



Fall Newsletter

FALL, 2016

Presidents' Message

Thanks to the community and volunteers for making the One Book/One City events a big success. Please visit our homepage at www.ccfol.org for a summary of the October events. In 2017, the Friends will kick-off a kid's One Book/One City by reading *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary* by Jeff Kinney. Details to follow.

We are looking ahead to another great year and remind everyone to renew your membership. Here are upcoming events:

SNOWLESS SNOW PARTY—Membership Drive, Pop-In Book Sale and Sale of Knitted Items

The Snowless Snow Party returns on Saturday, December 10 from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Library. Many fun and free crafts will be available to get kids and parents into the holiday mood—make Snowman Soup, create a marshmallow snowman, and other snowless fun.

Renew or join the Culver City Friends of the Library membership. Remember, membership expires annually and it will be a good time to renew your membership at the Snowless Snow Party.

Shop for holiday gifts. Affordable hand knitted items created by the Friends and a great selection of books will be also sold at this event.

ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION DINNER

The Annual Meeting & Installation Dinner will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Library Multipurpose Room. The 2017 Board will be installed at the dinner. The slate of officers are as follows:

President	Steven Wieber
Vice President	Marion Joy
Secretary	Susannah Baxendale
Treasurer	Wanda Anesh
Program Co-Chairs	Aileen Zeidman, Michael Laase, May Jung
Membership Co-Chairs	Joanne Seltzer and Patty Krause
Publications Chair	Roz Henderson
Book Sale Chair	Wayne Pulliam
President Emeritus	Nancy Kuechle and Elaine Hirohama

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Photos from One Book/One City

Our weekend with Stewart O’Nan in photos, clockwise from the top left: Friday night reception at the Culver Hotel, under the rainbow at the Sony Studio tour, on the set of Jeopardy on the Sony Studio tour, at the book discussion with Stewart O’Nan in the Julian Dixon Culver City Library, the Friends One Book/One City committee, Stewart O’Nan speaking to CCHS students.

One Book, One City

The One Book, One City program, sponsored by the Culver City Friends of the Library as part of the Centennial Celebration was well-attended and well-received. The selected book, *West of Sunset* by Stewart O'Nan, is a fictionalized account of the time F. Scott Fitzgerald was working as a screenwriter at MGM, located in Culver City.

A variety of events were held, culminating in a talk by the author at the library on Saturday, October 15. The interested audience members were able to listen to O'Nan talk about the process of writing the book, his experiences as a writer, and hear an excerpt from his new book, *City of Secrets*. A Question and Answer session followed the talk. Participants were able to chat with O'Nan and have their books signed, and a reception and mini-book sale were held in the Community Room of the Culver City Julian Dixon Library.

Several discussions of the book preceded the final weekend. These discussions were held at the library, at the Senior Center and at Temple Akiba. Numerous community book groups and individuals read and discussed *West of Sunset* in the months preceding the author's visit. An additional talk at the library by author Lesley M.M. Blume who wrote the book *Everybody Behaves Badly*, the story of Ernest Hemingway and the writing of *The Sun Also Rises*, gave a good description of the relationship between Hemingway and Fitzgerald.

A historical tour of Sony, allowed 40 community members and O'Nan to get a closer look at the studio where Fitzgerald spent so much of his time. This was followed by two presentations at Culver City High School by O'Nan, who gave students a look at the life of an author, and what it takes to become a best-selling writer. Friday evening ended with a social hour at the Culver Hotel for members of the Friends of the Library.

Thanks to Sony Pictures and Janice Pober for making the tour possible, to the Culver Hotel for providing accommodations for O'Nan's visit, and to Sorrento Italian Market for providing sandwiches for high school students who attended the lunchtime presentation as well as the dedicated volunteers who made everything run so smoothly.

From the Librarian

What's going on at the Library?

ACTORS' GANG AT THE LIBRARY

We're delighted to partner with the Actors' Gang to host monthly readings by the acclaimed theater company. The performances are held in the meeting room and they are free. The next date is Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and they will be reading scenes from *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco. Hope to see you there.

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CULVER CITY, THE HEART OF SCREENLAND

Thanks to the Friends for upgrading the blinds in the meeting room and paying for a film license. As soon as the blinds are installed, we plan on showing a number of films. Now when we see the City's motto, we know the library is doing its part to live up to it!

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NEW FACES

If you visited us in the past several months, you may have noticed new staff. We recently hired four members who work at the front desk. We also hired a page who is very good at shelving materials, emptying the bookdrops and setting up the meeting room. Finally, Adult Services Librarian Tracy Anderson is mentoring a library science student. Rebecca will be leaving us soon but has been a great addition to our staff. We were delighted to learn that she is interested in working at a public library once she gets her degree. Please join me in wishing her the best with her studies at UCLA.

Laura Frakes,
Community Library Manager

Glen Perry Memorial Fund

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our Friends group and the Glen Perry Fund, the Culver City Julian Dixon Library's reestablished Classics collection has recently benefitted from over \$1,800.00 of additional material. Now reinforced by over 200 new books, both hardcover and paperback, celebrated authors from Alcott to Maugham to Morrison to Vonnegut can be readily enjoyed by Culver City readers. Always a popular browsing area, the Classics collection is now more inviting than ever!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

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. You will receive the Friends' newsletter via email. Membership is from January to January.

Name(s) to be printed on membership card:

Address:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

New Renewal

Type of membership, please check one:

- Individual: \$10.00/year
- Senior (over 60): \$5.00/year
- Student (under 18): \$5.00/year
- Sustaining Senior (over 60) \$15.00/year
- Family: \$20.00/year
- Supporting: \$50/year
- Lifetime: individual: \$200 couple: \$300.00
- Business/Organization: \$100.00/year

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