



# Spring Newsletter

MARCH, 2014

## Next Book Sale

**Saturday  
March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**From  
9:00 to 3:00**

**Culver City Friends  
of the Library**

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Julian Dixon Library  
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## Presidents' Message

The January 31 Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner was a resounding success. More than 80 people enjoyed the music of the AVPA Jazz Combo led by Dr. Tony Spano as they had an opportunity to look at the new floor plan, carpet and fabric samples and even sit in one of the new lounge chairs that will be part of the library renovation. We celebrated the Lunar New Year with Chinese food and year of the horse-themed decorations. Mayor Jeff Cooper did a great job of the installation of new officers. Thanks to all who came, and all who helped.

We have had a busy few months. Our main thrust was to finalize plans for furniture and decor for the library renovation, which is now moving ahead. We will let you know as soon as we have definite information to share. However, we would like to thank the more than 80 community members who have contributed to the Centennial Renovation Celebration Fund over the past year. The total amount of these contributions is now well over \$12,000, and enables us to go ahead with the furniture selections we have chosen. We are working on our plans for recognizing donors of all amounts, but special recognition will go to those donors at the \$100 level or higher. It is not too late to contribute, if you want to be part of this exciting project.

Due to elections and holidays, we didn't have as many story times as usual, but Mayor Jeff Cooper followed our highly successful Snowless Snow Party with readings of snowman stories in January, and former children's librarian Celia Carroll entertained the children with songs and stories in February. Dr. Janet Hoult will share her book, *Where Did the Sun Go?* with an appropriate puppet project in March.

Nancy Kuechle & Elaine Hirohama  
Co-Presidents, CCFOL



**It is people like these that make our library possible.  
Donor photo taken at the 2014 Installation Dinner Event**

# Library Events

## Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Storytime is for children under 2 1/2 years of age. (Children 2 1/2 to 5 years of age should attend the Preschool Storytime). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required to attend. Contact the Library for signups.

Winter Toddler Storytime begins Wednesday, January 22nd at 10 a.m. and ends Wednesday, March 19th. This is a Family Place Program.

## Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 AM

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## Mystery Book Group

Third Thursday of the month at 6:45 PM

The Mystery Book Group, established in 2001, meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the library meeting room to discuss a selected book. A copy of the book can be picked up at the front desk. The meeting is free, the discussion lively and the refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

## No Page Unturned Book Group

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:45 PM

Please join us for our No Page Unturned Book Group for our lively discussions of fiction and non-fiction books which meets every fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:45 in the library meeting room. Be a part of a group that help selects page turner books for our discussions while enjoying delicious refreshments provided by the Friend of the Library. Stop by or contact Tracy at 310-559-1676 for more information

# FOL Events

## Thursday Knitters

The Thursday afternoon knitting group is entering its ninth year. Started as a way to teach teens and tweens to knit or crochet, it has expanded to work with stitchers of all ages and all abilities. We meet every Thursday from 2:45 to 4:15 in the Community room at the library. Yarn, needles and instruction are all available for free. We always welcome donations of yarn and supplies, which can be dropped off at the library.

In addition to providing materials and instruction, the group has been participating in some charity stitching as well. Last year, over 80 hats were donated to the Girl Scout project, collecting caps for chemo patients and donations are being solicited again this year. Afghans for cancer patients and new babies have also been created. We have also taught finger knitting at the Farragut Art Works day, and at the summer lunch program held at La Ballona.

## Story Time

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

**Dr. Janet Cameron Hault** will read from her book *Where Did the Sun Go?*

Followed by a craft project for children.

Why is there night during the day? For thousands of years, our ancestors created myths and legends to explain the puzzle of solar eclipses. The poems in this book bring the ancient beliefs of many different cultures to life.

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Huge selection of books!

## 2014 Executive Board

Co-Presidents.....	Nancy Kuechle & Elaine Hirohama
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From The Librarian:

# The Culver City Julian Dixon Library's Past, Present & Future

Culver City Library was established April 1, 1915 in the then new Pacific Electric Railroad Depot. The library moved to various locations throughout the city as it grew in size over the years. The library has been in its present location since 1970. The Japanese Garden in front of the library was a gift in 1974 from Kaizuka, Japan, a sister city of the city of Culver City. In January 2001, the Culver City Library was renamed the Culver City Julian Dixon Library by the Board of Supervisors in recognition of Julian Dixon, the representative for the 32nd United States Congressional District. The Honorable Julian Dixon, who passed away on December 8, 2000, spent many of his years in public service working closely with educational institutions and libraries that positively impact the lives of children.

At present the staff is preparing for the upcoming building remodel. This involves ensuring all materials have properly placed barcodes to work with self-check machines. The equipment will free staff to assist customers with technology issues, make sure materials ordered for customers are quickly arranged on the Holds shelves and help contribute to programs for customers of all ages. We will be able to maximize staff to provide customer assistance. The County of Los Angeles Public Library is sixth largest public library system in the United States and provides library service to over 3.5 million residents living in unincorporated areas and to residents of 51 of the 88 incorporated cities of Los Angeles County. The service area extends over 3,000 square miles and is comprised of a network of 86 community libraries, four bookmobiles and four special resource centers. Culver City Julian Dixon is among the busiest County Libraries. Culver ranks in the top five in terms of circulation of materials and is number one in terms of holds ordered. Culver customers are among the most frequent visitors to the County Library website.

After the remodel we anticipate that the library will be even more popular. Staff will concentrate on offering innovative programs to our children, teen and adult customers. At present librarians are being trained on using social media to increase promotion of library events. The Culver City Julian Dixon Library will celebrate its centennial in 2015 and will be ready to offer a 21<sup>st</sup> century library to our community. Culver customers tend to be supportive, loyal and appreciative of library services. Our focus will be to serve customers and live up to the County Library's mission:

***"The Library gives you the freedom to connect, explore, create, whatever your needs or dreams."***

Laura Frakes,  
Community Library Manager  
Culver City Julian Dixon Library



Photo by Dennis R. Tongue

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Membership in the Friends is for  
the calendar year. If you have  
not already renewed your  
membership for 2014, please  
take a moment to do so today.

## JOIN THE CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

The Culver City Friends of the Library is a non-profit group comprised of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. The Friends strive to heighten public awareness of the Library's resources, services and needs, enrich the Library's resources through funds derived from memberships, donations and special projects, and stimulate gifts to the Library of books and other materials. The support provided by the Friends enables the Library to enrich its resources, enhance its services, and expand its programs to maximize the Library's role and usefulness in the community. Please join us! Just complete the form below (please print!) and mail in your dues today. With membership you receive a Friends membership card that will entitle you to various benefits at local businesses. You will also receive the Friends' newsletter via email. Membership is from January to January.

Name(s) to be printed on membership card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership, please check one:  New  Renewal

- Individual: \$10.00/year
- Senior (over 55): \$5.00/year
- Student (under 18): \$5.00/year
- Sustaining Senior (over 55) \$15.00/year
- Family: \$20.00/year
- Supporting: \$50/year
- Lifetime: \$200.00
- Business/Organization: \$100.00/year

**Total enclosed tax-deductible payment of \$**\_\_\_\_\_

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