



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

January 2010 Quarterly Newsletter



LIBRARY HOURS	(818) 341-4276
Mondays & Wednesdays	10:00 am – 8:00 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 ACTIVITES:

Book Sale	Community Room
Jan 15 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Jan 16 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Book Club	Community Room
Feb 3 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Friends Meeting	Community Room
Oct 21 (Wed)	7:00 pm.
Book Club	Community Room
March 3 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Book Club	Community Room
April 7 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Book Sale	Community Room
April 16 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
April 17 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

LIBRARY STAFF

Head Librarian: Bruce Seidman
 Adult Librarian: Linda Capicotto
 Young Adult Librarian: Tammy Niblett
 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
Programs:	Linda Capicotto
Book Sales:	Jo Ann Stipkovich Gretchen Martin John Thorpe
Newsletter:	Ann Vincent
Book Club:	Aita Soovere
Member-at-large:	Irene Nalbandian
Member-at-large:	Jaak Soovere
Member-at-large:	Ken Garr

Join us for our

Giant Book Sale

Saturday, January 16

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, **January 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: April 17, 2010.

President's Report

Ann Vincent

Recently the Los Angeles Public Library implemented an overall reduction in service hours throughout the system by cutting back hours scheduled for Fridays. New hours for Friday are shown below.

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See page 2 for the history of the Chatsworth Library in our community. This article is reprinted from the Chatsworth Historical Society Newsletter, The Smoke Signal.

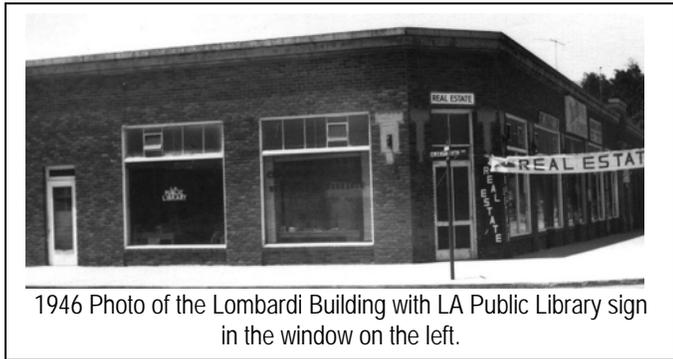
CHATSWORTH PAST & PRESENT

By Ann Vincent

November 2009

One of our newest buildings, the Chatsworth Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library at 21052 Devonshire, has an interesting history.

Chatsworth Historical Society founding member, Lila Schepler, recalls the first library in the Wilkins building on the southeast corner of Owensmouth and Devonshire. It later moved across the street, to the Lombardi Building at the southwest corner, on Owensmouth. The Lombardi building was a brick structure that housed a variety of business through the years, including an Auto Parts, Feed Store and a 5 & 10 cent store. Both buildings have since been demolished. The photo below shows that this early branch existed in one of the Lombardi storefronts in 1946.

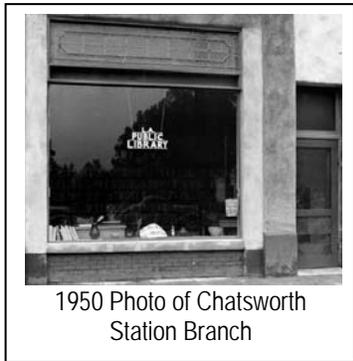


1946 Photo of the Lombardi Building with LA Public Library sign in the window on the left.

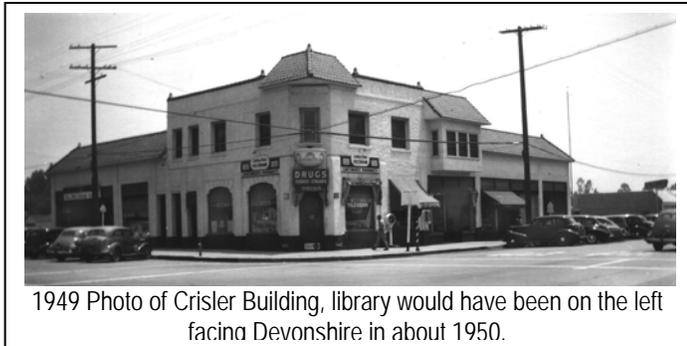


This same LA PUBLIC LIBRARY sign is later found in the 1950 photo shown below provided by the LA Public Library archives and listed as the Chatsworth Station Branch. This photo is clearly a different storefront,

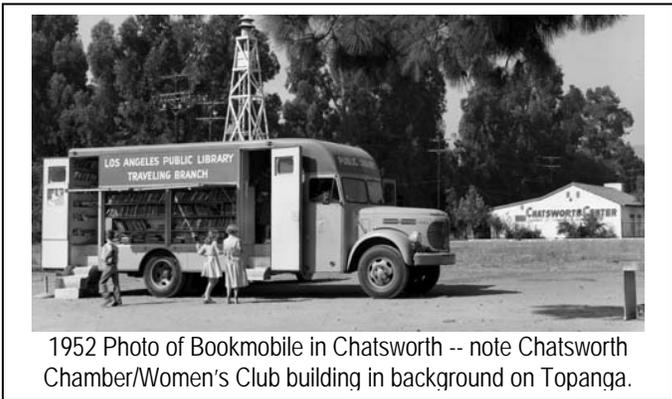
which is in the Crisler Building, once located on the southeast corner of Devonshire and Topanga. The features above the windows correspond to that building at that time. The location was on Devonshire, before the hardware store moved to that section of the building.



1950 Photo of Chatsworth Station Branch

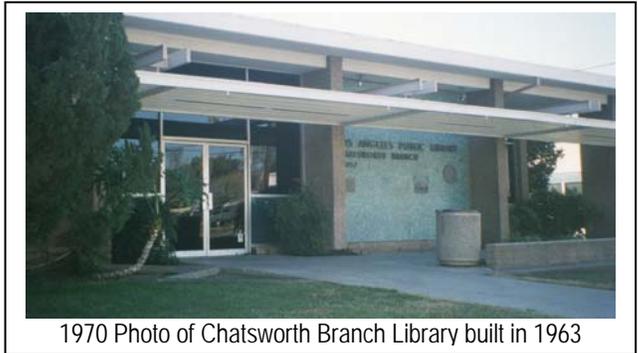


1949 Photo of Crisler Building, library would have been on the left facade Devonshire in about 1950.



1952 Photo of Bookmobile in Chatsworth -- note Chatsworth Chamber/Women's Club building in background on Topanga.

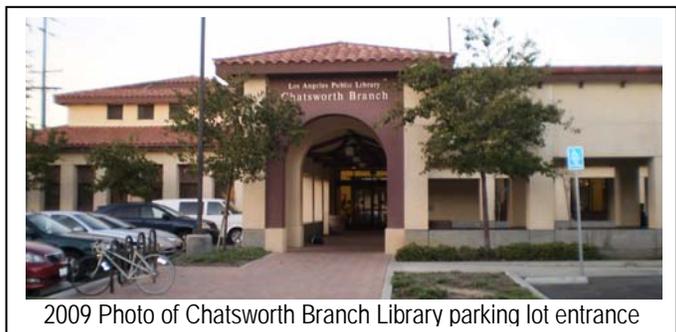
From 1952-1963 the Chatsworth community was serviced by the LA Public Library Bookmobile Program. The bookmobile made scheduled stops throughout the valley, stopping here across the street from the Chatsworth Park Elementary School.



1970 Photo of Chatsworth Branch Library built in 1963

In 1957, land was purchased and a new branch library was built at 21052 Devonshire, opening on May 22, 1963. The Friends of the Library book sales were held regularly on the front lawn of the library, weather permitting.

In 1998 funds were approved for adjacent land and an expanded building on the existing site. In June 2002, ground breaking began for the new building, while a temporary library was opened at the Chatsworth Train Station that housed a small portion of books allowing local patrons easy access to the LA City library system.



2009 Photo of Chatsworth Branch Library parking lot entrance

On November 15, 2004, a beautiful building designed specifically for Chatsworth was re-opened with Bruce Seidman continuing as the Head Librarian. Special features at our library include a stained glass window, book art and children's murals. State of the art computer access and a multimedia collection of over 42,000 items are on site. Come on by, it's your library ... check it out!

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The Chatsworth Library Book Club meets every first Wednesday of the Month from 1-2:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room. Our members choose the books that they want to read 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:

Feb 3rd, 2010, "LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez....A heartbreaking story of love as told by one of this century's most evocative writers.

March 3rd, 2010, "THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY" by Mary Ann Shafer and Annie Barrows....A book about an English Channel Island that is occupied by German Solders. In order to overcome the boredom and peril of occupation, a book club invigorates their daily lives.

April 7th, 2010, "TRAVELS WITH CHARLEY" by John Steinbeck....A travelogue documenting the road trip Steinbeck took around the US in a specially made camper with his poodle Charley in 1960.

May 5th, 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.

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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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

Yearly:

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 the 3rd Wednesday of 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 Jan 16th