

The Biblio-File

SPRING/SUMMER 2014

**PACIFIC PALISADES LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION**

**Friends of the Palisades Library: Over
50 years of service to the community**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alice Inglis

Dear Members of the Library Association,

As the fiscal year comes to a close, I realize that I have been on the Board for 20 years! I was the Treasurer for 10 years, and then President. I have seen significant changes for our library and for our community, especially the campaign for, and development of the new branch. We are now launching a Palisades Library Bookstore on July 1. Additionally, there has been a significant turnover in staff. Only Gail Kim has served the entire 20 years. I have enjoyed working with many board members and the staff over the years. We also welcome four new Board Members, Bill Bruns, Sandra Eddy, Susan Adomian and Gloria Nakamura.

These past two decades have been a time of great personal satisfaction for me. Unfortunately, family health problems make it imperative for me to step down. Next year, I will be Co-President with a person to be elected at our annual meeting, to make the transition easier for all.



FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Mary Hopf

Hot off the Press

Please do not forget about ***Hot Off the Press*** for those great summer reads. These are the latest titles:

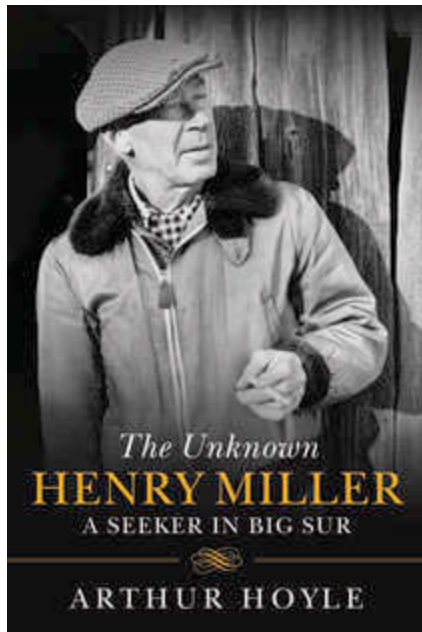
Havana Storm by Clive Cussler, *Dark Blood* by Christine Feehan, *Perfect Witness* by Iris Johansen, *Shopaholic to the stars* by Sophie Kinsella, *Killing Patton* by Bill O'Reilly, *Burn* by James Patterson, *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult, *Prince Lestat* by Anne Rice, *Festive in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Pegasus* by Danielle Steel, *A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein, and *Paris Match* by Stuart Woods.

Summer Reading Club

Patrons of all ages are invited to join our Summer Reading Club. There are two themes: Paws to Read (children) and Pause-2-Read (teen). The club is open to everyone-all ages. In August, we will invite adults to share their favorite book read over the summer. We are hosting wonderful free programs, giving away fun reading incentives, and the Pacific Palisades Library Association is sponsoring a writing contest for elementary, middle school and high school students. Please join us and have a great summer!

PROGRAMS

Corinne Bourdeau and Carolyn Fank



The successful PPLA Third Thursday Author Series hosted a wonderful author evening on March 20. Arthur Hoyle discussed his new book, ***The Unknown Henry Miller: A Seeker in Big Sur***. This interesting discussion focused on Mr. Miller's career when he lived in Big Sur from 1944 to 1961.

A Big Fat Crisis: The Hidden Forces Behind the Obesity Epidemic and How We Can End It. On May 15, Dr. Deborah A. Cohen provided a very thought provoking presentation concerning the obesity epidemic. In her talk, she provided data concerning the improvements in health brought about by alcohol and cigarette regulations. She suggested that restrictions should similarly exist for food. Overeating, she proposed, is not a reflection of individual weakness and lack of self-control but rather a result of the power of advertising, the pricing of food, and the size of portions served by restaurants, among other factors. She had specific recommendations for how we can help bring about constructive change.

Upcoming events include:

September 18: David Misch, ***The History of Ha!*** based on his book, ***Funny: The Book/Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Comedy.***

September 16: J.D. Rothman, ***The Neurotic Parent's Guide to College Admissions: Strategies for Helicoptering, Hot-housing & Micromanaging.***



November 6: A very special evening with Kenneth Turan, ***54 Favorites from a Lifetime in Film.***

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Sandra Eddy

Sandy held executive level positions at several FORTUNE 500 companies including Time Inc., Westinghouse and Liberty Media. At HBO, she played a key role developing sales and product training programs. She spent over six years as an executive at International Channel Networks. During the past 14 years, Sandy has been very involved in the non-profit world both as a volunteer and as a marketing consultant. Much of that volunteer work has been done right here in the Palisades, representing the American Cancer Society Discovery Shops, serving on the Executive Committee of the Palisades Chamber and as President in 2005-2006. Sandy holds a bachelors degree from Pennsylvania State University as well as a teaching credential and completed coursework for a Masters degree in Education from Minnesota State University at Mankato.

Bill Bruns

Bill and his wife Pam have lived in Pacific Palisades since 1972. They moved out here from New York, when he was working for LIFE magazine. When the magazine ceased publication at the end of 1972, Bill became a freelance writer and went on to write about 15 non-fiction books on a variety of subjects. He worked as Hollywood bureau chief for TV Guide for three years before becoming editor-in-chief of the Palisadian-Post in 1993. He retired last November. He and Pam have two children, who both graduated from Palisades High: Alan, a middle school teacher and high school baseball coach in Seattle, and Allison, a social worker at

St. John's. There are four grandchildren. Pam is executive director of the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force, an advocacy program she founded 10 years ago that now has chapters in 13 Los Angeles-area high schools.

Susan Adoniam

Susan recently retired from the pharmaceutical development and research world. She had worked for an international biotech company for many years and enjoyed years of travel both internationally and within the continental United States. She feels fortunate to have many friends throughout the United States and by volunteering for the library, she is looking forward to knowing more of her neighbors. She stays very active with her Rhodesian Ridgebacks by participating in AKC and local dog club lure coursing, obedience, agility, and rally trials. As a couple, Susan and her husband enjoy volunteer work together at the UCLA School of Law in their mock trial program and, another diversion, is their participation in the Culinary Historical Society.

Gloria Nakamura

During all of her adult life, Gloria has been involved in her small family trust. As a lifelong reader and almost lifelong Palisadian, the Palisades Library is very dear to her. "Reading is almost the only thing I can support 100% without reservations," she says. "I don't care what anyone reads, Young Adult, Manga, comic books, the back of cereal boxes! I wish I could be the person who teaches the first cat to read." Loving reading and books, Gloria will be a great addition to the Board.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Kathy Slattery

Congratulations to the winners of our 2014 Adult Creative Writing Contest. An awards ceremony was held at the library in March. The winning entries were presented in a spoken word performance by actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian. Winners received gift certificates to Diesel Books. The winning entries are available to read at <http://www.friendsofpalilibrary.org>. The pieces are also in hard copy at the library. Patrons can read the winning pieces for both the children and adult contests going back three years for the adults and back to the 1990s for the children.

WINNERS

Memoir

- 1st Place - ***The Question*** by Farida Fotouchi
- 2nd Place - ***Driving the 1957 Chevy*** by Sue Pascoe
- 3rd Place - ***Cutter*** by Amanda Michaels-Zech

Poetry

- 1st Place - ***Many and Which*** by Mary Pelletier
- 2nd Place - ***Dwell on the Positives Wherever You Find Them*** by Kurt Toppel
- 3rd Place - ***Stuck in the Past Lane*** by Norm Siever

Short Story

- 1st Place - ***Shrine*** by Gary Bishop
- 2nd Place - ***The Necklace*** by Patrice Conlin
- 3rd Place - ***The Book of Love: Chapter Two*** by Amy Sommer



Actor Bill Jones, Patrice Conlin, Gary Bishop, Kurt Toppel, Amanda Michaels-Zech, Actor Christine Kludjian



Poets Ghetta Ilves and Annette Robinson (Poetry judges)

Children's Creative Writing Program

The summer Creative Writing Contest runs from June 13-September 2, with an awards ceremony in the Fall. Details are available at the information desk in the library or at

www.friendsofpalilibrary.org



Palisades Library
BOOKSTORE

Friends of the Palisades Library are very excited to announce that the **Palisades Library Bookstore** will open for business on July 1 in the Palisades Library.

The Bookstore will open its doors on the library patio, located adjacent to the magazine section in the rear right of the library. In addition to selling gently used hardbacks and paperbacks in fiction and non-fiction categories, the store will feature a modest inventory of 'Special' books. Books will be added to the store on a weekly basis in a 'New Arrivals' cabinet. Parking lot Book Sales will continue as usual.

The store will be open Tuesdays 1-5 P.M., Wednesdays 11 A.M.-7 P.M. and Saturdays 11A.M.-5 P.M. during July and August. Plans are to increase Bookstore hours in the fall. A grand opening event will take place in September 13.

We are seeking volunteers who can work two-hour shifts on either a weekly or bi-monthly basis or who are willing to be included on an on-call list when substitutes are needed. In addition to working the store, there will be other volunteer opportunities to assist with the ongoing marketing and operation of the store. Interested individuals, please contact us at palibookstore@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the Bookstore, as well as the book sales, will be donated to the library to help purchase books and audio-visual materials, and to maintain the premises.

WHAT THE "FRIENDS" ARE READING: Favorite books from our Library Board

Fiction

Rachel Kushner's novel ***Telex from Cuba*** is a first novel based on her mother's childhood in pre-revolutionary 1950s Cuba. The characters, including American expat families, a mysterious mercenary and the showgirl he secretly loves, and Raul and Fidel Castro, live in a place of great beauty and in a time of great turmoil. I recommend it.

Kathy Slattery

The Magician's Assistant by Ann Patchett. In Ann Patchett's novel, magic includes unexpected love and redemption. She has written many excellent novels, but this is my favorite.

Bel Canto was marvelous too!

Alice Inglis

A Tale for the Time Being, by Ruth Ozeki. A compelling story of a troubled Japanese teenager, her 104 year-old great-grandmother, and a British-Colombian woman, brought together by a diary discovered years later. This wonderful novel communicates the mystery of time, the wisdom of age and a love of life.

Arline Halper

What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank, by Nathan Englander. In this excellent collection of short stories, the author explores with poignancy and humor how faith and family shape an individual's identity.

Gayle Rabinovitz

Lovers At The Chameleon Club, Paris 1932 by Francine Prose. This novel is a literary mystery, and a portrait of Paris from the mid-twenties to the Second World War.

Renee Klein

When the Killing's Done and **"San Miguel"** by T.C. Boyle are two books about the Channel Islands. Inspired by the Frank Lloyd Wright designed house he lives in, he also wrote **"The Women"** about Wright's personal life. His classic **"Tortilla Curtain"**, taking place in Topanga Canyon, is another good read by one of my favorite authors.

Elsie Scarano

Orphan Train by Christina Kline. The story takes place between 1854-1929 in American when thousands of abandoned children were taken by train to the Midwest to be adopted. Some were taken by loving families; others would face a life of hard labor. It's a fascinating story that will hold your interest.

Cynthia Baskin

Autobiography

Act One by Moss Hart. This is a very special favorite of mine. Moss Hart writes of his early-impoverished childhood in New York and his lifelong determination to be part of the world of theater, through his first of many successful collaborations with George S. Kaufman in the 1920's. Among its many accolades, Time Magazine called it, "the best book on show business... in this century in our time." Currently, a Tony nominated stage production playing on Broadway.

Nancy Mekelburg

Sergeant Rex by Mike Dowling, an autobiography. This book tells the story of not only a soldier's life during combat but it also tells the story of a dog's life and mindset in combat. It does a good job of explaining how K9s are trained. Mike and Rex were deployed to the dreaded "Triangle of Death" south of Baghdad, in March 2004. The emotional trip Mike faced as he had to send his dog out before himself, and his fellow marines in the unit, to detect IEDs and road side bombs all to clear the way for them was heart retching. It is a story of teamwork, devotion, love and fear. The author was awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his Iraq operations with his dog, Rex.

Amy Kalb



Non-fiction

Pam and I are listening to Elizabeth Warren's book, **A Fighting Chance**. She's an effective reader (we always prefer to hear the author) and her life story is interesting and compelling. We have also enjoyed listening to three of Simon Winchester's books:

The Professor and the Madman, about the creation of the Oxford English Dictionary; **A Crack in the Edge of the World**, about the San Francisco earthquake; and **Atlantic: A Vast Ocean of a Million Stories**. He has an engaging reading voice and brings to life endless fascinating personalities, events and details (audio-books). **Bill Bruns**

The Third Plate: Field Notes on The Future of Food by Dan Barber. This is one of the best books on the farm to table movement that I have read. It is a combination of memoir and food history, and it is chock full of interesting anecdotes and facts about our food system. The book is written and researched by Chef Dan Barber from the famed Stone Barn Center in New York. It is *must* reading for any foodie or anyone interested in the future of food!
Corrine Bourdeau

Young Adult

I recommend two young adult romance/political thrillers: one with a guy protagonist: **Divided We Fall** by Trent Reedy, and a girl: **A Girl Called Fearless** by Catherine Linka. All that American teen Avie Reveare wants is freedom to be with her boyfriend and go to college; but when her father "contracts" her to marry a rich older man to save his struggling Los Angeles company, Avie must either run or die.
Nina Kidd

LIBRARY BOOK SALES

Wendy Edlen



With the continuing generous donations of books in GOOD CONDITION, CDs and DVDs, we are able to enjoy great success with our Friends book sales. Our volunteers are available to receive donations in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, from 12:30pm-5:00pm. Our sales are held 4 to 5 times a year in the library parking lot on Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm and are only possible with the generous time and efforts of our wonderful volunteers.



MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Breech

Many thanks to our nearly 400 members who renewed their membership this past year and welcome to our 20 new members. June begins our new membership year (2014-2015) and we look forward to your continued support of the PPLA. You can renew online at our website. www.friendsofpalilibrary.org or use the membership renewal envelop that you will receive by mail.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

Have you ever visited our website? If not, please check it out. All ongoing and upcoming programs are detailed. We'd especially like to highlight the Gifts and Tributes page at which you can commemorate an occasion by a gift to the Pacific Palisades Library Association.

www.friendsofpalilibrary.org

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN "CHRIS" HORNING

There were 19, totaling over \$1600.

Gloria Bigelow
Janice Boswell
Virginia Chalmers
Kendall Crilly
Lynn and Stock Gaines
Charles and Elizabeth Gates
Susan and Michael Gibbons
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harding
Grover and Caroline Heyler
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