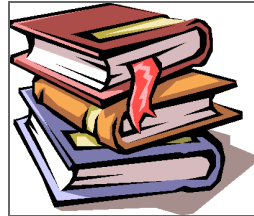


# Culver City Friends of the Julian Dixon Library Newsletter

## Next Quarterly Book Sale~ Fiesta La Ballona Sat. August 27-28



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**Join us at the Fiesta! Volunteers wanted! Come join us for a fun-filled weekend. Setup, sell, sort, stack and meet some new Friends of the Library !**

**Email Wanda at [info@ccfol.org](mailto:info@ccfol.org) to volunteer. Look for our booth! Most book \$.50-1.00. See you there! Dates Aug 27-28**

### 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

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

September 6, Storytime and Arts and Crafts Project, 7pm

Sept 17: Miniature Dollhouse Demo with Bobbi Abood!

Oct 4: Storytime with Farragut Principal Lynn Ebor. Arts and Crafts Project to follow, 7pm

Nov 1: Storytime and Arts and Crafts Project, 7pm

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

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

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☆☆ <b>Meet your 2011 Executive Board !</b> ☆☆
☆☆ President, Wanda Anesh ☆☆
☆☆ Vice President, Steven Wieber ☆☆
☆☆ Secretary, Renee Pryor ☆☆
☆☆ Treasurer, John Kuechle ☆☆
☆☆ Membership Chair, Sharon Hyland-Elstein ☆☆
☆☆ Book Sale Chair, Wayne Pulliam ☆☆
☆☆ Program Co-Chairs, ☆☆
☆☆ Nancy Kuechle ☆☆
☆☆ Elaine Hirohama ☆☆
☆☆ Publication Chair, ☆☆
☆☆ Aileen Zeidman ☆☆
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Thank you to our Volunteers at our May Book Sale!

- Marsha Orth
- Michael Orth
- Judith Detamore
- Gliezel Vincecruz
- Van Tutwiler
- Barry Moskowitz
- Maria Nava
- Red Stephan
- Bandini Patel
- Erik Alas
- Roni Lopez
- Nicole Shin
- Reshma Varghese
- Michelle Kong
- Radika Kumari
- Sharon Hyland-Elstein
- Kaila Williams
- Jule Hachigian
- John Crumblish
- Roshem V

Tea Party and Free Movie night at the Library

Thank you "Alice"~Emma Dezarn and "Rabbit" Paige Rothfarb for helping to host our event and special thanks to face painter Belinda! Check out ccfol.org to see all of our special guests who came in costume.



**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](http://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.

**Library hours:**  
**Sun, Mon closed**  
**Tues 10-8**  
**Wed 10-8**  
**Thu 10-8**  
**Friday 8-6**

## President's Message July 2011 Newsletter



There's Always Time for Tea !

David DeCandia was the speaker at our recent Saturday event. David is the current Master Tea Blender for [Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf](#). His travels have taken him to Sri Lanka, India, China and many other countries. Few people drink more than his 15 cups of tea per day and he states it keeps him focused all day. The best tea pickers on the estates are 5 feet tall where the tea leaves are picked, so Elaine and Aileen just may have a future career! David has traveled the globe to find the best teas. He adds a little sugar to his teas. He prefers plain old white sugar, not blue, pink, or yellow. If you ask him who he works for, he just might answer, Tea Leaf and Coffee Bean. Attendees received free samples of 10 different tea flavors.

### **What's the best way to steep our whole leaf tea?**

Start with fresh, cold water, either bottled or filtered. Bring the water to a boil and remove from heat. Then add one teaspoon of tea leaves per 8-oz cup of water into a teapot or infuser, or, if you're using tea bags, immerse the tea bag directly into a 12-16oz cup. The steeping time depends on the type of tea, so take a look at the guidelines to see how long you should steep your particular tea.

Steeping time

Green Teas...3 minutes

Black Teas...6 minutes

Oolong Teas...6 minutes

Herbal/Fruit Infusions...7 minutes

### **I like my tea strong! Would steeping it longer make the tea stronger?**

Actually, no. Over-steeping your tea will turn it bitter. For stronger tea, simply add more tea leaves, or a second tea bag.

### **Why do you insist on our using filtered water for tea?**

We recommend bottled or filtered water because most of the impurities have been removed from it, so what you'll taste is just pure, pristine tea.

### **How can I make a tea latte at home?**

Pour eight ounces of hot water in a 12-oz cup. Now add your favorite *Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf*® tea sachet or loose leaf tea, and steep the brew according to the directions on the package. After steeping, add 1/3 cup of our French Deluxe™ Vanilla Powder and stir well. For the final delicious touch, top off the tea latte with hot or steamed milk. Enjoy!

### **What's the best way to store tea?**

To ensure freshness, be sure always to store tea leaves in an airtight container. It's best also to store the leaves in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.

A library is a repository for literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets and prints, kept for reading or reference according to the American Heritage Dictionary. Author John Grisham said, in a recent interview, that when he was a child the way his family evaluated a new town was by the number of books you could check out from the library at a single time. Although many people think of books when they think about libraries books are really just one aspect of what a library is.

I think of local libraries as indicators of the communities of which they are a part. A caring and involved library will be part of a caring and involved community. The collection will reflect the interests and culture of the community which makes each library unique.

The Culver City Library is a perfect example of what I mean. Our library provides a homework center, a children's librarian who hosts story times and other special interest activities. Our library hosts book clubs where people can meet to discuss various genres which appeal to them. Our library has a collection which matches the culture of the community. We are fortunate in Culver City to have a wonderful library with a great staff so closely aligned with the community.

Wanda

# Second Quarter Highlights



(more pictures at [www.ccfol.org](http://www.ccfol.org))

May Storytime with some great Moms: Patti Nachbar, Bobbi Abood, and Anne Malsin



TeaTime with Master Brewer David DeCandia



Storytime with Service Dogs and friends (Melissa Barry and Judy Blake)



Storytime with El Rincon Principal Reginald Brunson





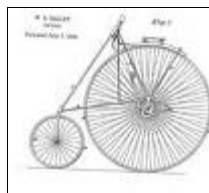
Our Summer Reading Program for children will kick off on Wednesday, June 29th at 2 pm and will continue every Wednesday at 2 pm through August 10th (it's possible I will even end the 3rd). The theme this year is One World, Many Stories.

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." It is a requirement of this grant that we put this quote in any advertising we do.

### We Tell Stories

We Tell Stories will do 6 (?) performances this summer: June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3. While the We Tell Stories plays are designed for young school age children, preschoolers are welcome to attend and many do. They really enjoy watching the older children perform in the plays. There is no registration required to attend these programs. The final party will either take place on Wednesday, August 3rd at the last We Tell Stories performance or there will be a separate final party on Wednesday the 10th. The bicycle drawing will also be that day (see below for information on the donated bicycle).

Wednesday, June 29th will be the first day to sign up for the reading-based portion of the Summer Reading Program and as mentioned above the theme is One World, Many Stories. This includes both children who read and children who are being read to (younger children and babies who do not read yet). There will be two separate reading games: a reading game for the babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and another game for the elementary school age children. Children, parents and caregivers will receive prizes (incentives) for participating in the games. They do not have to attend the Wednesday performance in order to participate in the reading games and they may sign up at any time during the summer, any hours the library is open. The same applies to collecting their prizes. The grand prize is a bicycle donated by the Culver Westside Dental Group. There will only be one awarded and only those who have completed at least one reading game will be eligible.



Bedtime Storytime will continue all summer-long, Tuesdays at 7 pm, for preschool to 8 years old (though, babies and toddlers are also welcome). There is no registration required for this storytime.

Summer Storytime for children 5 years of age and under will be Wednesdays @ 10 am. There will be no registration for these programs. They will begin Wednesday, July 6th and will continue through Wednesday, August 10th. [Toddler and preschool storytime signups will take place again on Wednesday, September 7th at 10 am.]

If people need more information on my children's programs, including the titles and dates of the individual plays, it will be available later on our website: [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org), the Culver City website: [www.culvercity.org](http://www.culvercity.org), the We Tell Stories website: [www.wetellstories.org](http://www.wetellstories.org), and posted in the library.

The teens will have their own reading game and I'm not sure yet if there will be any teen programs since we have no teen librarian now. This would have to be verified with Laura. The theme for teen summer reading is You Are Here. The County will again have a regional drawing for a laptop computer and Culver Westside Dental Group will also donate a great teen prize this year. It may be a portable dvd/cd player like last year.

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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