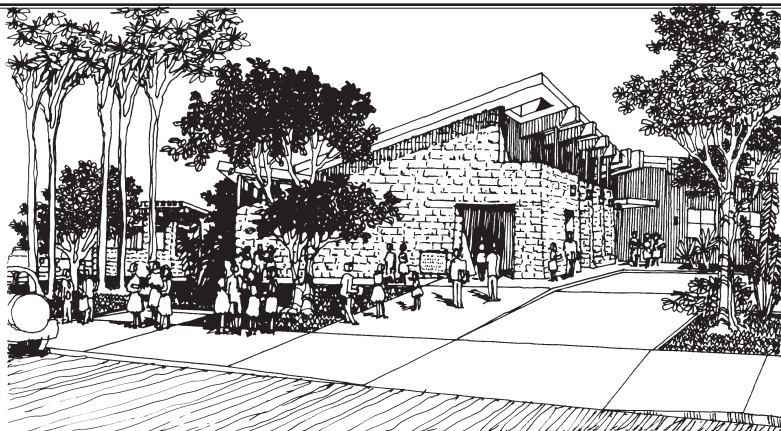


THE BIBLIO-FILE

Spring/Summer 2013

Pacific Palisades Library Association

Friends of the Palisades Branch Library
Over 50 years of service to the community



From the President

Alice Inglis

Dear Members of the Library Association,

On March 9, 2013, the Palisades Branch held an Open House in honor of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the “old” branch in January, 1963. Coincidentally, the Palisadian Post ran a special section on February 28, 2013, “50 Years Ago in Palisadian-Post History” and the ceremony to launch that branch was mentioned.

Few of us might remember that day in 1963, but I hope you recall the opening of our present branch in February, 2003. It was quite an event. Mitzi Bland, our then president and chief fundraiser extraordinaire, orchestrated a true gala! There was a ceremony conducted by the Masons, an invocation, speakers (including the City Librarian, Susan Kent, and our Councilperson, Cindy Miscikowski) ribbon-cutting, balloons and the Palisades’ own Oompah Band. The parking lot was filled with guests, standing room only! Later there was a band on the patio and wonderful food. It was very exciting!

Not commemorated was the year 1993, but it was important nonetheless. It was the 20th year of our 501c(3) tax status, allowing us to raise tax-deductible funds. On October 3rd of that year, the Central Library, that had been completely rebuilt after a devastating fire, was re-opened with a major festival for the City. The new Central Library launched us into the modern age of computers and the Internet.

Our records show that in 1993, Wendy Edlen, Lou Jenkins, Renee Klein and Sunny Feinerman were on the board. Everyone else is a newcomer!

The March 9th event was a great success. The entire community was invited and many former members of the board attended. Special activities were planned for the children. The food was especially delicious, much of it was provided by Mary Hopf, our wonderful senior librarian. There were two sheet cakes, one for the 10th anniversary and one for the 50th. There wasn’t a single crumb left over!



Alice Inglis, Elsie Scarano and Arline Halper at the March 9th anniversary party.

As always, we are grateful to all of our members for your generous support over the years.

From the Senior Librarian

Mary Hopf

The following is a list of Hot Off the Press titles we received in April:

Light of the World by James Lee Burke, *Bombshell* by Catherine Coulter, *Death Angel* by Linda Fairstein, *Affliction* by Laurell K. Hamilton, *Hunting Eve* by Iris Johansen, *Lemon Orchard* by Luanne Rice, *English Girl* by Daniel Silva, *White Princess* by Philippa Gregory, *Trains and Lovers* by Alexander McCall Smith, *Beast* by Faye Kellerman, *Rose Harbor in Bloom* by Debbie Macomber, and *Bones of the Lost* by Kathy Reichs.

Thanks to the Pacific Palisades Library Association, we were able to purchase recently released paperbacks and add them to our collection. Some of the popular titles include Chris Bohjalian's *The Sandcastle Girls*, Daniel Kahneman's *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, Maria Semple's *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?*, Margot Stedman's *The Light Between Oceans*, and Jess Walter's *Beautiful Ruins*. They are available for check out and are shelved on our paperback cart.

Get ready for summer reading! This summer's theme is Reading is so delicious! The free program begins June 3. The kickoff program for teens will be held Tuesday, June 4, at 4:00 p.m. and will feature Joseph John Peck and steel drums! The children's kickoff program will be held Thursday, June 6, at 4:00 p.m. and will feature Patrick Bell's *Opera-Kadabra* with opera and magic! Also, for adults, every second Saturday,

there is a free film showing (often first-run films). Every other month, the Culinary Historians of Southern California give wonderful free lectures on various cuisines of the world. We invite children, teens, and adults to participate. For more information, please contact us at the beginning of June for a complete list of events and details.

Programs

Corinne Bourdeau, Carolyn Fank, and Katie O'Laughlin



Diana Gould (above) signing her new novel *Coldwater* during an appearance at a recent Third Thursdays event. Other recent speakers have been Jessica Seiter Niblo discussing her new book, *Movietown Baby Grows Up*.

The PPLA Third Thursday Author Series is thrilled to announce the exciting line up of speakers for the Summer and Fall!

Thursday June 20th PPLA will present a special evening celebrating local authors:

When Women's Voices come together, a powerful song is born. Join Sammy Dunn, author of *Failing Paris*, Mara Purl, author of *Where the Heart Lives*, Barbara Abercrombie, author of *Kicking In the Wall: A Year of Writing Exercises, Prompts and Quotes to Help You Break Through Your Blocks* and *Reach Your Writing Goals*, Monica Holloway, author of *Cowboy & Wills: A Love Story*, Aviva Layton, contributor to *The Other Woman*, Victoria Zackheim, editor of *Exit Laughing: How Humor Takes the Sting Out of Death*, as they read selections from their varied and powerful works.

September 19th features Kevin West, author of *Saving the Seasons: A Cooks Guide to Home Canning, Pickling and Preserving* giving a lively and informative presentation on his new book. Kevin is a certified Master Food Preserver and an exciting young voice in the world of food preservation and history. This evening is sure to be of interest to anyone interested in food, preservation and gardening.

Thursday, October 17th - Cookbook author Anne Willan, the renowned chef, historian and long time owner of the legendary Lavarenne Cooking School in France, will speak on her new memoir titled *One Souffle at a Time*.

Membership

Debbie Breech

Many thanks to the nearly 500 Friends who renewed their membership in the 2012-2013 year. We also welcome the thirty new members who joined during this same time period. Your gener-

ous support continues to keep our branch library a vital, current, exciting and pleasant place to visit. Your dues help provide books, audio visual materials, and other resources that the library could not otherwise afford. Our writing contests, speakers programs and book sales continue to be highlights of our association.

Our new membership year, 2013 (July 1) – 2014 (June30), begins with this newsletter. We hope you again renew your membership to continue the programs the Library Association supports and maintains. There are four levels of participation for annual membership: Individual - \$15; Family - \$25; Supporting - \$50; and Patron - \$100.

To honor a Patron's contribution, a commemorative bookplate inscribed with your name will be placed in a new book in the Palisades branch.

Please take time to fill out and return the enclosed envelope. The information needed to subscribe is also available on our website, www.friendsofpalibrary.org. Also, consider a new membership as a gift to a book lover, be it a grandchild, friend or someone new to the community who does not yet know about our organization. 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.

Second Annual Creative Writing Contests for Adults

Kathy Slattery

A full complement of writers and friends came out on Saturday evening, March 23, for a performance of the winning entries in the second annual writing contest for adults. Entries were judged by published authors and poets including Annette Robinson, Betsy Rosenthal, Getta Ives, and Diana Gould. The winning entries can be read online at <http://friendsofpalilibrary.org/Library-Programs.php> or in print at the Information Desk in the library. The winners are:

SHORT STORY

1st - The Fabric of My Father by Leslie Campbell
2nd - Caring, Or Not by Stacy Wilkin
3rd - Who's Going to Plunge the Toilet? by Howard Kern

MEMOIR

1st - Arizona Passage by Richard Sternberg
2nd - Endings by Birgit Nutter
3rd - The Carniman by Joan Koller Barnes

POETRY

1st - The Two Car Garage by Kurt Toppel
2nd - Rosemary in Budapest by Jack Mankiewicz
3rd - "You Are To Me" by Barry Shaw

Library Book Sales

Wendy Edlen

Our Friends of the Palisades Library continues to enjoy great success with our gently used book sales held on Saturdays in the library parking lot 4 to 5 times a year. We begin the sales at 8:30am and close at 1:30pm.

The generosity of our donors who supply us with wonderful books 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. We welcome books in good condition, CDs and DVDs, and the volunteer will issue a tax deductible donation slip when requested. Also, thank you to our patrons who recycle their paper bags with us and for bringing reusable bags to the book sales.

These sales are only possible with the support of our wonderful volunteers who contribute time and energy before, during and after the sales. It is only with this great combined effort that we can continue to provide our patrons with the quality and organization of our sales.

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