



Winter, 2019

Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

Winter Book Sale January 25-27

Friday, January 25, 2 – 6 PM

Friends Members Presale (Memberships from \$5 sold at the door from 1 PM)

Saturday, January 26, 9 AM – 4 PM

Public Sale

Sunday, January 27, 1 – 4 PM

Public Bag Sale - 5 Bucks a Bag

Fill a paper grocery bag with a combination of books, CDs, DVDs, or tapes for only FIVE DOLLARS. In the interest of fairness, larger bags such as department store shopping bags will not be accepted.

2019 Book Sales

April 26-28

July 26-27

October 25-27

Membership Levels

Individual	\$5
Family	\$10
Organization	\$25
Patron	\$25
Life	\$100

Additional Gifts are always appreciated.

Renew Your Membership

Memberships expire at the end of the year except life members and those who joined in October, so please take time now to renew.

Check your information on the membership envelope included with this newsletter, correct if needed, and mail with a check for \$5 for an individual, \$10 for a family or \$100 for a life membership.

The Friends web site, www.FriendsOfTheTorranceLibrary.org, also allows you to renew your membership or donate online. When you click on "Pay," you will be taken to a PayPal page. The option to use a credit or debit card appears below the option to use a PayPal account, and you may have to scroll down to see that option. There is no need to create a PayPal account or to log in to pay with a credit or debit card!

We are now offering to replace your black and white paper copy sent through U.S. Mail with the full color edition emailed to you quarterly and accessible online at our website, www.FriendsOfTheTorranceLibrary.org.

Reading the newsletter online saves printing costs and postage and means more of your annual membership fee can be used to support the library's educational programs.

Please let us know which option you prefer when you renew your membership. We have updated our membership form to reflect this choice. Please add or correct your email address. You may also mark mailed copy on the renewal envelope.

New Membership cards will be mailed.

Book Sale Prices

Paperback Prices

Pocketbook (mass market) 50¢

Trade paperback \$1.00

A trade paperback is larger than mass market up to 6 x 9 inches

Oversize \$1.50

Larger than trade paperback in width or height

Hardback Prices

Children's 50¢

Adult & Youth \$1.50

We have just about every category of books, including textbooks. All books are sorted by category. Our hardback fiction, sci-fi and mystery books are alphabetized by author.

In addition to games and puzzles, we also have DVDs, CDs, records, and videotapes.

Audio Visual Prices (reduced)

DVDs \$2 (Blu-ray \$3)

CDs \$1

Tapes & records 50¢

PORTAL Programs in Process!



The Library has launched our new PORTAL Program – two technology carts with Chromebooks that can connect to the wireless networks at all six libraries to provide technology training. Workshops so far have included applying for jobs online, using the Social Security and Medicare websites, coding classes, designing in Canva, and information for emergency preparedness. Classes are receiving excellent feedback and are filling up.



The technology was funded by a grant from the California State Library, and the Friends of the Torrance Library provided the matching funds to put a ramp on the Library's delivery van to route the carts, provide programming materials, and other expenses. Meeting the community's need for technology training is something we have been working toward for a while, and with the support of the Friends the PORTAL is out there and teaching technology.

Hillary Theyer, City Librarian

Life Members

Your membership card is included in this newsletter. In order to include the card, we have sent paper newsletters to all life members.

This is a special request to our life members who still get a paper copy. Since you don't send in a renewal form, we never hear from you. Most of the life members are still receiving the mailed copies. If it would be convenient for you to receive the emailed copy, send an email to news@FriendsOfTheTorranceLibrary.org with your name and postal mailing address. Include your email address on the renewal form or renew your membership online.

We Appreciate Your Support

Many thanks to the hundreds of book lovers who attended our last book sale. Your participation at our sales, and your donations of books, make it possible for the Friends to provide financial support to the library.

The Friends are always in need of more book donations. Leave any small book donations in our convenient drop box located just inside the library entrance or in the large drop box marked library donations near the loading dock. For larger donations, come to the loading dock of the back of the library and ring the bell for assistance. We'll even provide a receipt for your tax-deductible contributions!

Membership Perks

Your membership includes four Friends newsletters per year with advance notices about upcoming book sales.

The biggest perk of membership is admission to Friday "Friends Only" days for our book sales.

Dana Vinke



We are going to miss our Principal Librarian – Operations Dana Vinke. He is becoming Deputy Director for the Ventura County Library.

Dana has brought technology to tasks that were once done manually. He completely built out the Library's new website, he created all the forms used to route data and tasks.

Dana won California Library Association's 2015 Technology Professional Award and won multiple Awards of Excellence from the City for his work. Other projects of his also won awards, such as CLA's 2016 PR Excellence Award for the Library Van.



Dana never stopped trying to make things better, finding a way to improve, and then sharing what he taught himself to do. He figured out how to get the catalog PCs to show our services when not in use instead of a bouncing Windows logo and he instituted the flat screen TVs at all locations, enabling us to show off our programs in the downtime, and run movies without sending a bunch of equipment to be set up at each location.

Hillary Theyer, City Librarian

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BYOB – Not what you think! Help us by bringing your own bag.

Library Plan of Service

The Torrance Library will be revising the Plan of Service for the next five years.

Information from the survey will help the City enhance library services to better meet your needs -- with your feedback, our Library improves!

To get a better understanding of what you like about the Torrance Public Library, as well as learn about your needs, you're encouraged to participate in an online survey by January 31, 2019:

<https://www.Library.TorranceCA.gov/services/2018-plan-of-service-survey-user>

Print copies are also available at all library locations.

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