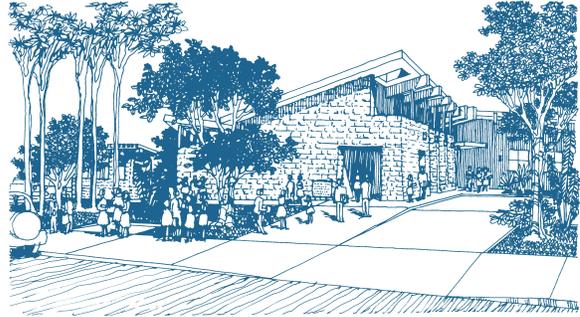


THE BIBLIO-FILE

Winter 2013

Pacific Palisades Library Association

*Friends of the Palisades Branch Library
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alice Inglis

Dear Members of the Library
Association,

Welcome to the new, online edition of the **Biblio-File**. We are excited to introduce this new format, which will save appreciable mailing and printing costs and improve communication.

Over the years, the **Biblio-File** has experienced significant transformations. The oldest issue of the **Biblio-File** that I have been able to find is dated July 1994. It was printed on colored paper and featured hand drawn sketches for the “new” library card, and stick figures doing a variety of library activities. It was four pages long and probably printed “in house”.

Time passed, and by 2004, the hand drawn sketches were gone, and the **Biblio-File** was printed by the Palisadian Post and was up to six pages. The first photo appeared in 2008.

Fast forward to 2013. We are taking another step forward, as we go online. Progress!

The sale of the Palisadian Post and the subsequent closing of their printing operation inspired us. At the same time, the Palisades Branch of the post office stopped providing bulk mail service. The mailing had now become very expensive. Therefore, we will no longer be sending out our “**Biblio-file**”, but will be posting it on our web site.

Many thanks to Kathy Slattery, who edited the **Biblio-File** and oversaw the production for many years. Thanks also to Elsie Scarano, who handled the mailings, and there were often as many as 1,000 **Biblio-Files**! We hope that you will go on-line to learn our latest news, in the new format. There will also be membership information, and the opportunity to sign up for membership on the website.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

FROM THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Mary Hopf

Health Matters at Los Angeles Public Library

We are hosting **Health Matters** at Los Angeles Public Library and the Palisades Branch Library. This includes workshops, seminars, programs, and health-related events. We are updating our library collection with new books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials to help people learn about how to stay healthy. Topics include diet and nutrition, exercise, traditional and nontraditional medicine, Covered California and the Affordable Care Act, and a variety of other topics. For more information, please call or visit us, or access our homepage www.lapl.org.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Pacific Palisades Library Association is continuing to sponsor **Hot Off the Press**, a collection that features the latest bestsellers without any waiting time. The following titles are the latest additions:

Stone Cold by C.J. Box, *Bootlegger* by Clive Cussler, *Chase* by Janet Evanovich, *Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman, *Moving Target* by Judith Jance, *Killer* by Jonathan Kellerman, *After I'm Gone* by Laura Lippman, *NYPD Red 2* by James Patterson, *Private L.A.* by James Patterson, *Good Luck of Right Now* by Matthew Quick, *Concealed in Death* by J.D. Robb, and *Forever Girl* by Alexander McCall Smith

PROGRAMS

Corinne Bourdeau, Carolyn Fank, and Katie O'Laughlin

The PPLA Third Thursday Author Series had a very successful and well-attended number of author programs, beginning in June with a group of women authors who read from a variety of works which were amusing, powerful, thought-provoking, and which inspired the audience. The event was hosted by Victoria Zackheim. The authors were `Mara Purl, author of *Where the Heart Lives*, Hollye Dexter, co-editor of *Dancing at the Shame Prom*, Barbara Abercrombie, author of *Kicking In the Wall*, Aviva Layton, contributor to *The Other Woman*, and Amy Friedman, author of *Desperado's Wife: A Memoir*.

Kevin West spoke in September, about his beautiful new book, *Saving the Season*. In addition to reading gorgeous prose from the book, he and the audience engaged in a discussion about the Santa Monica Farmer's Market, the farmers who sell there, and the author's visits to various California farms. This program was co-sponsored by the Pacific Palisades Garden Club and we thank them for their support of this very informative program.

Another food-related program was the presentation in October by Anne Willan and Amy Friedman (who had also spoken at our library in June). Anne, who founded La Varenne Cooking School in Paris, in 1975, and who is an internationally recognized authority on French cooking, made a delightful presentation as she and Amy read sections of *One Soufflé at a Time: A Memoir of Food and France*, which is Anne's memoir. They also discussed

some of the process of writing the book together, brought some very tasty cheese balls for the members of the audience, and Anne answered questions about famous chefs she has known. She also praised the croissants at our local Maison Giraud.



Aviva Layton reading her essay from "The Other Woman"

The final program was held in November. Mindy Budgor, a young American woman, fell in love with the Maasai tribe in Kenya while she was volunteering in Africa. She ended up returning to Kenya and spent three months living in the bush, going through the initial process of becoming a Maasai warrior. She survived the experience and was inducted by the elders of a clan as their first female warrior. Her book, *Warrior Princess*, is her story of this experience. She made a very good presentation and the audience members had many questions for her about the

details of this unique and difficult experience. Mindy also donated copies of her book to the library, and we thank her for the gift.

For the January 15, program, David Misch, screenwriter, author and comedian, will present "*Humor, a Book: Everything you wanted to know about comedy.*" So please, come and join the fun.

MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Breech

Thanks to the nearly 300 Friends who have renewed their 2013-2014 membership. Those of you who are waiting to renew can do so now online at our website, www.friendsofpalibrary.org/Join-Friends.htm. Renewal envelopes are also available at the donation table at the library. Membership dues and contributions are fully tax deductible.

We continue to support our library in a variety of ways, including landscaping, library maintenance, book purchases and computer assistance. We look forward to your continued support and hope you have an opportunity to participate in our sponsored events, such as attending our speakers programs, entering a creative writing contest or purchasing books from our fabulous book sales

We hope that those who have not yet renewed their membership take the time to do so now. We always welcome new members. Your renewal is appreciated by all those who enjoy and utilize our lovely library.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Kathy Slattery

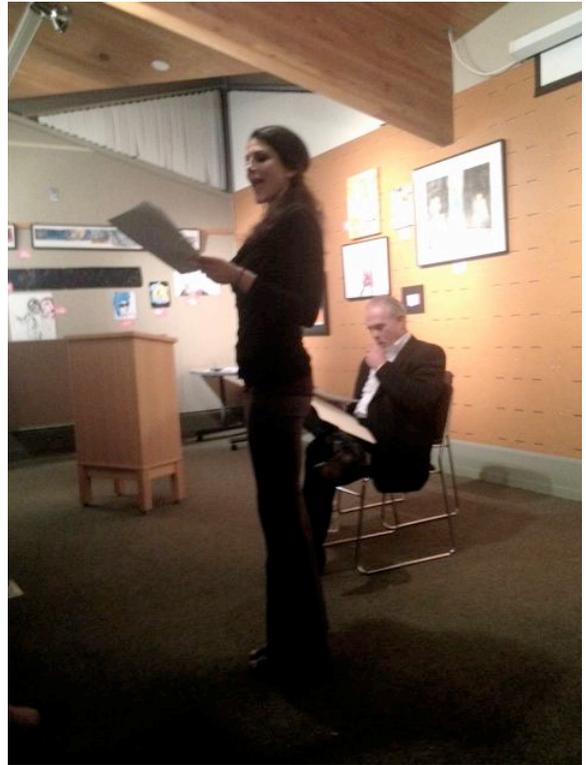
The Pacific Palisades Library Association held an awards ceremony in October to honor the winners of our children's summer creative writing contest. The theme was Food, and more than 45 children and teens submitted entries. The authors wrote about everything from "Kale and more Kale" to Sriracha. The winning stories were performed by actors Bill Jones and Christine Kludjian, who brought the stories to life. What talented writers we have in our local community! Winners were awarded gift certificates to Diesel Books and participants received gift certificates to The Yogurt Shoppe. The winning stories are posted on our website and are available in the library to read.

SCRIBBLERS

1. Ezeseybake Oven Tale by Parker Keston (Marquez Elementary, Grade 1)
2. The Adventures of Fudgeball by Ellery Preven (Palisades Elementary, Grade 2)
3. The Boy in the Tree House by Kai Klein (Corpus Christi, Grade 1)

JOTTERS

1. (Tie) Mr. Biscuit by Matthew Selwyn (Palisades Elementary, Grade 4)
1. (Tie) The Fruit Festival by Zoe Shin (Calvary Christian School, Grade 3)
2. A Special Thanksgiving Dinner by Alexandra Schoettler (Marquez Elem, Grade 4)
3. The Boy Who Loved Sriracha by Eli Weinbach (Curtis School, Grade 3)



Actors Christine Kludjian and Bill Jones dramatizing a winning entry.

SCRAWLERS

1. Fly on the Flight by Jake Lyon (Crossroads School, Grade 6)
2. Camp by Sophia Wlodek (Paul Revere, Grade 6)
3. Ice Cream Overload by Kerria Pang-Naylor (Palisades Elementary, Grade 5)

SCRIBES

1. Recipe for Strawberry Pie by Benjamin Taylor (Crossroads School, Grade 7)
2. Cowland by Abby Brown (Corpus Christi, Grade 7)
3. The Barbecue by Madeline Brown (Corpus Christi, Grade 7)

AUTHORS

1. The Melancholy of Growth by Erika Siao (Palisades Charter High, Grade 10)
2. Almost Normal by Justin Wolman (Palisades Charter High, Grade 9)
3. (Tie) Feeding Yourself to Ana (A Poem About Anorexia) by Jessica Romoff (Brentwood School, Grade 9)
3. (Tie) Something Much Greater by Madison Kahn (Brentwood School, Grade 11)

Our summer contest for children was a great success this year. We received forty-seven entries from children representing all grade levels and many different local schools. The awards ceremony with story performances was held in early October.

(<http://friendsofpalilibrary.org/Library-Programs.php>)



LIBRARY BOOK SALES

Wendy Edlen

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



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 12:30 to 5:00 pm. We welcome books in good condition, CD's and DVD's. 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 the quality and organization of our Friends' book sales to our community.

MEET ANNIE CIPOLLA, OUR NEW YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN

Two months in as the new Young Adult Librarian, Annie Cipolla is finally starting to feel at home and at ease at the Palisades Branch. Previously at the Westwood Branch, she established a dynamic teen program there, which she hopes to replicate here. This is her third career: she was a broadcast journalist for two decades and also worked at the Southern California Counseling Center while obtaining her MLIS (Masters of Library Information and Science) at San Jose State University.

It was her experiences as an info-seeking journalist and as a Master Gardener that sparked her desire to become a librarian. While doling out gardening advice at two local Farmer's Markets, she discovered she was a natural at working with the public. At the library, she is trying to save the plants that have been sequestered to the patio, bringing them back to life with the help of a worm bin she started, cared for by the children of the staff.

Annie's family is composed of library lovers and they visit libraries wherever they travel. Her musician husband runs a deejay company and is now producing a fledgling rock band, *Owenstone*. Her daughter, a second year student at the University of Chicago, is studying history and the humanities.

Now that her nest is empty, she is extremely excited to work with the talented teens at the library as both an academic and life coach.



The library's Teen Council is already working on creating a blog for teens to showcase their writing, photography, reviews, opinions and design ideas. They'll be meeting at noon on Monday, December 30th to design and launch the blog. The library now has a Teen Meditation class the second Saturday of the month and a Yugioh! Trading Card Game Club with an official judge and instructor. She also schedules college admissions workshops. She'll be offering upcoming workshops to train both students and their parents how to access and use the extensive resources available 24/7 at LAPL's virtual library, www.lapl.org, including free tutors, free SAT, ACT, PSAT workshops, free movie, music and audio-book downloads and entry to 162 amazing databases.

For notifications of upcoming Teen Programs at the library, contact Annie at acipolla@lapl.org to get on her email distribution list. Her goal is to see the library become a popular place for teens to study, brainstorm their projects and promote self-discovery.

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