



Library Chats...

for the love of books



Friends of the Chatsworth Library Newsletter

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July 2023 Newsletter

<https://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org>



LIBRARY HOURS (818) 341-4276

Mondays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesdays	12:00 noon – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursdays	12:00 noon – 8:00 pm
Fridays	9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Saturdays	9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sundays	Closed
Major Holidays	Closed

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

See newsletter for a list of scheduled events.

Or visit our Friends Calendar at

www.laplchatsworthfriends.org

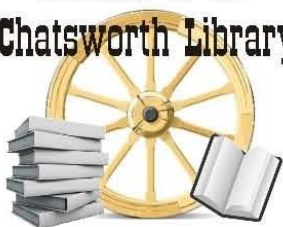
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Member-at-large:	Joe Monsour

Friends of the
Chatsworth Library



Join us at our Giant Book Sale!

Our next Giant Book Sale will be
Saturday July 15, 10-2.

**Plan to join us for the Members only
presale Friday 14, 2-4.**

Our quarterly Giant Book Sale is almost here. It's time to get some like-new books at special prices. Once again we have collected thousands of books to make available to our members and the public.

As usual we have a huge selection and variety of almost new hard-bound and paperback books to stock up on for your reading pleasure, at a fraction of the cost of new books. Hardbound books are \$1.00; paperbacks are 50 cents; and children's books are 3 for \$1.00. We are adding jigsaw puzzles for only \$1.00 too!

MEMBERS ONLY: Drop by Friday, **July 14th** 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 and see what we have to offer at this special preview sale and help us set out the books. If you miss this sale, our next Giant Book Sale will be October 21, 2023.

President's Report

President - Ann Vincent

During the last two months, we lost two very dear members. John Thorpe and Carol Hessen. They will both be deeply missed. An article briefly summarizing John's volunteer work in our community is included later in this newsletter.

We purchased 3 large storage cabinets for the Library staff office at a cost of \$2,776 to help organize supplies.

In other news, you can now renew your membership online at our website using PayPal or a credit card. On the last page of this newsletter, you can find the new link to our website under:

How can you join FRIENDS?

I hope this makes it easier to update your membership.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club: Clara Woll

The Chatsworth Library Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month (except Library holidays) at 1:30 PM. We are now holding hybrid, in-person and Zoom, meetings. The in-person meetings are held in the Community Room of the LAPL - Chatsworth Branch, which is located at 21052 Devonshire Street, phone (818) 341-4276. For an invitation to participate via Zoom, e-mail ssamm@lapl.org.

Our members choose the books they wish to read, so we cover a large variety of subjects, both fiction and non-fiction. The books can be ordered through the library system. Please join us!

Our next books will be:

August 2, 2023 at 1:30 PM - *The Rose Code*: a novel by Kate Quinn - 2021 - 624 pages. Joining the elite Bletchley Park code-breaking team during W.W. II, three women from very different walks of life uncover a spy's dangerous agenda.

September 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM - *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara - 2022 - 305 pages. In 1944, Aki Ito and her family are released from Manzanar and relocated to Chicago. The family expects to be reunited with Aki's older sister, Rose. However, when they arrive they are told that Rose committed suicide on the subway. Aki sets out to find the truth.

October 4, 2023 at 1:30 PM - *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles - 2021 - 576 pages. In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven to his family farm in Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm. He plans to pick up his younger brother and go to California to start a new life, but his plans are changed by two friends from the work farm.

November 1, 2023 at 1:30 PM - *Lessons in Chemistry*: a novel by Bonnie Garmus - 2022 - 390 pages. Set in 1960's California, this is the story of a female scientist whose career is constantly being derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home. Elizabeth Lott finds herself the host of America's most beloved cooking show. She is not just teaching women how to cook, but how to change the status quo.

MOVIES

UPCOMING MOVIES

4th Thursday of the month

Free Movie Matinee

July 27, 1:30pm – 3:12pm

ENCANTO (2021) PG 1h 42m

A Colombian teenage girl has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers.



August 24, 1:30pm – 3:52pm

The Secrets of Dumbledore (2022)

PG-13 2h 22m

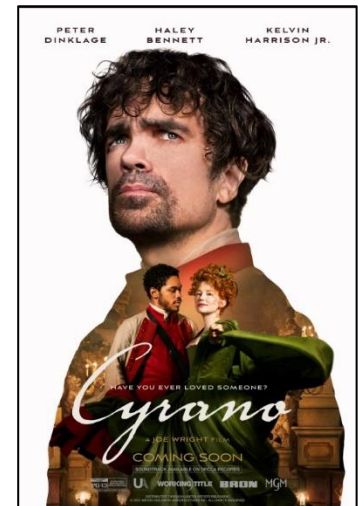
Professor Albus Dumbledore must assist Newt Scamander and his partners as Grindelwald begins to lead an army to eliminate all Muggles.



September 28, 1:30pm – 3:33pm

Cyrano (2021) PG-13 2h 3m

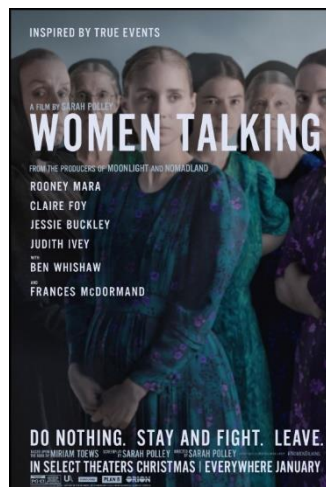
Too self-conscious to woo Roxanne himself, wordsmith Cyrano de Bergerac helps young Christian nab her heart through love letters



October 26, 2023, 1:30pm – 3:14pm

Women Talking (2022) PG-13 1h 44m

Do nothing, stay and fight, or leave. In 2010, the women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling a brutal reality with their faith.



BOOK ROOM NEWS

New Life for Old Puzzles

We have been successful in selling used, in-great-condition, jigsaw puzzles in our Used Book Room. If you have any puzzles you are ready to give away, please donate them to FOCL in support of our library - and thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

These are the two fairy giveaway winners shown below. Jeannie Heine made this artwork to celebrate Spring and to be raffled off to Library patrons who stopped by the Book Room, no purchase was necessary, to enter to win. Thank you Jeannie! She also

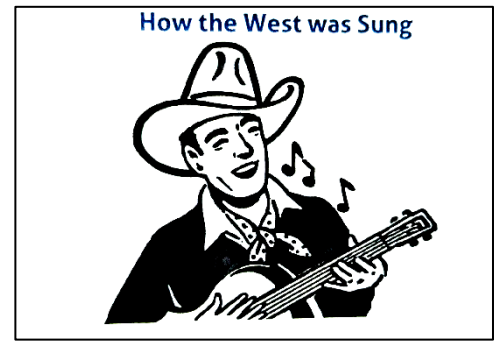


keeps our Book Room beautifully decorated. Stop by and see!

How the West Was Sung

On **Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 2 PM** there will be a presentation of Country Music from 1850 to the present at the Chatsworth Library.

This program takes the audience from approximately 1850 to the present. Songs are used to represent the different groups of people that moved west and finished filling in our country. These groups include miners, settlers, railroad workers, cowboys, outlaws, Native Americans, and more.

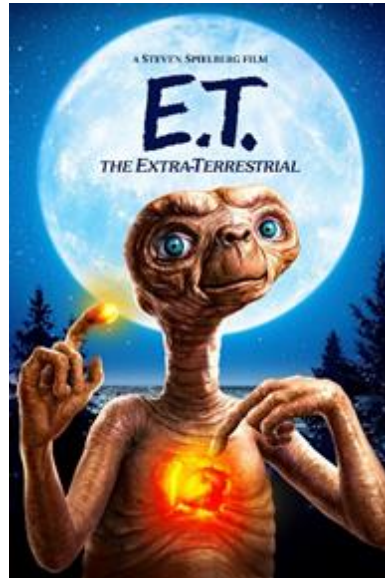


E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial Day!

In 1982 E. T. visited our area (when the movie was filmed locally). Come to the Chatsworth Library on **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 3 PM** for a free screening of the film, with E. T. themed snacks and crafts.

1982 PG 1h 55m

A troubled child summons the courage to help a friendly alien escape from Earth and return to his home planet.



See the Activities on the July Calendar

June 5 – August 5

Explore Los Angeles and share why this city is special to you. We all have a story to tell that makes each of us say, this is "My L.A."

You can still register!

Children, Teens, and Adults:

Earn badges for reading and completing fun, learning-based activities. Register for the Summer Reading Challenge online or in person and collect your participation prizes.

Read for one hour = 1 badge

Complete an activity = 1 badge

Earn 15 badges and be entered into branch and grand prize drawings!

Track your progress online at lapl.org/summer or on the Beanstack Tracker mobile app, or download and print a gameboard.






July

CHATSWORTH BRANCH
Los Angeles Public Library
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lapl.org/branches/chatsworth

BRANCH HOURS:
Mon & Wed: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tue & Thur: 12 noon-8 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sun & Holidays: Closed

Saturday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Seated Yoga: Yoga w/ Anne Pringle 10:30 am -11:30 am 11:30 am-12:30 pm	4 Closed: 	5 Adult Book Club (in person & Zoom) 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Run, Rose Run by Dolly Parton & James Patterson Kids as Urban Planners 5:00 pm -6:00 pm	6	7 Seated Yoga: Core Fitness & Chair Exercise 10:30 am - 11:30 am	8 How the West Was Sung 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm
10 Seated Yoga: Stretch 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET Day! screening, Alien craft & snack 3:00 pm	11	12 Decoupage Cigar Boxes 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	13	14 Friends of the Library Book Sale Pre-sale 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	15 Friends of the Library Booksale 10:00am-2:00 pm Gummy Worm Garden Craft 1:00 pm -2:00 pm
17 Seated Yoga 10:30 am -11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Play Jacks 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	18	19 Decorative Handkerchiefs (Adult Craft) 11:00 am Play Backgammon 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	20	21 Seated Yoga: Yoga w/ Anne Pringle 10:30 am - 11:30 am	22 BARK! Kids Read Therapy Dogs 11:30 am-12:30 am Grow Your Own Vegetables 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
24 Seated Yoga: Core Fitness & Chair Exercise 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Make your own Ice Cream 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	25	26 Button Making 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	27 Movie Day: Encanto 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	28 Seated Yoga: Stretch 10:30 am 11:30 am	29 Storytime with Miss Susan 10:30 am -11:30 am Pickling & Canning with Brie Wakeland 1:00 pm -2:00 pm
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Program Descriptions

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Saturday, July 8th @ 2:00 pm

Decoupage Cigar Boxes



We are decoupageing cigar boxes. Bring your own magazines or clippings or browse from our collections to create a beautiful masterpiece.

Wednesday, July 12th @ 5:00 pm

Gummy Worm Day! Gummy Gardens



July 15 is National Gummi Worm Day!

Let's celebrate by making gummy worm gardens on the patio.

Saturday, 15th @ 1:00 pm

Program Highlights

Urban Planning Program



We will talk about urban planning from a kid's perspective, based on their personal priorities for their community. Then participants will draw, paint or build their vision of their shared, communal space. We will have plenty of arts and crafts materials to help them bring their visions to life.

Wednesday, July 5th @ 3:00 pm

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial Day



E.T. once visited the Chatsworth area in 1982. Today he returns. Join us for a screening of *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.

We'll snack on E.T.'s favorite snacks and decorate alien-themed notebooks.

Monday, July 10th @ 3:00 pm

Grow Your Own Food With Cottonwood Farms



Whether you are a first-time gardener or a seasoned green thumb, join urban farmer and educator Elliott Kuhn for an in-depth presentation on how to start your journey from seed to table.

Participants will be treated to fresh produce samples and can take select seeds home to create their own garden projects

Saturday, July 22nd @ 1:00 pm



Did you sign up for the summer reading challenge? You can still register!

For **ADA accommodations** please call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to event.

Programs and events subject to cancellations and changes without notice.



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In Tribute to John Thorpe –1937-2023

John Thorpe passed away on May 10, 2023 at the age of 86. He served as the President or Vice-President of the Friends of the Chatsworth Library for the past 42 years.



John and Zena at the 2000 Holiday Parade

John was born in Sheffield, England, came to this country in the early sixties and returned to England for a time, including a spell in the army. He met Zena over there, returned to the States and re-met Zena. The couple married in England. Sheffield is only 17 miles from Chatsworth House; our Chatsworth CA was founded in 1888 and named after the Duke of Devonshire's estate, Chatsworth House.

In 1972 John founded his auto repair shop, Yorks & Lancs, on Canoga Avenue, specializing in the repair of English cars, but qualified to repair all makes. As of 2023, that would now be 51 years in business. John and Zena have two sons and two daughters. Oliver and Jonny assisted him as highly skilled auto

mechanics and now own the business. Daughters Katy and Allison are both married and there are lots of grandchildren in the Thorpe family.

John has been a member of the Friends of the Chatsworth Library since 1981 starting as Vice President... He then served as President of the Friends group from 1984 -1997. When our new library opened in 2005, he served as President a second time, from 2005 through 2009. Then he served as Vice President until this year. Always active in the community, John was selected as Citizen of the Year in 1992.

For the Library, in 1985, John organized a Meet the Author fundraiser event with author Ray Bradbury which filled the Lawrence Junior High auditorium. He helped get our Chatsworth Chats Newsletter started and he took a strong lead in making sure our library was represented in the Library System, helping to get our new library on the list for new construction. The question was should we build a new larger library on new land or have the city buy land adjacent to the existing small one and build bigger. We are delighted with the second choice and our new library was completed in 2005. We all benefitted from the committee work and meetings John participated in to help us get here.

Both John and Zena have also been involved with the annual parades since they moved here, and every year, John made sure there was a sports car ready for him to drive honoring someone in the community to be represented. He and Zena would sometimes participate in the parade on their own too, representing the Chatsworth Historical Society. The 1903 Pioneer Church was also one of their passions, participating at the *St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Rite Catholic Parish*, which was relocated to property in Oakwood Cemetery by the Chatsworth Historical Society in 1965.

John was the President of the Chatsworth Historical Society from 1997-2000, spearheading the plans for the 2000 California Sesquicentennial celebration here in Chatsworth. He and Zena worked together making it one of the major events held here in Los Angeles to celebrate 150 years of statehood. Zena also coordinated the California Sesquicentennial Quilt which was a gift to the people of California. The quilt was created by 300 quilters throughout California. It is now used during special ceremonies in the rotunda of the Capitol Building.

With a new library in 2005, John helped create our Book Club, coordinated our Library Book Store, participated in Giant Book Sales, and worked with Zena to select movies for our monthly Library Movie event once a month.

John will be greatly missed by Zena, his family and the many community organizations of Chatsworth.



John hanging the Banner for our movies

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, DVD's and jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off at the library and are tax deductible.

How can you join FRIENDS?

Mail the form below to the address shown. Members receive the quarterly Friends Newsletter "Library Chats" and invitations to special book sales and events. In addition, you can pay on-line through PayPal or credit card. <https://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org/membership.html>

Newsletters are available on our Website <https://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org>

In an effort to save postage and printing costs, our newsletters are posted on our website for easy access. If you would like to save us the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter to you, please send an email to chatsworthfriends@gmail.com and request to be taken off the list that is printed and mailed. We will add you to our email list and email future newsletters to you, plus you can always get a copy on our website. Every dollar counts!

Participate in our Bi-Monthly Friends Meetings:

Scheduled the second Tuesday every other month from 7 to 8 pm at the library.
Our next meeting is on July 11, 2023.

Volunteer to help staff our Book Store Room:

Contact the Reference desk or email chatsworthfriends@gmail.com to find out how 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.

Membership forms are available in this newsletter and will also be available at the Book Room.

If your dues are due and you receive your newsletter by email... we will send you an email to let you know.

*However, if there is an * on your mailing label, then it's time to RENEW your membership.*



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

Yearly:

Life Membership:

Renewal

Individual \$5.00

Supporting Membership \$25.00

\$ 100.00

Family or Organization \$10.00

Contributing Membership \$50.00

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