

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Spring 2012

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Next Meetings:

General Meeting:
Saturday, April 14,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

Annual Meeting:
Saturday, May 5,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

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

***PLEASE NOTE: The
June meeting may be
changed to a
luncheon, possibly
on a different date.**

General Meeting:
Saturday, Sept. 8,
10:30 a.m. at the
Library

Next Book Sales:

**Saturday, March 17,
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(one day only)**

**Saturday, May 19,
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(one day only)**

President's Message by Mary S.

Welcome back to our OPEN Library! And, Welcome Spring! with good weather and great books!

It's so great to see those doors slide open & shut! And, did you notice -- the shelves are FULL OF BOOKS!! And to be able to use the "Drop Box" when the library is closed! (Instead of making an extra trip to an "almost nearby" other library!) We're so glad LA City repaired our plumbing needs -- (so the necessities of life can be taken care of!)

The January closure at the library brought about some changes in Friends' scheduling. Our February general meeting was held on the second Saturday - 2/11 - instead of the first Saturday.

At that meeting, our dear member, Joan V., presented a delightful and entertaining presentation on "Humor of Travel". Instead of a February Book Sale, members chose to try a new "One Day" sale on Saturday, March 17. (With the library closed one month, this gave us more time to sort books for the sale.) Depending on that success, we may choose to continue one-day sales. We'll let you know!

Friends groups throughout Los Angeles' 72 branches were sorry to learn recently that City Librarian Martin Gomez will be leaving his three-year position at Los Angeles Public Library to accept the appointment as Vice-Dean in the USC Libraries, beginning April 2, 2012, where he will be responsible for operations of the 23 libraries on campus.

Mr. Gomez helped galvanize support for the passage of Measure L... and forged a new direction for our library system. We will all miss him. But we do wish him well and more great success!

Mary S., President

President's Closing
Thought from the Friends'
meeting on February 11:

"Remember, life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, Chardonnay in one hand, chocolate in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, WOO HOO!! What a Ride!"

– Author Unknown

This newsletter was produced and edited by Ellen Weinstein

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FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY

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GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344



It's Happening at the Library!

by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian



Left to right: Linda, Bonnie, Ross, Heather, Vicki, Elin, Michele. Missing from pic but there in spirit: Rena, Lya, Amanda, Mary Ann & Pam.

We're Back!

The Granada Hills Staff
is happy to be back.

We missed you!

After a four-week closing, our doors are wide open again. During our closure, we had the sewer line plumbing repaired and some work done on parts of our heating and air conditioning units. Our book and DVD collection was returning to our library and overloading the shelf space. Our staff was assigned to four different branches. A couple of us came to the branch every day to keep up with our returning books and patron requests. It was quite a workout! But now we're back together again, the collection fully intact, even got some spring cleaning done. Please stop in to see us!

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Saturday,	March 10,	2:30-5:00 p.m.-	Film Screening: Sherlock Holmes
Tuesday,	March 13,	6:30 p.m.	- Pajama Storytime with Children's Librarian
Saturday,	March 17,	10 a.m.-2 p.m.-	Used Book Sale
Wednesday,	March 21,	1:30 p.m.	- Book Discussion: <u>In the Time of Butterflies</u> by Alvarez
Thursday,	March 22,	6:15 p.m.	- Book Discussion: <u>Mae West</u>
Saturday,	March 24,	3:00 p.m.	- Chinese Calligraphy with Emmy Lam
Saturday,	April 7,	3-4:30 p.m.	- Film Screening and Book Discussion: <u>James and the Giant Peach</u>
Friday,	April 13,	3:30 p.m.	- Poetry Celebration with Children's Librarian
Saturday,	April 14,	10:30 a.m.	- Friends of the Library General Membership Meeting
Saturday,	April 14,	2:00 p.m.	- Computer Safety Class
Wednesday,	April 18,	1:30 p.m.	- Book Discussion: Title to be determined
Thursday,	April 19,	6:00 p.m.	- Student Smart Workshop: Test Taking Strategies
Wednesday,	April 25,	3:30 p.m.	- Film Screening: Microcosmo

Computer Classes:

Saturday,	March 17,	10:30 a.m.	- Email Basics
Saturday,	March 31,	10:30 a.m.	- Emedia Basics at LAPL
Tuesday,	April 3,	2:00 p.m.	- Word Processing On Line
Monday,	April 9,	10:30 a.m.	- Email Basics On Line
Monday,	April 16,	1:00 p.m.	- Emedia Basics at LAPL

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www.lapl.org

Library Hours

Mon. & Wed.:	10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.:	12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday:	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.

"To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if road maps are necessary now that there are so very many roads."

-- Jon Bing, Professor of Information Technology Law, University of Oslo, Norway

"Libraries change lives for the better."

-- Sidney Sheldon

"People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned."

-- Saul Bellow

"To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life."

-- W. Somerset Maugham

"It's funny that we think of libraries as quiet demure places where we are shushed by dusty, bun-balancing, bespectacled women. The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community.

Librarians have stood up to the Patriot Act, sat down with noisy toddlers and reached out to illiterate adults. Libraries can never be shushed."

-- Paula Poundstone, comedian and author, national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries U.S.A.

Membership News by Donna A., Chair

THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS PATRON MEMBERS:

Helen G., Joyce & Eric G., Sandra J., Mary & Joe S., Joan V., Linda W./Robert K.

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 CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE FRIENDS:

- \$400 per month from January through June to supplement the library's budget for book and DVD purchases.
- SPECIAL DONATION IN MEMORY OF MARALYN PARKER.:
The Friends made a monetary donation to Granada Hills Library for our Senior Librarian, Pam Rhodes, to select 4 or 5 new books in remembrance of our dearly departed member, Maralyn Parker. The following new hard cover books and one Audio Book on CD were selected as they were favorite authors of Maralyn: "The Thorn Birds" by Colleen McCullough, "The Danger" by Dick Francis, "I'll Walk Alone" by Mary Higgins Clark, and Audio CD: "Sidney Sheldon's Mistress of the Game" by Tilly Bagshawe and Sidney Sheldon.

When you borrow any of these books, you'll note the Friends' special tag on the frontpiece: "In honor of Maralyn Parker."

P.S. Anyone wishing to remember a special person in a "special way" can donate \$25 or more to the Friends of Granada Hills Library!

Lillian M. revisits "David Copperfield" by Charles Dickens (Charles Dickens' 200th birthday was February 7, 2012)

Recommendation:

Sometime ago I picked up a copy of *David Copperfield* from a table of classics, selling for \$5.00, at Borders Bookstore, before its sad closure. This was one of my favorite books when I first read it at 12 or 13 - and it still stands the test of time - for adults too.

Yes, I reread it and loved every minute of it. From the first sentence (it is written in first person) "Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show" the book grabs you and doesn't let you go. Going from an idyllic relationship with his mother, who had been widowed, we are quickly caught up in the young David as he struggles against the evil Mr. Murdstone who had married his mother and is now in charge of David's future after her death. That he rises above this is heartwarming. This is a story of David, his trials and tribulations, happy and heartbreaking, ending with his mature years. And all through we meet one of the most compelling cast of characters of any book I have read. Who can forget the Micawbers, Betsy Trotwood, his aunt, Uriah Heep, Peggotty and Barkis, and his friend Steerforth, who disappointed him. Of course, much more. As Dickens writes we just know them, as we know our own family and friends. We ache for them at times, and rejoice at others.

For classic lovers - and others - this is a great read or reread!

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 ☐

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Patron \$ 50 ☐

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*If your company has a Matching Funds or Gifts Program, please enclose appropriate forms.

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Friends of the Granada Hills Library

10640 Petit Avenue

Granada Hills, CA 91344

Book Review from ALTAFF Newsletter: MWF seeking BFF by Rachel Bertsche

When Rachel Bertsche first moves to Chicago with her new husband, she finds herself missing the friends she left behind, and wondering if and how she can make new friends in her new city. As a solution to this problem, she decides she will find a way to make 52 new friends in as many weeks. She's not exactly sure how in the beginning, but she is determined.

Happily for the reader, she takes us with her on her quest. The book, divided into four parts (matching the seasons), begins with Rachel using connections to meet new people – friends of friends by inviting them on "girl dates."

As the book progresses, so do her methods of meeting people, including using social media, "speed friend-dating," friend consultants, and simply striking up conversations with folks in her neighborhood and asking if they'd like to go for coffee. This is one bold and determined young woman.

Cheered on by her husband (who must be the most tolerant man in the world – remember their marriage is brand new, and she's heading out on friend dates many nights a week), Rachel begins sorting through the girls she's met to see if any one of them might become her new best friend.

An uncommon memoir, *MWF seeking BFF* is perfect for women's book clubs. Not only are readers granted "fly on the wall" status on Rachel's dates, we are offered much to contemplate and discuss about the meaning of friendship and the role it plays in our lives.

Puzzle-Word Play from 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__.

(Answers are on Page 6)

From the "Spring 2012 Library Foundation of Los Angeles: News and Calendar": "Creating a Blueprint for a National Digital Public Library"

"There is a library movement underway. Not just local or national. It involves the development of a technology platform and a series of agreements and prototypes, all leading toward a vision that is very close to becoming a reality: A global digital library.

Recognizing the need for a National Digital Public Library Conference, City Librarian Martin Gomez, with the support of the Library Foundation, received a planning grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to host a working conference. Last November at the L.A. Central Library, experts gathered from New York, Boston, Denver, and Columbus Public Libraries, as well as participants from Harvard, Yale, USC, and UCLA Academic Libraries to attend the National Digital Public Library Conference.

They exchanged information on how they could collectively keep libraries relevant in the future of new information sharing. Public libraries had the unique chance to learn from the academic libraries, which are typically ahead of the curve in research and technology. Mr. Gomez emphasized the tremendous need to provide better access to information."

Markets' Community Programs By Renee Z.

As usual, the quarter's donation is not in, but the quarterly statement for quarter 1, which was 9-11-11 through 11-11-11, was \$157.05 from Ralphs and \$8.05 from Food 4 Less (not disbursed until it hits \$25.00). We have 29 households participating in the Ralphs program and 3 households participating in the Food 4 Less program.

Thank you to all who do participate and all that have been successful in having a friend or family member participate. Every member counts - even if you do not do your main shopping at these grocery stores, but only sale items. It all counts.

PLEASE REGISTER OR 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.ralphs.com

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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Nominating Chair's Remarks

Remember, May 5 is the Friends Annual Meeting. Last May, members updated our Friends' By-laws, changing the term of Officers (Executive Board) to a two-year term. Sooo, there is not a need THIS May to nominate a complete new Executive Board to be installed at the June meeting, which has been our usual Installation Luncheon.

However, we do, indeed, still have two (2) positions not filled on the Executive Board -- Treasurer and 1st Vice President. It will be GREAT! to have these 2 spots filled for the remaining two-year term, which ends June 2013.

Lois L., Nominating Chairperson

Book Sales



We raised \$662.40 at the December book sale, which includes \$11.40 from the donation box at the cashier's table. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the sale.

NOTE: The book sale originally scheduled for February was rescheduled for March 17 due to the library's closure in January-February for plumbing repairs.

The next book sales will be held as follows:

Saturday, March 17, in the Library's Community Room, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

Saturday, May 19, in the Library's Community Room, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

***At the General Meeting on January 7, 2012, it was decided to try future book sales as one-day only sales – on Saturday – due to the difficulty in getting set up on Thursday for Friday sales.**

Volunteers are needed for: Set-up, closing and cashiers (two-hour shifts). To sign up, please contact:

- Cashiers: Donna at FriendsGHL@gmail.com
- Set-up and/or Closing: Greer at FriendsGHL@gmail.com

Volunteers are also needed to sort books during the week: Contact Greer at FriendsGHL@gmail.com

Plastic grocery bags are needed: We need clean plastic grocery bags for the sales.

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.

JUST A MOUSE-CLICK AWAY

We're here for YOU at: <http://www.csun.edu/-hcchm001/FGHL/FriendsGHL.htm>

It's the easiest way to stay in touch with everything at Granada Hills Branch Library
The latest news, and up-to-date schedule of programs and events.
You can even read the latest issue of the newsletter!

Bookmark us today -- and keep Granada Hills Branch at your fingertips.



ANSWER TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4: The blocks are CK and NG.
(backpack, bingeing, rickrack, rucksack, Singeing, singsong, ticktock, tingeing)