring that beautiful building -- with the artwork, and the architecture, and so many **B O O K S**!!

BUT, Most of All, I cherish YOU!! Each and every one of you! **YOU**, who have supported my leadership. **YOU**, who have become **MY FRIENDS**!

And, next year, I'll be on the supporting side for our new leadership President, Pamela F., and her new Board. I know we'll all work together to continue support -- for our goal to **MAKE OUR LIBRARY ONE OF THE BEST!!**

Mary S., Past President

Markets' Community Programs

By Renee Z.



PLEASE RE-REGISTER FOR RALPHS' COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Annual registration is necessary since registration in Ralphs' Community Contribution Program expires on August 31 each year: See instructions below for in-store registration, or register online at www.ralphps.com. To register in person, bring in the scan bar (below) along with your Ralphs Club card and have them scanned together at the register by the checker AFTER August 31, 2013. That way, the Friends will continue to enjoy the quarterly donations that Ralphs makes to our group.

****WEBSITE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS****

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE:

1. Log in to www.ralphps.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.ralphps.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

IF YOU ARE ALREADY AN ONLINE CUSTOMER:

1. Log in to www.ralphps.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



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Puzzle - Famous Names **Provided by Dottie O.**

Given 2 five-letter words, change one letter in each to come up with the name of a famous person.
Example: Clerk Table = Clark Gable. (easy!)

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Julep Verse = _____ | 6. Milks Dalis = _____ |
| 2. Marne Cutie = _____ | 7. Grape Slice = _____ |
| 3. Fancy Grade = _____ | 8. Sharp Levis = _____ |
| 4. Delta Geese = _____ | 9. Early Lemon = _____ |
| 5. Dinar Store = _____ | 10. Jades Blown = _____ |

(Answers are on page 6.)

Book Sales

ONLINE BOOK SALE REPORT

By Greer R.



We have sold 51 books with our online partner, American Book Drive, for a total of \$227.19. Almost all the books have been non-fiction and the average sales price has been \$11.15 per book, which means we've made on average \$4.45 each. We did have one book that sold for \$96.90! A bit more than the \$1.00 we would have sold it for at our book sale. Several more books sold for more than \$25 each. We have been receiving excellent donations from the community so we will be able to continue to build up our online inventory and increase our sales. In addition, the Library has been able to add 250 books to its collection from donated books this summer, with a value of approximately \$3,750.

Next Book Sales

Friday, September 20 & Saturday, September 21: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days
Setup: Thursday, September 19, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15 & Saturday, November 16: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days
Setup: Thursday, November 14, starting at 6:00 p.m.

BOOK REVIEW: "MY BELOVED WORLD" BY SONIA SOTOMAYOR **Reviewed by Lillian M.**

I could not put this book down!

Sonia Sotomayor, born in the South Bronx in 1954, was educated at parochial schools, attended Princeton University on a full scholarship, graduating summa cum laude and made Phi Beta Kappa. Then she attended Yale Law School. What more can one say of this remarkable woman? There were later stops along the way as a prosecutor and judge until 2009 when she achieved her crowning glory, being appointed an associate justice to the highest court in the land, the Supreme Court, by President Obama. She has been on a magnificent journey.

In her memoir, "My Beloved World," Sotomayor gives us more than a glimpse of her life. Born to Puerto Rican parents, who migrated to the United States in their early twenties, she gives us an in-depth view of life growing up in the South Bronx in a Puerto Rican culture. Hers was a difficult childhood, but with an extended family of a beloved grandmother and many aunts and uncles and cousins, life was enriching. (Let me digress for a moment. I did my growing up in the East Bronx, so when she mentioned certain neighborhoods, it gave me a tug.)

Sotomayor spares no punches. She tells it like it was and is, from her battle with type 2 diabetes to often difficult, though loving, parents, and other tensions that come to most of us. I found this an exciting read and it reads easily. Now in her fourth year on the high court, she comes across as a truly happy woman, contented with her life and embracing the many friends she has made along the way.

One word – INSPIRING!

Answers to Puzzle on page 5: Jules Verne, Marie Curie, Nancy Grace, Della Reese, Dinah Shore, Miles Davis, Grace Slick, Shari Lewis, Carly Simon, James Brown. *How did you do?*

GET WELL WISHES

Past President Mary S. is recovering nicely, but slowly, from back surgery on July 15. She thanks many members for their encouraging cards and looks forward to seeing you in September/October.



IN MEMORY

Edna S.

July 1935 – June 29, 2013

"Edna passed away peacefully at the age of 77. She is survived by a loving family that includes her four sons Karl, Matthew, David, and Scott, 9 grandchildren, and 9 of her 12 brothers and sisters. Born in Washington DC and raised in Cottage City, Maryland, Edna was the fourth of 13 children born to Howard and Selma Compton. After earning her AA degree at San Fernando Valley State, and her RN from Pierce College in 1974, where she graduated with honors, Edna worked as a nurse at Serra Memorial Hospital. She was instrumental in unionizing the nurses at the hospital. Edna will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and sister, who gave generously of her time, money, and spirit to many charities. Edna was an avid bridge player. A proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Granada Hills Women's Club and Friends of the library."

-- Published in the Los Angeles Times on July 7, 2013

Edna S. was a longtime Friends member who served as the Membership Chair for several years. We will miss her enthusiasm and energy. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Recent Donations by the Friends:

- Funds to purchase books and DVDs: \$829 (for May-June); \$473 (for July); \$524 (for August).
- \$125 for a music program: a classical guitar performance at the library on July 20.
- \$50 to purchase books in memory of Friends' member Edna S.
- Funds to support the Summer Reading Program for kids, to provide supplies and refreshments.
- \$529 received from a scholarship grant, to be spent supporting the library's youth group.

WANTED: THIRD VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

"Third Vice President: Membership. The Third Vice President for Membership shall keep records of members and their payments of annual dues and shall notify members when annual dues are payable."

-- Bylaws of Friends of Granada Hills Branch Library

Note: Computer skills are not required for this position.



If you are interested in this position, please contact Pamela F.

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.

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www.lapl.org

**Excerpts from Granada Hills Friends of the Library
2013 Annual Installation of Officers Speech by Norma J.
June 8, 2013, The Roma Bistro, Northridge, California**



"... "Playing cards" are not new and their origin isn't entirely clear, but it is commonly believed that they originated in China or perhaps India, thousands of years ago. Once they reached Europe, every continental culture took them to heart and many different and exciting games gradually evolved. ... Today, "card play" continues to be a favorite pastime for people of all ages. ...

And now, let's play! With any deck, no two cards are exactly alike, and every single card is needed for the deck to be usable. Likewise, with your Board, though equally significant, no two officers' duties are the same. Each and every Board member's task is important and must be carried out faithfully in order for **The Friends** to continue meeting their annual support goals for your Library. ...

TREASURER, ANNE S., tho' you're a newcomer to this Board you have been elected to a most trusted position... Your card, Anne, is the **TEN OF HEARTS** ... When you are on **Friends'** duty, you will find yourself a busy officer, running to the bank, checking out statements, collecting dues, etc. You are going to be mighty glad you have ten nimble fingers, ten toes on your flying feet, and may wish every hour had just ten more minutes! Here's hoping this deck and your TEN OF HEARTS will help you remember how important your work is to succeeding in your role and bring you luck!

SECRETARY, JUDY V., ... the **JACK OF HEARTS** to represent your office. Look at him carefully and you'll see he's holding a plume, symbolizing the pen that you will be using to take notes and prepare necessary **Friends'** correspondence. I hope this souvenir deck and especially your JACK OF HEARTS will be friendly reminders of your significance to this organization and bring you luck!

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, EDNA S. ... the **QUEEN OF HEARTS**. Think of her as representing the "beating heart" of the Board. Like you, an experienced officer who knows who and where everyone is, and what each hopes to bring to and gain from membership in this delightful organization. I know you will be both cordial and on-purpose in this role, and with the luck of the "queenly" symbol, your official duties will surely be fulfilled!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, GREER R. ...A position like this is the reason for creating the infamous "wild card." Our is the **JOKER**. A card is designated "wild" because it can fill so many roles. A colorful JOKER can act for any missing card, and despite a needed card's absence in the player's hand, may create a winning "flush."

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, DONNA A. ...As **Friends** First V-P, you are the understudy for its highest office, that of President. Should she need to be absent, you will preside in her place, and act on her behalf. You will attend Board meetings, and make yourself available to assist her as needed. It's a big job, the "king" of Board responsibilities after the President's, and so your card can only be the **KING OF HEARTS**... Your job is to assist and support your President in any way possible. We know you're ready for this role and I know the rest of your "deck-hands" will support your efforts.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA F. *Madame President*, you have been elected to serve **The Friends** as its Absolute Chief Executive, their A-C-E, the **ACE OF HEARTS**. To be President is both an honor and a privilege, and a great responsibility! Now, you are the one responsible for preparing agendas and presiding at all Board and general meetings, as well as serving as an *ex officio* member of all committees, except Nominating. You will represent **The Friends** at all public events or designate an alternate in your absence. In your ByLaws, the list of your new duties covers an entire page! ...

Why are your cards Hearts? Well, everyone knows, hearts symbolize love, and all of you will need your big hearts to practice loving-kindness, patience and dedication to your duties in the term ahead. ...

Like creating the greatest winning hand in Poker, the Royal Flush! Acting individually, neither officer nor card will succeed, but when you work together, like the happy Royal Flush, you can't help but WIN!

Ladies, it is with great pleasure I congratulate you on your election and proudly pronounce you duly installed."

According to Norma J.: "This was the best installation I have ever attended."