



Fall, 2019

# Torrance Library Times

Newsletter of the Friends of the Torrance Library

## Fall Book Sale October 25-27

Friday, October 25, 2 – 6 PM

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

## Member Special Friday Only All DVD, CD, VCR, records Half Price

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**Public Sale**

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**Public Bag Sale - 5 Bucks a Bag**

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### 2020 Book Sales

January 24-26

April 24-26

July 24-25

October 23-25

## Special Sale of Children's Books

The Friends have received a donation of a collection of antique children's books. Some are beautifully illustrated in color and must be handled with care to avoid damage.

Titles are:

*Babyland*, D. Lathrop & Co. 1886

*The Talking Dolls* by G.R. Mills, 1910

*Floating Island*, Anne Parrish, 1930

*Five Little Stranger*, Julia August Schwartz, 1904

*Routledges's Every Girls Annual*, 1885

*The New Idea Speaker for Children* by Maude M. Jackson, 1912

*Lothrop's Annual*, 1892

*Bright Jewels for Little People*, Pub. Elliot & Beezley, 1889

and other undated books.

These books are in poor to good condition. They may be purchased Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 10 and 12 or at the book sale. Serious buyers may ask for a Friend at the checkout desk at KGL library or at the book sale.

Newer books are also available:

*Playtime Surprises* with reproductions of antique changing pictures, Ernest Nister, 1985, Philomel Books.

*Doctor Squash: The Doll Doctor* a little golden book, Margaret Wise Brown, pictures by J. P. Mille, 1952, Simon and Schuster.

*Dear Mili*, an old tale by Wilhelm Grimm translated by Ralph Manheim with pictures by Maurice Sendak, 1988, Michael di Capua Books.

*Kate Greenways' Family Treasury* selections from *Apple Pie*, *Book of Games*, *Marigold Garden*, *Mother Goose*, and *Under the Window*, 1979, Derrydale Books.

*Picturing Childhood*, a catalog of an exhibition held at the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center. Illustrated books from University of California collections, 1550-1990.

*A Bag Full of Nothing*, Jay Williams, illustrated by Tom O'Sullivan, 1974, Parents' Magazine Press.

*Nursery Friends from France*, translated by Olive Beupre' Miller, Illustrated by Maud and Mika Petersham, The Book House for Children.

## Programs and Activities Funded by the Friends of the Torrance Library

### Library Youth Programs

<i>Summer Reading Prog</i>	\$24,500
Friends fund a program which includes an incentive program, weekly special programs and story time programs	
<i>Youth Activities</i>	\$21,000
Friends funding for Youth Activities goes to supplies for programs and paid performers.	
<i>Online Homework Help</i>	\$26,000
Friends funding provides online homework help that is in addition to inhouse offerings.	
<i>Total Youth</i>	\$71,500

### Library Adult Programs

<i>Adult Programming</i>	\$17,000
Friends funding means that Adult Programs are free and open to the public at all Torrance Libraries	

### Other Library Programs

<i>Downloadable Audio Materials</i>	\$10,000
<i>Outreach Materials</i>	\$10,000
<i>Lynda Learning System (final)</i>	\$4,000
Lynda is an online training resource that the Friends have funded for evaluation.	
<i>Matching Funds Learning Space</i>	\$10,000
These funds, along with a state grant, allow the library to transform a not heavily used space into an accessible learning space for the community. This space is on the lower level adjacent to a small office workroom and internet terminals. Retractable dividers and moveable furniture will be included.	
<i>Vetnow, Pilot Program</i>	\$3,300
This program assists veterans to find benefits, fill out forms, job tools specific to the skills and backgrounds of veterans, and academic coaching.	
<i>Christmas Trees</i>	\$981
The Friends have traditionally funded the Christmas Trees.	
<i>Total other</i>	\$38,281

*Total grants to library 2018-19 \$126,781*



### *It's Showtime at the Torrance Public Library*

### *The All Ages Summer Reading Program at Torrance Public Library*

The 2019 All Ages Summer Reading Program, "It's Showtime at the Torrance Public Library," was held from June 17 through August 24. The program was a great success with 7,257 participants across four reading programs: Pre-Reader, Reader, Bookworm, and Library VIP. Participants were encouraged to self-select the program that best met their summer reading goals. The Library again offered an online participation option for those who might find it difficult to come into the Library.

The Bookworm program, with a higher 16-hour reading goal, was the most popular program demonstrating that many participants, including some of our younger readers, accepted the challenge to read more this summer. Fun incentive prizes also encouraged participation with Pre-Readers and Readers receiving a midway prize to encourage them to keep reading and all finishers receiving their choice of a special final prize and a certificate of completion. This year 3,075 participants completed the program!

During the ten-week Summer Reading Program the Library offered a total of 186 entertaining and informative programs inspired by the "showtime" theme and had a total of 6,704 attendees! Youth participated in story times, story and craft programs, LEGO parties, magic shows, puppet shows, movie screenings, science experiments and outrageous animal shows at the Library. Teens were treated to a fun after-hours program and a plethora of unique craft programs. Adult programs included live musicians, movie screenings, chocolate tasting, storytelling, screenwriting, salsa dancing, a murder mystery party, and a wide variety of craft projects. The Library's popular

Design-A-Bookmark contest had 238 entries from all ages.

This year the Library surveyed all program finishers and found there is much love for the Summer Reading Program. Parents and children enjoyed being able to participate together, youth reported the program helped them read more, and many enjoyed the fun activities and opportunities to learn more about their library. The All Ages Summer Reading Program would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of the Friends of the Torrance Public Library. Thank you to all the Friends for your tireless work to provide resources to support Summer Reading and our community!

**Denise Fiedler**

**Acting Assistant City Librarian of Public Services**

## Goodbye to Hillary



Hillary's experience, dedication, and passion have been enormous assets to the community. She has been the Face of the Library and recognized and admired throughout the City.

While City Librarian, she promoted the Library for awards, recognition, advocacy, and being a presence on the state and national stage. The library received 2 awards from the California Library Association and Hillary received the award for Librarian of the Year.

During her nearly 20 years of service, she was been responsible for creating many positive changes to the Torrance Public Library system and made our world a better place. For example, she ran both the Renovation and ADA Projects at the 5 branch libraries. These large projects were completed on time, under budget.

Another accomplishment was the ExxonMobil Homework Center. The refinery wanted to donate \$80,000 to community organizations in celebration of their 80th anniversary. And because she had a vision and a plan, it was all given to the North Torrance Library.

Hillary was also responsible for the Branch Wireless Project--which brought high speed internet access to the libraries.

She has been a mentor and a leader; she encouraged and supported staff in pursuing their Master's in Library and Information Science degrees and proud of those who successfully promoted up or transferred to another library system.

Best wishes to Hillary in her new role as director of the Monterey County Free Libraries.

## Book Sale Prices

### Paperback Prices

Small Pocketbooks 50¢ (mass market)  
Medium \$1.00 (Trade Paperback up to 6" by 9")  
Large \$1.50 (Oversize)

### Hardback Prices

Children's 50¢  
Adult & Youth \$1.50  
Romance \$2.00 per bag

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.

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

### Audio Visual Prices (regular)

DVDs \$2  
Blu-ray \$3 or as marked  
CDs \$1  
Tapes & records 50¢

## Thanks for your support

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.

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***Attention teachers:***

Teachers are also 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. Please bring your own boxes / bags and no more than 1 helper. Please bring some form of teacher ID. Books are for classroom use only and not for personal use. If you are a teacher, or know one, please contact Burt Dobratz at [bdobratz@gmail.com](mailto:bdobratz@gmail.com) or stop by at the end of the sale