



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 2011 Quarterly Newsletter



LIBRARY HOURS	(818) 341-4276
Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays	12:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Thursdays	12:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Sundays	Closed
Major Holidays	Closed

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Book Sale	Community Room
April 15 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
April 16 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Book Club	Community Room
May 4 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Friends Meeting	Community Room
May 10 (Tues)	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Book Club	Community Room
June 1 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Friends Meeting	Community Room
June 14 (Tues)	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Book Sale	Community Room
July 15 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
July 16 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

LIBRARY STAFF

Senior Librarian: Jan Metzler

FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY OFFICERS

President:	Ann Vincent
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Giant Book Sale

Saturday, April 16th

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 15th 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 16, 2011.

President's Report

President - Ann Vincent

This will be an exciting year as we work to upgrade the library community room. This project was instigated by our Librarian Jan Metzler and she is full of fun ideas to make our community room more useful for programs.

Our volunteer gardening team, who are members of the Friends of the Library, have been working to keep our plants under control and the weeds down since the rains over the last month. The big job is still trash cleanup, trying to keep our library grounds looking good.

As you visit the library, don't hesitate to pick up and throw away any loose trash you pass by. Every little bit helps. It is up to volunteers like you to make a difference here in Chatsworth.

Thank you to our Friends Officers and Chairmen listed in the left column. They have been elected to serve for the 2011-2012 term of office.

Check our website at: www.laplchatsworthfriends.org

Chatsworth Library's Got Big Plans

New senior librarian is enthusiastically instituting fresh programs, bolstering existing ones and bringing back others.



Senior Librarian, Jan Metzler, came to the Los Angeles Public Library, Chatsworth Branch in December. Metzler has worked for 35 years for the Los Angeles Public Library system.

Senior Librarian Jan Metzler and her Chatsworth staff were on a high the day after Measure L, the initiative to increase funding for Los Angeles' public libraries, was approved by voters.

Metzler, who arrived at Chatsworth Library in December, can now get on with new program ideas she had placed on hold not knowing if she would have the money and staff to implement them. Things had been looking bleak during the past year as the city budget crunch forced cutbacks in library hours and staffing. Branches were asked to pay for their own operating costs, such as utilities and building maintenance, which took away from buying books, music and other materials. "After the layoffs in July, everyone was in a funk. We were lucky to keep the doors open," Metzler said. "Measure L is effective July 1, and we are hoping for Monday hours to return." (Additional note: The Library Dept. hopes to extend hours by the end of July by reinstating Mondays.)

Metzler said it's hard for students who have homework assignments and no access to the information they need if the library is closed Sunday and Monday.

Metzler has worked for the Los Angeles Public Library for 35 years. She started in Hollywood, moved over to

Sherman Oaks in 1976 as a children's librarian for 10 years and then a year at the West Valley Regional Library as an adult librarian before moving to the Encino-Tarzana branch as a supervisor. Metzler, who has a master's degree in library science from USC, was instrumental in opening the Platt branch library in Woodland Hills in 1995 before moving over to Van Nuys, where she worked for seven years and boosted circulation. "It was a great experience," Metzler said, adding that when a position opened in Chatsworth she applied because it was much closer to her Thousand Oaks home. "Chatsworth is a wonderful community and has an excellent Friends of the Library [support group]," she said. "It is also known for a horde of teens who gather outside and inside the library, especially on minimum days," she added, referring to shortened school days.

The library is a safe after-school haven, especially for children who do not have access to computers at home, and is also widely used by people searching for jobs. Metzler said residents going through tough financial times have discovered they can borrow books and DVDs for free.

To address teens' needs, the library instituted "Tuesday Teen Time" after school, which started this month on Election Day. About 60 kids showed up to play board games. Metzler considers it a huge success. She's also reinstating a Teen Council, made up of kids age 11 to 18. The council would give input on what is "cool" in terms of books, movies and music, to help staff make selections. The first meeting of the Teen Council is set for March 29 after school. To mark the occasion, teens are invited to decorate cupcakes.

The library's morning "Tiny Tots Story Time" has grown by word of mouth from a handful of children and parents to nearly 30 children and 12 adults by holding it in a more visible location inside the library and by reaching out to a nearby preschool. "This ties in with the City Librarian's one of three goals—to invest in new readers and the value of early literacy," Metzler said. The staff instituted "Pajama Story Hours" for preschoolers and kindergartners. Children come in their pajamas, toting their favorite stuffed animals. The next story hour is planned for 6:30 p.m. on March 24.

Summer reading programs will continue at Chatsworth. The programs encourage the use of the library when school is not in session and help students keep up their reading skills. Special guest performers, such as magicians and puppeteers, along with a craft time, are planned.

For the first time, the Chatsworth library will show young-adult and adult movies on a big screen starting this summer. The Friends of the Library paid for the necessary film exhibition license. "We are looking to enhance the community," Metzler said. "This will also open up the opportunity to offer computer classes and PowerPoint presentations."

She said she plans to encourage schools to take field trips to the library where they can learn about accessing information from the library's Web site to enhance their studies.

The library's databases, a plethora of informational links, can also be accessed by adults, and the Chatsworth library intends to have presentations by experts in all aspects of finance, such as estate planning, investing, avoiding foreclosure and debt consolidation.

Metzler also said an end-of-summer family concert is in the works.

PROGRAMS

Teens

Everyone loves board games! Come by and meet new friends while playing board games. We have a huge collection, so no excuses that we don't have your favorite game.

Apr 5 - Tuesday Teen Time - 2:00 PM

Apr 12 - Tuesday Teen Time - 2:00 PM

Apr 19 - Tuesday Teen Time - 2:00 PM

Apr 26 - Teen Council - 3:00 PM

Gain community service and leadership experience! Join other teens age 11-18 to help plan fun events at the library and offer suggestions on books, movies and music purchases for the Chatsworth Branch. Snacks provided.

Children

Apr 08 - Tiny Tots Storytime - 10:30 AM

Please join us for this fun storytime especially for very young children and parents. Stories, flannel board, songs and more. Audience participation.

GAB (Grandparents and Books)
Books come alive for kids when they share the fun of reading with GAB library volunteers. Call the library for days and times: 818-341-4276

Note: Adults 21 years and older share their love of books with children by reading aloud to them at the library through the GAB Program..

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Chairman - Aita Soovre

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:

April 6, '11 "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert ... the story of the leper colony on the island of Molokai in Hawaii where Father Damien ministered to his patients before he himself died of leprosy in 1889. Despite the horror of the disease, the community formed relationships and attempted normalcy like any other.

May 4, '11 "City of Thieves" by David Benioff ... a historical fiction which is both a coming of age story and a comedy. It recounts the adventures of two young adults in Leningrad as they search for a carton of eggs for an NKVD colonel during the Nazi siege of the city during World War II.

June 1, '11 "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson ... An epic tale of international corporate trickery and the buried evil past of a Swedish industrial family. A woman has been missing or dead for 40 years. A journalist is aided in his search for her by a young female computer hacker.

July 6, '11 "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay ... Paris, July 1942: A ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will come back within a few hours.

August 3, '11 "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver ... A suspenseful epic told by the wife and four daughters of a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it, from gardens seeds to Scripture, is calamitously transformed on African soil.

September 7, '11 "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway ... About an elderly Cuban Fisherman who has gone 84 days without catching a fish. On the 85th day, he goes out alone in his small boat and hooks a huge fish which pulls him along for two days and nights.



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FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY

Goals:

To assist the Library and Staff by raising funds to acquire additional books and providing program opportunities that 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 the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8 pm at the library. Please Note: We do not meet in July, August and December.

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 April 16th