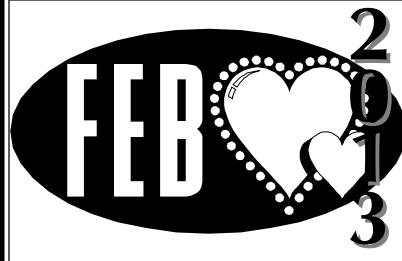




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BY JO RAE ZUCKERMAN, PRESIDENT



GREETINGS! Hopefully by the time you receive this *Winter Issue of the Friend's Newsletter*, most of the staff changes generated by the 2012-13 City of Long Beach General Fund Budget cuts adopted by the City Council in September, have been implemented.

No full time staff were laid off by the budget cuts because of staff retirements and interdepartmental transfers provided open positions. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE DON'T HAVE FEWER STAFF. We do have less staff.** The previous staffing pattern at six of our Neighborhood Libraries has been radically changed. At these six libraries, we now have only *one librarian; 1.6 clerk positions, and less hours for page positions.*



Hopefully by now, the new positions of *Administrative Intern* (for 20 hours a week) have been filled, and the new people trained, assigned, and working. When staffing is cut by roughly 50%, things can't be the same and we, as patrons, have no right to expect the same level of service. Please stay patient and appreciative and remember to thank the staff for what they are doing.



Volunteer

So, to the question of the use of **VOLUNTEERS** to keep a library open on Sunday to replace staff was broached, the following response to City Council was made: Long Beach Public Library values and currently uses Volunteers...over 100 volunteers work thousands of hours each year. There are things volunteers can and are welcome to do and are already doing.

Volunteers, under the supervision of Staff, **CAN** assist with programs: set up rooms, get out materials for special programs, clean up after activities, unload supplies, decorate, put away materials, and read to children. The LBPL already has two programs using volunteers with children: *Book Worm* and *Practice Makes Perfect*.



What Volunteers **CAN NOT** do is replace a Master's Degree level Librarian who is a reference specialist, or other trained staff. Because of City Policy, a volunteer can not check materials in or out because of access to confidential patron information. Volunteers can not ensure safety as this requires specialized City training not currently available to volunteers or even seasonal staff. Furthermore, they can not be given city staff phone numbers, or city e-mail accounts.

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HOW DO YOU BECOME A VOLUNTEER? Probably the best place to start is to meet with your local neighborhood librarian to find out the needs of that library, if you're willing to do the work needed and if you can make the regular time commitment. A second step must be completed before any volunteer work begins, is to fill out requisite paper work and get fingerprint printed by the LBPD (*a complaint that has been heard is that this step takes an inordinate amount of time.*). Fingerprint records from other state, federal, or private agencies are not acceptable. It is not legal for one organization to share fingerprint results with another organization.

If you go to the LBPL website <www.lbpl.org>, under the drop down menu "*Support the Library*", you can click on Volunteer Program to see what volunteer positions are currently available. The Library always needs help in the **Information Center for People with Disabilities (ICPD)** and **Friend's Bookstore**. If there is a position you're interested in, you will be able to print out the online application. Finished applications can be turned into any library for processing.

**BY GLENDA WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES
Road Trip To Cambodia**



This past October, library staff completed a trip to **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**, that included four days of intense shopping for books in **Khmer and Khmer/English** on various topics: math, cooking, business, biographies, customs and culture, wedding ceremonies, history, religion, martial arts, children's books, self-help, popular novels and learning the Khmer language.

All the major book stores, as well as the *Documentation Center of Cambodia*, *Buddhist Institute*, and of course the *National Cambodian Library* were searched. In the end, 1,402 brand new books and magazines were shipped back to Long Beach, CA, in 22 boxes that weighed 411.5 kg (907.2 lbs).

Unfortunately, **Khmer and Khmer/English** books haven't been bought since January 2008 because they are not available locally and ordering from Cambodia is not possible (*Long Beach has the largest population of Cambodian Americans in the United States*).



This highly successful venture would not have been accomplished without the collaboration of the **YMCA of Greater Long Beach** and the **Cambodian YMCA** staff who provided translation services and transportation; the **Miller Foundation**, **The Friends of the Long Beach Library**, and the **Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation** through the **Long Beach Public Library Foundation** provided funding for the books and the trip.

The Year in Review

It's hard to believe the year has passed so quickly! We experienced many library successes, and some challenges. However, the year ended with on-going funding to offset budget reductions and continue critical library services to our community.

Fiscal Year 2012 By the Numbers...

- o Youth Served - 82,413
- o Homework Helper Sessions - 27,093
- o Computer Sessions - 297,536
- o Answers Provided - 454,909
- o Items Checked Out - 1,551,997
- o Website Hits - 1,944,021
- o Online database sessions - 1,512,090
- o Customers Served - 1,323,370

A few 2012 highlights...

We were awarded a \$15,000 **Cal Humanities Grant for California Reads** "*Searching for Democracy*" for a variety of community programs, including author talks by **Rebecca Solnit**, **Christopher Phillips**, **Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston** and **Dr. Stephanie McCurry**.

LBPL went "**green**" for overdue and hold notifications

- Established the **Pam Ratner Collection** at **Bret Harte** with more than \$10,000 in donations through the **Friends of LBPL**
- Launched our online chat and *Text-a-librarian* service
- **City Council** approved \$400,000 (*on-going*) to provide support staff at 6 libraries to implement a new library model and offset reductions, and \$400,000 (*one-time*) via the **Uplands Oil Fund** to implement **RFID** and self-check services at all Long Beach Libraries
- The Friends of **LBPL** provided \$60,000+ for media and book purchases and \$21,000 for **Summer Reading Club** programs, staff training and supplies!

We are truly grateful for the continued support and advocacy of our dear "**Friends**" that help us meet the expectation of free access to library resources and programs for our community. We appreciate you!!

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's names.

From CHERYL A. MCNULTY in memory of LOUISE ANN HIRSH:

- *Berlin on the Brink: The Blockade, the Airlift, and the Early Cold War* by Daniel F. Harrington
- *Leonardo and the Last Supper* by Ross King
- *Pomegranates and Roses: My Persian Family Recipes* by Ariana Bundy

From CORDELIA HOWARD in memory of EMMA LEE HENDERSON:

- *When Morning Comes* by Francis Ray
- *Lonely Planet's Discover Honolulu, Waikiki & Oahu (Country Guide)* by Sara Benson and Lisa Dunford
- *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and*
- *Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis* by Timothy Egan
- *Smitten Kitchen Cookbook* by Deb Perelman



From PHYLLIS COMISKEY in memory of her husband, TOM COMISKEY for El Dorado Library:

- *Rick Steves' Paris 2013 and Rick Steves' Ireland 2013* by Rick Steves
- *Better than Fiction: True Travel Tales from Great Fiction*
- *The Emotional Life of Your Brain: How Its Unique Patterns Affect the Way You Think, Feel, and Live and How You Can Change Them* by Richard Davidson and Sharon Begley



From MARGARET & LORING WINTHROP in memory of SYLVIA STRUM for Brewitt:

- *The Hanging* by Wendy Hornsby
- *The Fear Artist* by Timothy Halliman

From the VINTAGE BOOK CLUB in memory of AMY BIGGS:

- *African Art* by Maurice Delafosse
- *The Art of Chinese Brush Painting* by Maggie Cross
- *The Art of India* by Vincent Arthur Smith

- *Celebrate: A Year of Festivities for Families and Friends* by Pippa Middleton
- *Classic Knits: More Than 100 Beautiful Projects* published by DK Publishing
- *Dance Through Time: Images of Western Social Dancing from the Middle Ages to Modern Times* by Jeremy Barlow
- *Equality, Freedom, and Religion* by Roger Trigg
- *Flowers: My Garden Collection* by Carolyn Roehm
- *Hubble's Universe: Greatest Discoveries and Latest Images* by Terence Dickinson
- *Royal Cities of the Ancient Maya* by Michael D. Coe
- *Scientists An Epic of Discovery* by Andrew Robinson
- *The Travels of Marco Polo, The Illustrated Edition* by Marco Polo & Henry Yule



HONOR BOOKS by Linda Bresnan



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 2013

- DR. TOM CLARK**
- PHYLLIS COMISKEY**
- FLORA EMERY**
- MYRA KREMEN**
- HERBERT A. LEVI**
- WINSTON & JAN LOVIE**
- GLENN MOELLER**
- ART OLSEN**
- CECELIA OSBORN**
- FLO PICKETT & GERRIE SCHIPSKE**
- MARY WOODLEY**

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SUPER FRIENDS BOOKS
IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SELECTED:

- TAMARA ACHAUER
- JEAN ALDRICH
- CATHERINE M. BECKER
- JUDITH E. CAMERON
- MARILYN & ROBERT BRASHER
- ANN CANTRELL
- BARBARA C. CASSADAY
- KATHY & DON DeSILVA
- BEVERLY & JOHN HARMS
- CHERYL HEBESTREIT
- MEERA IYER
- JILL JAVAHERY
- LEE T. C. KIMURA
- MAGREE FAMILY
- PHYLLIS METZGER
- ROSANN & MIKE MONAGHAN
- DAPHNE MUNZER
- FOTINE O'CONNOR
- SUZANNE POULSEN
- JULIE STINDT
- DR. MARY LOU WALLING

IN HONOR OF

MASSACHUSETTS STREET BOOK CLUB, from SUSANNE MILKES, for purchase of books from LIBRARIANS' WISH LISTS

CATHY PRAZENICA - NEW BOARD MEMBER

Cathy Prazenica is our newest board member. She volunteered to participate and attended her 1st meeting in November. Cathy is a welcome addition to the board because she has Friends' experience - she was board member and president of the **Foster City (San Francisco Bay Area) Friends of the Library** and she loves libraries and reading.

She is already involved in a project here, the **World Book Event**, an international celebration of reading that we hope to participate in for the 1st time this April.



Cathy is retired from *Sprint* and *Journal Broadcast Group*. She is a native Californian, born in Southern California, spent 40 years in the Bay Area, returned to California in 2011 after 8 years in Idaho. She is married to Corky, they have 3 children, Adam and Jesse are in Idaho and Jessica is in Long Beach.

We welcome her to the *Friends of the Long Beach Public Library* and wish her a fulfilling experience as a member of our board.

FRIENDS OF THE LONG BEACH LIBRARY
INAUGURAL PARTICIPATION
IN WORLD BOOK NIGHT USA
ON APRIL 23



World Book Night is dedicated to spreading the love of reading, person to person. Last year individuals around the USA personally distributed half a million books to light and non-readers in 5,800 towns and cities across the country! They became part of an international effort to celebrate reading on one special night by sharing their love of books within their communities.

This year the **Board of the Friends of the Long Beach Library** invites you to take part in our inaugural participation in this once a year event by volunteering to be a **Book Giver** on April 23.

Book Givers are vital to **World Book Night**. As a **Book Giver**, you will help make **World Book Night USA** successful. More information, including how to sign up for this event, will be available soon at all local Long Beach Library branches.

LONG BEACH PARADES

The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library attend parades given by the City. Below is a photograph of our members, spruced up with displays, to promote our mission to support the library and let others know how important libraries are for our community. Feel free to join us in these parades.



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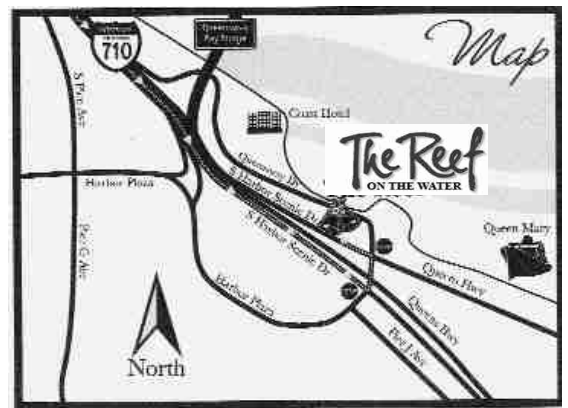
The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library invite you and your friends to attend the Annual Meeting and Literary Luncheon



DIANA BIRCHALL

Diana Birchall grew up in New York City, and was educated at **Hunter College Elementary School, the High School of Music and Art, and C.C.N.Y**, where she studied history and English literature. She has worked in the film industry for many years and is the **"book person"** story analyst at **Warner Bros. Studios**, reading novels to see if they would make movies.

Diana has also written a scholarly biography of her grandmother, Onoto Watanna, the first Asian American novelist (University of Illinois Press, 2001), which was nominated for an



MLA Independent Scholar Award and favorably reviewed in **Library Journal, ANQ, Choice, Toronto Globe and Mail, Montreal Gazette, and Macleans Magazine.**

DATE: Saturday, May 18, 2013

TIME:	11:30 am	Hospitality (no host bar)
	12:00 pm	Luncheon
	12:45 pm	Meeting
	1:15 pm	Speaker

WHERE: THE REEF ON THE WATER 'PACIFIC ROOM'
800 Harbor Scenic Dr., 562-435-3717

RESERVATIONS:

Mail coupon below with check made payable to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) by May 10th, 2012 to:

Patricia Benoit
4433 E. Barker Way
Long Beach, CA 90814
562-438-3183

From LA or OC take the 405 until you reach Long Beach
Get on the 710 South for approximately 3 miles
Stay to the right toward Port of Long Beach/Queen Mary
Take the exit toward Piers F-J/Queen Mary
Exit Piers H-J/Harbor Scenic Drive/Harbor Plaza
(The third and final 'Harbor Plaza' exit)
At the stop sign turn left onto Harbor Plaza
Turn left at the next stop sign onto S Harbor Scenic Dr
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COUPON

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Name _____

Telephone _____ Number of Vegetarian meals _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

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Our annual membership year is from June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2013. Have you renewed your membership? *The date above your name on your mailing label shows when your membership expires.* Fill out the form below to join.

Your membership is important! Your contributions enable the Friends to purchase books and support other library programs and activities. As a member of the Friends, you show your concern for maintaining the resources and services of the Long Beach Public Library. You will be informed of the vital issues that affect the Library. We welcome contributions of any amount: both dues and contributions are tax deductible. A book will be donated to the library in the name of each Super Friend. Thank you for your support.

Please use the following form for your renewal or give it to an acquaintance who might wish to join.

Thank you for joining the **Friends of the Long Beach Public Library.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Membership | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super Friend | \$100 or more | |

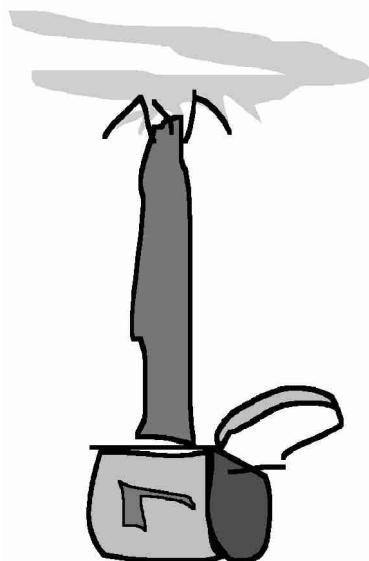
I want to participate in the following way:

- Serve on the Friends of the Library Board of Directors
- Volunteer in the Book Store

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 Address _____
 Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to the *Friends of the Long Beach Public Library*, and mail to: **Friends of the Long Beach Public Library**, 101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90822. **Your membership card will be mailed to you.**

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