



Winter, 2020

# Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

## Winter Book Sale January 24-26

Friday, January 24, 2 – 6 PM

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

Saturday, January 25, 9 AM – 4 PM

**Public Sale**

Sunday, January 26, 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.

### 2020 Book Sales

April 24-26

July 24-25

October 23-25

## 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.

We just received a large donation from Pedone's Pizza in Riviera Village. Thanks so much to them for their gift.

## 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.

Look for an extra selection of sci-fi.

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

### Audio Visual Prices

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

CDs \$1

Tapes & records 50¢

## Youth Programming: A Year in Review

### Join the Friends Volunteers

We meet Tuesday mornings in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library basement to sort and price books for the book sales. On other days we meet to stock and price books sold daily from our stands located on the main floor of the KGCC Library. We list books on Alibris and Amazon and pack and mail books daily.

We could use help with foreign language (working knowledge of Korean, Japanese, Chinese or Spanish) as we receive lots of donations in those languages.

We can always use help on our committees: Quarterly Book Sales, Lobby Sales, Internet Sales, Publicity, Newsletter, and Membership. All those willing and able to join us, please sign on!

Contact the library administrative staff to volunteer at 310-618-5954.

### Donate Used Books

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!

### Attention teachers:

Teachers are welcome from 1-4 and the last hour of Saturday's Sale. All teachers are welcome at 3 p.m. on Saturday and all Sunday afternoon. There is a dedicated hour as the sale closes, to pick up free books for use in their classrooms.

#### Storytimes & Crafts

This year has seen some exciting and innovative programming for children, tweens and teens, throughout the entire Torrance Public Library System. The Youth Services Department continues to provide multiple weekly storytimes at each location that continues to instill early literacy skills and special bonding time with children and their caregivers. Additionally, all library locations continue to host numerous craft programs that allow participants to express themselves creatively, all of which would not be possible without the generosity of the Friends of the Torrance Public Library.

#### Summer Reading Program

This year during the Torrance Public Library's "It's Showtime at your Library" Summer Reading Program, Henderson Library hosted performance programs ranging from marionettes to balloon making to amazing jugglers. These stellar programs welcomed nearly 800 people to the branch in just ten short weeks! North Torrance Library introduced new programs that were educating and entertaining, for example, the "Puppy Power Hour", in collaboration with BARK allowed children an opportunity to practice their reading skills out loud to therapy dogs while their owners sat patiently by. While attendees were awaiting their turn, library staff provided a variety of dog-themed crafts to create and even dog-themed books to choose from.

#### Science Tellers

Also at North Torrance Library, the Youth Librarian hosted ScienceTellers, a program that utilizes science experiments in storytelling that engages and educates audience members, as part of our annual Science Month programming. Audience members are selected to re-create science experiments and learn what causes certain reactions and effects, which proved to

be incredibly informative and stimulating and generated further interest in science experiments as many participants wished to check out science related books following the program. All programs for January's Science Month are funded by the Friends of the Torrance Public Library and always prove to be informative and delightful.

## PORTAL

Utilizing the Library's PORTAL (Portable Online Resource and Technology Access Lab) laptops, numerous locations

have been hosting Coding Programs in efforts to give students and participants the tools to develop computer programming skills and enhance computer science knowledge.



In addition, locations having been combining PORTAL

coding programs with Spheros, which are mobile robots that are controlled via coding, that give participants an opportunity to glean computer science knowledge while utilizing robotics and coding together. One Sphero program hosted by the Southeast Library incorporated painting with the robots, which allowed for the unique combination of computer science, robotics, and art all in one program! The Civic Center Library has had the fortune opportunity to expand its programming thanks to the donations of the Friends of the Torrance Public Library. Civic Center Library has been hosting regular monthly Coding programs utilizing PORTAL. WALTERIA Library's most exciting program of the year was "All Kids Can Code Robots". Using the PORTAL and Sphero robots, participants coded the robots through a four-hole min-golf course set up in the library. There were many happy gasps as the Spheros found their way into the "cup", sometimes up to 20 feet away and around obstacles. Not only were the participants given an opportunity to play with new innovative technology, but also learn and enhance their computer programming skills.

Lastly, this year the Torrance Public Library has been lucky enough to receive multiple

grants from the California State Library.

## Learning 2 Go

El Retiro Library received an \$8000 grant from the California State Library and created Learning 2 Go Kits, which are early literacy kits designed for

patrons to be able to take home to help develop and foster early literacy skills. The Learning 2 Go Kits focus on Art, Music, Sensory Experiences, Literacy, Gross Motor Skills, and Fine Motor Skills. The circulating kits include an easy to carry tote, books, manipulatives, and activities designed to encourage young children to learn as they play. With generous donations from the Friends of the Torrance Public Library, the kits will be able to be replenished as needed for years to come and further allows the Torrance Public Library to offer a dynamic resource that supports developmental learning goals and yet incorporates fun!

## Music Lab

Southeast Library youth services received a \$10,000 grant from the California State Library and initiated The Music Lab, which allowed participants to get hands-on experience from a wide range of electronic music instruments, including keyboards, electronic drums, sound manipulators, and much more. In addition, with generous donations from the Friends of the Library, The Music Lab was also able to provide vinyl records for participants to listen to music, giving users a chance to listen to a variety of music genres and then attempt to recreate the sounds via the music instruments. The Music Lab proved to be not only popular but fulfilling as well. Many school curriculums have limited or eliminated Arts from students' studies, and the Music Lab has given students an opportunity to express themselves creatively, further cognitive thinking, and garner an appreciation of music.

All youth programs are funded by generous donations from the Friends of the Torrance Public Library and without their support, none of our exciting, educational, and entertaining programs would be possible.

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Please join us for our book sale  
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### ***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 renewal 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. If you were mailed this newsletter, either you asked for a mailed copy or we don't have a valid email for you. Please add or correct your email address. You may also mark U.S. Mail on the renewal envelope.

### ***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](mailto:news@FriendsOfTheTorranceLibrary.org) with your name and postal mailing address.