

# Library Chats...

for the love of books



## Friends of the Chatsworth Library Newsletter

Chatsworth Branch Library: 21052 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, CA 91311  
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www.laplchatsworthfriends.org



<b>LIBRARY HOURS</b>	<b>(818) 341-4276</b>
Mondays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesdays	12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursdays	12:00 pm – 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 pages 2-3 for a list of scheduled events.

Or visit our Friends Calendar at  
[www.laplchatsworthfriends.org](http://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org)

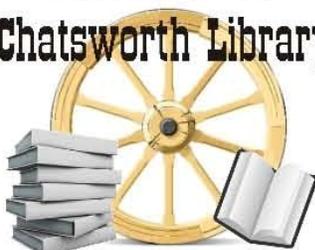
### LIBRARY STAFF

Senior Librarian: Jan Metzler

### 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 Lori Summer
Newsletter:	Ann Vincent
Book Club:	Clara Woll
Hospitality:	Jelena Csanyi
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Member-at-large:	Gretchen Martin
Member-at-large:	Donna Boswell

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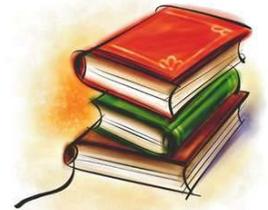


## Join us at our Giant Book Sale

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Help Us CELEBRATE the Ten Year Anniversary of our 2004 Grand Reopening!

All visitors will receive a  
commemorative magnetic bookmark.



Our quarterly Giant Book sale is almost here. 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.

**MEMBERS ONLY:** Drop by Friday, **October 17<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.

If you miss this one, our next book sale will be January 17, 2015.

## President's Report

*President - Ann Vincent*

We look forward to seeing you at our Ten Year Celebration. As always, we continue to appreciate the support of our community through book donations and time donated. If you find yourself with extra time to donate, contact our library staff to see where you might get involved in literacy programs and more!

Ann Vincent

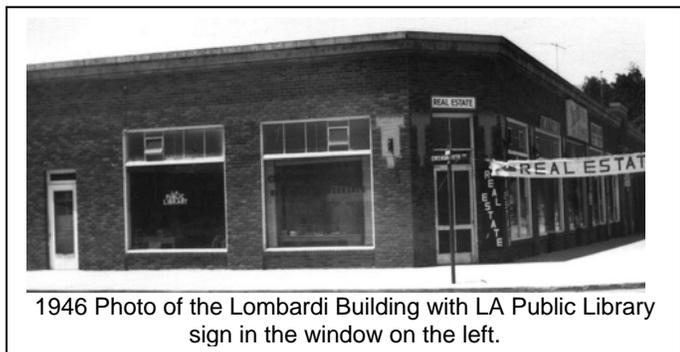
# CHATSWORTH PAST & PRESENT

By Ann Vincent

Revised October 2014

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

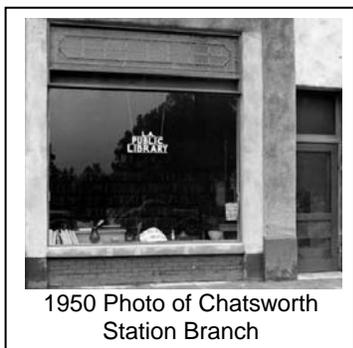
Chatsworth Historical Society founding member, Lila Schepler, recalls the first library in the Wilkins building on the southeast corner of Owensmouth and Devonshire. It later moved across the street, to the Lombardi Building at the southwest corner, on Owensmouth. The Lombardi building was a brick structure that housed a variety of businesses 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.



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,



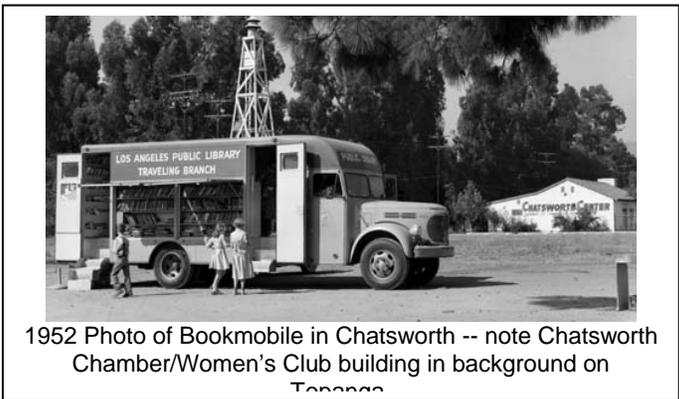
which is in the Crisler Building, once located on the southeast corner of Devonshire and Topanga. The features above the windows correspond to that building at that time. The location was on Devonshire, before the hardware store moved to that section of the building.



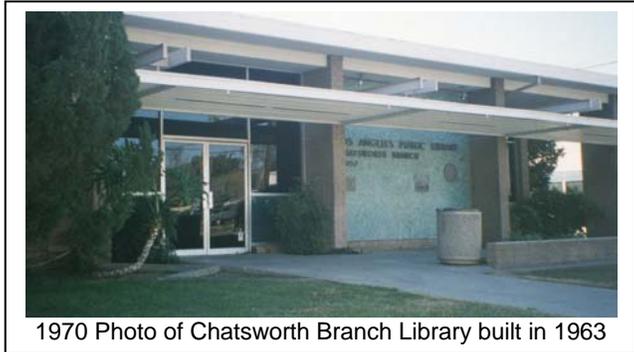
1950 Photo of Chatsworth Station Branch



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



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.

On November 15, 2004, a beautiful building



designed specifically for Chatsworth was opened with Bruce Seidman as the Head Librarian followed by Jan Metzler in December 2010. 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!

# Library Book Club

Chairman – Clara Woll

The Chatsworth Library Book Club meets the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00-2:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room, 21052 Devonshire Street, phone (818) 341-4276. Our members choose the books that they want to read, so we cover a large variety of subjects, both fiction and non-fiction. Our discussions are fun and insightful. The books can be ordered from the Library. Come join us! Our next books will be:

**October 1, 2014 Odyssey** by Homer – Call # 883 H72An – 309 pages

An ancient Greek epic poem which tells of the travels of Odysseus following the fall of Troy. The story follows his efforts to return to his faithful wife, Penelope, and his kingdom in Ithaca. This is a “Big Read” selection.

**November 5, 2014 Unbroken: a World War II airman's story of survival, resilience, and redemption** by Laura Hillenbrand – Call # 940.548.Z26Hi – 2010- 473 pages

In May 1943 Army Air Force lieutenant Louis Zamperini's plane crashes into the Pacific. The lone survivor, he struggles into a life raft and begins an extraordinary odyssey. It is only by the strength of his will that he survives.

**December 3, 2014 George Washington's Secret Six: The spy ring that saved the American Revolution** by Brian Kilmeade – 973.385 K48 – 2013 – 235 pages. The gripping story of how Robert Townsend and five other patriots passed information to George Washington that turned the tide of the war.

# Staying involved with your Library....

Our book sales draw not only patrons that want to buy books, but also those that donate them. A win-win situation for all. We appreciate everyone's participation and have been successful in accomplishing our goals. We can always use help keeping our book room open more hours, so if you show up at the library when the store is not open....email us to get on our schedule and help us out if you can.

## MOVIE IN OCTOBER

**Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 pm**  
**The Amazing Spider-Man 2 2014**



PG13 142 min – Action, Adventure & Fantasy - Released: May 2014  
When atrocities threaten New York, Spider-Man must protect the citizens of New York and his loved ones before New York's heart befalls into tragedy.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS:

**Howl-o-ween!**

**Wed, Oct 29, 2014 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Join us for spooky stories, a bewitching puppet show, and a chilling craft!...

**"Bark the Robot Dog" Puppet Show!**

**Wednesday, Nov 19, 2014 4:30pm to 5:30pm**

Bark the Robot Dog features a cast of furry and funny friends and has lots of laughs for audience members of any age.



## 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

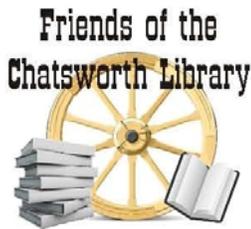
Contributing Membership \$50.00

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 and events.

### Our Newsletters are now available on our Website ([www.laplchatsworthfriends.com](http://www.laplchatsworthfriends.com)):

In an effort to save postage and printing costs, our newsletters are now 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](mailto: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 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 or email [chatsworthfriends@gmail.com](mailto:chatsworthfriends@gmail.com) 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**

*Is there an \* on your mailing label? Then it's time to RENEW your membership.*

*No Worries...If your dues are due and you receive your newsletter by email...*

*we will send you an email to let you know.*

*Membership forms are available on page 4 and will also be available at the Book Sale*