

CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Newsletter

June 2005

President's Message

By Sharon Zeitlin, Ph.D.

I am very pleased to introduce an exciting new program sponsored by the Culver City Friends of the Library called *Culver City Reads* and I invite you to participate in this community-wide reading celebration. This program encourages people of all ages throughout Culver City to read the same book. It is designed to broaden one's appreciation of reading, to stimulate discussions among friends and family, and to promote understanding of other people's viewpoints. Finally, building a community of readers is important to a vibrant and informed community. *Culver City Reads* provides a forum in which we can all come together to share our thinking about important issues.

We kick off this reading program with the book "The Wizard of Oz," which was selected for several reasons. First, "The Wizard of Oz" is the most widely read and beloved children's book of all times. Second, the movie, based on the book, was filmed at MGM (now Sony Pictures Entertainment) in Culver City. And third, the book expresses themes of friendship, courage, determination and diversity that have great relevance to us as residents of Culver City and as citizens of the world.

The Friends are planning a series of Wizard of Oz events and activities to take place over the next several months. Events are detailed in this newsletter and on our website (www.ccfol.org). Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. It all culminates with a costume parade and an "Under the Stars" screening of the Wizard of Oz movie at Veteran's Park! Through all these events, children and adults alike will see how books come alive. This year's *Culver City Reads* program will be one to remember. We look forward to seeing you, your family, and your friends at these exciting summer events!

Culver City Reads Sponsors

The Friends are proud to acknowledge the following "Wizard" level sponsors of our *Culver City Reads* program: **Sony Pictures Entertainment, Warner Bros, Oz Sings, LLC, the Culver Hotel, San Gennaro, and the Culver City News.** There are a wide range of sponsorship opportunities. You too can become a sponsor and support our Library (see page 4 for details).

Mayor Albert Vera Supports *Culver City Reads* -- 2005

We are very pleased to have the support of the Mayor of Culver City for our new program, *Culver City Reads*.

Mayor Vera wrote:

"Dear Friends,

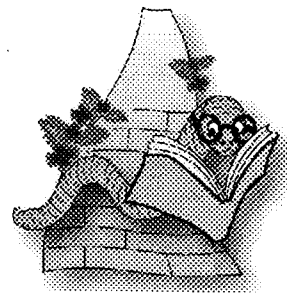
As Mayor of Culver City, I know the value of reading and education and it is my honor to participate in the Culver City Friends of the Library *Culver City Reads* -- 2005 program. The Friends have a series of very exciting events planned over the next several months revolving around the book the Wizard of Oz. These events are for the entire community and I encourage everyone to take advantage of them. The Wizard of Oz is one of my favorite books and I look forward to seeing you at many of the events.

Sincerely,
Albert Vera, Mayor"

Mayor Vera holds a lifetime membership in the Friends. The Friends thank Mayor Vera for his support and look forward to his, the entire City Council's, and the community's participation in our very special program.

Get Caught Reading

The Friends recently initiated a new program where different, influential people "Get Caught Reading". In May, California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus **Herb Wesson** got caught reading his favorite book "Peter Pan" and Culver City Police Chief **John Montanio** got caught reading his favorite book "The Civil War". In June, Culver City Julian Dixon Library Community Library Manager **Evelyn Udenyi** "Gets Caught Reading" her favorite book "Things Fall Apart: A Novel". We are so pleased to have Evelyn as a participant in this important program. Be sure to come by the Library to see who "Gets Caught Reading" each month.



Calendar of Events

WIZARD OF OZ TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SAN GENNARO PASTA CAFÉ AND BAR IN DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY
9543 CULVER BLVD. (310) 836-0400

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005 (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Join us for appetizers and a drink. Admission is \$5 with Wizard of Oz trivia (\$10 without).

STORYTIME WITH ROBERT BAUM

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005 (7:00 PM – 7:50 PM)

Robert Baum will read stories and participate in crafts.

BOOK SALE

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2005 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Come early for the best selection of books.

WIZARD OF OZ BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR ADULTS

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005 (6:30 PM – 7:45 PM)

Discussion group facilitated by Vivian Rosenberg.

STORYTIME WITH DOROTHY

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Dorothy tells stories and does skits for kids and their families.

MUNCH AT MUNCHKINS FUNDRAISER

THE CULVER HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2005 (6:30 PM – 10:00 PM)

Join the Friends at this fundraising event for the Library.

STORYTIME WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALAN CORLIN

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 (7:00 PM – 7:50 PM)

Join Councilmember Alan Corlin for storytime and crafts.

WIZARD OF OZ COSTUME PARADE AND CONTEST, "OVER THE RAINBOW" DRAWING, AND "UNDER THE STARS"

SCREENING OF THE WIZARD OF OZ AT VETERAN'S PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005 (6:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

Dress up as your favorite Wizard of Oz character and join the Friends for this unbelievable event.

FIESTA LA BALLONA

VETERAN'S PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2005 (11:00 AM – 6:00 PM) AND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005 (11:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Visit the Friends' booth for great buys on books.

STORYTIME WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALAN CORLIN

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 (7:00 PM – 7:50 PM)

Join Councilmember Alan Corlin for storytime and crafts.

OVER THE RAINBOW AND THROUGH THE TORNADO: THE WIZARD EXPLAINS WEATHER

CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

A surprise speaker will explain where rainbows and tornados come from.

Farmers' Market

The Friends of the Library kicked off the *Culver City Reads* program at the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Farmers' Market in downtown Culver City on May 24. Since the Wizard of Oz began on a farm, we thought this was a great way to initiate our program. We sold Wizard of Oz books, "Oz" cookies specially made by **Ble D'or Bakery and Café** in Culver City, garden ornaments, and ruby slipper pins to raise money for the Library. We also distributed flyers for upcoming events. You'll never guess who we ran into...Dorothy and the Wicked Witch! Thanks to **Alan Corlin, Elaine Hirohama, Janet Houtt, and Sharon Zeitlin** for volunteering at the booth. Special thanks to **Kim Goines, Elaine Hirohama, and Linda Simmons** for contributing such creative booth decorations.



From left to right: "The Wicked Witch", Councilmember Alan Corlin, Sharon Zeitlin, Linda Simmons, and "Dorothy"

Come to Oz Trivia Night!

Join the Friends for this fundraising event at **San Gennaro Café** on Wednesday, June 22 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Bring a Wizard of Oz piece of trivia and a small admission fee and enjoy appetizers and a drink compliments of **Jay Handal**, owner San Gennaro Café. Trivia can easily be found on the internet. (For example, how did Wizard of Oz author L. Frank Baum come up with the name "Oz"?) **Jeanette James** will be selling **WICKEDLY** beautiful jewelry and has graciously offered to donate a percentage of the sales to the Friends. Admission is \$5 with trivia (\$10 without). Where else can you eat such delicious food for only \$5? Please join us! All proceeds benefit the Library. San Gennaro is a "Wizard" level sponsor of *Culver City Reads*.

Storytime with Robert Baum

On Tuesday, July 5 from 7:00 PM – 7:50 PM, *click your heels 3 times* and join **Robert Baum**, great-grandson of L. Frank Baum, the author of the Wizard of Oz, and **Clare Baum** for storytime and crafts at the Library. Mr. Baum will happily autograph your Wizard of Oz book when purchased from the Friends. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free!

Wizard of Oz Book Discussion Group for Adults

On Thursday, July 14 from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM, join the Friends for a Wizard of Oz Book discussion group for adults facilitated by **Vivian Rosenberg** (back by popular demand)! Vivian received her Bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her Master's degree from Harvard. She is currently an instructor at Santa Monica College. Please read the book in advance and come prepared to discuss it. Several copies of the book are available for checkout. The book is also available for purchase at the circulation desk at the Library for only \$10. This is sure to be a fascinating program. Refreshments will be served... our Librarians are already preparing something special! Admission is free.

Storytime with "Dorothy"

On Saturday, July 16 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, follow the *Yellow Brick Road* to Storytime and Skits with **Elaine Horn**, the nationally-renowned Dorothy look-a-like from the Wizard of Oz! There will be photo opportunities with Dorothy! (Be sure to bring your camera). This is an event for people of all ages. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.



Munch at Munchkins Fundraiser

Appetizers, desserts, door prizes, and entertainment! On Saturday, July 23 from 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM, join the Culver City Friends of the Library for this wonderful fundraising event at the **Munchkins Restaurant** in the historic **Culver Hotel** in downtown Culver City. Our special guest will be **Robert Baum**, the eldest living great-grandson of L. Frank Baum, the author of the Wizard of Oz, who will be happy to sign your Wizard of Oz book when purchased from the Friends. Bring a dessert decorated in a Wizard of Oz theme to enter our dessert-decorating contest; there will be a great prize for the winner! To attend, we request a minimum donation of \$25 or a contribution of an item valued at \$25 or more for a drawing or door prize at a future event. Of course, all proceeds benefit the Library!

Special thanks to **David Yu**, General Manager of the Culver Hotel, for reserving the restaurant for this very special private event.

The **Culver Hotel** is a "Wizard" level sponsor of the *Culver City Reads* program!

Wizard of Oz Coloring and Essay Contests

In July, there will be a Wizard of Oz coloring contest for children through third grade and a "There's No Place Like Home (Culver City)" essay contest for children and adults. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at the screening of the Wizard of Oz on August 21. Contest details and entry forms will be available in the Library and on our website (www.ccfol.org). Be sure to pick one up and enter! The deadline to enter is July 29, 2005.

Businesses Support *Culver City Reads*

Throughout August, visit local businesses and food establishments to see how they support the *Culver City Reads* program. Many businesses and restaurants will decorate their storefront windows; restaurants are encouraged to come up with creative Wizard of Oz menu items. There will be prizes awarded to the business with the most creative window display and to the restaurant with the most unique Wizard of Oz menu item. Details will be available in the Library or on our website (www.ccfol.org).

Movie "Under the Stars"!!!!

Join the Friends on Saturday August 21 for this fantastic program starting at 6:00 PM on the grass at Veteran's Park. This event will commence with an Oz Parade lead by VIPs, including **Culver City Mayor Albert Vera**, *Culver City Reads* Program Committee "Wizard" **Steve Rose**, and **Robert Baum**, the great-grandson of L. Frank Baum, author of the Wizard of Oz, among others. Community members of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes and join in the parade. There will also be a costume contest with prizes! **Elaine Horn**, nationally-renowned Judy Garland impressionist, as **Dorothy Gale** and **Kurt Steinrick**, Master Impressionist of the *Wicked Witch*, will perform some of the exact lines and scenes from the movie and be available for photo opportunities (be sure to bring your camera). The Friends will hold an "Over the Rainbow" drawing for great prizes generously donated by local businesses and community members. **All this will be followed by an "Under the Stars" screening of the Wizard of Oz movie!** The community is invited to sing-a-long the wonderful Wizard of Oz tunes with local singer and musician **Ronnie Jayne**. Come celebrate the 66th anniversary of the release of this motion picture classic and see how books come alive.

Suggested donation: \$10 for adults; \$5 for children. With your donation, you will receive a Program Book and a "Perform-A-Long Fun Pack" to be used prior to and during the film! Drinks, lollipops, popcorn, other snacks, Wizard of Oz books, T-shirts, and miscellaneous items will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Fiesta La Ballona

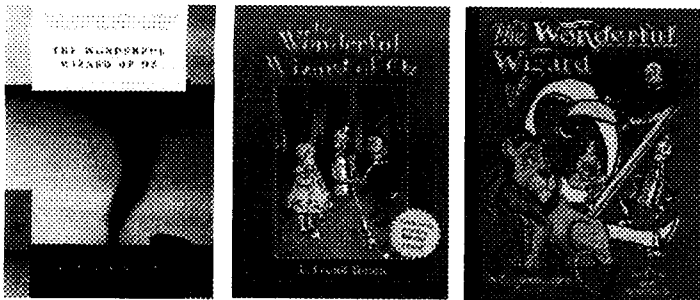
On Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28, visit the Friends of the Library booth at the Fiesta La Ballona (Veteran's Park) for great buys on books and other merchandise. The winners of our "Name the Bookworm Contest" will be announced on the Community Stage (day and time to be determined).

Over the Rainbow and Through the Tornado: The Wizard Explains Weather

Join the Friends for this very special program on September 17 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM at the Library. A "surprise speaker" will explain where rainbows and tornados come from. There will be special demonstrations to teach children (and adults) about these interesting weather phenomena. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. More details to follow at the Library and on our website (www.ccfol.org).

Wizard of Oz Books for Sale

The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum will be available for purchase at all *Culver City Reads* events and is also available at the circulation desk at the Library. There is an adult and a child's edition; each is only \$10. A beautiful, commemorative pop-up version is also available for \$25 – adults and children will love this book! For the true Wizard of Oz fans, your collection of Oz memorabilia isn't complete without this book! The books are displayed in the display case at the Library. Purchase a copy and get ready to participate in all the Wizard of Oz events and activities the Friends have planned. Proceeds are used to support the Library.



Become a Sponsor of *Culver City Reads*

The success of the *Culver City Reads* program depends on financial support from individuals, businesses, and civic organizations. There are many ways you or your organization can contribute to this community celebration, including one of many levels of sponsorship. Sponsorship can be achieved by a **monetary contribution** and/or a **non-monetary contribution**, such as a gift certificate, food for an event, or an item for a drawing or door prize.

We offer the following sponsorship levels:

- Toto** - \$25
- Lion** - \$50
- Tinman** - \$100
- Scarecrow** - \$500
- Dorothy** - \$1,000
- Wizard** - \$5,000

All of the above levels include a listing of the contributor's name and sponsorship category in our Program Book and in the Friends of the Library September quarterly newsletter. As your contribution increases, so do the benefits, such as complimentary passes to the movie with Program Books and Audience Fun Packs, a souvenir poster, an ad in the Program Book, listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category on promotional flyers promoting the movie, in press releases, on the movie screen prior to the movie, and on a sign carried during the Oz parade.

Become a part of *Culver City Reads*! A **Sponsorship Form and List of Benefits** is included with this newsletter. In order to be included in the Program Book, the sponsorship form, your tax-deductible contribution, and your ad must be received by 7/29/05. For additional information, call Sharon Zeitlin at (310) 559-1676 or email us at info@ccfol.org. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this important community project!

Culver City... There's No Place Like Home

"Culver City... There's No Place Like Home" T-shirts will be available (in adult and child sizes) for purchase at all *Culver City Reads* events and at the Library beginning in July. The shirt was designed by artist and former Culver City resident **Timothy Lambert**. We are very grateful for Tim's generous contribution to our *Culver City Reads* program. These shirts are a must have!

Quote

"Baum was a true educator, and those who read his Oz books are often made what they were not – imaginative, tolerant, alert to wonders, life."

– Gore Vidal

Thanks to Eadie Siegal

Thanks to **Eadie Siegal** for delivering nearly 8,000 *Culver City Reads* flyers to the schools throughout Culver City to ensure children (and their families) in our community are aware of the wonderful Friends programs and activities available to them this summer!

Culver City Police Chief John Montanio Reads at the Library

On May 21, in recognition of "National Children and Police Day", Culver City Police Chief John Montanio read "Officer Buckles and Gloria" to children and their families at the Library. **Officer Travis Marschall, Officer LaFaid Johnson, Officer David Oberg, Officer Collin Gilbert**, and the police department's Tibetan Terrier mascot "**Scout**" also participated in the program. Everyone in attendance interacted with the Chief, the other Officers and Scout, and there were photo opportunities for children and adults sitting in a police car, in a police truck, and on a police motorcycle. Another popular part of the program was fingerprinting. With parents permission, Officers fingerprinted children who were interested; the fingerprints were given to the parents as a safety measure in the event their child ever goes missing. This program was very well received and certainly showed children (and adults) that, like books, the police are their friends!

The Culver City Police Department and the Culver City Police Officer's Association also provided great giveaways for the kids. The bookmarks, pencils, pens, rulers, and junior police officer badges were much appreciated. We can't thank the Chief and our Officers enough for conducting such an entertaining and valuable program!

Thanks also to **Vicki Daly Redholtz, Janet Hoult, Vince Motyl**, and **Eric O'Neal** for helping at our information, gift, and refreshments tables. Photos are displayed on our website at www.ccfol.org.



Above: Officer Collin Gilbert, "Scout", Chief Montanio, and the kids



Above: Officer David Oberg, Officer LaFaid Johnson, and Officer Travis Marschall

Herb Wesson Reads Peter Pan

On Tuesday, May 3, California State Assembly Speaker **Herb Wesson** read and acted out his favorite book, *Peter Pan*, at the Library. Speaker Wesson delighted the audience with his reading and everyone sat captivated during his 45-minute performance! The Friends were honored such a high-profile community leader participated in our storytime program. Visit our website (www.ccfol.org) to see photos from the event.



Book Sale Reaps Record Sales Total By Gary Walker

On Saturday April 9, the Friends held our annual county-wide book sale at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library with outstanding results. We raised a total of \$2,101.00 for the day! By all accounts, this is the most successful sale ever. Under the stewardship of last year's president **Bill Heagy** and current president **Sharon Zeitlin**, each book sale has progressively grown not only in sales figures but also in community participation and excitement. The increased sales allow us to continue and to expand upon our wonderful community programs that the Friends are so proud to offer.

As usual, this highly successful day could not have happened without the selfless, tireless energy and dedication of our members, volunteers and the public who all were a part of this exciting day.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the sale: **Crystal Alexander, Lynn Baril, Pearl Barnett, Jessica Beagles Roos, Councilman Alan Corlin, Vicki Daly Redholtz, Evelyn Fink, Dan Gallagher, Daniel Gallagher III, Diane Giarraffa, Allan Goldman, Carolyn Gustin, Jule Hachigian, Patty Krause, Scott Malsin, Shai Maor, Mary Menzel, Vince Motyl, Ruth Naiditch, Eric O'Neal, Wayne Pulliam, Nagam Rao, David Rockwell, Helena Rockwell, Councilman Steven Rose, Neil Rubenstein, Eadie Siegal, Councilman Gary Silbiger, Jeff Stanton, Marcus Tiggs, Luz Vides, Gary Walker, Cory Warshaw, David Warshaw, Jake Weiner, Larry Weiner, and Sharon Zeitlin**. And, as always, our thanks to the library staff led by **Evelyn Udenyi**. They are always so helpful during these fun yet hectic events.

Staff Honored for National Library Week

By Gary Walker

Anyone who has spent time at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library can attest to the vast number of programs, the attentive service of the librarians and the staff, and the amazing array of literature and informational guides that are on hand. Thanks to Community Library Manager **Evelyn Udenyi** and her outstanding staff of librarians, staff members and volunteers, Culver City Julian Dixon Library is the third busiest out of 88 Los Angeles county libraries.

On Saturday, April 9, the day of the county-wide book sale, it was also National Library Week, and the Executive Board of the Friends of the Library honored the wonderful people who make our library the outstanding resource center that so many have come to love and enjoy. As a way of saying thank you, the Friends presented Evelyn and her staff with an award to express how deeply we have come to appreciate them and their dedication to helping serve and educate our community.

"We would not be where we are without our staff and our volunteers," Evelyn said afterward. "We work as a team here. I may be the leader, but without a good staff, we would not be where we are today."

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the many contributions of our nation's libraries and the wonderful, hard-working librarians who make them the special place that they are. In addition, National Library Week serves as a great opportunity to promote the value of the community library.

In addition, that same eventful Saturday we celebrated National Volunteer Week, which was officially the last week in April. The Friends had 93 people volunteer over the past year. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your help! Congratulations to **Wayne Pulliam**, our book sale chair, for being selected as Volunteer of the Year! For the past several years, Wayne has served in this capacity and his efforts are tremendous!



Pictured from left to right: Bonnie Stark, Diane Frazier, Sharon Zeitlin, Evelyn Udenyi, and John Mead

Join the Friends!

Culver City Friends of the Library

Membership Form

(Please print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (check one):

New

Renewal

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one):

Student (under 18 years of age): \$5.00 per year

Individual: \$10.00 per year

Senior (over 55 years of age): \$5.00 per year

Family: \$20.00 per year

Business and Organization: \$100.00 per year

Lifetime: \$200.00

NAME(S) TO BE PRINTED ON MEMBERSHIP CARD:

DONATION:

I wish to donate \$ _____

In memory/honor of: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF
\$ _____

Cash

Check payable to the Culver City Friends of the Library

I wish to receive the Friends of the Library quarterly newsletter via:

U.S. Mail

Email

I wish to get involved in the Friends of the Library:

Please contact me at: _____

Please mail or bring this form with payment to:

Culver City Friends of the Library

4975 Overland Avenue

Culver City, CA 90230

(310) 559-1676

Thank you!

Culver City Friends of the Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Federal Tax ID #51-0174955

Name the Bookworm Contest

Children through grade 12 are encouraged to enter the Friends of the Library "Name the Bookworm" Contest. Contest details and entry forms are available at the Library or on our website (www.ccfol.org). August 5, 2005 is the deadline. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Friends of the Library Website – www.ccfol.org

We are pleased to report that the Friends of the Library have a web presence. Please check it often! We are continually updating it with new information and events.

Friends Display Case

We are also pleased to announce that the Friends have a display in one of the cases in the lobby of the Library. Thanks to **Elaine Hirohama**, Friends member extraordinaire, who created the beautiful display. Thanks also to **Evelyn Udenyi**, Community Library Manager, for letting the Friends use the case to showcase our programs and activities. Be sure to check it out for events that may not have made it into the newsletter. Pictures of our Friends who "Get Caught Reading" are also displayed!

Sponsor a Program

We are very grateful to an anonymous "Special Friend" of the Library for donating the funds to sponsor the Wizard of Oz book discussion program on July 14. This kind of generosity allows us to put on such wonderful programs for the community. If you are interested in sponsoring a program, please contact Sharon at info@ccfol.org.

Sharon Zeitlin Honored for Community Service

By Gary Walker

Proving once again that people in Culver City make the "Heart of Screenland" one of the most engaged and community-oriented cities on the Westside, our President of the Friends of the Library, **Dr. Sharon Zeitlin**, was presented with the "President's Call to Service" award at the City Council meeting on April 25.

The recipient of this esteemed award has logged over 4,000 hours of community service for a variety of organizations, and we all congratulate Sharon for her outstanding efforts to enrich the lives of people inside and outside of Culver City. We have all witnessed her enormous dedication on behalf of the Friends, which gives added credence to the axiom that leadership indeed often begins at the top.

Once again, congratulations Dr. Sharon Zeitlin!



June Program Reminders

As announced in our previous newsletter...

General Membership Meeting – Vision for the Friends

On Saturday, June 18 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, the Friends will hold a General Membership Meeting. June is "Vision Research Month" and the theme of this program is "Vision for the Friends." Our special guest speaker will be **Dr. Steve Levin**, JPL Astrophysicist, who will be discussing his research on the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, the Big Bang Theory, and astronomy in general. While this may sound like a program for adults, Dr. Levin is also an experienced educator and is gearing the program to people of all ages – children and adults. He plans to speak and leave lots of time for questions about space. One of Dr. Levin's projects was just selected for a Mission to Jupiter by NASA. Perhaps we can get him to talk about this fascinating project as well. Everyone in attendance will receive a cool "outer space" bookmark. Please join us for what's sure to be an amazing program and for birthday cake (June 19 is Dr. Levin's birthday).



Storytime with Vicki Daly Redholtz

On Tuesday, June 21 from 7:00 PM – 7:50 PM, **Vicki Daly Redholtz**, Chair of the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park, will read stories to and participate in crafts with children and their families. Vicki has picked out some charming books about dogs that your children will love! Please be sure to bring your children to this event; sorry, no dogs allowed.

Friends Reach Out to the Not So Cowardly Lions

As part of our effort to reach out and work with community groups, the Culver City Friends of the Library are teaming up with the Culver City Lions Club who collect glasses for individuals who cannot afford to buy them. If you have used eyeglasses that you no longer need, please drop them off in the special container in the Friends bookroom at the Library. We will be sure the Lions get them to distribute to individuals in need. The container will be in the Friends bookroom throughout June – Vision Research Month. Thank you!

How Can You Help?

There are several ways you can help the Friends.

Donations

What Type of Donations are Accepted?

We accept books, CDs, DVDs, videos, audiocassettes, and computer equipment. Books must be clean; please do not donate mail-order catalogs, old magazines, or books that are dirty, moldy or falling apart. We cannot sell these items. Computer equipment should be in working order.

Where do you drop off your Donations?

Please drop off your donations at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library, 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230. There is a "donation drop box" at the rear of the Library in the loading zone area.

Monetary Donations

We are also very grateful for monetary donations. If you would like to donate money, please complete the "Donation Section" on our "Membership Form" and send your check payable to the Culver City Friends of the Library to the address on the form. We will send an acknowledgement to you for your records.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous contributions. The Culver City Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3), charitable non-profit organization. Your donations are tax-deductible. Your support 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.

Volunteer

There are many ways to donate your time, including working in our book room, helping out at book sales, and assisting with special programs. To get more information, please email us at: info@ccfol.org.

Shop in our Book Room

The Friends Book Room, located inside the Library, is open during Library hours with great buys and a variety of titles for your reading pleasure.

Library/Book Room Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Attend our Programs

Your participation in our fundraising programs is welcome!

Volunteers are Needed for the *Culver City Reads Events*

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Wizard of Oz costume parade/movie event. If you are interested in finding out about the different ways you or your organization can get involved, please contact Sharon Zeitlin at info@ccfol.org or (310) 559-1676.

Huge Book Sale

On Saturday, July 9 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, the Friends will hold a book sale. We will have a large selection of books as well as videos, DVDs, CDs, and audiocassettes. If you are interested in helping out, please feel free to show up anytime throughout the day; we especially need help with set-up (7:30 AM – 9:00 AM). If you need additional information, contact us at info@ccfol.org or call Alan at (310) 398-8538.

Donation to the Senior Center

On Monday, May 30, Friends President Sharon Zeitlin and Vice President Alan Corlin delivered nearly 200 books to the Culver City Senior Center for use by its members. Rosalie Gotz, Senior Center Director, sent a beautiful thank you note acknowledging the generous contribution of the Friends of the Library!

Partner with the Friends

We continue to seek businesses in the community who 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, email Sharon at info@ccfol.org.

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 Community Businesses:

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

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

Waldenbooks/Brentano's Bookstores
20% Discount off regularly priced merchandise

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Gary Walker and Dr. Sharon Zeitlin

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Culver City Reads—Sponsorship Form

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. The book selected for this year is "The Wizard of Oz". Throughout the next several months, the Friends will hold a series of Wizard of Oz events designed to show children and adults alike how books come alive and to raise funds for the Library. The program culminates in an "under the stars" screening of the Wizard of Oz at Veteran's Park. **The success of the program depends on financial support from businesses, civic organizations, and individuals!**

There are many ways you or your organization can contribute to this community celebration, including one of many levels of sponsorship. Sponsorship can be achieved by a **monetary contribution** and/or a **non-monetary contribution**, such as a gift certificate, food for an event, or an item for a drawing or door prize. Cash and in-kind contributions may be combined to achieve these sponsorship levels. Types and benefits of sponsorship are listed on the reverse side.

Full Name:* _____ Business/Organization:* _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

*Print name as you want it to appear in promotional material. If a business/organization, that name will be used in promotional material unless indicated otherwise.

Monetary Contribution

(All levels of sponsorship, except "Other", include acknowledgement in the Program Book)

Types of Sponsorship and Minimum Contributions

- _____ Wizard - \$5,000
- _____ Dorothy - \$1,000
- _____ Scarecrow - \$500
- _____ Tinman - \$100
- _____ Lion - \$50
- _____ Toto - \$25
- _____ Other (describe) - _____

Non-Monetary Contribution

(counts toward sponsorship levels above)

Description	Value	Delivery
		_____ Item is included
		_____ Item will be available on _____, 2005

Status of Ad for Program Book

For contributions of \$100 or more	_____ Art work is included
	_____ Art work will be ready by _____, 2005

Note: For contributions of \$25 or more, contributor's name and sponsorship category will be listed in the Program Book

SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

DEADLINE: This form, tax-deductible contribution, and ad must be received by 7/29/05 for acknowledgement in the Program Book

Send your tax-deductible contribution and ad (camera ready) with your completed form to:

Culver City Friends of the Library, "Culver City Reads -- Sponsorship"

4975 Overland Avenue,

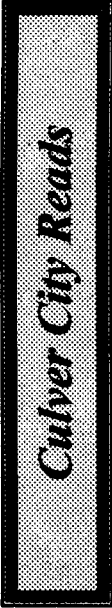
Culver City, CA 90230

Make check payable to: Culver City Friends of the Library

For more information, call Sharon Zeitlin at (310) 559-1676 or email us at info@ccfol.org

**Thank you
for your
support!!!**

CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Types and Benefits of Sponsorship

	Toto	Lion	Tinman	Scarecrow	Dorothy	Wizard
Minimum Contribution:	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$500	\$1,000	\$5,000
Listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category in the Friends of the Library September quarterly newsletter	X	X	X	X	X	X
Listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category in the Program Book	X	X	X	X	X	X
Complimentary passes to movie, with Program Book & Audience Fun Pack		2	4	6	8	10
Souvenir poster celebrating the event suitable for framing		X	X	X	X	X
Link from the Friends of the Library website to contributor's website, if desired, for a period of one year		X	X	X	X	X
Listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category on the Friends of the Library website for a period of one year		X	X	X	X	X
Ad in Program Book			1/8 page	1/4 page	1/2 page	full page
Sign posted at the location of the movie identifying contributor's name and sponsorship category				X	X	X
Listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category on the back of promotional flyers promoting the movie				X	X	X
One year business/organization membership or five year individual membership in the Culver City Friends of the Library					X	X
Listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category in press releases					X	X
Culver City Reads Program Committee "Wizard" (Steve Rose) will appear in costume at your business/home for a photo						X
Listing of contributor's name and sponsorship category on the movie screen prior to the movie						X
Announcement made at movie event thanking contributor for support						X
Sign carried during the Oz parade featuring contributor's name and sponsorship category						X

Note: Sponsorship form, tax-deductible contribution, and ad must be received by July 29, 2005 for acknowledgement in the Program Book