

Culver City Friends of the Julian Dixon Library Newsletter

Next Quarterly Book Sale~ Sat. May 21 9:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.

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Huge selection of gently used books. Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m. and teardown is 2:30.

All volunteers welcome! We have 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- Audiocassettes CDs DVDs -Videos-Travel and more!

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- ☆ **Meet your 2011 Executive Board !** ☆
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2011 Upcoming Friends Events

Join the Friends in any or all of these exciting, free events. Friends of the Library Storytimes are 1st Tuesdays of the month. Join Nancy and friends for Thursday Knitting Club 2:45-4:15

April 16: Emergency Preparedness Sat. Program with C.E.R.T and Christine Parra, CCFD, 3-4pm

May 3: Mom Storytime with Anne Malsin, Patti Nachbar, and Bobbie Abood, 7pm.

May 21: Quarterly Book Sale. Volunteers needed!

June 7: Friends' Storytime with Service Dogs, and Arts and Crafts Project, 7pm.

June 18: David DeCandia Tea Presentation and Tea Tasting

July 5: Friends' Storytime and Arts and Crafts Project, 7pm.

Aug 2: Friends' Storytime and Arts and Crafts Project, 7pm.

Aug 27, 28: Fiesta La Ballona Book Sale, Volunteers needed!

Dec 3: Quarterly Book Sale and Holiday Craft Fair, Volunteers needed!

Dec ??: Snowless Snow Party (Save the date!). Volunteers needed!

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Did you know...



The Culver City Library was established April 1, 1915 in the 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 1971.

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.

Library hours:

Sun, Mon closed

Tues 10-8

Wed 10-8

Thu 10-8

Friday 8-6

Library Book Drop-offs



Book Donations

Dear Friends, thank you for dropping off your gently used books at the rear door of the library during closed hours. Unfortunately some of our books have started to walk off on their own. Please spread the word these books are the property of Friends and are not meant for the public to search through and take home. If you have any special books to donate you may also drop them off inside the library during open hours if you like! Thank you and we truly appreciate all those who take the time to drop off the books!

Partner with the Friends!

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:

Avon Independent Sales Rep.
AVON...Brooke Powell

(310) 836-0003

www.youravon.com/brookepowell

10% discount on orders over \$25.00 placed directly with representative, or online using the personal delivery option. 10%, excluding sales tax, will also be donated to the Friends. (May not be combined with any other offer.)



Batteries Plus in Culver City

10% Discount off regularly priced merchandise



Szechuan Restaurant in Marina Del Rey

10% Discount on food purchases
(not valid with coupons, on deliveries, or on specials)



San Gennaro Café in Brentwood

Buy one entrée, receive the second entrée of equal or lesser value FREE. Maximum value \$12. Valid Sunday - Thursday only.

Not valid holidays or with any other offer.

Note: You must renew your dues to receive your Membership Card! All memberships expire in December annually.

President's Message April 2011

Recently I was talking to some co-workers about reading. I told them I read all the time for fun while the others said they almost never read for fun. It surprised me because I enjoy reading so much. One of the co-workers said if he does not understand something he goes back and re-reads at least the paragraph but perhaps even more so it can take a long time to read a book. The other person mentioned that he is a slow reader so he does not enjoy it. They both do a lot of technical reading for work.

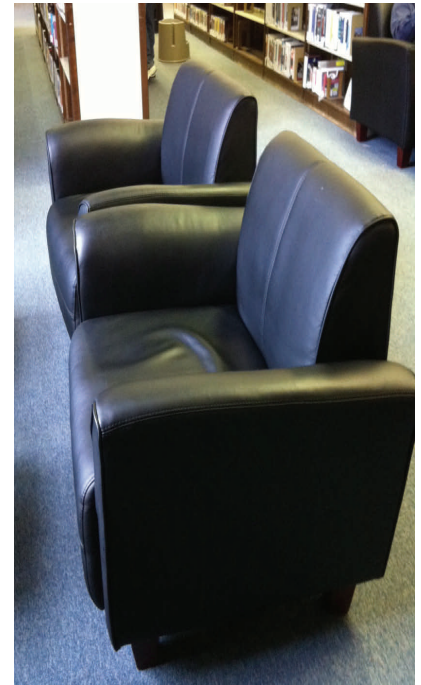
I was really stumped by their views and started thinking back to where my love of books and reading came from. It goes back to the summer after I finished the third grade when my mom had me read to her for a specified period of time each day from anything I wanted - comic books, magazines or books. While reading at home I was to read for content not accuracy; understanding the general idea but not every specific word. I could guess at a word I did not know based on the content.

Additionally my family would take Saturday trips to bookstores where I was allowed to buy one book of my choice. These special family outings showed me how important books were to my parents while giving me the opportunity to begin building my own collection.

Help your children to enjoy reading and show them how reading can open up whole new worlds to them. Show them reading can be fun as well as a method of learning. Introduce them to books on topics which are of interest even if those books are "too old" for them by letting them read for content and helping when requested. Use our library and the wonderful staff to open your child's mind to reading for fun.



Have you seen the library's newest chair? (Purchased with funds raised by CC Friends of the Library).



Next time you visit our library check out the "new" newspaper handout rack by the front desk and black chairs by the windows on the parking lot side of the building. These were purchased with funds raised by the CC Friends of the Library from the Westchester Borders closing sale. The savings was dramatic and a bit of a neighboring bookstore will live on at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library!

First Quarter Highlights



(more pictures at www.ccfol.org)

February Storytime with El Rincon parent and Author C. G. Rawles



March Storytime with Vice Mayor Micheal O'Leary



Quarterly Book Sale



Thank you Volunteers!

There are two groups of people who allow us to keep our book sales going. One is our long list of volunteers who show up at 7:30 a.m. and stay until 3:00, and the other is YOU, our customers who continue to support our book sales even in the rain! Thank you loyal members and customers!



Julie Alves

Chandler Bark

Mitch Blake

Christian Campos

Loise Cho

Kevin Commins

Jeff Cooper

Alan Corlin

John Crumblish

Judith Detamore

Justin Espiritv

Cristobal Galvan

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Samira Viliani

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Amy Wong

M. Yampolsly

Aileen Zeidman





Spring Session is from **Wednesday, April 6th to Wednesday, May 25th.**

Toddler Storytime is for children under 3 years of age. Storytime is followed by a fun art activity or playtime. **Spring Session begins Wednesday, April 6th and ends Wednesday, May 25th.**

You must be registered for the full session to attend. Signups begin in person **Wednesday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m.** Phone calls will be accepted after 11:00 a.m. that day (310) 559-1676. Space is limited to 40 children. Registrations will continue until the class is full. Attendance will be taken at the door.

Preschool Storytime is for children 3 to 5 years of age. Storytime is followed by a fun art activity or playtime. You must be registered for the full session to attend. Signups begin in person **Wednesday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m.** Phone calls will be accepted after 11:00 a.m. that day (310) 559-1676. Space is limited to 40 children. Registrations will continue until the class is full. Attendance will be taken at the door.

Note: Signups for **Summer Storytime** (combined session of Toddler and Preschool Storytime) will be Wednesday, June 22nd with Summer Storytime beginning Wednesday, June 29th. No registration is required.

Bedtime Storytime. Join us for a fun storytime every Tuesday evening. For children up to 8 years old; babies, toddlers and families are welcome. Art activities and/or special programs the first Tuesday of each month. No registration required. Storytime is a special time to make new friends and share stories, songs, play, art activities and more...

Spring Storytime Celebration Tue, April 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Spring, Passover and Easter with a festive storytime. Join us for fun stories, holiday songs and art activities. Best of all is the planned visit from the **Easter Bunny** who will have great giveaways for the children! Bring your cameras along for this fabulous photo opportunity! This special event is sponsored by Club Rotario De Latinos Unidos.

Reader C.G. Rawles Wed, April 13, 2011, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join Culver City resident and author illustrator C. G. Rawles for a special talk and reading of her children's book, "Same Difference". "This debut children's book celebrates self-awareness and diversity within the African American culture." The author, who is a former artist-in-residence of Spelman College, will also explain the educational and career path to becoming an author illustrator and will answer questions. Her original artwork will also be presented. A poetry reading and related creative art activity follow. There will also be a book giveaway while supplies last!

Earth Day Celebration - What's Buzzing in Your BackYard?

Wed, April 20, 2011. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Heather Teodoro of the Los Angeles West Vector Control District returns to present one of her ever-popular insect programs in celebration of Earth Day! Join us for a colorful and exciting PowerPoint presentation and displays of preserved stinging and biting insects, hives, nests and honeycombs. See an incredible live demonstration of mosquitofish eating mosquito larvae! And you may be the lucky one to try on a real beekeeper suit. Great giveaways too! Geared to elementary school-aged children of all ages and their parents and caregivers, too.

Marionette Show. Sat, April 30, 2011, 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Come celebrate with us at the library! Franklin Haynes is back with another of his fantastic bilingual puppet shows: *Marionetas en Desfile!* This colorful, multicultural *Cinco de Mayo* marionette show is the highlight of our festivities surrounding Dia de Los Ninos/Dia de Los Libros (Children's Day/Book

Day). April 30th is the day that emphasizes the importance of books in the lives of children and their families. The event will also include art activities and a book giveaway (while supplies last)!

Upcoming Events:

Woody Guthrie's 99th year celebration, more info coming soon!

Definiens

Join us for our second of four family Musical Adventures performed by the chamber music ensemble Definiens Project! In the second event we will meet Rudolfo the Flower who has one special wish...to learn how to dance the mambo. The short musical pieces performed by the musicians are accompanied by participation from the audience. Children explore the sounds of nature and are introduced to the individual musical instruments and musical concepts. Families and children of all ages are welcome with elementary-school age the focus. Performances are made possible in part by The City of Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program with support from Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Sat., 4/9/11, 2p.m.-Rudolfo and the Mambo, a special wish to learn the mambo

Sat., 5/14/11, 2p.m.-What Kadydid-explore the sounds of nature all around us

Sat., 6/11/11, 2p.m. – Musical Adventure! – explore rhythm with the Vientos Trio
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Our **Summer Reading Program** for children will kick off on Wednesday, June 29th at 2 pm and will continue every Wednesday at 2 pm through August 10th (it's possible I will even end the 3rd). The theme this year is One World, Many Stories. The Kickoff Program (June 29th) and continuing entertainment for July and first week of August is the dramatic storytelling troupe We Tell Stories performing interactive story-based plays. "All performances are made possible in part by the Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program with support from Sony Pictures Entertainment." In addition to the regular storytime there will also be a special traditional Japanese Kamishibai counting story presented by Kazue Takada. Stay tuned for a full summer description in the next Newsletter!

Edible Books Festival. ... And the Winners are...

CATEGORY	NAME	BOOK TITLE	Prize Sponsors
Most Humorous	Wendy Zeitlin	Peter "Pita" Pan	Waterloo & City
Most Whimsical	Leon Buchan	Star Wars	Rush Street
Most Creative	Wanda Anesh	Catch 22	Gourmandise School
Most Literary	Sharon Hyland Elstein	The Good Earth	Akasha
Most Tempting	Avishai & Shavit Melamed	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	La Dijonaise
Most Inspired	Katie Malich	Tortilla Flat	Ford's Filling Station
Most Artistic	Rebekah Drew	Three Little Pigs	Kay 'n Dave's
Best Depiction of a Children's Book	Michael Laese	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Gyenari
Kid's Entry	Connie Clarkson	Dragon's Quest	Coop Pizza
Best Teen's Entry	Sonia Chaggan	The Great Gatsby	Pitfire Pizza
Friends' Choice	Judy Blake	The Chocolate Chip Cookie Mystery	L'Epicieria Market
Judge's Choice	Kalia Lowitz	Green Eggs & Ham	Sprouts Farmers Market
People's Choice	Kalia Lowitz	Green Eggs & Ham	New School of Cooking
DRAWING WINNER	Belinda Maisterra		Sony Pictures Entertainment

[Please go to our website to view all of the entries this year. www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org)



Acknowledgements: The weather was in full cooperation for our 3rd annual Edible Books Festival held at Gyenari Korean BBQ. We had a record 35 entries this year so we want to start by first thanking our very generous prize sponsors: [Waterloo & City](#), [Rush Street](#), [Gourmandise School](#), [Akasha](#), [La Dijonaise](#), [Ford's Filling Station](#), [Kay 'n Dave's](#), [Gyenari](#), [Sony Pictures Entertainment](#), [The Coop Pizza](#), [Pitfire Pizza](#), [L' Epicerie](#), [Sprouts Farmers Market](#), and [New School of Cooking](#). Judges this year were [Vicki Fan](#), [Beacon Catering](#); [Noelle Carter](#), [Los Angeles Times Test Kitchen](#); and [Clemence Gossett](#), [The Gourmandise School](#). Our 3 judges did a marvelous job picking the winners! Special thank you to our wonderful chair Linda Shahinian who really launched this year's Festival and kept it going! Thanks Linda for rounding up our sponsors. Your tireless efforts helped make this a spectacular festival! Thank you to Judith Martin-Straw of Culver City Crossroads for her help with the publicity and special thanks to Jimmy Jang of Gyenari Korean BBQ for allowing us use of the restaurant! We couldn't have done it without you. And special thanks to our volunteers: Lise Friedman, Patti Krause, Karen Pyenson, Jim and Bobbie Abood, Laura Frakes, and Steven Hirohama (our wonderful photographer). Although we can't picture all of our winners, we did want to acknowledge two board winners who did win in a category: Sharon Elstein and Wanda Anesh. People's Choice and Judge's Choice Favorite was "Green Eggs and Ham", (and Jimmy's also). Congratulations to our lucky Sony E-reader winner Belinda Maisterra!

You have 12 months to start working on next year's entry! Don't forget to check our website for all of our winners and entries!

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON MEMBERSHIP CARD: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP/DUES: NEW RENEWAL

CHECK ONE: INDIVIDUAL \$10.00/year

SENIOR (OVER 65): \$5.00/year

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: \$100.00/year

FAMILY: \$20.00/year

STUDENT (UNDER 18): \$5.00/year

LIFETIME: \$200.00

DONATION: SUPPORTING MEMBER: \$50/year SUSTAINING SENIOR (OVER 65) \$15.00/year

TOTAL ENCLOSED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT OF \$_____ in Cash Check payable to Culver City Friends of the Library

Please bring or mail this form with payment to: Culver City Friends of the Library, 4975 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230

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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