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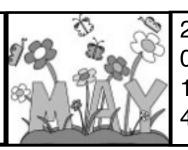
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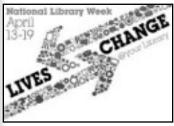






BY MARIE TREADWELL.

Co-President Of The Friends Of The Long Beach Public Library



APRIL is NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH! On Tuesday, April 1, at 5:00 pm, the **Friends** were invited to attend the City Council meeting to support the Director of Library Services (Glenda Williams) and her Staff as they were presented with a

proclamation for April as National Library month. "Lives change at your library," is this year's theme. Several excellent programs celebrating National Library month are listed below:

- The Junior League's Breakfast with Books is on May 3rd at Main Library. In addition to other events being planned, you can also participate in "Stop, Drop Everything and Read", on Saturday, April 12th at noon.
- "Book Fair" at Village of Cabrillo Veterans Housing on April 22nd.
- "World Book Night", April 23rd, at various locations around the city. In the spirit of spreading the love of reading to people who don't regularly read, or don't have access to books.



- The Friends Annual Meeting and Literary Luncheon on May 17, 2014, at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach. Special guest is Claudine Burnett, who discovered much of her historical information while she helped organize the historical archives of the Long Beach Public Library.
- Dee Navari, "Story time Festival", on May 17th at Mark Twain Library at 2:00 pm.



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"Pride Parade" on May 18th downtown, Long Beach. Stepping off at 10:30 am approximately from Ocean and Redondo. We always receive terrific support from



the crowd and it feels incredibly good to be reminded how much the public does indeed love its libraries. Chair **Ellen Butler**.



The Friends are looking for someone who has computer skills such as inputting data and who likes do-

ing this kind of work who perhaps would become a part of the Friends Board.

We have someone who is helping with the data input now, however a group of volunteers such as ours, can't have too many people with computer skills, says Co-President, **Jo Rae Zuckerman**. If you're interested, call: (562) 432-2015 or e-mail **Maatread6@aol.com**.

Any member interested in joining the Board is welcome. The Board meets on the second Thursday of every month (Sept.-June) at different neighborhood



libraries around the city at 3:00 pm. We also need people who don't want to make a regular commitment, but are willing to participate with us at promotional events at parks, march in parades, help at special events at libraries, or become part of our special advocacy efforts. Just check our webpage on the library's website under "friends" on how to do this.

BY GLENDA WILLIAMS

Director Of Library Services

April is National Library Month



It's that time of year to celebrate the importance and value of libraries and library staff in communities throughout the United States.

This year's theme, chosen by the American Library Association, is "Lives Change @ Your Library." Please know that your Long Beach Public library is committed to meeting the ever changing needs of our community. We have some great programs lined up for National Library Month and we invite everyone to join us. All programs are free and open to the public. Printed copies of the calendar are available at all Long Beach Public Libraries and information can also be located on our website at www.lbpl.org.

Come and join us for special library events and enjoy refreshments provided by the Friends of Long Beach Public Library. Thank you Friends!

The Studio is Now Open

I am happy to announce that we have a new pilot program that is an expansion of the Family Learning Center at Main



Library. It's called the *The Studio* and it officially opened to the public on April 18, 2014. *The Studio* is a "makerspace," a library laboratory, where the Long Beach community will have access to resources and technology to learn, create and col-

laborate in a shared space. Our library's mission is to support lifelong learning and intellectual curiosity, and provide equal access to information and resources for our entire community. **The Studio** is another great tool that fits in nicely with our existing menu of library resources and services.

Long Beach residents will have access to **HP** and **iMac** computers, with specialized and editing software. There are also **iPads** and **tablets** available. **The Studio** is also home to a **3-D printer**, which allows the creation of a plastic prototype through a computer program.



In addition, digital cameras, a greenscreen, lighting and editing equipment are available through a partnership with Long Beach Public Access Digital Network

(PADNET) which allows residents to "create and share locally produced news and information" for the local public access television channel. Highly trained staff will be available to assist the public with using the resources as well as providing workshops on a variety of topics. **The Studio** is available Tuesday – Thursday, 1 pm – 6 pm and Friday and Saturday, 11 am – 4 pm.

This is **Your Studio** and I encourage you to reserve computer time or sign up for a class today!

MEMORIAL BOOKS by Sandra Kroll



If you would like to help purchase books or other materials for the library and at the same time create a lasting memorial, send your check to: Friends of the Long Beach Public Library, 101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA, 90822. Please include contact information for a family member so that we can consult with them about suitable materials to purchase. The acknowledgement we send to you serves as your receipt, for tax purposes. Gift books are posted with special bookplates bearing honorees' names.

FROM JAME S. OSTACH - IN MEMORY OF JOHN OSTACH

- The Art of the Formula
 1 Race Car, New &
 Updated by Stuart
 Codling
- Zoom: How Everything
 Moves: From Atoms
 and Galaxies to
 Blizzards and Bees by Bob Berman
- Big Money: 2.5 Billion Dollars, One Suspicious Vehicle, and a Pimp - On the Trail of the Ultra-Rich Hijacking American Politics by Kenneth P. Vogel

FROM ROSEMARY HARKS - IN MEMORY OF MARGARET CHERVIL

- Rachel Carson & Her Sisters: Extraordinary Women Who Have Shaped America's Environment by Robert K. Masil
- Affirmation of Poetry by Judith Balso
- Prehistory of Home by Jerry
 D. Moore



FROM MARIE L. MCGINNIS - IN MEMORY OF LOUISE S. PLUSCH

- Darwin's on the Origin of Species: a Modern Rendition by Daniel Pazdevich
- Sweet Paul Eat and Make: Charming Recipes and Kitchen Crafts You Will Love by Paul Love

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• Zoot Suit Riots (Landmarks of the American Mosaic series) by Roger A. Burns

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - IN MEMORY OF LOUISE S. PLUSCH

• A Global History by Michael F. Suarez.

FROM STACY MCDANIEL - IN MEMORY OF LEE WRIGHT for El Dorado Library

- Collected Stories of Eudora Welty by Eudora Welty
- Complete Novels (Five Books in One) by Eudora Welty
- Ethan of Athos by Lois McMaster Bujold
- Finding Colin Firth by Mia March
- Fortune Hunter: A Novel by Daisy Goodwin
- Life List: A Novel by Lori Nelson Spielman
- Margaret from Maine: A Novel by Joseph Manning
- Meryl Streep Movie Club by Mia March
- New Grub Street by George Gissing
- North of Boston: A Novel by Elisabeth Elo
- Red Lily Crown: A Novel of Medici Florence by Elizabeth Loupas
- This House Is Haunted by John Boyne
- Venetian Contract by Marina Forte
- The Warrior's Apprentice by Lois McMaster Bujold
- White Hotel by D. M. Thomas

FROM KAREN L. KEARNEY - IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH M. TRACY

- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Almost Home by Joan Bauer
- Bluefish by Pat Schmatz
- The Contagious Colors of Mumpley Middle School by Fowler Dewitt
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- How to Survive Middle School by Donna Gephart
- Out of My Mind by Sharon
 M. Draper
- The Secret Life of Ms.
 Finkleman by Ben H. Winters
- Spinning Through the Universe: A Novel in Poems from Room 214 by Helen Frost
- Wonder by R. J. Palacio.
- Middle school books in memory of a former educator





The Helen Fuller Cultural Carrousel Committee wishes to thank Sylvia, Leonora B., and Cornelia G. Navari for their very generous donations to

the *Dee Navari Storytelling Fund*. This fund was established to honor the memory of their mother, *Desponia "Dee" Navari*, one of Helen Fuller's masterful children's librarians. The fund supports an annual **Dee Navari Storytelling Festival** which is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the **Mark Twain Neighborhood Library**. Please join us for an afternoon of magical stories.



The Cultivized Station of

Eudora Welty

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 2014.

TAMARA ACHAUER SALLY S. BATES LOIS & GORDON COHN FLORA EMERY JAY & SARAH GLASER FRANCES GROVER IRENE GRAFF & DEBRA HAMANO NANCY HIGGINSON CORDELIA HOWARD LEAH LASKAN FLORA & JEROME LOEB SUSAN MORALES ART OLSEN JIM OSTACH DR. MARY LOU WALLING JANICE B. WILLS

'SUPER FRIENDS' BOOK SELECTION PENDING

THE BANGMA FAMILY
JAY & PEASE GLASER
CORDELIA HOWARD
VIRGINIA KESLER
GILLIAN KLINKERT
MONICA LEFF, M.D.
JANET PHUN
GAIL & GERALD REYNOLDS
WANDA THOMPSON
SUE & BOB WENKE

PRIDE PARADE by Ellen Butler



The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library will walk in the Pride Parade again this year. Come on down and join us! Sunday, May 18, 10:30 am from Ocean and Redondo. (Our exact location won't be known until that morning; look for us!). Wear a book

hat if you have one . . . or

just come along for the walk and the fun!



BOOKSTORE NEEDS AUCTION BOOKS!! by Jan Jackson



If you are thinking of reducing your collection of **COFFEE TABLE BOOKS** related to the arts, gardening, planes, trains, history, military, travel and anything great, the Book-

store has an auction every month on *special gently used books*. We can always use more. Arrangements can be made to evaluate and where to deliver these treasures. Call **Barbara Hubbs** *425-1185* for more information.

Valentine's Day Tea by Jo Rae Zuckerman

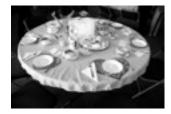


The Friends celebrated Valentine's Day with a Tea Honoring Retired Librarians of Long Beach Public Library on February 15. What a great way to continue our 50th Anniversary with a special event. Sixteen members of the current Board of the **Friends of the LBPL** hosted a tea to honor retired librarians in the foyer of the

auditorium, lower level at Main Library. Friends Board Members hostessing were: Elizabeth Andrew, Patty Benoit, Ellen Butler (official photographer), Carol Collins, Juliet Ebner, Annette Gordon, Barbara Hubbs, Jan Jackson, Jan Lovie, Barbara McPherson, Lisa Moore, Beverly Stunden, Marie Treadwell, Bernice Van Steenbergen, Marve Watkins-King, and Jo Rae Zuckerman.

Joining the Board in welcoming the retirees was current Director of Library Services, **Glenda Williams**, and Head Librarian at Main, **Darla Wegener** and early Board Members and former Board Presidents: *Bea Antenore*, *Jerome*

Loeb, Aaron Day, Kathy De Silva, Margaret Durnin, Renee Simon, Bernice Van Steenbergen, and Undine Wildman were invited to be honored guests.



The tables were decorated reflecting the Valentine Day motif, "we love our libraries and our librarians" table was set with fancy fine china tea cup and saucer sets

with linens from Board member's personal collections. Valentine place mats were at each setting. The room was filled with the tinkling of china and silver. The music

in the back ground was provided by a quartet, dressed in striking black and white from Poly High School's music program. Scones, tea sandwiches, jams,



lemon curd, nuts, and desserts were at the table and Board members hosted at each table and served the tea. The scones, tea sandwiches and desserts were provided courtesy of *Elise's Teahouse in Bixby Knolls*.



Marie Treadwell, as President of the Friends, greeted the group and promoted introductions around the room. The retirees were asked to share in writing an interesting memory from their years of service

to the Long Beach Community. Some of these stories will be shared at our **Annual Meeting, May 17, 2014**. Our guests were also tasked with assembling their own name tags on which they layered the names of the various library branches where they had worked. Who had the most? **Nancy Meson**, our own Friend's Board member and retiree had the most. The program continued with **Elizabeth Andrews**, a Friend's Board member

reading the many stories that were turned in greeted with laughter and smiles by all.



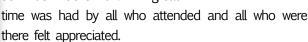
Retirees attending were: Bob Bellinger, Linda Boag, Chiz Boyea, Ruth Brillaut, Katy Ellis, Harriet Friis, Elizabeth Gooden,

Judy Kamei, Mati Kuuskmae, Louise Maserov, Linda McSweeney, Nancy Messineo, Eleanor Newhart, Cliff Phillips, Tricia Robinson, Susan Possner, Eleanore Schmidt, Vinta Shumway, Doris Soriano, Ruth Stewart, and Janet Watts.

Retirees responding but not in attendance were: Marilyn Brasher, Karen Cressy, Jacqueline Freeman, Mary Hegdale, Hilda

Lu, Marie Reidy, Shirley Rush, Hope Troy, Cordelia Howard and Tim Winkey.

Thanks to the 50th Anniversary Planning committee of Elizabeth Andrew, Patty Benoit, Juliet Ebner, Marve Watkins-King, and Jo Rae Zuckerman. A great





As presented in our Fall 2013 Newsletter the



celebration of our fifty years as an organization of support for the **Long Beach Public Library** kicked off at our June 2013 Annual Meeting using that as our decorating theme.

We continued our celebration in August with a joint event with the **Friend's of the Japanese Garden** honoring the contributions and memory of *Earl and Lorraine Burns Miller* to both **Cal**

State University
Long Beach with a
residence hall for
International students, the Japanese
Garden, etc. and to
the Long Beach
Public Library System with the devel-



opment of the Miller room located at the lower level of Main Library where a replication of the personal library in their home was made that has selected items from their personal collections.

The third event to celebrate the Fifty Years of our existence was the February 15, 2014, Valentine's Day Tea for Retired Long Beach City Librarians (see page 6 for a more complete report of this event). About sixty people, including



twenty retirees, some early members of the Friends, previous presidents of the Friends, and the current Board of the Friends gathered to share their memories of the Long Beach Library.

Our final activity celebrating these fifty years will be at our May 15, 2014 Annual Meeting. Claudine Burnett, Long Beach's own professional historical librarian, will take us on a quick tour down milestones in the Friend's past.



First we will get a feel for the socio-political zeitgeist of the 1960s. "THAT CAN'T HAPPEN" was Cordelia Howard's reaction in 1962 from Germany when she learned of the proposed

censorship of Blanche Collins by the Long Beach City Council at the behest of the City Library Book Committee. This threat of censorship became the issue which led to the formation of our Friends.



A second time, when **Ms. Howard** again experienced this reaction, **THIS CAN'T HAPPEN**, was when she read of the Mayor and City Council's proposal in 2006. **Mayor Bob Foster**, in his first budget proposal upon election, suggested that Main Library be closed as a way for the City to attain a balanced budget. Needless to say, this idea generated a reaction throughout the Long Beach community in which our library system is both beloved and a well used institution.



The fifty year period will be divided into three periods when the **Friends of the Library** have been pushed to change their view of themselves as a

support organization for our libraries. **Claudine Burnett** will interview representatives who can give us first hand experiences of these historical periods, beginning when we were organizing ourselves with interviews of *Renee Simon*, an early Friend's Board member.

Other early Friend's activists who have shared their memories are Bea Antenore, Jerry and Flora Loeb and Undine Wildman



It was during 1978/79 that the Friends increased their role in raising funds in tight budget years with the establishment of book sales and eventually our own Book Store at Main to be able to augment the City's budg-

eted book purchases and to generate interest and support in the Library with our *Junior Friends* and their volunteer efforts.



Then in the 1990s came the founding of this city's own **Long Beach Library Foundation** committed to raising supplementary funding for appropriate library causes such as our *Family Learning Centers* located at all our facilities throughout the system.

The 2000s to the present has been a period of growth in cooperative interaction between the Friends and the Foundation as we have assumed stronger joint advocacy efforts for our beloved Library System. Please join us on May 17 at 11:30 am at the **Reef Restaurant** to celebrate and learn more of these fifty years of history...from the 1960's to 2014....fifty plus years of support.

SNOW DAY by Ellen Butler



It was a fantastic event and very successful for the library in getting us into people's consciousnesses (though we

happily met a TON of already existing library lovers and users!) and getting new card carriers to sign up. We had lines!

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Friends of the Long Beach Public Library Annual Meeting and Literary Luncheon 50 years of Friendship

THIS CAN'T HAPPEN!!

Facilitated by Claudine Burnett, author and librarian



Blanche Collins

Fifty years ago, the courageous Long Beach city librarian, Blanche Collins, battled against city hall censorship and the right of librarians to make book buying decisions. The Citizens of Long Beach came together under the newly formed banner of the Friends of Long Beach Public Library to support Blanche Collins in her battle.



Proposed Slate of Officers

Treasurer:

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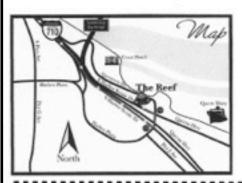
Elizabeth Andrew

Director of Legislation:

Beverly Stunden

Director of Communications: Barbara McPherson

The Event is on May 17th from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Reef Restaurant



Directions



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-I/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 The entrance for the Reef will be on your right

RSVP by mailing this form with payment to Patricia Benoit 4433 E. Barker Way Long Beach CA 90814 562-438-3183

by May 3 Cost: \$35.00 per person

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Our annual membership year is from June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2015. Have you renewed your membership? The date above your name on your mailing label shows when your membership expires.

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 **enclosed envelope** or **this 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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