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Sandi Levin, Editor

Grab a BRICC Quick!!

There's still time to get in on this great program!

BRICC stands for Building Readers In Culver City – and that's just what we've been doing! BRICC is a children's

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President's Message

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this quarter's President's Message, announcing the second annual *Culver City Reads* program! *Culver City Reads* is a community-wide reading celebration that encourages people of all ages to read a very special book together. The Friends introduced this program last year with the classic book "The Wizard of Oz." The program was so successful we are making it an annual event!

This year, based on input from the community, everyone is reading "Peter Pan," the timeless story of adventure and magic by J.M. Barrie. We have planned a series of exciting events and activities revolving around this book to take place over the next several months. The Schedule of Events, included within this newsletter, is full of pixies, pirates and possibilities! So be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. It all culminates with an "Under the Stars" screening of Universal Pictures wonderful family film, "Peter Pan" at Veterans Park on Saturday, August 19! Through all these events, we hope children and adults alike will see how books come alive.

This program brings together community members, businesses and organizations all working towards a common goal – to promote reading, education and literacy in our community. I am very pleased to announce that **Sony Pictures Entertainment**, the **Culver Hotel** and **Laing Urban** have once again agreed to partner with us (each at our "Peter Pan" level of sponsorship, with a contribution valued at \$10,000 or more) and that the **Culver City News** will be publicizing our events and activities (at our "Tinkerbell" level of sponsorship, valued at \$5,000 or more). Please be sure to pick up a copy of this paper every week to follow our events and activities. We have several additional sponsors who are listed in this newsletter and on our website.

If you are interested in joining this distinguished group, please complete the **Sponsorship Form** (available on our website or at the Library) and return to us as soon as possible. We have developed a wide-range of sponsorship opportunities and each provides unique benefits for you or your business. Sponsorship can be achieved by a monetary or non-monetary contribution (such as a gift certificate or an item for a drawing) or some combination of both. Please consider how you or your organization can contribute to the success of this reading celebration. All contributions, large and small, are greatly appreciated! With your participation, this program will once again be a **huge success**.

This quarter the Friends take on another challenge, that of writing a book (since the Friends are all about books). We are preparing a taste-tempting **cookbook**, featuring favorite recipes from members of our community. Tying in with our Peter Pan theme this year, we have appropriately entitled the cookbook "A Treasure Chest of Recipes." We invite you to submit your favorite recipe (or two), place an ad, purchase a cookbook, and/or include coupons to your place of business. All proceeds generated from this cookbook fundraiser will benefit the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Please see the insert within this newsletter for more information.

This newsletter is filled with details about this quarter's programs. For more information, you may pick up a flyer at the Library, call 310-559-1676, visit our website www.ccfol.org, or look for details in the Culver City News. I welcome you to get involved and I look forward to seeing you, your family and your friends at these exciting summer events!

Dr. Sharon Zeitlin, President, Culver City Friends of the Library

literacy program aimed at motivating children to read. BRICC rewards children for every age-appropriate book they read, by placing a "BRICC" featuring their name on the wall of the Library. Acquiring ten "BRICCs" signals the building of an entire house. Prizes are awarded weekly for each BRICC. Grand prizes are also awarded at the end of contest to each child who completes a house.

The entire program is free due to the generous sponsorship of Laing Urban, a division of John Laing Homes, whose headquarters are located in Culver City.

The current session will continue through June 27, 2006. All winners and participants will be invited to an awards ceremony and ice cream party at the Library on July 15, 2006 at 3:00 PM. Instructions and entry forms are available on our website or at the Library. It's easy and fun!

This session marks the start of the BRICC program which is intended to be a year round offering, with three 12-week sessions spread throughout the year.

Some Special Thank You's to the Friends of

the Friends!

TO: The Culver City News, Editor Glenn Esterly and Publisher Ron Meyer for promoting the Culver City Reads program in their paper each week!

TO: Emily and Elaine Hirohama for bundling the *Culver City Reads* flyers and to Eadie Siegel for distributing them to the schools. In support of our effort to encourage all families to participate in this year's program, these volunteers distributed nearly 7,600 "Schedules of Events" to CCUSD schools to get the information to children and their parents.

TO: CCUSD **Superintendent Laura McGaughey** for her lovely letter of support. We truly appreciate the school district's support of *Culver City Reads* 2006.

TO: Jay Handal of San Gennaro Café in Brentwood for his generous donation of pizza and salad for our April program. We can always count on his support for the Friends' programs.

TO: All the **book donors** who give their gently used books to the Friends. Our book sales are an important revenue source for the Friends and the Library!

Please keep those book donations coming! (No torn, tattered or dirty books, please.)

A Treasure Chest of Recipes

The Culver City Friends of the Library are preparing a taste-tempting **COOKBOOK** featuring favorite recipes from members of our community. The cookbook will be beautifully illustrated, easy-to-read, professionally printed and bound and sure to be treasured for years.

Each cookbook will contain helpful hints, recipe category dividers, a table of contents, an index and special pages of interest to our community. All proceeds generated from this cookbook will benefit the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. See the insert to this newsletter for more details.

Congratulations, Julie Todd!

The Culver City Friends of the Library sends a hearty congratulations and a fond farewell to Julie Todd on her graduation from library school. With her new Masters Degree in Library and Information Sciences, Julie is moving on to a new position at the Hawthorne Library. We'll miss you, Julie!

Partner with the Friends

We are seeking additional businesses in the community that would like to partner with us to provide discounts to our members. If you are a business owner or know of a company that might be interested in working with us, please email Sharon at info@ccfol.org. What a wonderful way to show your support and recognition of the importance of literacy and education in our community. To show our thanks, we will publicize your business in the Friends newsletter and on our website.

Friends of the Library Business Partners

Being a member of the Friends of the Library has its perks! Use your

Membership Card to get great discounts at the following local businesses:

Batteries Plus in Culver City 10% Discount off regularly priced merchandise

Borders Express in Culver City (Fox Hills Mall)
20% Discount off regularly priced merchandise
(Note Waldenbooks/Brentano's is now Borders Express)

Red Brick Pizza in Culver City
10% Discount on food purchases
(not valid with coupons, on deliveries, or on specials)

Note: You must renew your dues to receive your 2006 Membership Card!

Friends' Website - www.ccfol.org

Be sure to check out the Friends website for information about our events and how to get involved. Check it often as we continually update it with new information and event photos. (Click on "Past Events/Photos" on the left-hand side of the home page to find pictures from previous events).

CCFOL Events This Quarter

July - September, 2006



July

Peter Pan coloring contest for children and "Why I Want To Grow Up In Culver City" essay contest for children and adults. Pick up entry forms at the Library or on our website (go to "Culver City Reads 2006" and then click on "Events"). Awards will be presented at the Fiesta La Ballona. Winning essays will be published in the *Culver City News*.

July

Help fill "A Treasure Chest of Recipes" by submitting your favorite recipes for this special cookbook fundraiser. (Details on page 2.)

July 13 (Thursday) 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Peter Pan book discussion group for adults at the Library facilitated by Mary Menzel

July 15 (Saturday) 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

No one wants to grow up during National Ice Cream Month! Join Captain Hook and his pirates at the library to create your own Peter Pan flavor and learn all about ice cream.

July 26 (Wednesday) 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Peter Pan book discussion group for teens at the Library facilitated by Gwendolyn Stevens.

July 29 (Saturday) 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

"Peter Pan, Pirates and Pixies: Costume Ball and Treasure Hunt" fundraiser for adults at the Culver Hotel in downtown Culver City. \$25 with costume; \$30 without.

August

Visit local businesses and food establishments to see how they support the *Culver City Reads* program

August 1 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Story Time and Craft at the Library

August 5 (Saturday) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Book Sale at the Library – come early for the best selection of books. Peter Pan books will also be available

August 19 (Saturday) 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Peter Pan Party in Veterans Park featuring Peter Pan games with prizes, food, costume parade and contest, drawing for great prizes, and "Under the Stars" screening of Universal's popular family film "Peter Pan"

August 26/27 (Sat/Sun)

Visit the Friends of the Library booth at the Fiesta La Ballona weekend fair at Veterans Park for great buys on books and other merchandise (Volunteers needed! Please call (310) 559-1676.)

September 5 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Story Time and Craft at the Library

September 16 (Saturday) 3:00 – 3:50 PM

When It's Time to Grow Up: The Truth About Terrorism. Culver City Fire Department Battalion Chief Dave White will lead an informative presentation on terrorism in recognition of National Preparedness Month and the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack (for a mature audience)

For more information about these or any of our activities and events, please look for flyers in the Library, call 310-559-1676, visit our website www.ccfol.org or our fun and informative display case in the Library lobby, or check out the Culver City News, a "Tinkerbell" level sponsor of Culver City Reads for a weekly report!

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2006 Culver City Reads:

Peter Pan

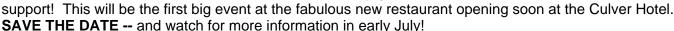
Culver City Reads is a community-wide reading fest sponsored by the

Culver City Friends of the Library to promote reading, education, and literacy. This program encourages people of all ages to read the same book. After loads of input from our community, the book selected for this year is "Peter Pan" by J. M. Barrie. Throughout the summer months, the Friends will hold a series of

events and activities revolving around this book to show children and adults how books come alive and to raise funds for the Library.

Everywhere you look this summer, expect to see Peter Pan, pixies and pirates!

Some Peter Pan Highlights: The Friends **July 29th** fundraiser at the Culver Hotel is not to be missed! Prepare for the biggest, baddest pixies and pirate party of all time! This is our most important fundraiser of the year. Xing Hu, the manager of the hotel, and Jim Hustead and Eddie Harrah, the new restaurant and bar owners, are going all out for a great event! The Friends thank them, in advance, for their very generous



On Saturday, **August 19**, experience true community and family fun at our "Under the Stars" screening of Universal's film "Peter Pan" at Veterans Park. CBS-TV referred to this movie as "The Best Family Film of the Year" when it was released! Highlights of this event include: a costume parade, games, souvenirs, food, Peter Pan characters, live entertainment, a drawing for great prizes and audience participation "fun packs." Bring the whole family!

After reading "Peter Pan," join the stimulating and informative book discussion groups for adults (July 13) and teens (July 26).

Peter Pan Books and T-Shirts for Sale

A variety of Peter Pan Books for readers of all ages are available for purchase at the circulation desk of the Library. Prices: Adult version (\$10), Young Adult version (\$8) and Child version (\$6). We only have a limited number of copies, so get yours while they're still available!

Also available for purchase are T-shirts for this year's *Culver City Reads* program, specially designed by talented, graphic artist Timothy Lambert. (Thank you, Tim, for the fabulous work on the *Culver City Reads* t-shirts and logo design and for the generous donation of your time!) Pick one up at the Library or at any of our Peter Pan events. Adult T-shirts come in sizes, S, M, L, XL, 2X (\$15) and Youth T-shirts in sizes S, M, L (\$10). They are "must have, commemorative T-shirts"

Other Peter Pan and Tinkerbell merchandise (on display in the lobby of the Library) will also be for sale at all our *Culver City Reads* programs. The stickers, stampers, purses and pirate hats are all just too cute! What a fun and easy way to support the Library!

Culver City Police Chief
Don Pedersen Got
Caught Reading:
Check out the display
case in the Library to
see who "Gets Caught
Reading" each month.

Executive Board Meetings:

The public is invited to attend the Friends' Executive Board meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Culver City Julian Dixon Library Community Room. We welcome involvement from our members and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

DO YOU BELIEVE? THEN BECOME A SPONSOR!

The success of Culver City Reads 2006 depends on participation and support from businesses, civic organizations, and individuals like you. There are many ways you or your organization can contribute to this community celebration, including one of many levels of sponsorship listed on the sponsorship forms (available in the Library or at www.ccfol.org), so please participate in whatever ways you can!

Please also visit your favorite local restaurants and businesses and encourage them to participate as well!

WANT TO VISIT NEVERLAND? THEN BE A VOLUNTEER!

We need volunteers to assist at the movie event on August 19, working at food and game booths, distributing program books, setting up and breaking down booths and helping make sure everyone has a wonderful time! We also need to borrow some shade canopies; do you have one we might use for the day?

We are also looking for baskets to use to package and display auction donations at the July 29 fundraiser. If you can spare any baskets in good condition, please drop them off at the Library, marked "Attention Sharon."

Can you spare a couple of hours during Fiesta La Ballona? We need volunteers for the Friends' booth at the Fiesta on Sat., 8/26 and Sun., 8/27.

Interested in volunteerring? Contact: Sharon Zeitlin at 310-559-1676 or info@ccfol.org

The Culver City Julian Dixon Library & The Storytelling Troupe, <u>We Tell Stories,</u> Present

A Summer of Interactive, Story-Based Plays, Wednesdays at 2:00p.m.

- July 5: Proud To Be Me Multi-ethnic tales of pride and self-esteem, featuring: El Anciano, Two Stonecutters, and The Frog Who Wanted to Be a Singer.
- **July 12**: Cuentos de la Familia (Stories of the Family) Hispanic folktales: El Quinto Sol, The Adventure of Juan Bobo, and Macario.
- **July 19**: Keep Trying Stories of patience and perseverance, featuring: The Lonely Prince, The Empty Pot, and The Kite.
- **July 26**: Earth Tales Multicultural folktales celebrating nature and ecology, featuring: Rainbow Bridge, Invisible Hunters, and Freya.
- August 2: Feast From the East Asian folktales, featuring: Cutie Cockroach, How the Rabbit Got Long Ears, and Shankar and the White Elephant.
- **August 9**: Courage! American stories of bravery, featuring: The Ballad of John Henry, Dragons & Giants, and Jumping Mouse.
- August 16: Fables Two well-known fables by Aesop and a French fable by John La Fontaine, including Hare & Tortoise, Cobbler's Song, and Stag & Vine.
- August 23: Fiesta La Ballona Multicultural tales celebrating Culver City, featuring: The Tongva Creation Myth, Turtle Tremors, The Day it Snowed Tortillas, and Wind Says Goodnight.
- **August 30**: Grand Finale of Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales: The Man Who Understood the Language of Animals; Summer Reading Party & Awards Ceremony

Overflow parking available next door at 4909 Overland Avenue Sponsored by: We Tell Stories, Culver City Arts in Public Places Fund and the Culver City Friends of the Library

Culver City Reads 2006 Sponsors

Peter Pan - \$10,000 Culver Hotel; Laing Urban; Sony Pictures Entertainment

Tinkerbell - \$5,000 Culver City News

Wendy - \$1,000

A Sage Experience; Baine/Mead Family; Ronnie Jayne Music, A Song for You Productions

Captain Hook - \$500 A Learning Factor; Culver Center Partners, LLC

Pirates - \$250

Biggs; Culver City Police Officers Association; David K's T-Shirt Printing; Lauren Hunter, Market Gourmet; Sandi Levin; Scott Wyant, Info. Systems Analysis & Design; Universal Pictures

Lost Boys - \$100

Alan Corlin; Arkin and Weissman; Bette and Gerry Sallus; Carpet USA; Crystal Alexander; Evelyn Metoyer-Williams; Laura Frakes; Michael Whitaker and Darren Au; Money USA; Mr. Printer, Inc.; Paul and Joy Jacobs; Sharon Zeitlin; Stanley and Wendy Zeitlin; Steve Gourley; Steven Zeitlin; Timothy Lambert (TL Designs); Vicki Daly Redholtz

Tiger Lily – \$50

Barbara and Stu Brody; Barbara Lambert; Joy Bishop; Lew Family; Marlene and Joel Moskowitz; Pacificos; Steven J. Rose

Napa - \$25

99 Cents Only Stores; Alexia Chantha Diaz; Costco Wholesale; Culver City Womans Club; Daniel Kerson and Shirley Chami; Double Dutch Dinette; JoAnn Higgins; Josephine Zoretich; Lauren Mead; Marissa Mead; See's Candies; Sol and Martha Sigall

Other Leah Pincus

Join this distinguished group! Sponsorship Forms and List of Types and Benefits of Sponsorship are available on our website www.ccfol.org or pick up a flyer at the Library.









BOOK SALES

Past, Present and Future

The Next Sale:

Book Sale Saturday, August 5 at the Library!

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City There will be a HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS: Art • Biographies • Business • Children's Books • Classics • Computer • Cooking Foreign Language • History • Home and Garden • Medical • Music • Mysteries Novels • Paperbacks • Reference/Textbooks • Religion • Romance Science Fiction • Self-Help • Sports • Travel • and more! Also Audiocassettes • CDs • DVDs • Videos! Thanks to the generosity of our many donors, there will be a great variety of books to choose from!

Plus, there will be a variety of versions of "Peter Pan" for sale. Find one that's appropriate for any age level! And don't forget to check out the Peter Pan merchandise – all proceeds support the Library!

The Latest Success:

Lots of Friends showed up to make our April Fools Day book sale a tremendous success! Thanks to everyone's efforts, the Friends raised more than \$1800 for the day. The proceeds from the sales allow the Friends to expand the programs provided at the Library and supplement the publications.

Thank you to the hard work of our dedicated members, volunteers and public who helped make this another successful day, including: Crystal Alexander, Billie Buchanan, Louis Buchanan, Kevin Commins, Alan Corlin, Vicki Daly Redholtz, Martha Doran, Evelyn Fink, Dan Gallagher, Elaine Hirohama, Janet Hoult, Kay Kemp, Jessi Kharasch, Sami Kharasch, Nancy Kuechle, John Kuechle, Sandi Levin, John Madden, Suzanne Mantell, Derek Martinez, Marissa Mead, Lauren Mead, Maggie Meinschein, Vince Motyl, Kane Ng, Tom Patton, Wayne Pulliam, Steve Rose, Gerry Sallus, Todd Sponce, Jeffrey Stanton, Jacob Weiner, Larry Weiner, Michael Whitaker, Steven Wieber and Sharon Zeitlin; and everyone whose name we didn't catch! And, as always, thanks to the Library staff for their support.

Hold the Date:

Next quarter's book sale is tentatively scheduled for November 18 and you never know what new treasures will be on the tables that day! This will also be our holiday sale and arts and crafts boutique. Local groups and individuals are invited to rent tables and sell their holiday wares! Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Mother Goose and the Art of Time Travel

By Elaine Hirohama

At the Story Time on May 2nd, children and their parents were taken back in time to the turn of the century when there were no televisions, radios, computers or Ipods. Instead, seventy attendees turned on their imaginations and took that journey back in time with L. Frank Baum and his wife, Maud (aka Robert and Clare Baum). In honor of Mother Goose Day, Robert and Clare Baum, and their friend, Dusty, returned to the Culver City Julian Dixon Library and shared a story about Humpty Dumpty from the book, Mother Goose in Prose, by L. Frank Baum, which was written three years before The Wizard of Oz. The captivated audience listened to the Baums and took a short journey back to a gentler time. After the program, children enjoyed craft time by making their own Humpty Dumpty and brought a little memento home on their return to the 21st Century.



LOOK WHAT THE FRIENDS HAVE BEEN UP TO!!

POLICE DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Just days after starting with the Culver City Police Department, brand new Culver City Police Chief Donald Pedersen was reading stories to children at the Library in recognition of National Children and Police Day. Chief Pedersen explained his three part instructions for life, as the children listened with rapt attention: 1) always do your best; 2) always do the right thing; and 3) treat others how you want to be treated. The Chief was joined at the event by his daughter Jessica, Reserve Officer Colin Gilbert and Police Mascot Scout.

Our new chief is a 25-year police veteran, began his police career in Hawthorne and spent six years as Assistant Chief and Chief of Police in Signal Hill before being appointed out of a field of over 60 applicants to the coveted post of Chief of Police for Culver City.







Peter Pan Goes to the Farmers Market

By Linda Simmons

Culver City became Neverland when Peter Pan, Captain Hook, Wendy, Tinkerbell and a variety of pirates came to the Farmers' Market on May 16, 2006. Downtown was buzzing as the fanciful characters walked down Main Street handing out flyers about the *Culver City Reads* Program.

Books, stickers and candy were on sale to get people into the spirit of reading the timeless classic book, Peter Pan, written by J. M. Barrie. Children of all ages came by to see Peter and Wendy. Everyone was encouraged to attend the upcoming events sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Parents and children alike promised to come to the next Story Time event on June 6, 2006 at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Costumes were recommended.

The Friends who helped to make this magical day were Alan Corlin, Sharon Zeitlin, Sandi Levin, Elaine Hirohama, and Phil and Linda Simmons. The look of adoration in the eyes of the children as they followed Peter Pan and Tinkerbell gave living proof to the value of reading.

PETER PAN STORY TIME

By Linda Simmons

The childrens' corner of the Culver City Julian Dixon Library had many special visitors on the night of June 6, 2006. Little readers (and big readers!) of all ages came to hear Peter Pan and Captain Hook read books to them. Tinkerbell was there too and she asked the young readers, who were dressed in costume, to stand up and tell everyone who they were. We had little Tinkerbells, little Peter Pans, several pirates and Ariel was there as well as Belle from Beauty and the Beast. Over 120 children of all ages listened carefully as Peter Pan and Captain Hook told them to keep reading with their parents and by themselves.

Later the children made treasure chests and colored pictures of the Peter Pan characters. Peter Pan, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook all signed books for young readers to remember the night. (Peter Pan books will be for sale at all Culver City Reads events this summer and can be purchased at the circulation desk of the Library, too!) Several parents came with their little readers and a great time was had by all. The Library was full of energy and happy little readers who are anxiously waiting to participate in all the upcoming *Culver City Reads* events, especially the outdoor screening of Universal's wonderful family film, Peter Pan at Veterans' Memorial Park on August 19. The Friends who helped to make the night magical were Phil Simmons as Peter Pan, Linda Simmons as Tinkerbell, Dan Gallagher as Captain Hook, Sharon Zeitlin as the Director, librarian Julie Todd, Steven Hirohama, Emily Hirohama, Angela Yu and the rest of the pirate crew.



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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' quarterly newsletter.

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