



# Torrance Library Times

*Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library*

## **Spring Book Sale Apr 27-29**

Friday, April 27, 2 – 6 PM

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

Saturday, April 28, 9 AM – 4 PM **Public Sale**

Sunday, April 29, 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.

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.

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

## **Special Books – Wars & Secrets**

We have a very good and exceptionally large collection of books on the wars of this country starting with WW-2 and the Secrets of that same era such as FBI, spies, secret agents and agencies, etc. All are in excellent condition, read one time.

## **Special Collections**

Agatha Christie Mystery Collection – 36 vols  
The Popular Educator circa 1938 – 40 issues

## **Future 2018 Book Sales:**

July 27-28, 2018

October 26-28, 2018

## **Leave your Old Books in our Drop Boxes**

The Friends of the Library need 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 in the large drop box marked “library donations” near the loading dock.

For larger 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?



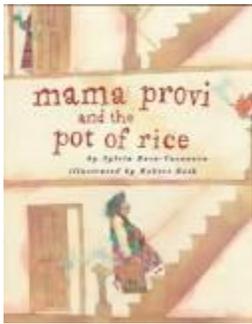
## **Go on a Treasure Hunt for the Smaller Collections**

While most who use the library know we have many types of materials – large print, audio books, DVDs, paperbacks and more – there are a few hidden gems. Smaller in size and more specific in purposes, these collections are created by our librarians and available to the public.

## **Picture Books for Older Readers**

A “picture book” is in general, intended to be read aloud, and is vibrantly illustrated. These

books introduce pre-readers to the sound of language, the joy of sharing a story, and the visual appeal of excellent art. Some titles are picture book in structure and style, yet also contain longer more mature stories. These are excellent both read aloud and read alone, and for that moment with a child who is reading but still loves the bonding time of reading together, this is an excellent place to start.



*Mama Provi and the Pot of Rice* features an intrepid grandmother who makes a large pot of arroz con pollo and then trades for other delicious ingredients until she has a fine meal to give her granddaughter (who has the chicken pox).

*The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Suzy)* features embedded journals as a daughter writes a secret biography of her famous father.

*Pop's Bridge* looks at an engineering wonder from the point of view of a child whose father is building it, and *Goin' Somewhere Special* is one of my favorites of all time. You will have to read it to find out why.

## Literacy

While the Literacy collection is tucked in a corner, best known to assist literacy tutoring, you can also find novels re-written to be enjoyed at a lower literacy level, books and cassettes together with the cassette recorded at a slower speed to assist reading comprehension, and many books on writing and reading skills. For someone overwhelmed by the larger main collections in these areas, who maybe wants to start at an earlier level but not with something written for children, this small collection is here to help.

## The Library is for Everyone

These items are scattered all over our libraries, but findable by a catalog search for "Library is for Everyone." This is a specially curated

collection of materials to serve youth with special needs and their caregivers. DVDs include documentaries, such as *Life Animated*. Books cover a wide variety of topics such as autism, genius, dyslexia, down syndrome, cerebral palsy and ADHD. Guides for siblings, picture books to introduce a child to a classmate with special needs, and more are available.

These are just a few of the specialized resources our librarians select and purchase, enabling the entire community to find their needs represented at the Torrance Public Library.

**Hillary Theyer, City Librarian**

## Life of a Book

Where am I? It's dark in here; oh, I'm in the Friends of the Library drop box at the library with all these books piled on top of me. Hey, there's Crafty and Cookie and Handy and the Kiddie family. Here comes Burt to load us on a cart and take us downstairs to be screened. Hi Jeanette; run that scanner across my bar code; I hope I'm worth a lot. Wow! Fifty-two bucks! I go to the internet stack since I'm worth more than ten bucks. Here comes Jackson who lists lots of books on the internet. Hey Jackson, I hope you can list me for sale on the internet and I go to a new home. Later, I'm off to the internet shelves with a forty-dollar price tag and a stock number higher than 42,000. Two days later and here's Ron to pack me up and take me to the post office. I'm glad Ron is careful to put me in a box or envelope, so I don't get damaged in shipping. Farewell KGL. I wonder what happened to the other books.



Mary sorted the Kiddies books for lobby, third floor, and book sales. Some books are old and tired, so they go to charity.

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I'm Crafty, I didn't make the cut for the internet, so Jeanette put me on a cart with other books to be screened for lobby or quarterly book sales. Barbara picked me for possible lobby sales and put me on Maria's shelf to be selected for lobby sales or book sale.

Oh-oh, I'm not quite good enough for lobby sales, so I'm on the wall shelf waiting for Ken to pack me up to go to the community room for the next sale.

Barbara picked Cookie for lobby sales, so Mari will give her a wash and put a price tag on her endpaper. She will go to the lobby shelves when there is space available. At her bargain price I'm sure she'll find a new home.

Barbara put the books not good enough for lobby sales on the sorting table where Jeff and company sort them into categories for the book sale. Irene sorts the fiction into Mystery, Sci-Fi, Thriller and General Fiction so Elfrida and Lorraine can put them on the shelves in alphabetical order. Library withdrawn books, not of internet value, join the donations on the sorting table. Some of these books are not of adequate quality so they go to the bulk buyer or the recycle bin. Maybe they were singed in a fire or dropped into a bathtub. It's getting crowded on the shelf, but Ken will be here tomorrow to pack.



From my place on the wall shelf I see the mass market and trade paperback fiction in stacks on a sorting table. There's Burt K., sorting them into categories and putting them spine up into copy paper box tops. They stay there until they go upstairs to the sale. They are packed snugly so they don't get bent standing there spine up.

It's book sale set up day and I'm on my way to the community room. One of the volunteers will take me out of the box and stand me on the table spine up for easy viewing. I'll be with my friends from the drop box and library. The fiction books are in alphabetical order on the tables, but the rest of us are with the other books of our classification. The Friends volunteers spend much of the day unpacking and setting up for the sale.

It's Friday afternoon and the members of the Friends of the Library are lined up to make a mad dash into the sale room. Some have just joined the Friends at the membership table in the lobby.

Hey, be careful handling me; I don't want to be damaged. I'm finally in a bag with other books



under and on top of me headed to the checkout counter. I have a fixed price, so the checkout volunteers don't look inside my cover for a price but just count books of each type and determine the total cost. What a bargain we are. I'm out the door and headed to a new home. I hope my new owner enjoys reading me and can use the ideas inside me. At the end of the book sale teachers may take remaining books for their classrooms.

Some of my book friends weren't sold, so on Monday morning the bulk buyer picks them up for giving to charity or another sale venue. Good luck guys.

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Please join us for our book sale

## **Spring Book Sale on April 27-29**

### ***Thanks to all of you who Renewed***

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.

### ***Last Copy for those Unrenewed***

For those that haven't renewed their membership, this will be the last copy mailed. There is still time to renew before the next book sale.

### ***Friends Annual Meeting***

Watch for details on the Friends Annual Meeting in early June. The election of officers will be followed by a program.

### ***We Appreciate Your Support***

Many thanks to the hundreds of book lovers who attended our January 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 want to thank the Larry E. Williams Estate for a large donation of books and Audio-Visual materials.