

# Biblio-file Spring 2018



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



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** **Laura Schneider**

Dear Members of the Library Association,

January marked the fifty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Palisades library. In 1963, even the most forward-thinking futurist could not have predicted the myriad ways that information consumption would change in little more than half a century. Ink on paper has given much ground to digital devices, and our library has evolved to meet the needs of a changing information landscape.

Some of our best customers—including my own mother—check out all of their

books on their iPads. Others avail themselves of the opportunity to study virtually anything through online learning databases available through the library, from foreign languages to high school algebra and a nearly endless array of college-level courses.

Despite this migration to a digital world, our library remains as vibrant and popular as ever. Our busy parking lot tells the story of the constant comings and goings of our patrons, staff and volunteers. Last month alone, it was possible to practice mindfulness, learn the culinary history of kimchee (in addition to how to make it), or take an origami class—just to name a few of the Friends-supported activities at our library.

Then there are the many important civic programs that the library helps facilitate by sharing its community room. In fact, some of our board members and volunteers also share their time and leadership with these other community groups. The Pacific Palisades Taskforce on Homelessness uses the library to hold open meetings in which the community works together to address the challenging problem of helping the homeless. The Pacific Palisades Alliance for Seniors also uses the library to bring a diverse schedule of relevant programs to our underserved senior community.

As Head Librarian Mary Hopf reported to the board at our last meeting, the library is “busier than ever”. As Friends of the Palisades Library, we are committed to making the library a dynamic and valuable part of our community for the next 55 years—and beyond.

## **FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN Mary Hopf**

### **Get Ready for Summer!**

Summer will be here soon and so will the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere!" We will host numerous programs for all ages and best of all, everything is free! We will give away fun reading incentives, including book bags, tumblers, stickers, and more! The challenge will begin in mid-June and end at the beginning of August. For more details, please contact us at (310) 459-2754. The Palisades Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library is located at 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 90272.



### **California Index**

The California Index is a vast and unique resource for information relating to the history of Los Angeles and California. In addition to citations, this database also includes scans of documents and ephemera from files at Central Library and many of the system's branches. This collection can be searched. Images from this collection can be printed online. Please contact the Palisades Branch Library for more details.

## **Looking For Temporary Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to help us during the summer reading program. Mostly, we need people to help us with sign-ups and various library events. If you are interested, please contact Mary Hopf, at (310) 459-2754. Students who are 14 years of age and older are welcome.

## **RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FOR ALICE INGLIS**



On January 8, the entire Library Board turned out to celebrate the retirement of Past President Alice Inglis at Modo Mio Restaurant in the Palisades. Alice was celebrated for her service of more than twenty years of service to the Friends of Palisades Library Board. Alice served as Treasurer for ten years and President for twelve years. During that period, the Palisades Library substantially increased their contributions to the library. This effort was funded by parking lot book sales, and membership donations. This effort benefited the purchase of new books and audiovisual materials for the library, pay for office equipment and furnishings, support landscaping and building maintenance, resources for a variety of library programs, and provide assistance to targeted inner-city libraries.

## BOOK SALES

### Wendy Edlen

Our Friends of the Palisades Library have continued to present our very successful gently used book sales held on Saturdays in the library parking during this year

The generosity of our donors who supply us with wonderful books, CD's and DVD's in **good condition** keeps these sales going, and we appreciate the generosity of the volunteers who receive donations in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30pm to 5:00pm. The volunteer will issue a tax deductible donation slip when requested.

The date of the next sale has not been determined at this time. Stay tuned in!

## PROPOSED NEW BOOKSTORE

In its quarterly meeting, the PPLA Board unanimously approved a budget and timeline for building an 1,100 square foot bookstore. Architect Rick Leslie attended the meeting to present his design and answer questions. The bookstore will be built in what is currently an outdoor space that is not visible from the street and it will not change the architectural integrity of the existing building. The bookstore will have the same interior features as the existing library. Next steps include finalizing the contract with the City of Los Angeles and presenting the concept to the LA City Library Board of Commissioners.



Board members Wendy Edlen, Laurel Garver and President Laura Schnieder with architect Rick Leslie, celebrating PPLA Board approval of the proposed new bookstore,



### Sandy Eddy

The "original" Bookstore continues to increase in its use and popularity with additional hours, a major spring cleaning, improved organization and categorization of books, and occasional 'Pop-up' sales in the community room.

The book table and cart, with a variety of books for sale, in the lobby by the book donation table, has continually brought new customers into the store and has been a great 'addition' to the store.

Again, we thank our dedicated volunteers who make it possible for the store to raise funds that benefit the library.

*Bookstore hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:30a-4:30p; Tues., Thur. 12:30p-4:30p; and Sat. 10:00a-4:30p. Closed Sundays and holidays.*

## MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Breech

Thanks to the 360 Friends of the Library who have renewed their membership since our year started in July 2016. You can still renew or join as a new member either online at our website, [www.friendsofpalilibrary.org](http://www.friendsofpalilibrary.org) or by using a remittance envelope which is available at the donations table across from the library checkout counter. Librarians will accept completed membership envelopes as well.

The six levels of participation for annual membership are:

**Sage \$20-49**

**Epic \$50-\$99**

**Bestseller \$100-\$249**

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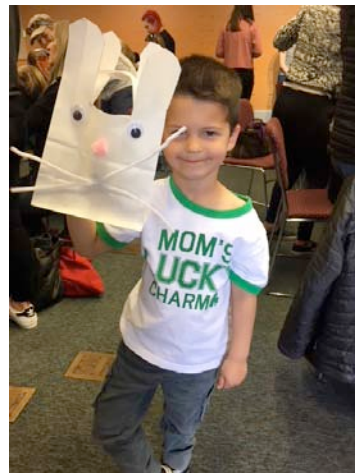
To honor those members who enroll at the Bestseller level and above, a commemorative bookplate inscribed with your name is placed in a new book in the Palisades branch.

Your support continues to provide funds for books, movies, landscaping, and a variety of other expenses that our library's budget does not cover. The PPLA is a 501©(3) nonprofit organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

## PALI EGG HUNT & CRAFT EVENT HUGE SUCCESS



Palisades Library was a flurry of paper, paste, crayons, smiles and bunnies on March 18 for the Egg Hunt and Craft event. The Friends of Palisades Library supported the event with funds for crafts and other materials. About 50 children and 30 adults attended. It was a terrific community event enjoyed by all participants.



## THE PALISADES LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

Renee Klein

The Palisades Library Book Group meets every other month on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The group is self-directed. The next book for discussion is **Improvement: A Novel** by Joan Silber on Tuesday, May 22, 1:30.

Last month's book selection of **The Gentleman From Moscow** by Amor Towles proved to be a lively and interesting discussion. We welcome all to join us!

## THIRD THURSDAY AUTHOR SPEAKER SERIES

### Bill Bruns

.Long-time Pacific Palisades resident Alan Eisenstock will talk about the memoir he co-authored for pro basketball legend Elgin Baylor, "Hang Time: My Life in Basketball," on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 in the Palisades Library community room. The public is invited to this Friends of the Palisades Library event. "This book culminates a 4-year labor of love, and I'm very proud of it," says Eisenstock, who has published nine other non-fiction books. *Booklist* gave "Hang Time" a starred review, calling it "... a compulsively readable autobiography," and stating, "For anyone with an interest in basketball history, this is absolutely essential reading." The book details Baylor's early life and development, his personal challenges as a pioneering black athlete in the 1950s, his many failed

attempts to bring the Lakers an NBA championship, and his years as general manager of the L.A. Clippers. Before writing the book, Eisenstock told the Palisades News, "I knew about Elgin's physical strength as a player, but I wasn't aware how strong he was as a person."

## MEET DALE FRAZEN: LOS ANGELES LIBRARY BOARD COMMISSIONER,



Palisadian Dale Franzen has been recently appointed to the LA City Library Board of Commissioners, by Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Dale started her career as a classically trained soprano in musical theater, operetta, and opera, working with icons like Placido Domingo. After over twenty years as a singer, she was asked to create a performing arts center in Santa Monica to serve the community. Dale raised over \$123-million dollars to build and run The Broad Stage and served as its Founding Director for 17 years and Founding Artistic Director for 7 seasons.

After stepping down as the Founding Artistic Director, Dale is developing and produced a new musical called **Hadestown**, inspired by the Greek myth

of **Orpheus and Eurydice**. **Hadestown** had an off-Broadway run at the New York Theatre Workshop in 2016, with excellent reviews, including **The New York Times**. **Hadestown** is gearing up to an eventual move to Broadway. As a public speaking lecturer in University settings, including UCLA and USC, Dale enjoys working with artists, emerging arts leaders, and interns to help launch their careers.

## WHAT THE “FRIENDS” ARE READING

### Renee Klein

I read and enjoyed two books by **Joan Silber**: “The Size of the World” and “Improvement”. I also enjoyed a memoir, “My Grandfather’s Gallery” by **Anne Sinclair**

### Arline Halper

“Asymmetry” is a fascinating and intelligent novel by newly published author, **Lisa Holiday**. The main character is loosely based on the life of novelist Phillip Roth.

### Susan Abdomian

“A Gentleman In Moscow” by **Amor Towles** centers on a man caught between political regimes in Russian history. The protagonist is an “unrepentant aristocrat”. The book is filled with wonderful language use. Author previously wrote *Rules of Civility*.

### “Eleanor Oliphant” by Gail Honeyman.

An agoraphobic Scottish woman deals with day-to-day life. Film rights for the book were picked up by Reese Witherspoon for her new company, *Hello Sunshine* has been a very popular book, based on the library waitlist.

## CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

### Kathy Slattery

The Children’s Creative Writing Contest committee will soon be meeting to plan this summer’s competition. The annual event is a favorite among Palisadians, the highlight of which is the reading of winning entries by actors Christine Kludjian and Bill Jones. This year, the committee will consider adding an adult group in the competition. Stay tuned for the announcement!



## ALoud Programs on PodCast

### CHECK OUT ALoud PROGRAMS

Podcasts and videos from our programs are available free online at our growing Media Archive. Visit the archive at [ifla.org/archive](http://ifla.org/archive) to explore hundreds of podcasts and videos spanning 20+ years of ALoud history bringing authors, artists, and thinkers to the LA Public Library

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Sunny Feinerman, Pat Morra, Renee Weisenberg, Shirley Cabeen and Marcella Miller are Honorary Life Members of the Board.

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