



Spring Newsletter

MARCH, 2013

Book Sale

Saturday,
May 18
9 AM to 3 PM

Culver City
Julian Dixon
Library

Culver City Friends
of the Library

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Presidents' Message

It has been a very busy and very productive beginning to the year. We are working hard with the county library staff on plans for the renovations to the library, and be sure to read more about it in this newsletter. We are looking forward to using this "face lift" as a way to celebrate the upcoming library centennial, and while we are in good shape financially, we will be doing some fund raising to make up the shortfall. We plan to hold a fund raising kickoff get-together at Menchie's (5622 Sawtelle Blvd, Culver City) on Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm. This will not only be an opportunity to have some yummy frozen yogurt, but also to see some pictures and some plans and hear about the exciting things in store for the library. If you can't make it to the fundraiser, Menchie's has graciously offered to give a percentage of sales on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (March 17, 18, and 19). See the attached flyer for details. We are excited about the plans and hope you will want to be part of this effort.

In the meantime, we continue on with our usual first Tuesday story time and craft programs. We have partnered with several officials from Culver City Unified School District and want to thank School Board Member Laura Chardiet and Superintendent Dave LaRose for their appearances at story time. We are looking forward to having School Board President Kathy Paspalis be our guest reader on April 2.

We also enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the Sister Cities 50th Anniversary celebration by providing stories and crafts at their community day on January 12, and we look forward to being part of the Farragut Artworks Day on Saturday

April 13. We will reprise our popular finger knitting class at that event, so if you can't make it to one of our Thursday afternoon knitting days, be sure to visit us there.

This year, the library will be a giving site for World Book Night. This celebration of books and reading is held on April 23, when thousands of book lovers give half a million books to those in their community. More information is available at www.worldbooknight.org. As part of this, Givers will be invited to an reception on April 20, where they will be able to pick up their books for distribution on the 23rd. While it is too late for individuals to sign up to be a Giver for this year, we are delighted that the library will be a giving site and you should look for information about participating next year.

We will be holding our next book sale on Saturday, May 18 at the library. Put the date on your calendar now, and plan to help us out by volunteering your services for set up and break down times. Don't forget that the Book Sale room in the library is always open for your perusal and book purchases between our big sales.



UP COMING EVENTS IN BRIEF

Details at www.colapublib.org.

Every Thursday at 2:45
Knitting in the community room.

The Friends Executive Board meets the
third Tuesday of every month at 6:30.

March 17 — 19
Library Re-model fund raiser kickoff
three day event at Menchie's Frozen
Yogurt

Tuesday, April 2 at 7 PM
Storytime featuring CCUSD Board
president Kathy Paspalis

Saturday, April 20 at 3 PM
World Book Night Open House

April 22 and April 23 from 5 to 7 PM
World Book Night Book Pick Up

Tuesday, April 23
World Book Night

2013 Executive Board

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Monthly Story Time

Most months the Friends feature a guest reader at story time on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM

Thursday Knitters

The Thursday afternoon knitting group is entering its sixth 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.

April 2 at 7 PM

Storytime with School Board President Kathy Paspalis.

March 17 — 19 all day Menchie's Fund Raiser

What a tasty way to kick off our new campaign to raise the final funds to renovate the library. Bring in the attached flyer and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the CCFOL.

April 20 at 3 PM

World Book Night Open House

Individuals who have signed up to be "givers" on World Book Night are invited to a reception.

April 22& 23 from 5 to 7 PM

World Book Night Book Pick Up

World Book Night Book pick up continues on Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23 all day.

April 23

World Book Night

See page 5 for an explanation of World Book Night, or go to www.worldbooknight.org.

Centennial Celebration Renovation

We are excited to be working closely with the County Library Staff, and Los Angeles Second District County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's staff on a major renovation of the Culver City Julian Dixon Library.

The Friends of the Library will be providing new furniture for the main part of the library. Tables, chairs, lamps, computer desks, lounge chairs and new book displays are in the planning stages. These photos, taken at other County libraries, show the type of furniture we are looking at. We also hope to be able to take better advantage of the window seating areas of the library, to make it a pleasant place for patrons to read. The County is planning to provide new carpeting, paint, window coverings and furniture for the community room and we are hopeful more electrical outlets will be available for electronics users. Other upgrades, such as re-location of the teen center and new self-checkout machines are also in the works.

This effort, which started out modestly with the idea of buying a few new pieces of furniture has grown by leaps and bounds, with the encouragement and support of many groups and individuals. We are looking forward to continuing the process and having an even more wonderful library by the time the Centennial rolls around in 2015. We hope that you, as our members, will want to be part of this project and will help us out with your financial support as well as the enthusiasm and interest you have been so generous with in the past.



From The Librarian

Have you checked out the databases and online resources that County Library cardholders can use? Staff at the Information Desk will be glad to highlight some of them or you are welcome to explore them on your own. If you go to our website, colapublib.org and then click on the Research & Learning link below the Welcome banner you will be able to see what is on offer.

To search a database, click on the links displayed. When accessing databases from home you will be prompted to enter your 13-digit library card number

(no spaces). Need help using a database? Call us at 310-559-1676 ex.3 or email us at <http://www.colapublib.org/contactus/askalibrarian> These are free using your card. Here are some favorites:

Music [Freegal database] Download three songs a week. You keep them forever, and can play them on any MP3 player. Download on the go with the Apple and Android apps. You can search by artist, album or music genre.

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Installation Dinner

The annual meeting and Installation Dinner was held at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library on Friday, January 11. It was a resounding success. Guests enjoyed the food by Santa Maria BBQ, the musical offerings of Robert Longley and the chance to look over the changes that have taken place at the library. It was also an opportunity to thank and honor Janice Pober of Sony Pictures Entertainment for all she has done for the library over the years. Many thanks to Sony for the \$1000 donation they gave the library in her honor. We also were able to honor youth volunteer Isabella Avincola for her knitting-based community service project benefitting Upward Bound House. In addition, we thanked the dedicated and hard-working library staff for all they do on an on-going basis. Officers were installed by Mayor Andy Weissman and special thanks go out to "bartender" Dave Friedman. Attendees were very enthusiastic about the library as the venue for the dinner and we hope to repeat this success in the future.



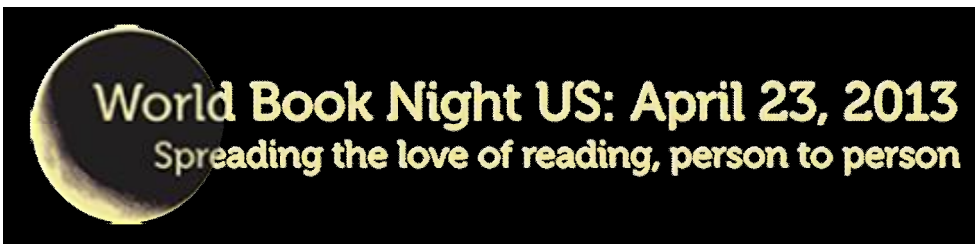
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Languages [Mango database] Online tutorials - learning includes 22 languages, including Spanish, French, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Tagalog and Greek. Also has English language courses for speakers of 15 different languages, including Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, and Russian. Learn on the go with the Mango Mobile app for iPhone and Android.

Adult Learning [Universal Class database] Over 500 online continuing education courses taught by real instructors covering a diverse range of subjects including computers, business, home & garden, health and medicine, and more.

Laura Frakes,
Community Library Manager
Culver City Julian Dixon Library





What Is World Book Night?

Each year, World Book Night is celebrated around the world on April 23.

April 23 is the UNESCO International Day of the Book, as well as Shakespeare's birthday. It was also chosen in honor of Miguel de Cervantes, who died on April 23, 1616 (the same day as Shakespeare). In the Catalan region of Spain, the day is celebrated by giving a book and a flower to a loved one.

World Book Night was the product of a round table discussion at London's Book Industry Conference in May 2010, the purpose of which was to imagine a way to encourage more adults to read. What better way to spread a love for reading than to inspire passionate readers to go out into their communities and share copies of their favorite books with those who don't regularly read? Giving is an incredibly powerful part of our culture—and culture, art, and a writers' talent are all themselves 'gifts'.

World Book Night was first celebrated in the UK and Ireland in 2011; in 2012, it was also celebrated in the USA and Germany. In 2012, almost 80,000 people gave out over 2.5 million books in four different countries.

How it works

Each year, 30 books are chosen by an independent panel of librarians and booksellers. The authors of the books waive their royalties and the publishers agree to pay the costs of producing the specially-printed World Book Night U.S. editions. Bookstores and libraries sign up to be community host locations for the volunteer book givers.

After the book titles are announced, members of the public apply to personally hand out 20 copies of a particular title in their community. World Book Night U.S. vets the applications, and the givers are chosen based on their ability to reach light and non-readers. The selected givers choose a local participating bookstore or library from which to pick up the 20 copies of their book, and World Book Night U.S. delivers the books to these host locations.

Givers pick up their books in the week before World Book Night. On April 23rd, they give their books to those who don't regularly read and/or people who don't normally have access to printed books, for reasons of means or access.

Why is World Book Night important?

Why does World Book Night exist? Reading for pleasure improves literacy, actively engaging emerging readers in their desire to read. Reading changes lives, improves employability, social interaction, enfranchisement, and can have a positive effect on mental health and happiness. Book readers are more likely to participate in positive activities such as volunteering, attending cultural events, and even physical exercise.

("Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America," National Endowment for the Arts)

Or more simply put, books are fun—and they can be life-changing.

The Friends and the Culver City Library are pleased to be part of World Book Night 2013. The Library will be a Pick Up site and a few of us have signed up to be givers.

More information is available at www.worldbooknight.org.

Culver City Julian Dixon Library Centennial Celebration Renovation

The Culver City Julian Dixon Library is approaching its 100th birthday
and we are celebrating with big plans!

The County Library System, Sony Pictures Entertainment, the office of County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas and the Friends of the Library are all working together to bring exciting improvements to the library, including new carpet, lighting and electrical upgrades and improvements to the children's section, as well as beautiful and comfortable new furniture.

Over the past 10 years, the Friends of the Library has raised slightly more than \$200,000 with this type of project in mind. You and your family can be part of this exciting celebration and help us close the gap of \$20,000 needed for the furniture purchase. While we appreciate all contributions, donations of \$100 or more will be publically acknowledged. Everyone will be invited to the grand opening party in early 2014.

I would like to part of the celebration by donating:

\$1,000_____ \$500_____ \$250_____ \$100_____ Other_____

For donations over \$100, please (very legibly) print below how you would like your donation listed.
(for example, John and Sue Smith, In Memory of John Smith, In Honor of Sue Smith)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail checks, preferably before April 30, 2013 to:
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We hope you will want to be part of the
Centennial Celebration Renovation!

