

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 Mekelburg*

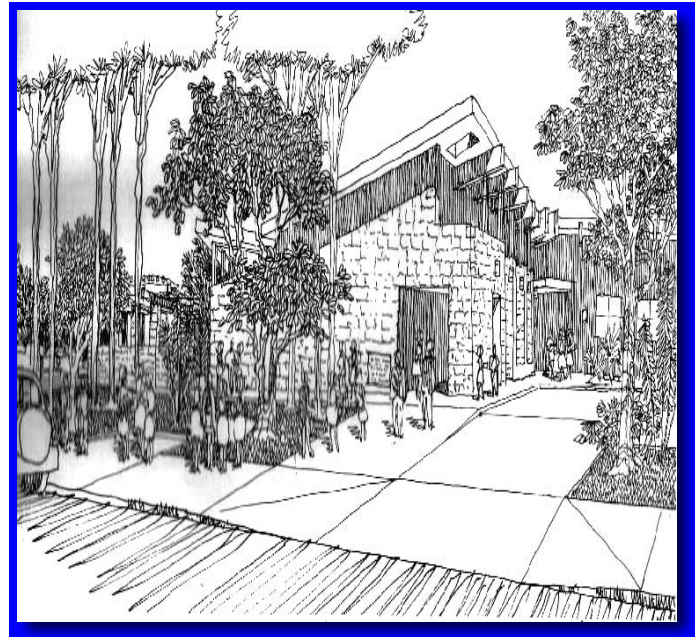
Dear Members of the Library Association,
As we begin 2016, we would like to thank
all of you for your continued support of
our library and the Pacific Palisades
Library Association. During the last
quarter we have maintained our
contributions to the needs of our own
library as well as helping other libraries in
Los Angeles.

Our Library Book Sales and Book Store
remain very popular entities. Our Third
Thursday Author series continues to be
very well attended and we have many
new and interesting programs scheduled
for the New Year.

Our new book discussion group facilitated
by the ever popular, Judith Palarz is off to
a great start and has gained great
popularity.

All of our programs are free to attend.
We always value your suggestions and
heartily welcome new members to the
PPLA all year.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy
new year!



FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN *Mary Hopf*

Just the Stacks, Ma'am!

I've travelled a bit, but one of the best
places I've visited is the stacks.
Librarians are always trying to think of
new ways to entice people to look beyond
the newest, latest, and most prominently
displayed and advertised materials. We
applaud those who roam off the beaten
path and adventure into areas unknown.
Among the stack shelves, (they are
always located in the corners, sides, and
back of libraries), you'll find quite a few
gems. Some books might need a light
dusting or reinforcing with tape, others
are just waiting for discovery. During ten
minutes of exploration, I found: Groth's
*The Receptionist: An Education at the
New Yorker*; Kelly's *The Secret Club that
Runs the World: Inside the Fraternity of
Commodity Traders*; Chomsky's *The
Essential Chomsky*; De Gousac's *Visions*

of Mars (fabulous photographs!); Geist's *Moose: Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation*; Snyman's *Jewelry in a Jiffy* (55 Quick and Easy Bead Projects); and Thurber's *Writings and Drawings* (you can't get much better than Thurber!). I'll probably read Groth's book just to find out if she met or worked with Thurber. Did their paths ever cross? Or did she work at the *New Yorker* long after he had submitted all his work? Anyway, my travels up and down the aisles have given me plenty to savor. I didn't even have to bring a camera along for this trip!

Thank You

Thank you to our fabulous PPLA Library Board and our wonderful volunteers. The amount of support you give to the library and community is amazing. We look forward to 2016 and a new year!

Our Love Is Blind (to Overdue Books)

From February 1-14, return your overdue Los Angeles Public Library materials with no overdue fines. February 1 to 14 only, LAPL is welcoming back its overdue books and the people who love them. Bring any undamaged, overdue library materials to the circulation desk or book drop at your local library. Consider your late fines waived. (Other fees may be excluded from this offer.)

BOOK SALES

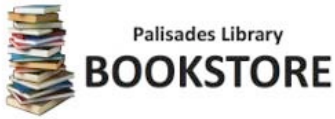
Wendy Edlen



The Friends of the Palisades Library will continue to sponsor our popular gently used book sales in 2016. They will be held quarterly in March, June, September and December.

We are grateful to our donors who generously supply us with an eclectic 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, CDs and DVDs in **good condition**. 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.



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



MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Breech

Halfway through our membership drive, (July, 2015-June, 2016), we are so appreciative of the 333 members who have renewed their membership. Seventeen new members have joined as well, bringing our total to 350 Friends of the Library. All those who contribute at the top three levels of participation can find their names on the Donor Recognition page in the Biblio-file. We welcome the following **New** Friends:

Helga Bloomberg, Peggy Calamaro, Lucy Chen, Julie Fasteau, Roberta Frank, Karen Gidwitz, Nicole Higgins, Amanda Keston, Linda Levine, Michele Lynch, Janet Mann, Johnny Miller, Hilary Satz, Cyrille Schiff, Jennifer Scholl, Susan Unmacht

HEARTFELT GOOD-BY

We say good-by to a number of Friends who passed away recently. They include Marjorie Meadows, Rene Caillet, Bill Inglis, and R. Stockton Gaines. We appreciate all the donations that have been made in memory of these Friends.



Luke Schneider, presenting a check to Laurel Garver at a "Pop-Up Sale". Luke sells lemonade and cookies every July 4 to parade watchers who pass by his house. He donates a portion of the income to the Library.

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

Renee Klein

My book suggestions are two excellent biographies by Mary S. Lovell: **A Scandalous Life: The Biography of Jane Digby**, and **Cast No Shadow, The Life of the American Who Changed the Course of World War II**.

Corinne Boudreau

I am reading **My Brilliant Friend**, Book One of the wonderful new series by Elena Ferrante. The book tells the story of two childhood friends in an Italian city outside of Naples. It is a heartwarming slice of childhood and lifelong friendship. However what really makes the book fascinating is the enticing backdrop of

postwar Italy!

I am also enjoying a cozy classic mystery, **The Woman in White** by Wilkie Collins. Quite frequently cited as one of the top mystery books of all time.

What a classic - a gothic mystery tale - that is chock full of interesting characters (a bon-bon eating count with a penchant for white mice!) and enthralling right up to the end. Perfect book for a rainy El Nino day!

Arline Halper

Days of Abandonment, by Elena Ferrante, and **The Children Act** by Ian McEwan each begin with a similar personal and hurtful event. However, the responses and actions of the main characters differ greatly with poignant results. I recommend both of these outstanding novels.

Elsie Scarano

The Boys in the Boat by James Brown – An irresistible story about nine Americans and their epic quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. This is a story about courage, perseverance and excitement.

Dead Wake by Erik Larson. This is a story about the last crossing of the Lusitania. A fascinating account of a tragic event during World War I. It sheds much light on Europe, America, and the politics of the time.



Winners (from left to right) Alana Kamins, Clara Green, and Sydney Forrester with actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Kathy Slattery

Last summer, over thirty local children wrote creative writing stories on the theme Rockin', Rhythm and Rhyme. The winning stories were presented to the community at an awards ceremony in October. Actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian performed the stories to the delight and amusement of the young writers. The winners received gift certificates to Diesel Books and all participants received certificates to Sweet Rose Creamery. Some of the recent story performances can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUjmsZimLDF-O2-HKWVKOgg>. The winning stories can also be read on our website or at the Information Desk in the library.



Creative Writing winners and actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian

THE PALISADES LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

Renee Klein

The Palisades Library Book Group has been having some very interesting discussions led by facilitator Judith Palarz. The group meets every other month on the second Tuesday in the Community Room at 12:00 noon. March 8th we will be discussing **All The Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr: The lives of a blind French girl and a gadget-obsessed German boy before and during World War II. On May 10 the book is **My Brilliant Friend** by Elena Ferrante, the first installment in the author's Neapolitan series, about the lifelong friendship between two women. The group is open to all, free of charge. Please join us.

PROGRAMS

Corinne Boudreau

The Pacific Palisades author series ended another great year with a reading from local author Laura Diamond. Laura Diamond discussed her new award-winning book, "**Shelter Us**" which was exciting and topical as the book was actually based on an experience she had with an encounter with a homeless person on the Westside.

The 2016 year promises to be very exciting. The series will kick off in the Spring with Gloria Norris, author of the new memoir, "**KooKooLand**". Later in the year we will feature Amelia Saltzman, the well-known farmers market expert, and author of the new book "**The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen**". There will be many other exciting authors/speakers - so please check the Library calendar for updates.



Connie Boudreau at a "Third Thursday Author Series"

LAUREL GARVER: RECIPIENT OF THE PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPARKPLUG AWARD

On December 10 2015, **Laurel Garver** was honored with the Pacific Palisades Community Council Sparkplug Award for her efforts in developing our new, successful, used Library Bookstore. Her husband and several library board members joined her at this prestigious event. Following is Laurel's acceptance speech:

Books have always been an important part of my life. So, this opportunity to spend time with books and to share them with others is a joyous activity. Starting the bookstore was a challenge, but an exciting one. So I'd like to thank the helped me get it going. Alice Inglis, the President of Friends of Palisades Library, Wendy Edlen, who has taught me so much and continues to help me, and Sandy Eddy, our publicity and marketing specialist.

I'd also like to thank the people of the Palisades for being so supportive of the library bookstore and for donating so many wonderful books to stock our shelves. They've made it grow from an idea to what I hope is an important part of the community.



Laurel and her husband. Lloyd at the Sparkplug honors.



Alice Inglis, Arline Halper, Renee Klein and Laurel at the Sparkplug Awards.

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