



Fall, 2018

Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

Fall Book Sale Oct 26-28

Friday, October 26, 2 – 6 PM

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

Member Special Friday Only All DVD, CD, VCR, records Half Price

Saturday, October 27, 9 AM – 4 PM

Public Sale

Sunday, October 28, 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

January 25-27

April 26-28

July 26-27

October 25-27

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.

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 (regular)

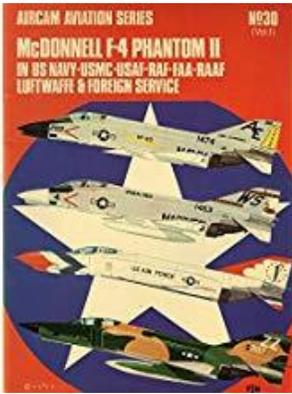
DVDs \$2 (Blu-ray \$3)

CDs \$1

Tapes & records 50¢

We want to thank everyone who donated in memory of longtime Friends volunteer John "Jack" Kropp. Jack passed away on June 24th.

Unusual Donations



Aircam Aviation Series #26, 14, 41



Colors and Markings, 10 Vols

Are the Unsold Books Saved to the Next Sale?

No, the unsold books are, for the most part, donated to non-profits. All teachers are welcome at 4 p.m., as the sale closes, to pick up free books for use in their classrooms. If you are a teacher, or know one, please contact Burt Dobratz at bdobratz@gmail.com or stop by at the end of the sale.

We supply unsold children's books to a supply center placing them in 72 community centers throughout the LA basin

Words on Wheels

Would you like to visit with someone who can't get to the library and share your love of books with them?

Other Military Related:

Aircraft in Action Squadron/Signal Pubs 35 iss

Combat Vehicles 5 issues

Lock on Aircraft Photo File 5 issues

Men at Arms 20 issues

Osprey Elite Series 19 issues

Uniforms Illustrated 11 issues

Mark Twain (hardcover) 24 volumes, American Artists Edition

In the **Science** section:

Cosmology

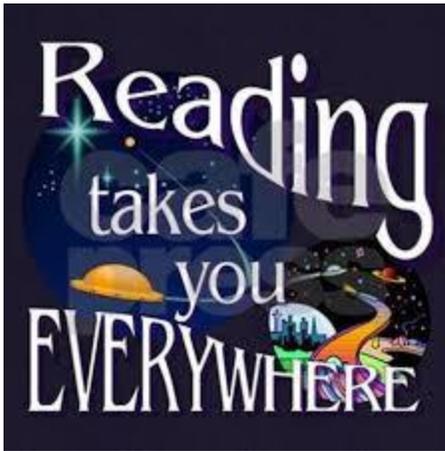
In **SciFi** fiction

StarTrek paperbacks

Do you enjoy reading? When you have read a good book do you love sharing the title and a little about the author? Do you have an extra hour to fill with some socializing and visiting? Have you visited our Torrance Libraries and found what a great source they are and how helpful the staff is? If you said yes, you will enjoy Words on Wheels, sometimes known as WOW. Contact Jan Wierzbicki at 310-618-5954 for more information.

Book Group in a Box

Book Group in a Box includes everything you need to get your book club up and running: 10 copies of the same book, discussion questions, and background information. The six-week checkout period is designed to work with book club schedule. See library for details.



Summer Reading Program 2018 Reading Takes You Everywhere!

The Torrance Library expanded and revised the Summer Reading Program in 2018 and achieved more registrations and completions than ever before. The new ten-week program included “self-selection” where everyone could select the program that best suited them, regardless of age. From four programs – pre-reader, young reader, teen and adult – participants selected the program that best met their needs. For example, parents could do the young reader program side by side with their kids, advanced elementary school readers could take on the challenge of the teen reading program, and anyone who learns better through hands-on activities could select the adult program. We also added single point registration, so we were able to capture the parents who were used to bringing their children into the library but not taking the time to enroll themselves. This made the program inclusive by default to those with disabilities, reading difficulties, or different learning styles.

We also added an online participation program this year, reaching out to all those who travel, camp, or are just too busy to make it inside a building to enroll. This element was also able to serve those who cannot get to or use the library. Many, including me, just found it more convenient as at home at night was when they completed their reading, and online we could log completions right away. Participants found the online program easy to use.

Overall, 9,261 people registered and 3,524 completed their reading goal, for a completion rate of 38%. While our completion rate was down, this was due to the huge surge in registrations, indicating that many more people had a positive interaction with the Library and were welcomed to a program.

We also had numerous amazing events that packed our libraries with people engaging, learning and having fun. Events included:

- 45 adult programs and 94 youth programs, for a total of 139 programs with a total attendance of 5,592.
- 14 separate sessions of youth storytimes each week ranging from Babytime, Family Storytime, Toddler time, and evening Pajama-Rama
- Youth story and craft programs, LEGO parties, magic shows, movie matinees, and board game playing, all of which explored science, sea life and wild life.
- Teen special programs including a Ben Band performance, mini-carnival games, an after-hours adventure, anime instruction, and more.
- Adult programs included concerts, story performers, movie screenings, and comedians, in addition to informative programs on deep space exploration, camping and backpacking, travel tips, chocolate making, and an author panel discussion. Adults were provided many hands-on opportunities to spark creativity via card making, origami, scrapbooking, model making, mime and hula dancing.
- 186 entries were received for the Design-A-Bookmark contest.

This successful summer has set the bar for 2019 and would not have been possible without the support of the Friends of the Torrance Library.

Hillary Theyer, City Librarian

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BYOB – Not what you think! Charging for grocery bags means we collect fewer to hand out. Help us by bringing your own bag.

Everything Old Is New Again...

The Friends of the Torrance Library give new meaning to this tune every day with our book sales. Declutter your home or garage while supporting a worthy cause! The Friends are always in need of more book donations. Bring us all your old, new, paperback, hardback, fiction/non-fiction, textbooks, literature, children's books, and more! All profits from

sales go directly to library sponsored programs (Summer Reading Program, author speaker series, etc.) 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!

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