



Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

Winter Book Sale Jan 26-28

Friday, January 26, 2 – 6 PM

Friends Members Presale

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

Saturday, January 27, 9 AM – 4 PM

Public Sale

Sunday, January 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.

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.

Special Collections

We have special collections of old comic books, Zane Grey, F. W. Dixon mysteries, automotive and plays.

2018 Book Sales:

April 27-29, 2018

July 27-28, 2018

October 26-28, 2018

We Appreciate Your Support

Many thanks to the hundreds of book lovers who attended our October 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 PORTAL project.

Technology Training Through the PORTAL!

With a grant from the California State Library and a generous donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library, the library expects to launch the PORTAL Project in mid-2018! PORTAL stands for Portable Online Resource and Technology Access Lab, and will consist of two technology carts that can be transported to any of our libraries. Each cart will have twelve Chromebooks, a wireless printer, peripherals such as adaptive mice, and the ability to connect to the wireless internet for technology training.

Library staff has been endeavoring over a few years to meet the need for technology training in the Torrance community. Through past efforts, such as the Torrance TechXPerts, and current offerings such as Learn @ the Library, the library has been bringing training on use of library online resources, personal technology devices, ebooks, and more to the public. PORTAL will enable this training to be spread throughout the branches, and for each participant in the workshop to have a device in front of them for hands-on practice.

When I enter the Main Library, coming from the outdoors, I look toward the circulation desk. I always noticed the display cases on the right, but never stopped to examine them. Recently, I saw interesting displays on Madrona Marsh and Lionel trains. The Friends of the Library have a display there for every book sale. Pause to let your eyes adjust and you will learn something new about Torrance.



Display case with featured items at left.

Friends Volunteer's arranging the display at right.



Display Case Features Higher Value Non-Book Donations

Numerous non-book items are donated to the Friends, most of which we offer at the rummage sale table at the quarterly book sales. Some donations have a value that is too high for the rummage sale. These items will be on display in the display case in the lobby of the Main Library before and during the January book sale. Please call (310 781-7595) Tuesday or Thursday between 9 AM and 12 PM to speak to a Friend about purchase of any of these items; they are immediately available for purchase. Additional items may be available at the sale and will be in the display case.

World wildlife Fund First Day Covers in
WWF Ring Binder

60 covers, 15 countries

Descriptions included

Letter from Prince Philip Included

1995 commemorative stamp collection in
Post Office Album, stamps included

LEGO CITY 7893 Passenger Plane, as is,
parts missing

LEGO Sponge Bob Nickelodeon in box, as
is

Game of France 1940 (For WWII buffs)

A Portfolio of Eight Prints by Grandma
Moses

Student microscope

6 Silver Grapefruit spoons in hinged case
with clasp, circa 1930, ARGYLE, Sheffield

Adaptive Material and Services Are All Around

The Torrance Public Library has many programs and collections that help meet the needs of those with sight, hearing, or mobility disabilities. Some are obvious, such as our adaptive computers in the ASSIST Program, others are subtler and can be difficult to find. Here are just a few:

WOW

Worlds on Wheels (WOW) is a volunteer run service that delivers library materials to anyone who cannot get to or use one of our libraries. This can be for a temporary need, such as surgery, or a permanent need, such as inability to drive. We require no doctor's certification and there are no qualifications – just tell us you need it. Registration can be done via phone by calling our Words on Wheels coordinator Jan Wierzbicki at 310-618-5950 or there is a form to fill out. We will match each client with a volunteer who is background checked and trained in the service. We can deliver anything that checks out, except DVDs, and can provide the service anywhere we can find a volunteer. This is completely free, and open to all ages.

Descriptive Video

Descriptive video is a short way to say: "video recordings for people with visual disabilities" and if you search for that in the online catalog, you will find DVDs with an added soundtrack. That soundtrack describes the action on the screen, so someone who cannot see the movie can still experience and enjoy. This works in a regular DVD player, and

is available on select DVDs, across a variety of ages and genres. We also still have a small collection of descriptive video on VHS at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

Book Group in A Box and Storytime Kits enable anyone to check out a professionally curated experience and use it with a group that may not be able to participate in a program at the library. Each Storytime Kit

Storytime

contains ten excellent read aloud picture books on a theme, chosen by our Youth Services Librarians, along with a music CD, and a variety of toys or manipulatives along with suggestions for other activities. A parent, a preschool, or any early childhood leader can then adapt a professionally selected storytime to the needs of their group.

Book Group in a Box

Book Group in A Box contains ten copies of a great title for a book group, along with discussion questions and other information written by our Librarians. Adults who cannot get to the library who want the book group experience can have it wherever they are.

If you meet someone who has stopped using the library, who thinks we cannot assist them in meeting their needs due to a disability, please give us a call. Our goal is to serve everyone who lives, learns, works, or plays in the City of Torrance, and we have many methods ready to go!

Hillary Theyer, City Librarian

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Please join us for our book sale

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Renew Your Membership

Memberships will expire at the end of the year except life members and those who joined in October, so please take time now to renew. All life members are being mailed membership cards. Check your information on the membership 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 mailed copy on the renewal envelope.

Your membership includes four Friends newsletters per year with advance notices

Save a Stamp – Renew Online

about upcoming book sales. The biggest perk of membership is admission to Friday "Friends Only" days for our book sales. The Friends web site, friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org, allows you to renew your membership or donate online. When you click on "Pay," you will be taken to a PayPal page. The option to use a credit or debit card appears below the option to use a PayPal account, and you may have to scroll down to see that option. There is no need to create a PayPal account or to log in to pay with a credit or debit card!

New membership cards will be mailed.

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