

The Biblio-File

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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 Meckelberg

Dear Members of the Library
Association,

2014 ends on a high note! We had over 400 members renew this year. The PPLA continues to fund our library's needs, such as landscape maintenance, audio-visual equipment and book purchases, as well as helping other libraries in Los Angeles.

Since our last Biblio-File, we have seen our new Library Book Store become a resounding success. We had a festive Grand Opening on September 13th and the store proved to be a wonderful addition to our very popular Library Book Sales.

Our very popular Third Thursday Authors program has presented many eclectic and entertaining authors. Recently, the LA Times Film Critic, Kenneth Turan spoke about his latest book to a very appreciative standing room only audience. This program



followed the success of the Children's Creative Writing Contest, and the subsequent award program. Kathy Slattery did her usual excellent job putting it all together. There were many wonderful entries, and there was a good size crowd to honor the winners.

The world of Public Libraries also had a big success! The Ferguson Public Library was very crucial during the riots, providing refuge for many, and serving as a meeting place for press conferences, among other events. As a result, donations have soared! The library that was a one-person operation can now grow. Talk about serving the community!

We welcome your suggestions throughout the year, and of course, new members. Wishing you the warmest Holiday and New Years greetings.

**Alice Inglis and newly elected Co-
President, Nancy Meckelberg**

FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Mary Hopf

Electronic Help at the Palisades Branch Library

We would like to remind everyone that we have a knowledgeable Computer Aide who works at the Palisades Branch Library. He works late afternoons and some evenings during the week. He will help you learn how to navigate our catalog, explore databases, and download electronic books, magazines, newspapers, and other types of materials to your devices. To schedule an appointment, please call us at (310) 459-2754.

Enjoy the Holidays with a Good Movie!

This year, there have been several changes! One of the biggest is our new online ordering service for DVDs. Los Angeles Public Library has made it easier to order your favorite movie titles. You can browse the catalog for the films you're interested in watching, check and order new releases, and renew your movies, if no one else has requested them. If you need searching tips and tricks, please visit us for a quick demonstration.

Annie's Back!

Our Young Adult Librarian Annie is back at the branch. She is looking forward to helping all of our teens who need to do community service hours, would like to take an active role in choosing library materials, and attend our Teen Council meetings. She is encouraging the teens to give

programming input and wishes to help students learn more about accessing databases and electronic sources.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Kathy Slattery

Forty-six local children and teens submitted original stories and poems to the creative writing contest this summer. The contest themes were **Paws for Writing** for children and **Pause for Writing** for teens. The awards ceremony on October 9 featured actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian performing the winning stories

(<https://www.youtube.com/user/PPLA-WritingContest/videos>). The winners received gift certificates to Diesel Books and gift cards to The Yogurt Shoppe, and all participants took home certificates and a goody bag. The winning stories are available to read in the library or on our website (<http://friendsofpalilibrary.org/>).

Scribblers (First and Second Grades)

1st Place - Kazy's Tail by Parker Keston (Marquez)
2nd Place - Bear Adventure by Audrey Smith (Canyon)
3rd Place - The Story of the Bear with the Wooden Paw by Lucas Brumbach (Palisades)

Jotters (Third and Fourth Grades)

1st Place - Storyo by Ellery Preven (Palisades)
2nd Place - A Paw of Love by Alana Kamins (Brentwood)
3rd Place - Marley by Zoe Shin (Calvary)

Scrawlers (Fifth and Sixth Grades)

1st Place - A Day in the Jungle by Sydney Forrester (Seven Arrows)
2nd Place - Mission Pausimicon by Ben Volokh (Mirman)
3rd Place - TIE - Pause for Animals by Rebecca Whitaker (Paul Revere)
3rd Place - TIE - There Is Always Hope by Katherine Kihiczak (Seven Arrows)

Scribes (Seventh and Eighth Grades)

1st Place - The Road by Avery Keare (St. Matthews)
2nd Place - Seafoamia by Bella Pocknell (Paul Revere)
3rd Place - Remote of Life by Isabelle D'Amico (Lincoln)

Authors (High School)

1st Place - Rewind by Kate Planting (Marlborough)
2nd Place - TIE - Elysian Fields by Sarah Enayati (Lycee Francais)
2nd Place - TIE - A Global Family by David Grinsfelder (Palisades)
3rd Place - The Magic Within by McKenzie Wilkins (Home School)



BOOK SALES

The Friends of the Palisades Library will continue to sponsor our popular gently used book sales in 2015. They will be held quarterly in March, June, September and December.

We are grateful to our donors who generously supply us with an electric assortment of wonderful books in good condition. Our volunteers are in the library to receive donations 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.

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 the combined effort of our volunteers and the donations from our patrons that we can continue bringing to our community the excellent quality and organization of our Friends book sales.

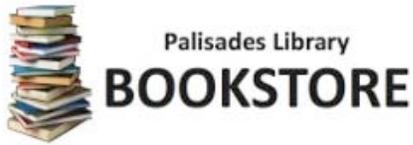
Wendy Edlen



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.friendsofpalibrary.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.



After a 'soft launch' in July, the new Palisades Library Bookstore increased from 3 days to 6 days a week in September. To celebrate, Friends Board members organized a lovely Grand Opening Event that took place on September 13th on the large patio.

Special guests included CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin, LAPL officials and Palisades community leaders.

A Flash Holiday Boutique will be held December, stocked with special books, cookbooks and children's books, providing another opportunity for the Bookstore to familiarize the community with the quality of gently used books available for purchase.

The Bookstore continues to evolve and fine-tune all aspects of the operation. We are very lucky to have dedicated volunteers who make it possible for the store to raise funds that benefit the library.

Bookstore hours: Mon- Fri. 1-5 and Sat. 11-5

Sandy Eddy



PROGRAMS

The PPLA Library Author Series enjoyed another successful year, capping off with a year end presentation by local author/LA Times film critic Kenneth Turan speaking about his new book, "Not to be missed: 54 Favorites from a Lifetime in Film" to a standing room only crowd! The presentation was followed by a lively Q&A and book signing.

Corrine Bordeau



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

Renee Klein

My choice for fiction this month is **Euphoria** by Lily King...a fictionalized account of Margaret Mead in New Guinea with her present husband and her future husband.

My non-fiction choice is **Careless People: Murder, Mayhem and the Invention of the Great Gatsby** by Sarah Churchwell...America in the 1920's, F.Scott Fitzgerald, and the creation of the Great Gatsby.

Karen Stigler

Pocket neighborhoods: Creating Small-Scale Community in a Large-Scale World, which is a wonderful Tauton Press book. Genre: Architecture/Neighborhood Development/Community Planning

P.G Wodehouse: **A Life in Letters**, which is an annotated collection of Wodehouse's letters by Sophie Ratcliffe. (non-fiction)

Arline Halper

All the Light We Cannot see by Anthony Doerr. This is a beautifully written novel about a blind French girl and a young German soldier during the German occupation of France. This book was just listed by the New York Times as one of the 10 Best Books of 2014.

Alice Inglis

Recently I read an “anthology” of sorts on my Kindle...**Best Contemporary Women's Fiction**: Six novels for the price of one. I had previously read each of them, and greatly enjoyed, nonetheless, reading them again. My favorites are “**The Magician's Assistant**” by Ann Patchett; **The “Vanishing act of Esme Lennox”** by Maggie O'Farrell, and “**Those Who Save Us**” by Jenna Blum. However, I recommend reading them all!

Nina Kidd

Brown Girl (Young Adult, 2014). A memoir of growing up in 1960's and '70's America, moving between South Carolina and Brooklyn New York. This story, in free verse, is a song of hope, wonderful for family reading. It just received the National Book Award.

Gayle Rabinovitz

My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit
The author, an Israeli journalist, summarizes the history of the modern state of Israel from the early 20th century to its present uncertain future. (non-fiction)

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