



# Library Chats...

for the love of books



## Friends of the Chatsworth Library Newsletter

Chatsworth Branch Library: 21052 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, CA 91311  
(818) 341-4276

April 2010 Quarterly Newsletter



<b>LIBRARY HOURS</b>	<b>(818) 341-4276</b>
Mondays & Wednesdays	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays	12:00 noon– 8:00 pm
Fridays	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sundays	Closed
Major Holidays	Closed

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Friends Meeting	Community Room
April 15 (Thurs)	7:00 pm
Book Sale	Community Room
April 16 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
April 17 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Book Club	Community Room
May 5 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Friends Meeting	Community Room
May - <i>Date to be determined</i>	7:00 pm
Book Club	Community Room
June 2 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Book Sale	Community Room
July 16 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
July 17 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

### LIBRARY STAFF

Acting Senior Librarian: Tammy Niblett  
Adult Librarian: Trina Medhoff  
Children's Librarian: Elizabeth Tracton

### FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY OFFICERS

President:	Ann Vincent
Vice-President:	John Thorpe
Secretary:	Zena Thorpe
Treasurer:	Ray Vincent
Membership:	Dottie Acker
Book Sales:	Jo Ann Stipkovich John Thorpe
Book Store Inventory:	Jan Lauritzen
Newsletter:	Ann Vincent
Book Club:	Aita Soovere
Hospitality:	Jelena Csanyl
Member-at-large:	Irene Nalbandian
Member-at-large:	Jaak Soovere
Member-at-large:	Ken Garr
Member-at-large:	Gretchen Martin

Please note the change in Library Hours, effective April 11, 2010. The library will now close at 6:00 PM on Monday and Wednesday.

## Giant Book Sale Saturday, April 17 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our quarterly Giant Book sale is quickly approaching. It's time to get some like-new books at special prices. We once again have thousands of books we have been collecting to make available to the public and our members.

As usual we have almost new hard-bound books and a huge selection of paperbacks to stock up on for your reading pleasure, at a fraction of the cost of new books. Hardbound books are \$1.00 and paperbacks and videos are only 50 cents each.

**\* SPECIAL EVENT FOR MEMBERS ONLY:** Drop by Friday, **April 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** as we set up for the Saturday book sale. We will sell books Friday afternoon to members only, so drop by to help us set out the books and see what we have to offer at this special preview sale.

Next scheduled Giant Book Sale: July 17, 2010.

## President's Report *Ann Vincent*

We created a Chatsworth Library Landscaping Committee a few months ago, picking up the slack with the Parks and Recreation landscaping overload, to assist with basic landscaping maintenance. Each Wednesday from 2-4 pm, a few of us meet to weed the gardens and help keep up the appearance of our library. If you would like to participate, please contact Ann Vincent at 818-792-6339.

The new library hours will affect our normal monthly Friends meetings, as we used to meet each Wednesday at 7 pm. We will choose a new meeting time at our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm, please join us if you can make it.

# President's Report Continued...

## Changes In Library Staff

If you haven't dropped by in a while, several of our long time staff members recently retired. A reception was held on March 17 at the library where they were honored for their service. Tammy Niblett has stepped up as Acting Senior Librarian and we look forward to working with her and her staff.



Many thanks to Bruce Seidman, Bob Andress, Joan Stern and Linda Capicotto

I asked Linda Capicotto to share some memories, and some photographs.....



Reading time at the old Library

Over the years...Chatsworth Branch Library is the best branch in the city of Los Angeles because of their outstanding Friends Group. Throughout my long years here the only constant has been the Friends of the Chatsworth Library and John and Zena Thorpe. Supervisors, staff and patrons have come and gone but John and Zena remain a part of this library. They were involved with the community before I came and will be after I've retired. It should be known that the Friends are the unsung heroes of the library. Through fundraising, mostly book sales, the Friends raise money that allows staff to purchase books,

materials and programming beyond what is available through the regular city budget. They also support the libraries in any and all political situations where libraries need a voice concerning budgets- always an important issue no matter what year it is.



Summer Reading award winners – 1984

Over the many years working here I have been happy to help and know thousands of patrons from the oldest Annabelle and Evelyn to the youngest Stacy and Katie. I've been fortunate to have known our Library Friends like John and Zena, Keith and Sheila, Jerry and Faith and Ray and Ann. It has also been my pleasure working with all the library staff side by side over these many years specifically Eunice, Cecilia, Bruce, Celi, Tammy, Kurt, Nancy, Joan, Christine, Rick, Trevon, Sue and Shellene who are all past or present staff whom I've known and worked with at least nine years or more. Lastly I'd like to thank the current staff. I will miss you but won't be sorry to leave.

Happy Trails to the Chatsworth Community!  
Cheers, Linda

Remembering Bruce Seidman as the Senior Librarian of the Chatsworth Branch:

Bruce has shared stories with us about the previous library and the adventures of dealing the earthquake in 1994, where he found the bookshelves toppled like dominos and card catalogue files scattered. He has also mentioned his experience of working with Friends of the Library member Keith Watts who assisted the Chatsworth Library in getting "online" in 1994 with classes to help learn about computers as the LA Public Library replaced their card catalogues with computers.

Bruce also took an active role in the community meetings in 2001 to determine the location and design of our new library that opened in 2004. He also was an active participant at the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council, keeping the community up-to date with library activities.

# MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The Chatsworth Library Book Club meets every first Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30PM in the Library Meeting Room. Our members choose the books that they want to read and so we cover a large variety of subjects. Our discussions are fun and insightful, books can be ordered from the Library. Come join us - our next books will be:

**May 5, 2010, "MIDDLESEX"** by Geoffrey Eugenides... The mesmerizing saga of a near-mythic Greek American family and the roller-coaster of a single gene through time. The odd but utterly believable story of Cal Stephanides, and how this 41 year old hermaphrodite was raised.

**June 2, '10, "BEL CANTO"** by Ann Patchett... A lyrical, witty look at relationships that evolve from a terrorist situation. Surprisingly, terrorists and hostages from different countries and continents become compatriots and forge friendships."A novel that really ropes you in."

**July 7th, '10, "THE HERETIC'S DAUGHTER"** by Kathleen Kent... Sarah Carrier is bright and willful, openly challenging the small and brutal world in which she lives. She tells the story of her mother's accusation and trial as a witch in Salem, Massachusetts.

As usual we have almost new hard-bound books and a huge selection of paperbacks to stock up on for your reading pleasure, at a fraction of the cost of new books. Hardbound books are \$1.00 and paperbacks and videos are only 50 cents each.

**August 4th, '10, "Lottery"** by Patricia Wood... Perry, with an IQ of 76 lives with his cantankerous but good-hearted grandmother. After a lifetime of being shunned, teased and ignored, he wins the lottery and has to learn who to trust. "He's irresistible, it's a feel-good read."

## BOOK ROOM VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We can always use help at our giant book sales organizing books, keeping them neatly displayed and distributing bags for patrons to collect books in. We can always use your help! It is easy and fun, and a great way to get involved.

During the week our book room contains a small portion of our books collected for the sales. This is another opportunity to volunteer. We are trying to expand the hours that this room is open to sell books each day to the patrons visiting the library. Volunteers simply enjoy some quiet time reading while supervising the room or can spend extra energy alphabetizing the collection of fiction books on hand to sell. Whatever you enjoy...we have the perfect spot for you. Call Jo Ann Stipkovich at (818) 519-1148 or John Thorpe at (818) 882-3572 and sign-up to help.



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### FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY

We invite you to join or renew your membership to support our outstanding library and the community it serves. Return this cutoff with your membership dues and/or contribution made payable to:

*Friends of Chatsworth Library, 21052 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311*

**New Member**

**Renewal**

Individual \$5.00

Family or Organization \$10.00

Supporting Membership \$25.00

Contributing Membership \$50.00

**Life Membership:**  \$ 100.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interest / Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

# FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY

## **Goals:**

To assist the Library and Staff by raising funds to acquire additional books, resources and program opportunities that will enhance the educational outreach to our community.

## **How you can help:**

Donate used books that may be added to the shelves of the library or sold by the Friends to raise funds to purchase books, library aids or sponsor community programs. Donated Books, CD's, Tapes and Videos can be dropped off at the Library and are tax deductible.

## **How can you join FRIENDS?**

Mail the form included in this newsletter to the address shown. Members receive the Friends Newsletter "Library Chats" and invitations to special book sales.

## **Participate in our Monthly Friends Meetings:**

Scheduled each month from 7 to 8 pm at the library. We do not meet in July and August.

## **Volunteer to help staff our Book Store room:**

Contact Jo Ann at (818) 519-1148 to schedule time to help sell books to the library patrons.

*Thank you for your participation, it makes it possible for all of us to continue to provide a valuable service to our community.*

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*Membership forms are available on page 3 and will also be available at the Book Sale July 17th*