

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Winter 2013

Quarterly
Publication

Next Meetings:

General Meeting:
Saturday, January 5,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

General Meeting:
Saturday, February 2,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

General Meeting:
Saturday, March 2,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

Next Book Sales:

Friday, Jan. 18
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& **Saturday, Jan. 19**
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

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President's Message by Mary S.

Our Winter newsletter is just a smidgeon late this year -- not only due to a busy Fall, but to our dear wonderful editor, Ellen W., recuperating from surgery. September planning time ran into a fun-filled October, starting on October 21 -- celebrating "National Friends of Library" week nationally.

From the beginning of October, children were drawing and writing letters saying "Why I love the Library". They were displayed on the Community Room doors, interspersed with posters Sharon F. and Elaine D. created with old

newspaper pictures from 1962 - and up to the present - (Five Decades!).

Monday, October 22nd, "Kick Off Birthday Party" invited "Kids & Parents" to the Library's Community Room to celebrate the Fiftieth Birthday! Thanks to Elaine D., we had loads of cookies and punch boxes that wonderful Emma F. and Gramma Joycelyn T. of the Grandparents Group helped serve to the kids. The room was filled with children -- ages 2 - 11ish, boys and girls, and parents -- both Moms and several Dads. Our Balloon Program Man charmed the children with colorful balloons that he shaped into poodles with faces, flowers, little mice with faces, and swords -- that the little boys loved!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

little boys loved! A slide show, prepared by Debbie W., ran the entire time, and Librarian Heather's identification of the pictures brought smiles to many parents' faces. It was a wonderful evening!

Wednesday, October 24th - Violinist Calabria F. roamed the room for half an hour prior to starting the special "Happy 50th Birthday Granada Hills Library" Celebration. Light refreshments were artistically displayed for guests and birthday cake was also served. Two local florists sent beautiful bouquets that were later placed on the Circulation

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This newsletter was edited by Ellen Weinstein.

FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY

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President's Message, continued

and Reference Desks so library patrons could enjoy them all week.

Special guests included Erik Richardson, Staff Assistant at Mitch Englander, Councilman's office, who shared some wonderful congratulations and presented the Sr. Librarian and Friends with a framed certificate! Also, Eduardo Tinoca, Library Commissioner,

congratulated library staff and Friends and presented another certificate. Then John Szabo, the new City Librarian, shared a few words of congratulations and praise for library services.

We wanted to reminisce a bit about the library and Mr. Sid C., Grandparent volunteer, shared 2 wonderful stories about reading to the children. Friends member Joan V. then shared a delightful

one of her experience reading to children. And Robert O., another Friends member, drew laughs about his shared story of his long-time use of borrowing and reading classic books from the library's shelves.

Thanks to many Friends for helping make this successful week!!!!

Mary S., President



The officers of Friends of Granada Hills Library (left to right): Willa H., Secretary; Dorothy O., Treasurer; Mary S., President; Pamela F., 1st Vice President; Donna A., 3rd Vice President - Membership; Greer R., 2nd Vice President - Book Sales.
Photo taken at the Granada Hills Library's 50th birthday celebration on October 24, 2012.



Erik Richardson, Staff Assistant at Councilman Mitchell Englander's office, presented the Senior Librarian and the Friends with a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Los Angeles at the Granada Hills Library's 50th birthday celebration on October 24, 2012.

Left to right: Joan V.; Mary S.; Erik Richardson; Pamela F.; Senior Librarian Pamela Rhodes; Children's Librarian Heather Sells.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR MAKING OUR GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY'S 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY A "WOW"!!

Calabria Foti McChesney:
Ryan DelToro:
Ralph's, Granada Hills:
Sprouts, Granada Hills :
Granada Hills Florist:
Roberto Florist:
Granada Hills Woman's Club:

Violinist
Balloon Magician
Birthday Cake
Refreshments
Floral Bouquet
Floral Bouquet
Decorations

It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

Librarian's Report:

Looking back at 2012, we had a wonderful year of accomplishments! The library's hours were fully restored, allowing our patronage full access to our amazing services. We offered 55 children's programs that 1,752 people attended. We hosted 16 teen programs that 301 people attended. And we conducted 60 adult programs that 897 people attended. That's a grand total of 127 programs with 2,950 people attending! The staff and the community want to thank the Friends of the Granada Hills Library as many of those programs were made possible by the funds raised through your used book sales. Additionally, we thank the Friends for supplementing our DVD, book and audio book collections, as well as replacing our badly worn children's bookcase.

The highlight of the year was our 50th birthday celebration (the Branch opened in 1962). The Friends sponsored wonderful celebrations for kids and community members. The branch was awarded three certificates commemorating this special event. (See Mary's article). So all in all, it was a year of great fun, events and celebration.

Looking forward we are planning for another exciting year of programming and improvements in 2013. Additionally, we expect to boost our Student Zone which provides students with enhanced homework support. Stop in and visit the Reference desk to check out what's happening!



December 12, 2012 Holiday Party at L.A. City Council District 12. Left to right: Mary Slotnick, Friends of Granada Hills Library President; Councilman Mitchell Englander; Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

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

Calendar of Events

Japanese Tea Ceremony on January 30



I'm just so excited---Our book club is always an inspiration...After reading Thousand Cranes by Kawabata. I thought we should know more about this custom. So... ..

Master Teacher Hagiko Kusunoki (ShuShu) will be demonstrating a Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony - Ogasawaryu Senchado - at our library. It will be a very nice production and we are hoping to attract an audience of 30-50 people.

The date is 1/30/13 at 1:30 p.m. at your Granada Hills Library. There will be fine green tea and traditional cakes for all. 4 lucky people will be selected to sit at the traditional tea table, the rest of the group will sit audience style in observation. Traditions and customs will be explained.

We hope you all can make it. Please bring a friend.

Pam Rhodes
Senior Librarian
Granada Hills Branch

December 19, 11:00 a.m.	- Computer Class: Introduction to the Internet.
January 3, 6:00 p.m.	- Movie Screening: Trouble with the Curve
January 4, 2:00 p.m.	- Computer Class: E-Media Basics
January 5, 4:00 p.m.	- Children Read to B.A.R.K. Therapy Dogs
January 9, 6:30 p.m.	- Computer Class: Word Processing with LAPL
January 10, 6:00 p.m.	- Film Screening: October Sky
January 11, 3:00 p.m.	- Film Screening: Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescu
January 15, 6:30 p.m.	- Pajama Storytime with Children's Librarian: "Snuggly Bear" and hibernating animals.
January 16, 1:30 p.m.	- Book Discussion: <u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> by Rebecca Skloot
January 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	- Used Book Sale
January 19, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	- Used Book Sale
January 23, 2:00 p.m.	- Computer Class: Email Basics
January 26, 1:00 p.m.	- Oakridge Presentation
January 30, 1:30 p.m.	- Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony
February 1, 3:00 p.m.	- Film Screening: Disney's Ruby Bridge
February 2, 4:00 p.m.	- Children Read to B.A.R.K. Therapy Dogs
February 5, 6:30 p.m.	- Pajama Storytime with Children's Librarian: Valentine Kisses stories
February 8, 3:00 p.m.	- Film Screening: Lady and the Tramp
February 20, 1:30 p.m.	- Book Discussion: <u>Old School</u> by Tobias Wolff
February 21, 6:00 p.m.	- Film Screening: Here Comes the Boom

"Books and doors are the same thing. You open them, and you go through into another world."
--- Jeanette Winterson

"You can be too rich and too thin, but you can never be too well read or too curious about the world."
-- Tim Gunn

"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future."
-- Ray Bradbury

"Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers."
-- Harry S. Truman

"Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge."
-- Patrick Ness

"Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators."
-- Stephen Fry

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."
-- Anne Herbert

"I took a speed-reading course and read War and Peace in twenty minutes. It involves Russia."
-- Woody Allen

Membership News by Donna A., Chair

Welcome to our new members: Beverly S. and Debbie W.
-- 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 "About the Library"
- Select "Branch Libraries"
- Select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down to "Services" and select "Friends of Library Group", then click on "Continue to External Site"

OR

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

Holiday Luncheon on December 1st By Donna A.

On December 1st, our holiday luncheon was held at "The Golden Hunan." Senior Librarian Pam Rhodes joined 22 Friends for lunch. An appreciation plaque and a card signed by the Friends were presented to President Mary S. by Donna A. For those of you who were not able to attend, we missed you.

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:

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

Recent Donations by the Friends:

- \$500 in October to purchase books.
- \$376 for a new "pod stand", a colorful cube to display children's books.
- \$250 for the library's 50th birthday celebration, plus \$90 for a balloon artist.
- Holiday musical program on December 15.

TOTAL donated by the Friends from 1982 to date: \$372,000.

Word Puzzles - Provided by Dorothy O.

CHAIN REACTION

Complete the following chain.

TOP

S _ _ _ _ _

S _ _ _ _ _

B _ _ _ _

P _ _ _ _ _

P _ _ _ _

DADDY

A SHORT CHAIN

Complete the following chain.

CHEESE

B _ _ _ _ _

J _ _ _ _

STIFFNESS

(See the answers on page 8.)

Markets' Community Programs By Renee Z.

Hello Friends,

Thank you to all who have registered or re-registered your Ralphs card and/or Food 4 Less card for the library contributions. Our first quarter earnings for the 2012- 2013 program will be in after the printing of this newsletter so I hope to report to you in the following newsletter. Every swipe helps the library, no matter how small your purchase at Ralphs is.

Renee Z.

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.



A great big thank you to all our members who helped with the November book sale, we couldn't have done it without you! A special thank you to Beverly S. and her daughter for their tireless and enthusiastic sorting and combining the books - both days! If anyone has Beverly's email, please forward this to her (and copy me so I can add her to my address book). Thank you to Jeremy H. for his invaluable assistance hustling the books (and thanks to Norma for recruiting him). And Joan V., thank you for recruiting Jeannie and Tyler V. who helped prepping and hauling the books on Saturday - we finished in record time!

Thank you again, Julie, for the lovely display and for your contribution to our overall success. According to Dottie we made a total of \$781.70: \$715.45-book sale, \$57.00-boutique, \$9.25 donations. We sold 88 boxes of books: 27 boxes of hardcover fiction; 25 boxes of hardcover nonfiction; 25 boxes of paperbacks; 7 boxes of kids' books, and almost half of that exquisite collection of Korean children's books. We only have two boxes of preschool and young kids' books, the rest are young adult. If you know anyone who would like to donate kids' books or paperbacks, that's what we really need and what sells best.

2013 BOOK SALE SCHEDULE

Thursday setup: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., start tagging & sorting at 1:30 p.m.

January 18 & 19 - Mark Your Calendars, on Saturday the 19th, we'll need all volunteers who can lift a book to help with sorting for the book give away, no box lifting required.

March 15 & 16

May 17 & 18

July 19 & 20

September 20 & 21

November 15 & 16

A special thank you to Target Granada Hills (located at Balboa and San Fernando Mission) for donating beautiful holiday decorations to the Granada Hills Library! - P. Rhodes



Answers to Word Puzzles on page 7: Secret, Santa, Baby, Powder, Puff
Burger, Joint