



Summer, 2017

# Torrance Library Times

*Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library*

## **Summer Book Sale July 21-22**

Friday, July 21, 2 – 6 PM for Friends members only (Memberships from \$5 sold at the door from 1 PM)

Saturday, July 22, 9 AM – 2:30 PM Open to the public.

Saturday, July 22, 3 – 5 PM 5 Bucks a Bag sale open to the public. Fill a paper grocery bag with a combination of books, CDs, DVDs, or tapes for only \$5. Open to the public.

We have just about every category of books, including textbooks. In addition to games and puzzles, we also have DVDs, CDs, records, and videotapes.

All books are sorted by category. Our hardback fiction, sci-fi and mystery books are alphabetized by author.

The July book sale will include both hardback and paperback books with fixed prices for each type of book. No more looking in the book for a price or adding the individual prices at checkout.

## **Five Bucks a Bag Saturday 3-5**

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

### **Next Book Sales:**

October 20-22, 2017

January 26-28, 2108

## **A Gift to the Friends**

We recently received a generous bequest from Pauline Kosanke.

Pauline began volunteering with the Friends in 2012. Bright, funny, and full of energy she served simultaneously as the Vice President, Secretary, and Book Sale Chair.

We miss her.

## **We Appreciate Your Support**

Many thanks to the hundreds of book lovers who attended our April sale. Your participation at our sales, and your donations of books, make it possible for the Friends to provide financial support to the library, such as the 2017 Summer Reading and Youth Services programs.

## **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 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.

The report was presented at the Annual Meeting.

## ***Join the Summer Reading Program!***

The Torrance Public Library is proud to offer a robust Summer Reading Program, designed to keep kids reading when they are not in school, and to start from birth in building a reading habit. This year the program runs from Monday, June 26 through Saturday, August 12 and includes all ages.

For our youngest learners, parents can help them build reading skills by attending a storytime, singing a song, doing a fingerplay, reciting the alphabet, or reading together. Once children are reading with, or without, adult assistance, reading for 20 minutes a day and marking progress in a reading folder is the goal. At enrollment in the program, readers will get a bright blue bag for their library books. At halfway to the eight-hour goal, they will get a fun toy. Once each reader completes their eight hours, they get to pick a new paperback book to keep. Teens have a bit higher level of prizes, but we expect fifteen hours of reading. Everyone can read anything they like – the goal is to read.

Adults can participate as well. Their program includes filling out a card and participating in five activities such as reading a book, attending a library program, attending a book discussion group, or learning a new skill through the library. Adults who complete their activities get a prize and entered into an opportunity drawing.

Throughout the seven weeks, libraries will be offering fabulous programs for all ages. We will open with a Kickoff Party at Katy Geissert, and host popular performers such as Arty Loon, Wild Wonders, and Buster Balloon. The Librarians have also developed crafts, and there will be music and movement. The summer will end with a Carnival in Victor Park on Thursday, August 10. All the information can be found on the Library's website, or call us at 310-618-5959.

Once again, this reading incentive program would not be possible without the support of the Friends of the Torrance Library. Funding from the Friends pays all the direct costs for the performers, craft supplies, bags, and prizes. This allows our program to be rich and offer something for everyone, furthering the Library's goal to bring everyone into the library, and have everyone reading.

**Hillary Theyer, City Librarian**

## ***Lunch at the Library***

The Torrance Public Library, in partnership with the Torrance Unified School District, is once again offering Lunch at the Library. This will be at the McMaster Park building, adjacent to the North Torrance Library. A free, nutritious lunch will be served to those 18 and under Monday – Thursday from 11-12. No ID, residency, or income requirements. This is due to a partnership between TUSD, the Torrance Public Library, the California Library Association, the USDA, the California Department of Education, and the California Summer Meal Coalition. We are happy to participate as a lunch site, because hunger doesn't take a summer vacation.

**Hillary Theyer, City Librarian**

## ***Friends Officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year***

President - Burt Dobratz

Vice President – Gayle Saito

Secretary – Cynthia Page

Treasurer - Ron Kimmel

### ***Changes to the Friends Board***

Gayle Saito is the new vice-president, as well as the membership and book sale chairs. She retired from the aerospace industry, having worked as a secretary and in finance. A love of reading led her to volunteer with the Friends, and she likes giving our donated books a new home. Volunteering with the Friends and a local hospital has left Gayle with one more retirement goal: to work at Disneyland!

Cynthia Page is the new secretary. Cynthia is a native Californian, born in Long Beach, went to local public schools and UCLA. She retired after 26 years from LAUSD where she worked in Adult Education. She is an avid reader and member of 2 book clubs, which led to volunteering with the friends. She is enjoying retired life with FOTL and her family, especially her grandchildren.

Marcie Hines is the new lobby sales chair, taking over from Barbara Eckhart. She has been held the membership chair. During her 40 years in Los Angeles public schools, Marcie taught English and served as a high school counselor and administrator. Marcie loves being surrounded by books and people who love them.

Long time board member Barbara Eckhart has retired. Barbara has volunteered with the Friends for over 30 years. She has contributed immensely to the success of the Friends. She has held many positions, including secretary, treasurer, as well as book and lobby sales chairs. She came with a vast knowledge of books, which has, over the years, meant her picks have sold well and at a good price. We are grateful for her work.

We welcome new elected vice-president Gayle and secretary Cynthia.

### ***Newsletter Emailed Only?***

If you were mailed this newsletter, either you asked for a mailed copy or we don't have a valid email for you. If you would like to receive only the emailed version, send an email to [news@friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org](mailto:news@friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org) with your name and postal mailing address.

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Please join us for our book sale  
**Summer Book Sale on July 21-22**

### ***New Home for Old Books***

Cleaning out that garage? Moving or looking to find a place for all those books taking up space or gathering dust? Just looking for a way to simplify your life while supporting a worthy cause? Well look no further!

The Friends of the Library are in need of your book donations (old, new, paperback, hardback, fiction/non-fiction, textbooks, literature, children's books and more) for our book sales. 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 Katy Geissert Civic Center Library entrance or the drop box at the back of the library marked donations. For large donations, come to the back of the library and ring the bell for assistance. We'll even provide a receipt for your tax-deductible contribution! What could be simpler and kinder than donating a book?

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