

The Biblio-file

SUMMER 2016

**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,

Another successful fiscal year has ended for the PPLA. We want to share some of our years' continuing contributions. We are very proud of the many ways our volunteer efforts are able to support our Library. These include landscaping and maintenance needs as well as funding extra books, audio-visual equipment, requests from our Librarian, miscellaneous programs, and many other needs of the library. The resounding success of our Parking Lot Book Sales and our Bookstore once again have been mainstays of the Friends of The Palisades Library.

The Third Thursday Authors Speakers Series continue to be tremendously well received. We have many more interesting programs scheduled for the future.

The Friends will continue to sponsor the very popular PPLA Book Club, facilitated by the excellent Judith Palarz.

As always, all our programs continue to be free of charge and all are welcome.

We are at the beginning of the wonderful 2016 Summer Children's



Creative Writing Contest. Entries are accepted from students first grade through high school. The awards ceremony in the Fall will again feature our two very talented actors reading the winning compositions. Our theme this summer is "Dreaming the Possible Dream", inspired by the Summer Olympics.

We remain very grateful for all the invaluable volunteer help from our members. Without you we could not continue our support and contributions to our own branch, as well as assisting other branches in need in Los Angeles.

We wish you all a very healthy and lovely (and not too hot) summer.

FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Mary Hopf

Summer Reading Is Underway!
We've had lots of signups for this year's summer reading club. If you haven't already joined, please check in with us to receive your reading bag and game board.

Volunteers

We are looking for people who are interested in volunteering one to two hours a week, to help us sort materials on book carts. If you are fourteen years of age or older and would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Hopf at (310) 459-2754.

BOOK SALES

Wendy Edlen

We are grateful to our donors who generously supply us with an eclectic assortment of wonderful books in good condition for our Friends parking lot Saturday book sales and bookstore. However, we regret that we will Not be able to accept ANY book donations until Tuesday, October 4th. Thank you for your cooperation and for respecting the library staff and the Friends volunteers by taking donations to other locations or wait until October to bring them to the Palisades Branch. At that time, our volunteers will accept donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm. We will welcome books in good condition, CDs and DVDs and the volunteer will issue a tax-deductible donation slip when requested.

We are in need of new volunteers who would enjoy spending a few hours a month in the Palisades Branch Library

receiving book donations. The volunteering shifts are from 12:30-3:00pm or 3:00-5:00pm on a Tuesday or Thursday once a month. 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. Please call Wendy at **310-454-3269** if you or anyone you know may have an interest in volunteering.

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.





Palisades Library
BOOKSTORE

Library Bookstore hours:

Monday-Tuesday 1:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday 10:30am-5:00pm
Thursday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm

Sandy Eddy

On July 1, the Palisades Library Bookstore celebrated its Second Anniversary! We are delighted that we have many 'regular' customers, as well as people who are discovering us for the first time. Earlier this year, we began experimenting with a table and a cart in the lobby to give library patrons an idea of what we have in the store. This experiment has turned permanent, as it has generated many new customers, the majority who did not know that the Library had a bookstore.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Breech

Thanks to all members, new and old who signed up for membership last year. We hope you will consider doing it again for this year, July, 2016 to June, 2017. You may register online at www.friendsofpalilibrary.org. If you prefer to renew by mail, subscription envelopes will be available at the donation table across from the library checkout counter. Also, members from last year will receive a letter and subscription envelope by mail. Membership categories for this coming year have been adjusted in a creative, book related fashion.

The new categories are:

Masterpiece \$1000 and up

Classic \$100-\$249

Bestseller \$500-\$999

Epic \$50-\$99

Legend \$250- \$499

Sage \$20-49

Other _____

Members who donate \$100 or more can be found on our Donor Recognition page in the Biblio-file. 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

Books for summer reading that I recommend are Vanessa and her Sister, by Priya Parmar, Margaret The First by Danielle Dutton, and Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler.

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!

Karen Stegler

Both of my recommendations are good for people who enjoy a sense of place in a novel. I just finished Karl Taro Greenfeld's dystopian novel The Subprimes, about a third of which is set in the Palisades. (Greenfeld is a Palisadian.) It's fun to recognize places

and street names — although since this is a dystopian novel, they might be doctored a bit: Subway Fresh Take Paul Revere Middle School? Some Palisades street names also show up in Nevada — shocking, but we'll forgive him!

Now I'm reading and loving Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney's family novel The Nest, which is set in the New York area — Manhattan, Brooklyn, Westchester, and Long Island.

Arline Halper

Elizabeth Strout, prize-winning author of Olive Kitteridge and The Burgess Boys, has written another winner. **My Name is Lucy Barton** is an intimate and poignant look at a mother and daughter relationship.

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.

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Kathy Slattery



This summer local residents entering grades 1-12 are invited to enter our creative writing contest. The theme, in keeping with the Olympics and the library's summer reading program theme, is "Dream the Possible Dream." Our board members act as readers and judges each year and thoroughly enjoy this activity. Prizes will be awarded in five age categories, and the winning entries will be performed by actors at a fall awards ceremony and posted to our YouTube channel. Entry forms and information is available at the Palisades Library Information Desk and on our website <http://www.friendsofpalilibrary.org/>.



Creative Writing winners and actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian

THE PALISADES LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
Renee Klein

Judith Palarz will lead a discussion of **My Brilliant Friend** by Elena Ferrante on Tuesday, July 12 at 12:00. On Sept. 13th the group will discuss **A Man Called Ove** by **Fredrik Backman**. The November 8 selection is Magda Szabo's, **The Door**.

The group meets every other month on the second Tuesday in the Community Room at 12:00 noon. The group is open to all, free of charge. Please join us.

THIRD THURSDAY AUTHOR SPEAKER SERIES

Corinne Boudreau and Bill Bruns

In April, the Friends of the Palisades Library Speaker Series featured Palisadian Kenneth Turan, film critic for the L.A. Times and NPR's Morning Edition, who spoke about his latest book, "Not to be Missed: Fifty-Four Favorites from a Lifetime of Film." Then in May, another local author, Alan Eisenstock, discussed his 13th published book, "Warrior", the memoir of Theresa Larso, a former Marine platoon commander in Iraq.

The coming months' program programs will be as enticing and interesting:

Thursday, September 18, 6:30 pm

The series will present author Sharon Weil and a panel of social change agents to discuss Weil's book: **How artists acitivistts and awakeners navigate change**. The LA based change maker panelists from the book will be: Corinne Bourdeau, producer, Amana Foulger, shamanic healer, Rachel Lang, astrologer and Camille Maurine, meditation mentor.

Thursday, October 19, 6:30 pm

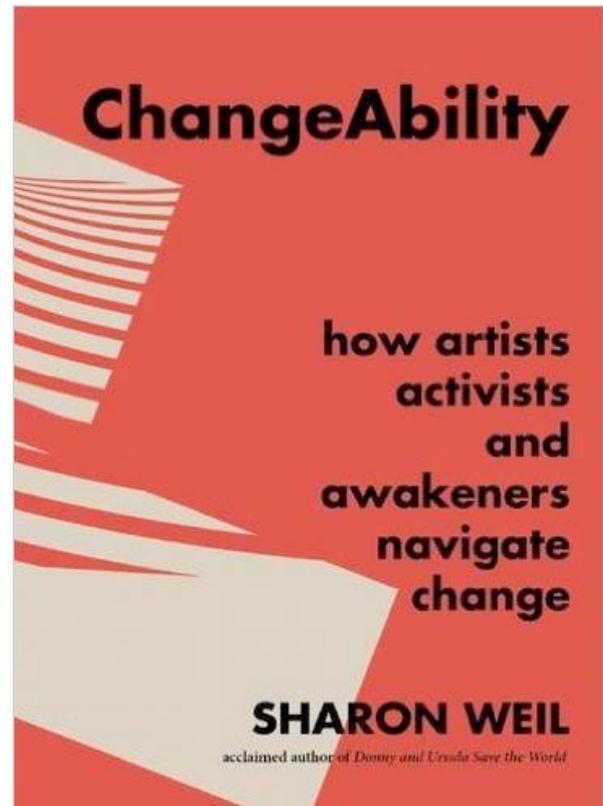
Susanne Hertzberg will discuss her book: **Katherine Joseph: Photographing in an era of Social Significance**.

Katherine Joseph captured the golden age of organized labor with her camera.

Her life adds another dimension to the Jewish immigrant women's experience in America.

Thursday, November 17, 6:30 pm

Author Douglas Green will discuss his new book: **The Teachings of Shirelle: Life Lessons from a Divine Knucklehead**. "A humorous, yet serious, look at the wisdom I learned, psychological, philosophical, and spiritual, – from a ridiculous dog I loved".



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