



# 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

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<b>LIBRARY HOURS</b>	<b>(818) 341-4276</b>
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 Club	Community Room
Oct 6 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Friends Meeting	Community Room
Oct 13 (Tues)	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Book Sale	Community Room
Oct 15 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Oct 16 (Sat)	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Book Club	Community Room
Nov 3 (Wed)	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Friends Meeting	Community Room
Nov 9 (Tues)	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Book Sale	Community Room
Jan 14 set-up (Fri)	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Jan 15 (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

## Early Holiday Shopping Opportunity

Visit our Book Sale and pick out the perfect ... like new books to share with your friends who appreciate the value of a good "recycled" book.

## Giant Book Sale Saturday, October 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, **October 15<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: January 15, 2011.

## President's Report

*President - Ann Vincent*

We enjoyed a great turnout for our July Courtyard Reception and look forward to hosting additional programs outdoors when weather permits. The Friends landscaping team has been working all summer making improvements in both the front and back of the library. New plantings are filling in and a plan is being developed for the front corner, bus stop area. The landscaping team meets on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00pm.

We have a new Website at: [www.laplchatsworthfriends.org](http://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org)

## Pick your subject and explore the LAPL WEBSITE: [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)

Here is a rainy day activity....this is an amazing collection of photos.



### Photo Collection Overview

The Los Angeles Central Library's History Department began collecting photographs sometime before World War II and had a collection of about 13,000 images by the late 1950s. In 1981, when Los Angeles celebrated its 200th birthday, Security Pacific National Bank gave its noted collection of 250,000 historical photographs to the people of Los Angeles to be archived at the Central Library. Since then, the Central Library has been fortunate to receive other major collections and special archives, making the Library a resource worldwide for visual images.

The Photo Collection includes these main groupings: Security Pacific National Bank Collection, the Shades of LA Compilations, and the Herald Examiner newspaper morgue.

### Security Pacific National Bank (SPNB)

The 1981 Security Pacific National Bank donation of 250,000 historical photographs consisted of three main sub-collections:

- **Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Collection**  
60,000 images of business, industry, sports and agriculture in Los Angeles during its greatest growth spurt, 1920-1939. There are also thousands of publicity images which depict a light hearted view of Southern California and were intended to entice east coast businesses and mid-western farmers to relocate in the "City With Promise."
- **Turn of the century Los Angeles**  
Over 150,000 photographs documenting the growth of Los Angeles and its many neighborhoods.
- **Hollywood Citizen News/Valley Times Newspaper Collection**  
A collection of 30,000 photographs from 1946 to 1968, which includes San Fernando Valley local news, suburban life, sports, radio and TV personalities.

Other collections in the SPNB archive include:

- **Central Library's Historical California Photographs**  
Pictures of general historic interest on California, the Missions and Los Angeles. Approximately 3,000 of these photos are by C.C. Pierce, a noted photographer who worked from the turn of the century through the 1920s.
- **Portrait Collection**  
Portraits of outstanding early Californians collected by Luther Ingersoll, who compiled histories of Santa Monica, San Bernardino and other area communities.
- **Federal Writers Project**  
Several thousand photographs taken in the late 1930s documenting Los Angeles for the federally funded Guide Book series. These images include street scenes, agricultural views, the motion picture industry and architecture.
- **Ralph Morris Archives**  
Approximately 25,000 photographs by commercial photographer Ralph Morris, who worked in the Los Angeles area from 1939 to the late 1970s. His advertising and industrial clients included department stores, restaurants, the automobile and petroleum industries as well as business executives. Also included are Lucketts Studio photographs of architecture, fashion, the movie industry, sports and street scenes of the 1930s.
- **William Reagh Collection**  
800 images of Los Angeles by photographer William Reagh. Chosen from an archive of 40,000, these photographs represent the growth and diversity of post-war Los Angeles to 1991; the buildings, streets, neighborhoods and people.

### Shades of L.A.

An archive of 10,000 photographs representing the contemporary and historic diversity of families in Los Angeles. Images were chosen from family albums and copied in a project sponsored by Photo Friends, a library support group. They include daily life, social organizations, work, personal and holiday celebrations, and migration and immigration activities.

### Los Angeles Herald Examiner Photograph Collection

Newspaper morgue of 2.2 million photographs that document Southern California, the nation and the world from the 1920s to 1989. As one of the major newspapers on the west coast, it was highly regarded for its coverage of the entertainment industry, politics, sports and public issues.

## Newsletters

In an effort to save considerable postage and printing costs, we are creating a website where the newsletter will be posted for easy access. Members can elect to still have a copy mailed to them or get it from the website online. We are still working out the details for this and will continue to discuss it further at our October meeting.

## Reading Program

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday - 2:00 pm on Read for the Record**

Join us in breaking a world record for the greatest number of people reading the same book on the same day. We will be reading *Snowy Day* by Ezra Keats, along with over 2,000,000 people around the country

**Oct 20 - Puppet Show! 10:00 AM**

Come join us for Swazzle's Puppet's Forest Fables! The stars of Forest Fables put on a wacky island show in this funny puppet adventure.

**Story Times: 10:00 AM**

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Nov 3 - Magic Show 3:30 PM** with Tony Daniels

## 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:

**October 6, '10 "Beach Music"** by Pat Conroy... Explores the Vietnam war era and the holocaust. A South Carolina native flees the South with his daughter Leah after his wife commits suicide.

**November 3, '10 "The Charm School"** by Nelson DeMille ...A captivating thriller. About a vast and astounding KGB conspiracy that stands poised against the very heartland of America.

**December 1, '10 "The Good Earth"** by Pearl S. Buck ... A Pulitzer prize winning novel. About family life in a Chinese village before the 1949 revolution.

## 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

Stop by to see the new Early Learning Center in the Children's Library to be completed by October 20 for the Puppet Show. See you there!



*Is there 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**

**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 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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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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*Membership forms are available on page 3 and will also be available at the Book Sale October 16th*