



Summer, 2016

Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

Summer Book Sale

July 22 & 23

New Format -

Two Day Combined

Hardback and Paperback

Friday, July 22, 2 – 6 PM for Friends members only (Memberships from \$5 sold at the door from 1 PM)

Saturday, July 23, 9 AM – 2:30 PM open to the public

Saturday, July 23, 3 – 5 PM 5 Bucks a Bag sale open to the public

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.

PRICE SCHEDULE

Hardback \$1.50

Mass market paperback (pocketbook) 50¢

Trade paperback \$1.00

Oversize paperback (includes "Dummies" size books) \$1.50

Children 50¢

Sheet music 50¢

Romance \$2/bag

Unique as marked

AUDIOVISUAL PRICES

DVDs \$2 each or as marked

Blu-ray \$3 each or as marked

CDs \$1 each or as marked

Tapes and records 50¢ each

Books on CD as marked

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. Higher priced unique books will not be included.

A Gift to the Friends

We are always grateful for monetary gifts. We recently received a generous donation from the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association in recognition of our "tireless efforts in maintaining the ongoing sales shelves, for the used book sales, and for the wonderful programs you help bring to the community."

Thanks for your help

Many thanks to all the book lovers who came to our April sale and to our very first bag sale. "Five bucks a bag" was a big hit, so we'll have one after every sale.

Friends Officers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year:

President - Burt Dobratz

VP-Secretary – Pauline Kosanke

Treasurer - Ron Kimmel

Elected at the general meeting on June 18.

Last 2016 Book Sale:

Friday, October 21, 2016 - members only

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Sunday, October 23, 2016 5 Bucks a Bag

A Sampling of Unique Books

Of historical interest

Hokkaido: Its Face and Heart, 1950
The Bamboo People: The Law and Japanese-Americans, 1976 (signed)
The Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters, 1912
Past, Present, and Future, James E. White, 1915
All Star Cast: An Anecdotal History of Los Angeles, 1977

Art

Picasso at 90: The Late Work, 1971
Japan: A History in Art
The Complete Work of Rafael
The Complete Work of Michelangelo
Ansel Adams books

Of interest to the young and young at heart

Back-to-back book (*The Fairy Door/Only I Am*), 1995
Peanuts: A Golden Celebration, 1999

Library Van Wins Award!

The Library received an Excellence Award in the under \$5 million dollar budget "Wild Card" category from the California Library Association for the Torrance Public Library van. The CLA Excellence Awards honor California libraries that put in quality efforts in promoting their message.

The Library staff saw the delivery van as an ideal medium to raise awareness of the Library and decided to pursue a vehicle wrap that would engage the public through social media and maintain a unique physical and web presence.

Our final wrap design came to fruition with the banner "Find Yourself at the Torrance Library" with imaginative images of people exploring the library and its resources. The concept serves as a play on words: patrons can find themselves both literally and figuratively at the Library.

To encourage a social media presence, we added Internet and social media links to the Van design. We purchased and designed LibraryVan.org for the Library and included Google Analytics so that we know how many people are being virtually driven to the Library's website. We created a twitter account for the van and our Library Van frequently sends tweets to the community.

Recently the Van was featured on the cover of the City's quarterly magazine Seasons to further solidify its presence and foster recognition.

Dana Vinke, Principal Librarian of Operations

Literature

Sonnets of William Shakespeare, Heritage Press, 1941
Riverside Literature Series (3 vols.)
Erle Stanley Gardner (Perry Mason) books, 1943, 1945

Other interesting items

Marilyn: A Biography, Norman Mailer (1st printing), 1973
Books on baseball, 1940s–1980s
Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess, 1966
Books on American clocks
A collection of modern poetry
Two deluxe Catholic Bibles
Veterinary Anatomy flash cards
Gregg Shorthand, 1929
A collection of books by H. Allen Smith
English vocabulary cards (set #1)



Read for the Win at the Torrance Public Library this summer!



Enthusiastic young readers can register for the 2016 Summer Reading Program, "Read for the Win," beginning Monday, June 27, at all Torrance Public Library locations. The program continues through Saturday, August 13.

"Read for the Win" is a seven week celebration of reading that features exciting performances, fun crafts and enrichment activities. All locations will offer special summer sessions of their popular Storytime programs.

Torrance Libraries will host performances by:

- Fantastick Patrick
- John Abrams' Animal Magic
- Prismatic Magic Laser Spectacular
- David Cousin Juggler
- Flights of Fantasy

Our "Read for the Win" story and craft programs include:

- Playful Plates – Children will hear fun stories and will make a fun sports-themed character from various materials, including a plate.
- Tea-light Torches – Children will hear stories and create their very own Olympic Torch.
- Sports Specs – Children will hear a team-work related story and create fun Olympic Symbol Glasses.
- Teamed-Up Tissues – Children will hear team-work related stories and make a Tissue paper sports ball.
- Katy Geissert will offer one additional story craft program, where children will hear stories and make an interactive balloon sports game.

All children will receive a bright yellow "Read for the Win" reusable book bag to carry their library books and a reading folder as a record of their reading achievement when they register. After they complete four hours of reading, they will receive a colorful floppy Frisbee. When they complete eight hours of reading, they will earn a Certificate of Completion and their choice of a new book!

We encourage the parents of our littlest Library users to register their children for the reading program as well. We have a "Read to Me" element especially designed for children three and under. This program encourages engaging in early literacy activities (attending Storytime, singing songs, doing fingerplays and reciting the alphabet) in addition to reading to your child.

Teens and Tweens (10 – 17) can participate in the Tween/Teen Summer Reading Program also titled "Read for the Win." When they complete fifteen hours of reading, they will receive a \$5 gift card or a new book and an opportunity drawing ticket for our grand prize drawings. Grand Prizes include AMC Movie gift cards, two \$150 Barnes & Noble gift cards and two \$150 Target gift cards!

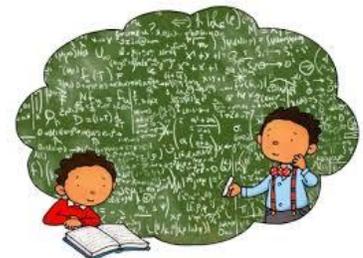
Studies show that children that actively participate in a reading incentive program during the summer maintain the achievement gains they made in the previous school year.

For more information about the program including dates and times of specific events contact the Youth Services Department at 310-618-5964 or visit the Library's Calendar at www.Library.TorranceCA.Gov.

The Youth Services Department greatly appreciates the generous support of the Friends of the Torrance Library who underwrite the Summer Reading Program and other programs throughout the year.

Heather Firchow, Senior Librarian, Youth Services

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Please join us for our summer book sale of 2016!

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Plus \$5 Bag Sale From 3-5 on July 23

Annual Report Included

The Annual Report of the Friends of the Torrance Library is included in the newsletter. 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 that preceded the library program on June 18. New Friends officers were also elected.

I am always happy to brag about "My Friends" as their support to the Torrance Public Library means so much, both in the direct benefit of programs and services, but also in the demonstration of community support for their public library. The Friends donate over \$100,000 every year, money earned one book at a time and entirely by volunteers. The results of this support can be seen in all of our libraries every single day. From a youth program noisily in progress, to a new collection, to online homework help, there is no doubt that this amazing volunteer service has a significant impact. We would not be the quality public library we are today without our Fabulous Friends!

Hillary Theyer, City Librarian