

Summer, 2018

Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

Friends Officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year

President - Gayle Saito

Vice President – Marcie Hines

Secretary – Cynthia Page

Treasurer - Ron Kimmel

Elected at the annual meeting on June 9th.

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!

Future 2018-2019 Book Sales

October 26-28, 2018

January 25-27, 2019

Award Given to out-going president Burt Dobratz



Burt Dobratz was one of the recipients of the 2018 Older Americans Award given at Torrance City Council Meeting on May 15.

His contributions were described as:

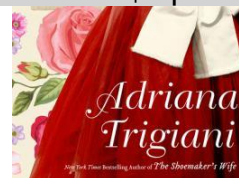
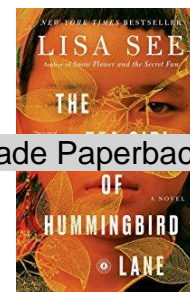
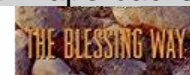
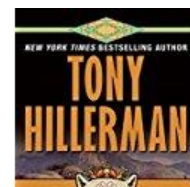
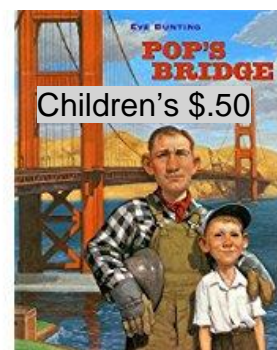
Burt Dobratz has volunteered with the Friends of the Torrance Library (FOTL) for over 20 years. He has served as their vice president and is currently serving as president, managing the meetings, listening to funding requests from the library staff, and supporting the Torrance Public Library's mission through the hard work of the FOTL. He is enthusiastic about the new proposals from the staff and works with the board to ensure the program will prosper in years to come.

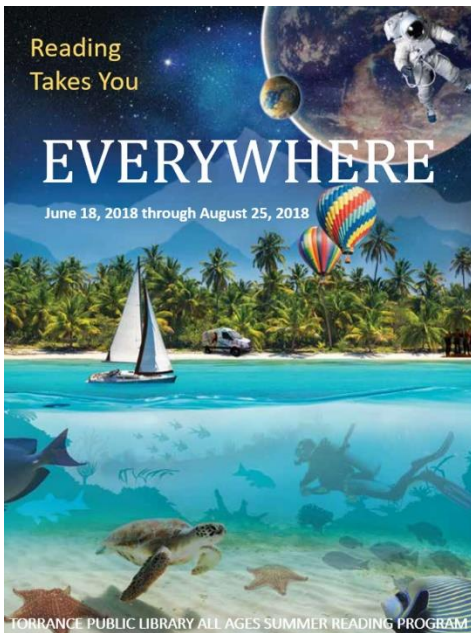
The FOTL are a dedicated group of volunteers who donate over \$100,000 each year to the Torrance Public Library Programs, services and materials, selling one used book at a time. Burt volunteers with FOTL 5 to 7 days per week, sorting donations, pricing and listing items on the internet and packaging each sale to take to the post office. He was the pioneer of selling books directly online and friends of the library groups come to Torrance to see how it is done. Burt is also an avid artist who makes beautiful dichroic glass jewelry and glass art objects. When he is not at the Torrance Library you can find him at the Bartlett Senior Center volunteering his talents teaching seniors.

PRICE LIST

Review our bargain prices
YA books are adult books

Children's (PB, HB, comics)	50¢
Children's book with CD	\$1.50
Comic books - adult	\$1
Hardcovers	\$1.50
Paperbacks - small	50¢
Paperbacks - trade	\$1
Paperbacks - oversized	\$1.50
Romance novels	\$2 bag (any size)
Small gift books	50¢
CDs	\$1 per disc, or as marked
DVDs	\$2 per disc, or as marked
Blu-ray DVDs	\$3
Computer games	\$2
Records/LPs	50¢ each
VHS tapes	50¢ each, or as marked
Children's DVDs	\$2
Games/Puzzles	\$1
Rummage Sale items	50¢





Reading Takes You Everywhere!

The All Ages Summer Reading Program at Torrance Public Library

Participants of all ages are invited to join Torrance Public Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program, Reading Takes You Everywhere: Monday, June 18 through Saturday, August 25. This year's theme is tied to exploration and discovery and emphasizes adventure and travel in a wide variety of areas including space, literature, and nature.

The 2018 Summer Reading Program features programs for all ages, including family friendly performances, storytimes, crafts, book discussions, movie screenings, an author panel, travel scrapbooking, instruction on basic backpacking, and learning about the National Parks.

What's new and exciting about this year's Summer Reading Program? It is a combined program for children, teens, and adults of all ages. The program has been expanded to 10 weeks (from 7 weeks) to provide better service to the community and greater exposure to the Library's services and programs.

Participants may register and track their reading activities from any Internet connection, such as while traveling, at work, and at home. Online participation is a new format offered via the Library's webpage and is another way for children, teens, and adults to connect with the Library.

Summer Reading Program participants may self-select from 4 categories: Pre-readers, Readers, Teens, and Adults.

Pre-readers are generally pre-kindergarten ages and the goal is to complete 24 early literacy activities. Examples include reading a book, attending storytime, reciting the alphabet, or singing a song. Pre-readers earn a prize midway and a final prize and certificate when they complete all 24 activities. Readers are generally elementary school ages and the goal is to complete 8 hours of reading. They earn a prize midway and a final prize and certificate once the program is completed. The Teen category is generally equivalent to middle school and high school ages. The goal is to complete 16 hours of reading and participants in the Teen category receive a prize when they have completed all 16 hours of reading.

Adults are invited to continue to learn and discover by reading books, exploring databases, and attending programs. The goal for participants in the Adult category is to complete 8 activities. Examples include reading a book, watching a movie or educational video, listening to a music CD or audiobook, learning a new skill through the library's online databases, or attending a library program. Participants will receive a prize when they have completed all 8 activities.

The 2018 All Ages Summer Reading Program would not be possible without the generous support of the Friends of the Torrance Library.

***Jan Wierzbicki,
Principal Librarian of Public Services***

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Please join us for our book sale: note special summer hours

Summer Book Sale on July 27-28

Friday, July 27, 2 – 6 PM for **Friends members only** (Memberships from \$5 sold at the door from 1 PM)

Saturday, July 28, 9 AM – 2:30 PM **Open to all.**

Saturday, July 28, 3 – 5 PM 5 Bucks a Bag sale. Fill a paper grocery bag with a combination of books, CDs, DVDs, or tapes for only \$5 **Open to all.**

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

Annual Report Available Online

The Annual Report of the Friends of the Torrance Library is available on our website at [what-we-do](#). The report has information on our activities for the last year.

Thanks for your support

Thanks to everyone who buys books at the library, at the book sales and online, the Friends income was over \$100,000 and we were able to donate that amount to the library for their programs