

The Biblio-file

SUMMER 2015

**PACIFIC PALISADES LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION**

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

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS
Alice Inglis and Nancy Meckelburg

Dear Members of the Library Association,

As another successful fiscal year ends for the PPLA, we would like to express our gratitude to all our members and volunteers. Your involvement and support continue to help us fund our own wonderful Palisades branch, as well as assist other branches in Los Angeles.

We have been able to continue to support library maintenance and landscaping needs, as well as to assist with the purchase of books, audiovisual equipment and other library needs.

This spring, we gave a lovely luncheon for all our volunteers. It was very well attended and included new volunteers as well as those with many years of service.

Our Third Thursday Author Speakers series continues to provide well-attended and entertaining evenings. Our most recent evening was with the erudite Richard Reeves discussing his book, *Infamy* about the Manzanar Japanese-American internment camp. The



speaker series will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume again in the fall.

Additionally, we are sponsoring a series of book discussions facilitated by the eminent discussion leader, Judith Palarz. Details are available at the front desk.

All of our programs are open to the public at no cost.

Although we have decided to forgo the Adult Creative Writing Contest this year, the always popular Children's Contest is in full swing this summer. The contest will culminate in October with our two very talented actors reading the winning entries.

We always value your suggestions and welcome new members throughout the year. We wish you all a very happy and healthy summer.

FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Mary Hopf

Summer Reading for Children and Teens

Please join us for summer fun at the library, *Read to the Rhythm*; free programs, give-a-ways, and more. Sign up at the reference desk through August 1. For more information, please explore our home page www.lapl.org or contact the Palisades Branch Library. Our telephone number is (310) 459-2754 and our E-mail is palsds@lapl.org.

2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Services

Los Angeles Public Library was awarded the *2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Services*, a distinguished award that celebrates service to a community. Because the library offers a wide variety of programs that enable people to become educated and empowered, and provides information that is valuable, convenient, appealing, and sometimes, life changing, we received the nation's most prestigious award given to museums and libraries. For more details, please explore our home page: www.lapl.org

To Live and Dine in L.A.

Please join us for fun events funded by the Library Foundation. The *To Live and Dine in L.A* programs will be held from July through October. Please follow us on Twitter at #palisadeslapl.

BOOK SALES

Wendy Edlen

Our very gently used book sales continue to enjoy success due to the remarkable generosity of those who donate a wonderful variety of books in great condition. We are grateful for the support and for those patrons who are always very pleased to find just what they are looking for, or even what is unexpected, at our Saturday parking lot sales. Two more sales are scheduled this year on September 19th and December 5th.

We are in need of volunteers who would enjoy spending a few hours a month in the Palisades Branch Library receiving donations. The volunteering shifts are from 12:30-3:00 pm or 3:00 -5:00 pm on a Tuesday or Thursday once a month. The volunteers are scheduled two months ahead and there is always flexibility in the scheduling. It is **very important** that the volunteer be physically able to lift and carry bags or boxes of books that have to be moved from either the donor's car or from inside the library into the Friends' storage room. There is always a cart with wheels available but a strong healthy back and good general physical condition is necessary. If you or anyone you can think of might be interested in helping with this **crucial** part of the book sale process, please have them contact me at 310-962-8313, or email me at wendypacpal@yahoo.com. I will be happy to answer all questions and further explain the volunteer position. Thank you very much!



Palisades Library
BOOKSTORE

Sandy Eddy

On July 1 the Palisades Library Bookstore celebrated its First Anniversary! Many changes have taken place since opening day last year. Increased days and hours, improved organization and categorizing of books and quarterly 'pop-up' sales to name a few.

The Bookstore will continue to evolve and fine-tune all aspects of the operation as we move into our second year. Again, we thank our dedicated volunteers who make it possible for the store to raise funds that benefit the library.

Bookstore hours: Mon.-Tues & Thur -Fri. 1-5; Wed. 10:30 -5; and Sat. 11-5



MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Breech

So far, this membership year (July, 2014-June, 2015), we have had about 400 members renew, and three new members join. All those who renew in the top three categories can find their names on the Donor Recognition page. For those of you who haven't renewed yet, please consider renewing at our website, www.friendsofpalilibrary.org.

We also have renewal envelopes at the book donation table across from the library check-out counter. To all returning members, we appreciate your help, support and dedication to the PPLA.

The PPLA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

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

Renee Klein

Nonfiction: The Hotel of Place Vendome by Tilar J. Mazzeo. A wonderful social history of the Hotel Ritz, focusing mainly on World War II. Nazis, movie stars, royals and Hemingway.

Fiction: The Unquiet Dead by Ausma Zehanat Khan. A debut novel/mystery with complex characters and the story of a real-world tragedy.

Karen Stigler

I've returned to the Donna Leon mysteries set in Venice (Italy!): Cerebral, with lots of great-sounding food and steeped in place.

Corinne Bourdeau

Shelter Us, by Laura Nicole Diamond. Set in Pacific Palisades, lawyer turned stay-at-home mom, Sarah Shaw is struggling to keep it together for her two young sons and law professor husband. Since the death of their infant daughter, her husband has been buried in his career, her friendships have withered, and Sarah's heart catches at the sight of a young homeless woman pushing a baby in a stroller – and saving them becomes her secret, obsessive mission. An unlikely bond grows between Sarah and the young mother, Josie. When tragedy threatens Josie, Sarah discovers that she is capable of deceptions and transgressions she never imagined.

Painted Horses by Malcolm Brooks. A beautiful novel that takes place in the American West in the 1950's about a young female archeologist as she sets out to research the effects of a dam on a

Native American Canyon. Poetic and stunning and a real tribute to the old West!

Lynn Gaines

One of the best books I've read recently is Ruth Ozeki's, *A Tale for the Time Being*.

“Full of Ozeki's signature humor and deeply engaged with the relationship between writer and reader, past and present, history and myth...an inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.”

(Amazon reviewer)

Arline Halper

Honeydew by Edith Pearlman. This is a collection of beautifully written short stories; succinctly holding you hostage and capturing your heart and soul.

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Kathy Slattery

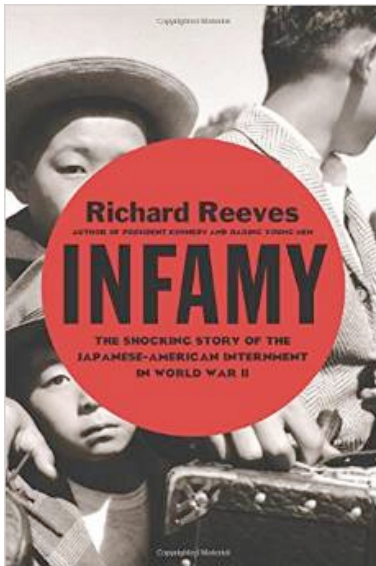
This year's theme is “Rockin', Rhythm and Rhymes”. Children entering grades 1-12 are invited to write creative pieces incorporating the theme in some way. The winners will be awarded gift certificates to Diesel Books with the winning entries performed by actors next fall at an awards ceremony. Details are available at the library information desk or at the Friends website www.friendsofpalilibrary.org.

PROGRAMS

Connie Bourdeau

The Third Thursday Programs were very well attended this Spring. The February 19 program featuring Sharon Weil, author of *Donny and Ursula Save the World*, brought in an audience of 25 and the March 19 program featuring Gina B. Nahai, author of *The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.* drew an audience of about 50. The June 18 program featured Richard Reeves, author of *Infamy: The Shocking Story of the Japanese-American Internment in World War II*, with about 50 enthusiastic persons attending.

The September 17th book event will feature Laura Nicole Diamond, author of newly released, *Shelter Us* (described on p.4).



NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friends' Book Discussion Group was launched on Tuesday, July 7 with 52 participants attending! Led by facilitator Judith Palarz, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd was discussed. Future book club meetings will be held on September 8th and November 3rd from 12-1:30. There is no charge to participants.



Sandy Eddy, emcee, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (photo Tom Hofer)

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Elsie Scarano

On May 1st of this year, the Friends of the Palisades Library honored the 82 volunteers who donated their time to the library with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. These dedicated workers help at our book sales, the Bookstore, reading to kids (START), and various jobs at the library, as well as serving as board members. Committee members included Lynn Gaines, Lynn Anderson, Sandy Eddy, Wendy Edlen, Alice Inglis, Gayle Rabinovitz and Elsie Scarano.

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