





Given to Jo Rae Zuckerman, President, by Gail Tweed, Children's Librarian at El Dorado Branch Library





NINE REASONS TO SAVE PUBLIC LIBRARIES



It was *President John F. Kennedy* who made this plea for the sanctity of our libraries:"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 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."

Here are some reasons why our libraries are still the place where we as a nation will achieve our destiny:

- The house of the 99%: The foundation of democracy is an educated electorate. When the economy is down, it is all the more vital that we the people have access to information, education, news... and now in modem times the internet, computers, and other sources of media tools as well. Libraries do that for everyone.
- 2. **Libraries build equity:** Research shows that depressed neighborhoods and declining communities are not just culturally enriched by libraries. The institutions serve as a community focal point, like a town square, and communities that have that resource rebound.
- 3. Community hope chest: Libraries don't just curate the *Harry Potter* series and lend copies of the latest blockbusters on DVD, they also house special collections based on the needs and unique identities of the communities they serve. The library district where I live houses a special collection on a World War II magnesium plant that helped turned the tide of the war (as well as establishing the second largest city in Nevada). That's living history that gets lost
- 4. **Renewable resource:** How much do you save by being able to borrow materials from the library? How helpful is it to have this resource especially now that even retail bookstores, movie rental shops, and record stores are closing? There's a calculator for that.

without a public space to keep it alive.

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5. Literacy: Studies show (PDF) that children's literacy is greatly improved by access to summer reading programs and preschool reading programs at public libraries. And children's literacy is a building-block of adult literacy. At the end of summer reading and kindergarten readiness programs each child gets to pick out one brand new book to keep.

For all but just a few of the children, it was the first book they ever owned. Maybe you don't "own" the books at the library (although, as a tax-payer I would argue we do), but the libraries area place where the socio-economic

realities that push the starting line so far back for so



many can be equalized.

And that's like a small miracle in the life of a child who has already had to learn how to be hard in the face of a world that cuts them no breaks. There are very few individuals who could buy every child a book and start them on the road to literacy. (And it's been shown that access to books in childhood is one of the biggest predictors of literacy.)

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CEKEBRATE But all of us together can buy a kid a building full of books. That is a miracle.

- 6. Leveling the playing field: Libraries offer vital resources for communities that might not otherwise be served or feel integrated. People learning English (or other languages), the elderly, deaf people, the homebound, the homeless... the list goes on.
- 7. Safe space: In some comunities, the public library may be the only free space available that is also a safe space. Young victims of bullying, kids who live with domestic violence, LGBT youth, and many more can find a safe place (and often a caring *librarian*) at the library.
- 8. Cultural touchstone. Many libraries showcase art - often by local artists. Likewise, the buildings themselves are often architecturally significant and enhance the beauty and character of the communities they serve.
- 9. Drop in or drop out: Libraries can also be a place that means the differrune is place that means the difference between a child's success or failure in school.

Many libraries offer academic tutoring programs, free classes, as well as access to volumes of information and technology that a kid might not have anywhere else. Believe it or not, even in these modern times there are kids who don't have computers at home who need to type their papers for school. There are kids who can't afford the expensive private tutor to get through Algebra. Libraries can make the difference to a kid teetering on the edge. And high school dropout rates have a <u>direct correlation</u> to the health of a community.



These days, there are lots of people talking about how nobody reads anymore. But that's just wrong. People are reading ALL THE TIME. People are on Facebook, on Wikipedia, on blogs... They are using e-readers to read virtu-

al copies of books. They are downloading newspapers to their tablet and mobile devices. People still read. And people read books - with pages and paper and bindings - too.

But the fact is there are all kinds of other things besides books that libraries do for people in our community every day. Our public libraries have become community centers providing Book programs for shut-ins and afterschool and summer programs for youth. Did I mention toddler story time?

We also hear a lot of people saying "nobody uses libraries anymore." The fact is over 1.3 million visits were made to Long Beach Public Libraries last year in spite of reduced hours and days of operation!

But more than that, it may just be the last free community space that is truly free and there for everyone -homeless, young, old, rich, poor, and any race under the sun. We are all welcome there. We are all equal there.

Doesn't that seem like a space too valuable to lose?

IVN.US by Emmily Bristol

Emmily Bristol is an award-winning journalist recognized for news and feature stories. IVN.US is dedicated to restoring open and unfiltered dialogue and engagement.

NATIONAL FRIENDS WEEK OCTOBER 21-27

Soon, we will no longer mail "hold" and "overdue" notices.

SIGN UP for a library card!

BORROW books, DVDs, audiobooks, and more. **ATTEND** programs and events at your library. Bring a friend!

VOLUNTEER your time, energy, and ideas. **DONATE** books or money to your local **Friends** group. **SHARE** with others what you love about your library.

SPEAK UP and speak out for your library.

JOIN the library and the *Friends of the Long Beach Public* Library group!

D R E \mathbf{O} R S R E R

by Glenda Williams **Director of Library Services**

Summer Reading Program

The 2012 Summer Reading Club (SRC) was another huge success at the Long Beach Public Library! We hosted more than 110 programs for participants to snuggle up with a good book.



SRC children's theme was "Dream Big, READ!" while Long Beach teens were invited to "Own the Night." More than 5,000 youth participated

throughout the city. Each library was able to provide a weekly special program with the support from the Friends and the Helen Fuller Cultural Carrousel.

Attendance was strong as families enjoyed a variety of events, like the always popular magic shows and wild life experts. The Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, Petting Zoo, and the Musical Theater **West** performances were definite crowd pleasers.

Adults were encouraged to read "Between the Covers" and write book reviews. More than 800 adults attended special event programs and read more than 3,000 books!

New this year, SRC participants were able to track their Summer Calling



summer reading progress online. At the end of the **SRC**, the online survey revealed that 89% of participants agreed that the



"Library is a place to find things to read" and 98% reported that they enjoyed the Summer Reading Club. Last, but not least, all prizes and refreshments were provided through

the generosity of the Friends of Long Beach Public Library. Thank you!

2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

In 2007, Kenneth F. Slaybaugh donated a fund to be used for scholarships for young people who have proven themselves to be Friends of the Long Beach Public Library. This year there are four winners, each to receive a \$500 stipend to assist them on their journeys. They are: Sandy J. Garcia, Mayra Ochoa, Irene Vallejo, and David Cheung.



Sandy Garcia has been a Page more than 4 years. Currently at Bay Shore Branch, she has also helped at El Dorado and Mark Twain when needed. She is now taking classes at LBCC with a goal of transferring to UC Riverside to complete a degree in sociology.

She cited the value of learning how the library system works and how she learned to work with co-workers as a team to make the patrons feel welcomed and happy at the library.



Mayra Ochoa is finishing her BA at CSULB, also majoring in sociology with a minor in comparative world literature. She and David Cheung have career goals that include being librarians. Mayra has been a Page since 2007 and is currently a Homework

Helper at the Mark Twain Library. Patrons are grateful especially for her help with computers.



Irene Vallejo is a senior at CSULB working on her K-8 teaching credential. Her plans include masters and possible Ph.D degrees in Education. She is a *Page* at the Ruth Bach Library where she has been for the last 5 years.

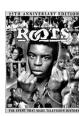


David Cheung, has worked as a library Page since 2009, serving at 6 different branches. Currently he is working as a Homework Helper at **North**. He plans to attend San Jose State to become a professional Librarian.

The librarians who nominated these exceptional students have all mentioned good work ethics, personal relations skills, and intelligence. The Friends are proud to reward such worthy endeavors.

15th Anniversary African American HERITAGE SOCIETY OF LONG BEACH

The 15th Year Anniversary Program of the **American** Heritage Society of Long Beach is free and open to the Public. It will take place on Saturday, October 27, 2012, 1:00 pm at the Burnett Branch Library on 560 E. Hill Street, Long Beach, CA 90822 - (562) 570 -1441



Formed in 1997 - the 50 Charter Members worked together to capture, detail, and preserve the History of African Americans. Discover the remarkable and unknown stories of Black Achievement, History, & Culture, in the Books, CD's, Videos, and Magazines at the Burnett Branch Library,

and the `ROOTS Collection of African American Genealogy'at the Main Library. Help us preserve this history.

LONG BEACH HISTORY



Helping with checkout at the library. Long Beach, 1972. For information about copyright and ordering images from the LBPL Digital Archive, see <www.lbpl.org/history>.

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MEMORIAL BOOKS by Sandra Kroll



If you'd like to help purchase books or other materials for the library, and at the same time honor a friend or associate or create a lasting memorial, send

your check to: Friends of the Long Beach Public Library,101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90822. We will inform the honoree or his family of the gift, and consult with them about appropriate materials to purchase. The acknowledgement we send to you serves as your receipt for tax purposes. Gift books are posted with special book plates bearing honoree' names.

From MARTIN AND NANCY BERNSTEIN in memory of AMY BIGGS:

• The Cookbook Library by Anne Willan

From GAIL TWEEDT in memory of CONNIE NACHBOR for El Dorado Library Children's Collection:

 Read with Me: the Best Books for Preschoolers by Stephanie Zvirin

From MARIE REIDY in memory of CONNIE NACHBOR for El Dorado Library Children's Collection:

- Training Your Dog the Humane Way: Simple Teaching Tips for Resolving Problem Behaviors & Raising a Happy Dog by Alana Stevenson
- Miss Smith and the Haunted Library by Michael Garland
- My Rows and Piles of Coins by Tololwa Marti Mollel



From LINDA ANN CHAVEZ & JUAN SALCEDO in memory of CONNIE NACHBOR for El Dorado Library:

- If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People by David Smith
- The Best Books to Read by Debbie Bertram
- Your Cat: The Owner's Manual: Hundreds of Secrets, Surprises, and Solutions for Raising a Happy, Healthy Cat by Dr. Marty Becker

From TAMARA LIPSON in memory of BEN LIPSON:

- Barack Obama: The Story by David Maraniss
- International Human Rights Movement: A History by Aryeh Neier
- Journey to Tahrir: Revolution, Protest and Social Change in Egypt, 1999-2011 by Jeannie Sowers & Chris Toensing



- Modern Maya: Incidents of Travel and Friendship in Yucatan by Macduff Everton
- Spanish Holocaust: Inquisition and Extermination in Twentieth-Century Spain by Paul Preston
- Tubes: A Journey to the Center of the Internet by Andrew Blum

From KAYE BRIEGEL in memory of ANN ANDRIESSE:

- Degas's Dancers at the Barre: Point and Counterpoint by Eliza Rathbone & Elizabeth Steele
- Joan Miro: The Ladder of Escape by Marko Daniel & Matthew Gale

From FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY in memory of ANN ANDRIESSE, past president of the Friends:

• Eat with Your Hands by Zakary Pelaccio



From GAIL AND ERIC TWEEDT in memory of STEVE HOWARD for El Dorado Library:

- Ignorance: How It Drives Science by Stuart Firestein
- Violinist's Thumb and Other Lost Tales of Love, War and Genius as Written by Our Genetic Code by Andres Blum

From CATHERINE BECKER in memory of EDWIN N. BECKER:

• *Air: The Restless Shaper of the World* by William Bryant Logan

From SHARON GADBERRY in memory of OLIVE GADBERRY:

- The Art of Robert Frost by Tim Kendall
- The Brontes: Wild Genius on the Moors: The Story of Three Sisters, rev., by Juliet R.V. Barker
- Diaries by George Orwell(?)
- Fashion: The Definitive History of Costume and Style by DK Publishing
- The Gershwins and Me: A Personal History in Twelve Songs, includes CD, by Michael Feinstein
- Interviews with Artists: 1966-2012 by Michael Peppiatt



- Lost Battles: Leonardo, Michelangelo, and the Artistic Duel That Defined the Renaissance by Jonathan Jones
- Thornton Wilder: A Life by Penelope Niven
- Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel, and Quran by Brian A. Brown
- Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 AD by Peter Brown
- The Watchers: A Secret History of the Reign of Elizabeth I by Stephen Alford

From MARILYN BRASHER in memory of JOY AND GEORGE PROUST:

- Dust Bowl: An Illustrated History by Dayton Duncan
- The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace by H.W. Brands
- Preserving Local Writers, Genealogy, Photographs, Newspapers, and Related Materials ed. by Smallwood, Carol & Elaine Williams
- Round About the Earth: Circum navigtion from Magellan to Orbit by Joyce E. Chaplin
- The Science of Human Perfection: How Genes Became the Heart of American Medicine by Nathaniel C. Comfort
- This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement, University Press of Mississippi.



HONOR BOOKS by Linda Bresnan



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For all of our valued Super Friends, a change has been made in the procedure of choosing 'Honor Books' & Branches. In the future, librarians will make their selections of Honor Books & Branches where they are most needed. This process will enable them to quickly choose a book(s) from their present Wish List and will

prevent duplicates from going to the same Branches.

Super Friends will be notified of the title(s) selected and in what Branch they've been placed. Again, we thank you ever so much for your continued support, especially in these times of loss of revenue and staffing changes that have affected many of our processes and procedures in this past year in selecting 'Honor Books.'

SUPER FRIENDS

Those who have contributed \$100 or more in their membership for 2012/13

Tamara Achauer Jean Aldrich

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IN HONOR OF

CHRIS BURCHAM: former Manager of Neighborhood Libraries, in honor of her retirement, FROM: KATHER-INE ELLIS and MADELINE PRATT.



KIWANIS CLUB of BIXBY KNOLLS: a generous contribution to the FRIENDS of the LIBRARY President, JO RAE ZUCKERMAN, to use for

purchasing books for the Library.

- * ANN CANTRELL: Some mysteries for Los Altos Library, in honor of her sister, JUDI CAMERON, who has both worked and volunteered at Main and Los Altos Libraries.
- * CATHERINE BECKER: in memory of her late husband, EDWIN.

"THE WORST HARD TIME" BOOK REVIEW by Jan Jackson

The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan is a wonderful modern history of the Dust Bowl from the perspective of the people who stayed there during the "Dirty Thirties" as the era was called. There were eight years of virtually no rain, ending when President Franklin Roosevelt came to Amarillo to see for himself what was going on.



The author follows several families who live in various parts of the area. His sources include diaries, public records and interviews with survivors and their descendants. He shows the stages of the tragedy: grassland when the bison culture ruled, the **Homestead Act** leading to cattle instead of bison, then **Homestead Act II** after cattle failed to thrive.



This brought wheat farmers, drought, dust storms caused by the combination of poor agricultural practices, bad soil for wheat, and drought. The families include: the Osteens who were nesters; Bam White - a cowboy; John McCarty, the

newspaper editor and community booster who finally left for a better job even though he had founded "the Last Man Out Club", (whose members swore never to leave).

Other characters were "Uncle Dick", The rich entrepreneur who founded the soup kitchen that Doc ran. Actions by the Federal government under FDR helped a little: planting trees and allowing some of the land to revert to grass-



lands. The irony is that years later, the trees are down and they are farming again with contour plowing, dirt storms still occur, but not as big.

The Indians refused to take the land back. I was impressed by the strong, stubborn characters of the *Nesters* and the quick federal action *(after New York City got dusted)* in contrast to more modern events.



Some might say this book is depressing but I found it extremely interesting to see the way people lived in this country up until **WWII.** The people in this book personify what is the American char-

acter, good and bad. The author has such a good writing style that it's almost like reading a novel.

REVIEWS

FY2013 DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND HOURS CHANGES

The Long Beach City Council had the daunting challenge to budget the FY 2013 budget with a \$17.2 million deficit. As required by the City Charter, the budget was balanced with the following changes for the **Department of Library Services**, which will take effect October 2012:

- Main Library will eliminate morning hours Tuesday and Thursday and open at 12 noon to align with branch library hours. Programming will also be reduced.
- Six branch libraries (Alamitos, Bach, Brewitt, Bay Shore, Dana and Los Altos) which were originally proposed to become reading rooms, were provided funding programming and check out services through an alternate staffing model utilizing part-time Library Clerks, Administrative Interns and limited Librarian assistance.

Main Library Tuesday, 12pm - 8pm Wednesday, 12pm - 6pm Thursday, 12pm - 7pm Friday and Saturday, 10am - 5pm

All Neighborhood Libraries
Tuesday, 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday, 12pm - 6pm
Thursday, 12pm - 7pm
Friday and Saturday, 10am - 5pm

"GONE GIRL" BOOK REVIEW by Jan Jackson

This is a really good novel of suspense in the *noir* tradition. The author, **Gillian Flynn**, has written 2 previous novels and is good in the area of psychological study.



In this story, a couple has been married a few years while living in New York City. At the point in time of the tale, both are unemployed and he receives a call from his sister that they need to come back to their little town in Missouri to help nurse their ailing mother. Their father is also ailing

with Alzheimer's and is a nursing home resident.

Nick, the husband, had been the town's *Golden Boy* when he lived there in his youth. Amy, the wife, does not like living there, but she puts on a good façade. The book shifts from his to her points of view. Nobody is what they seem. Surprises ensue.

The reader is hooked when Amy disappears on the day they are to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

The nature of marriage, police work, life in middle America - all are fodder for this gifted writer. The plot resolution is especially interesting. I can't recommend this enough!

SEARCHING FOR THE PERFECT VEGAN COOKBOOK by Annette Gordon

Vegetarian Times Everything Vegan edited by Mary Margaret Chapell (Wiley)

The Vegan Slow Cooker by Kathy Hester (Fair Winds Press)

For the past few years there has been a growing interest in vegan cooking. Celebrities like the former *President Clinton* and his daughter, *Chelsea, Serena*



Williams and her sister, Venus, Ellen DeGeneres, Brad Pitt, Alec Baldwin, and Peter Bogdanovich to name a few, have become vegans.

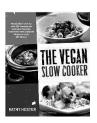
Some people become vegans to save money, others become vegans because they regard eating animals as cruel, and some for health concerns. In our case, my husband and I wanted to lower our cholesterol and control our blood sugar. We began our quest for a vegan cookbook at the **Long Beach Public Library**; we wanted some tasty, healthy, and relatively easy recipes. Going on-line, we found over fifty vegan cookbooks from which to choose.



The first cookbook we tried was *The Vegetarian Times Everything Vegan Cookbook*; it is one of the few cookbooks that lists nutritional information on calories, fats, and carbohydrates. Some of the recipes are delicious, others mediocre, and one we thought inedible.

We enjoyed the tofu and peanut sauce recipe -- and when we ordered this dish at our favorite Thai restaurant, we realized ours was cheaper and tastier. We did note that the book had not been carefully edited, the Greek Style Lentil Burgers included two eggs, not very vegan ingredients.

We were attracted to *The Vegan Slow Cooker* because we liked the idea of putting everything in one pot, not tending to it, frequently and having a meal ready to be eaten the next day. Our first try, *The Soy Chorizo Black Bean Stew*, produced a wonderful



meal. The soy chorizo and beans produced a clean, rich almost meaty taste. We detected some problems in this book. The preparation times were not always accurate; the book stated only ten minutes preparation for this recipe; however, it took us both forty minutes to chop and sauté the vegetables.

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Some recipes like the *Philadelphia Cheese Steak* sandwich made with onions, bell peppers and portabella mushrooms were better suited to a sauté pan than a slow cooker where the flavors mysteriously disappeared into the crock pot.



Another problem we found was that a few ingredients were not always easy to find. For example, we were not able to find the faux chicken flavored seitan at the well-stocked *Whole Foods Market*.

For my husband and me, these two books did not provide enough good recipes, but Long Beach Public Library has many more vegan books to try, and though any one book may not be the ultimate answer, sampling the different books will eventually provide us, I hope, with numerous recipes. When we collect the best recipes from several books, we will indeed have the PERFECT VEGAN COOKBOOK. By the way, since we went mostly vegan, our latest lab tests showed a substantial decrease in our blood sugar levels and cholesterol

Soy Chorizo Black Bean Stew from *The Vegan Slow Cooker* slightly altered:

1 Tbsp olive oil 1 small onion, minced 1 clove garlic, minced ½ bell pepper. Minced ½ pkg (6 oz) soy chorizo 4 cans(15 oz) black beans

2 cups water plus 1 ½ tbsp vegan chicken bouillon ¼ tsp cumin ¼ tsp chipotle or pasilla chille powder

¼ tsp chipotle or pasilla chille powder salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil and sauté vegetables 3-5 minutes. Combine all the ingredients in the slow cooker. Cook 6-8 hours at low. Taste, adjust seasonings, and top with cilantro if desired.

TATJANA SOLI EVENT by Linda Bresnan

It was a lovely autumn Saturday afternoon when *up-and-coming* author, **Tatjana Soli**, gave a most interesting talk about her latest novel, *The Forgetting Tree*.

This was a free event offered to the public at Main Library Auditorium, sponsored by the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library. Ms. Soli began by telling us about her award winning debut novel, The Lotus Eaters, which won the James Tait Black Prize, was a New York Times Notable



Book, and a finalist for the L.A. Times Book Award.

She described a fascinating tale of an American female combat photographer in the Vietnam War

who is not only in the chaos of war, but torn between the love of two men.

Ms. Soli was so descriptive of Vietnam that you would have sworn she had spent much time there. But, she admitted, in truth she had never visited Viet Nam until after the War, when she and her husband took a flight there. She said that although she had researched her novel thoroughly, she was filled with apprehension that perhaps after being there, she would discover something that she'd wished she'd included in her novel. Much to her relief, there was only one item that she would have added.

TAPIANA SOLI

For this latest book, **Ms. Soli** decided that she'd like to write about something she was familiar with. Presently living in Southern California with her husband, she thought she'd write about a California ranching family, which in turn became the sweeping novel, *The*

Forgetting Tree.

It's about a young woman who marries into a prominent citrus ranching family, her life of hard work, long days, and worry-fraught nights, and her extraordinary love for her husband through thick and thin. **Ms. Soli** had a way of keeping her audience enthralled in her story-telling, which made us all anxious to read her latest work.

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