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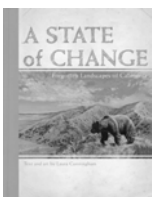
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A Message from the President

Lots of exciting things have been happening at the Library this year and, as usual, the Friends are happy to be at the heart of so many projects. The Summer Reading Program for a couple of thousand children and teens has just kicked off again and it's a delight to see so many young people pouring into the Library during vacation time. Artist Jolino Besserra's wonderfully vibrant Mosaic Column for the Children's Room, commissioned by the Friends, was just completed and we're sure that it will be a colorful Library fixture for readers of all ages for years to come.

The project to restore the Merrell Gage stone casting called "The Children's Hour" is underway and we shall soon see the fantastic artwork hanging above the new brick patio near the Library's main entrance. The Library is also nearing completion of its Strategic Plan for the next three years and has been gathering input and feedback from the community for the last six months. Four Stakeholder meetings were held; open to the public and adeptly facilitated by Strategic Planning Con-

sultant Linda Demmers, Representatives from virtually all South Pasadena schools, churches, clubs, and organizations were invited and the energy and enthusiasm of the 50 or so attendees towards the Library was very palpable. Lots of great ideas came forth too. The Library also received more than 700 completed Strategic Planning surveys from the public, a substantial number for a city of our size. The actual Strategic Plan draft will be finalized soon by a subcommittee comprised of two Library Trustees, our consultant, and the City Librarian. It will then be presented for review and approval to the Library Board of Trustees and the City Council. And finally, the challenge of working to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan will begin.

While I have the opportunity I'd like to offer sincere gratitude to the City Council for their terrific support of the Library during these challenging times. The importance and popularity of the library was highlighted as the council discussed restoring funds to the Operation and Maintenance portion of the Li-

brary Budget. The Friends are very grateful. The funds are particularly important because Library usage is climbing each year. According to California Library Statistics 2011, published by the California State Library, South Pasadena Public Library circulates 431,000 materials per year up from 352,000 just 5 years ago. There are 181 library jurisdictions in California and we rank 25th in circulation while operating with a budget that ranks 79th. While impressive, that figure underscores why the support of the Friends, the community, and the City Council is so very vital to our beloved institution. And as President of the Friends, I can safely say that our group is looking forward to another successful year.

Yours truly,
Jane Schirmeister



Tattoos on the Heart: Father Greg Boyle: July 21



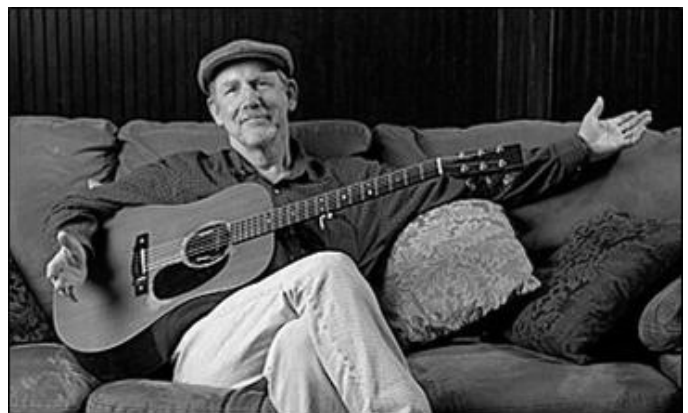
Father Greg Boyle, whose inspiring memoir "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" has spent over a year on the Los Angeles Times Bestseller charts will make an 'Author Night' appearance in the Community Room on Thursday, **July 21 at 7 p.m.** Father Greg Boyle is the Founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and re-entry program in the country. Begun in 2001, the nonprofit is widely recognized as a national model. Homeboy Industries was first established in Boyle Heights to address the widespread unmet needs of gang-involved youth. Today, Homeboy Industries serves thousands each year with employment and legal services, mental health care, tattoo removal, and other free programs. It is also the home of the nonprofit enterprises Homeboy Bakery and Homegirl Café and Catering. "Tattoos on the Heart," Father Boyle's first book, was awarded the 2010 Southern California Booksellers Association Indie Booksellers Association Non-Fiction Book Award. It was also named one of the "Best Books of 2010" by Publishers Weekly.

Singer/songwriter Severin Browne, a longtime favorite of many Southern Californian audiences, will open the evening.

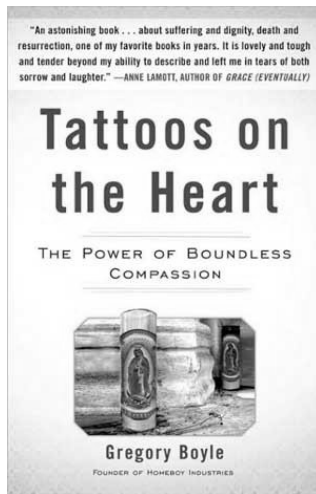
Severin grew up in a very musical family in a 75 year-old house on the Arroyo Seco. His father, Clyde Jack Browne grew up in the same old house and was a jazz pianist who recorded with Jack Teagarden. His brother Jackson's career is well-known to many. The historic Browne home was built more than 75 years ago by his grandfather Clyde, who founded Abbey Press. By the age of 25, Severin had already recorded two albums for Motown Records. Then for 20 years he kept a promise to himself to never record again, but fortunately he changed his mind in 1995 releasing "From the Edge of the World" and again in 2001 with "This Twisted Road." Severin continues to perform regularly to appreciative audiences all around the Golden State.

This free public event is for all ages, and is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the Library, with funding support from the Helix Foundation and Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from the James Irvine Foundation.

The Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and no tickets or reservations are necessary. Refreshments will be served and autographed copies of "Tattoos on the Heart" will be available for purchase.

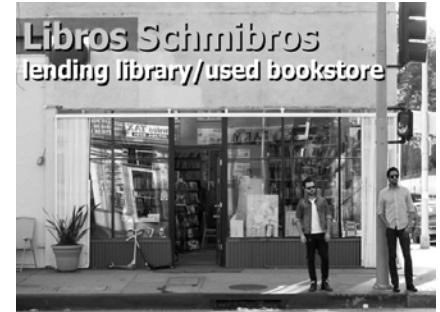


Father Boyle at Libros Schmibros



A special reception and book signing with Father Boyle will also be held on **July 21 at 4:30 p.m.** at Libros Schmibros Book Store at 2000 East 1st Street in Boyle Heights. Refreshments will be provided, and "Tattoos on the Heart" will be available for purchase. For those wishing to hop the Gold Line to Libros Schmibros and back for the occasion, a boarding party will meet up right

outside the Community Room at 3:30 p.m.



Author Night: Former Dodger and Angel Jay Johnstone

The South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library will present former major league baseball player Jay Johnstone in an Author Night event on Thursday, **August 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. The program is free and fun for all ages and will focus on Johnstone's three popular baseball books: "Temporary Insanity," "Over the Top," and "Some of My Best Friends Are Crazy."

As a teenager Johnstone starred at Edgewood High in West Covina. After signing a professional contract, he played his first five seasons with the California Angels beginning in 1966. He enjoyed a 20-year career with eight different teams, including two stints with the Dodgers and is the only player in Major League history to play for all but one of the California teams. Johnstone was known

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Johnstone played on three World Series Championship teams: the Oakland A's in 1973, the New York Yankees in 1978, and the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981. During the

'81 Series he blasted a pinch hit home run in Game 4 against the Yankees while the Dodgers were trailing 6 to 3. It catapulted the Dodgers to an 8 to 7 victory and they went on to win the next two games in winning the title. After the Dodgers captured the

'81 crown, Johnstone joined teammates Jerry Reuss and Steve Yeager on the Solid Gold TV show as The Big Blue Wrecking Crew and sang Queen's hit "We are the Champions."

Since retiring, Johnstone has appeared in Naked Gun and on the Drew Carey Show. He's also served as the radio color commentator for the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Phillies. In May 2011 he threw out the ceremonial first pitch for the Angels' 50th Anniversary Celebration game at Angel Stadium.

The Library Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street. No tickets or reservations are necessary and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Special thanks to the Baseball Reliquary.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESOURCES:



The Verb “To Mango”:

To avail yourself of the most effective, cutting edge modern language courses available online at your own pace and in your own space.

SPPL offers Mango’s easy and intuitive online language learning system free of charge to its patrons. Learn to speak one or several of the 34 languages available.

“Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. By listening to and repeating after material designed from native conversations, you’ll not only learn the individual words and phrases, you’ll know how they’re used in practical situations and conversations. You’ll learn more than grammar, vocabulary and conjugation, you’ll learn how to communicate.”

The easy to use flash card interface and clear speaking instructors will have you speaking like a native in no time.

Visit the library’s website, scroll down and click on Online Resources to find Mango.

¡Buena suerte!

Bonne chance !

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Autism Awareness : New Titles in the Raising Abilities Collection

The Autism Transition Guide - Planning the Journey from School to Adult Life

Children with Autism - A Parents’ Guide

The Everyday Advocate - Standing Up for Your Child with Autism

Healing and Preventing Autism - A Complete Guide

My Brother Charlie

Not My Boy! - A Father, a Son, and One Family’s Journey with Autism

Right from the Start – Behavioral Intervention for Young Children with Autism

Self-Help Skills for People with Autism – A Systematic Teaching Approach

Visual Supports for People with Autism – A Guide for Parents & Professionals

Bookstore Footnotes

Vintage Books Now Offered For Sale In Bookstore

Pleasing our customers is always foremost on our minds and so, in response to numerous requests, we have created two shelves offering for sale vintage books. You can find them to your left as you enter the Bookstore, right above the children’s books shelves.

Books we identify as vintage are those that were published in the late 19th century and early decades of the 20th century, usually do not have dust jackets, are noteworthy for their contents or authors, and can be fiction or

non-fiction.

Instead of having one very large sale per year as we have in the past, we will offer vintage books year round in the Bookstore with periodic smaller sales, much as we do with cookbooks. You can buy cookbooks in the Bookstore at any time with two or three cookbook sales on the library’s main floor during the year. As always, how much stock we have depends on how many donations we receive. So please keep those donations coming.

Vacation time is upon us and

you might want to peruse some of the books in our travel section at the rear of the store. Or, if returning from a trip, donating any travel book for which you have no further use.

Finally, we want to offer a warm welcome to four new volunteers on our staff, Edith Elbaum, Rose Garner, Elizabeth Krauss and Cecilia Schwarz. We are very appreciative of the most valuable donation of all: your time.

Dorothy Cohen - Bookstore Chair

Attention Couch Potatoes

The Library can help you get 'Fit for Life', read a book and get up off the couch.

The 'Fitness for Life' Collection, launched in 2010 by SPPL, the Friends of the Library, and the Rotary Club of South Pasadena, has added even more titles to help to reach your fitness goals.

The partnership was forged to offer a free and easy to use assortment of new books and DVDs on fitness, exercise, and athletics. Studies show that people who are physically active are happier, healthier, and suffer fewer illnesses.

The titles in the 'Fitness for Life' Collection provide expert coaching guidance and inspiration that can increase one's vitality. They can also enhance the enjoyment of physical activity, provide inspiration and goals for workouts and practice sessions, and help prevent injuries, soreness, and wasted time.

The 'Fitness for Life' Collection now contains more than 250 new titles on walking, running, bicycling, golf, skateboarding, weightlifting, and virtually all popular team and individual sports. Camping, hunting, and fishing are covered too. There's a

healthy array of titles on nutrition, weight loss, and coaching as well.

The latest batch of 'Fitness for Life' books are housed in a special bin by the 'New Books' display while the others that are not checked out are stored on the regular nonfiction shelves. 'Fitness for Life' brochures are available in the special bin. Each of the 'Fitness for Life' materials check out for 3 weeks and any of them can be placed on hold.

New Fitness for Life Books

The Body You Want in the Time You Have

The Complete Martial Arts Training Manual

Fitness Walking for Dummies

Golf Magazine Private

Lessons

The Intelligent Golfer

The New Rules of Lifting For Abs

Pilates Illustrated

The Runner's Field Manual

Running for Women

The Secrets of People Who Never Get Sick

Strength Training

Surfing Illustrated

Shelf Talkers

Did You Know...

New blue signs have been affixed to shelves to help you browse the collection.



Career Change?

Did You Know...

Career Transitions, a new electronic resource offering a comprehensive guide for career changers and job seekers is now available to Library cardholders.

Access this new resource at the Library or from home from the Online Resources section of the library website.

Stairway to Library Heaven

Library Aide Matt Martinez was born and raised in neighboring Highland Park. He and his sisters have been members of the South Pasadena Public Library since the early 1990s. Upon joining the staff of the SPPL, he learned, much to his dismay, that the stuffed ostrich does not come to life at night and that the outdoor bookdrops do not utilize a vacuum delivery system. Despite this setback, he is very eager to serve the community along with people who once helped him. Matt can remember asking Children's Librarian Maida Wong, or Ms. Wong as he knew her then, for help researching the San Gabriel Mission for a fourth grade project in 1998. He can also remember an inspiring conversation about Led Zeppelin with Library Clerk Bill Lopez in the early 2000s. Currently, Matt attends Pasadena City College and plans to transfer to USC in the fall, where he will continue to study International Relations. In his spare time, Matt likes to collect music in all formats, as well as vintage stereo equipment. His favorite brands of stereo components include Marantz, Pioneer, and McIntosh, while his musical tastes range from Claude Debussy to Van Halen, or as he likes to put it, "Nothing after the 1990s."



Library Aide/Clerks Extraordinaire

As the other participant in the historic Led Zeppelin conversation, El Monte native **Bill Lopez** has worked at the South Pasadena Public Library for 17 years, although his love of reading and books began during childhood. Trips to his local library were an adventure, and gave him an opportunity to enter different worlds and use his imagination. While attending Cal State Los Angeles, he landed his first library job. In 1994, he was hired here as a Library Aide, and in 2000 was promoted to Library Clerk. He currently processes the international books, a sometimes challenging task since he does not read Chinese or Korean!

Through all the technological and procedural changes Bill has seen at the library over the years, he still is proud to work in a place that has been here as long as the library has. He feels that the roots and the history of the library help him focus on serving the public and always giving his best. Fortunately, all the years of working with books have only enhanced Bill's love of reading. While he enjoys non-fiction and biographies, fiction is what he likes best, and Nick Hornby, Jon Lethem and Lorrie Moore are some of his favorite writers. When not at the library, Bill loves movies and music (especially live), and wandering around Los Angeles.

Library "Golden State Collection" is in its Heyday

The South Pasadena Rotary Club and the South Pasadena Public Library have expanded "The Golden State Collection" once again. The project is a partnership to improve the Library's collection of checkout books on California-related subjects. The collection consists of a broad assortment of titles for all ages on California history, travel, geography, culture, and much more.

The latest purchases are a batch of some of the newest titles from Heyday Books, one of California's most celebrated

publishers. Heyday is an independent, nonprofit cultural institution that promotes widespread awareness of the Golden State's many cultures and landscapes. As the *Los Angeles Times* declared, "Any accurate inventory of California's cultural treasures would have to include Heyday Books." Many of the Golden State Collection selections are on display in the Library in the unit across from the Reference Desk. Each title can be checked out for 3 weeks, just like most other library materials.

Heyday Authors Visit ...

On September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room, the SPPL and the Friends will present a Heyday Author Night Doubleheader with Laura Cunningham and Matt Ritter. Laura's *A State of Change: Forgotten Landscapes of California* combines art, history, and archaeology to reveal the California of centuries past and Ritter's *A Californian's Guide to the Trees Among Us* provides the stories behind the trees that shade our parks, grace our yards, and line our streets. The Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Newly purchased Heyday titles:

- *California Uncovered: Stories for the 21st Century*
- *A Californian's Guide to the Trees Among Us*
- *Cityscapes: San Francisco and Its Buildings*
- *Complete Guide to Yosemite*
- *First Families: A Photographic History of California Indians*
- *Granite, Water, and Light: The Waterfalls of Yosemite Valley*
- *Guide to the Sequoia Groves of California*
- *The Land of Orange Groves and Jails* by Upton Sinclair
- *New California Writing 2011*
- *Rancho Los Alamitos: Ever Changing, Always the Same*
- *The Rise of the Ranges of Light: Landscapes and Change in the Mountains of California*
- *A Yankee in Mexican California, 1834-1836* by Richard Henry Dana

TEF Endowment Fund Update

The 2011 Technology Endowment Fund Campaign is off to a great start! Since the end of June, we've received more than 100 contributions totaling more than \$4,700. Thanks to the more than 90 families and friends who have donated so generously to

TEF. Your support will provide vital funding for the Library's popular technological needs. Donations are still being accepted and can even be made on-line at: www.friendsofsouthpaslibrary.org

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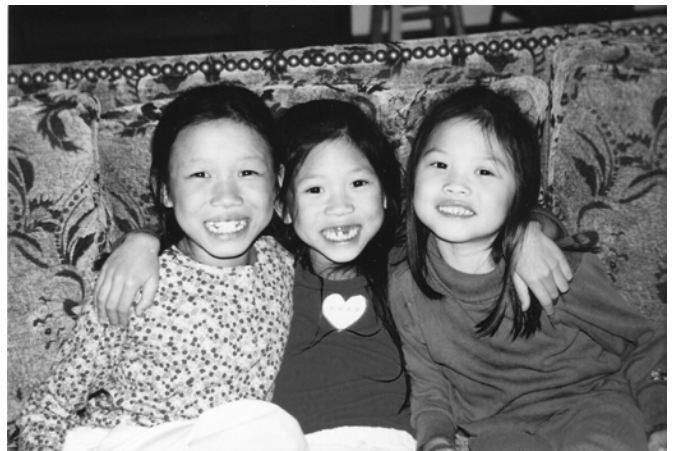
A Gift that Keeps on Giving

The Elizabeth Seto Memorial Endowment Fund

Throughout her short life, Elizabeth Seto was a weekly visitor to the South Pasadena Public Library's children's department. She enjoyed using the computer catalog to ferret out titles that would interest her and relished in the challenge to locate them on her own. Elizabeth was a bright, inquisitive, independent girl who loved math, puzzles and especially reading. Following Elizabeth's unexpected death in 2001 at age 10, her family wanted to honor her love of books and community. They chose to direct monetary memorial donations to the Friends of the Library and established the Elizabeth Seto Memorial Endowment Fund. Today, Elizabeth's Fund stands at more than \$23,000 and provides annual interest income toward the purchase of books for the children's collection. Over the past ten years, nearly 400 books have been purchased in Elizabeth's memory and are enjoyed daily by hundreds of children. Books as diverse as nonfiction titles *Wild Fibonacci: Nature's Secret Code Revealed* and *She's All That!: A Look-It-Up Guide To The Goddesses of Mythology* to poetry, such as *FEG: Stupid (Ridiculous) Poems For Intelligent Children*, have been added to the children's collection.

Mark Crilley's Akiko series of science fiction books, as well as fantasy titles, such as Shannon Hale's *Princess Academy* have been other popular additions.

The Friends of the Library are thankful for the opportunity to include Elizabeth's lasting memory in our mission to support the South Pasadena community. We continue to thank the Seto family and the many generous families who have donated in Elizabeth's memory over the past ten years.



Elizabeth, Christina, and Catherine Seto

Memorial Donations

The South Pasadena Public Library is honored to acknowledge donations received in memory of family and friends. Donations have been received from the following individuals between April 23 and June 25, 2011

In Memory of Sally Swan

Mrs. Charles J. Detoy
Mary Escherich
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Janice Miller
Nancy Salem
Jane Schirmeister

In Memory of Elizabeth Seto

Gary & Karen Seto
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In Memory of Jo Saeta

Tuesdays with Books
Jane Schirmeister

In Memory of Linda Westcot

Jane Schirmeister

In Memory of Frank Snyder

Dorothy C. Wilson

In Memory of Mary Ann Vacca-Koehler

John F. Koehler

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

STORYTIMES

April 5 – May 27 , June 21 – August 5

Family Storytimes (all ages)

Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Preschool Storytimes (ages 3 - 5 years)

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytimes (ages 1 - 2 years)

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Toddler Storytimes (ages 2 - 3 years)

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Children's Librarians read age-appropriate stories and share fingerplays, songs, flannelboard stories, and book-related videos with children in a group setting.

GRANDPARENTS & BOOKS

Mondays, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

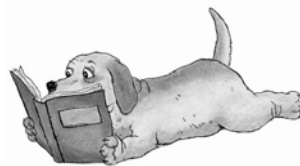
April 4 – May 23, 2011

Children's Room
All ages

Volunteer Grandma Carole shares her enthusiasm for books by reading aloud to children of all ages in one-on-one or small group settings.



BARKS AND BOOKS



May 9, 2011 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June 13 and July 11, 2011 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Children's Room
Ages 5 – 10 years

Children are invited to visit the Library to read animal-related short stories of their choice to dogs from the Pasadena Humane Society Companion Animal Program. Not only does this make reading more fun, it also builds a child's confidence in reading aloud. Also, the available books will help children realize that animals experience a range of emotions similar to their own and that they have basic needs too. This will, in turn, encourage them to appreciate the importance of treating all animals with respect and kindness. Sign-ups are required. Call (626) 403-7358 to register.

Summer Reading Program: *One World, Many Stories*

SRP program is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, a federal grant program administered in California by the State Librarian.



June 13, 2011– August 6, 2011 birth-5th grade

Sign-ups for this popular program begin June 13th. Special weekly programs will be on Wednesdays, beginning June 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library along with other community-spirited businesses and individuals sponsor the Summer Reading Program.

Wonderful Wednesdays of July

Wednesday - July 13

Swazzle presents Dream Carver

Based on the children's book by Diana Cohn and illustrated by Amy Cordova, Dream Carver is a 45-minute bilingual, musical puppet show. It tells the story of Mateo, a young wood carver growing up in Oaxaca, Mexico. One day, as Mateo is sitting under a large tree, he dreams of fantastic, brightly colored animals. Feeling that his father doesn't support him in his creative endeavor, he secretly sets out to carve the animals he saw in his dream.

Library Community Room
all ages

Please note that all the Wonderful Wednesday special programs are open to individual families only. Due to limited space and resources, the Library is unable to accommodate daycare, school, and other special groups at these performances.

Wednesday - July 27

International Dances by the Gypsy Folk Ensemble

Four dancers in colorful and authentic costume will present dances from the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia. They will share the stories about dances from around the world and guide audience members in learning a dance or two.

Library Community Room
all ages

Wednesday - July 20

Legs & Legends: Irish Folk Tales Told Through Dance

Dancer-storyteller Maire Clerkin will enchant children with gripping folk tales from Ireland. Mixing magical stories with bursts of traditional Irish dancing, Maire will conjure up talking horses, flying trees, and witches in a delightful, interactive rhythmic, language-rich program.

Library Community Room
ages 5 years +



Wednesday - August 3

International Games Day

Children will have an opportunity to learn and play a variety of international games.



Library Community Room
all ages



Time to Buy Your Restoration Concert Tickets

Enjoy 8 concerts - three in the fall and five in the spring, all for \$88!

Our wonderful classical and jazz musicians, choral groups and soloists love our Community Room venue and its knowledgeable and appreciative audience.

Sign up for the series **now**. After September, tickets are \$18 at the door.

Perhaps you'd like to purchase a Concert Series and donate it back to Restoration Concerts. Donations go to children studying music, seniors, and specialized music school students.

Fifteen Years of Restoration Concerts

A Wee History

The South Pasadena Public Library celebrated its 100th birthday in 1995, and emerging from this event was the birth of the Restoration Concerts Series in 1996.

Chamber music would be the primary focus, but the series would also feature jazz, choral groups and soloists.

When this request was presented to the library's Board of Trustees, the title RESTORATION CONCERTS was suggested. After expenses, any proceeds would pass into a fund handled by the Friends of the Library for the continued enhancement of the Community Room.

The enhancements to the Community Room have been 3,000 square feet of carpet, 155 chairs with cartage dollies, movable risers/platforms for performances, collapsible worktables for library use, a Steinway „D“ concert grand piano for use by the Series' musicians, the locating of a 5 foot grand piano for community use, and enhancements to the sound system.

The New Hollywood String Quartet and the Restoration Concerts' committee created a partnership, and the year 2012 will be the NHSQ's fifth year as the "Quartet in Residence" with the Concerts' Series!

The Series is completely managed by volunteers, and has grown from five original members to ten. The committee members are:

David Battin, Shireen Chang, Kate Douvan, Ann Erler, Janet Ervin, Connie Flanders, John Flanders, Kathy Folsom, Kay Rosser, and Gloria Weinberg.

Refreshments are donated by the Friends of the Library and/or local businesses and organizations. The Restoration Concert Series is now in its 15th year, bringing music to the community of South Pasadena and beyond.

Dual Author Night: Urban Trees & Ancient California

South Pasadena is nicknamed “The City of Trees” and is an official “Tree City USA.” It seems only natural for the Library to present a program about the large woody plants that surround us and beautify our lives. **Matt Ritter**, author of the just-released “**A Californian’s Guide to the Trees among Us**” will be appearing as part of a dual Author Night event in the Community Room on Thursday, **September 15 at 7:00 p.m.** along with **Laura Cunningham** whose “**A State of Change: Forgotten Landscapes of California**” is garnering lots of praise from general readers, researchers, and art lovers. The program is sponsored by the **South Pasadena Public Library** and the **Friends of the Library**. Special thanks to **Heyday Books**, the publisher of both new titles. Thanks also to **Libros Schimbros**, a nonprofit lending library and bookstore in Boyle Heights.

Matt Ritter has a Ph.D. and is a botany professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is also Director of the Plant Conservatory there. Ritter holds a fellowship at the National Tropical Botanical Gardens, is a Visiting Scholar at the UC Santa Cruz arboretum, and is the chair of the City of San Luis Obispo Tree Committee.

Combining the skill of an accomplished artist with her training as a naturalist, Laura Cunningham has spent more than two decades studying historical accounts and archaeological data while traveling with paintbrushes in hand to track the last vestiges of semi-pristine landscapes in California. She’s done all the work to reveal the way it was in pre-settlement California. For “A State of Change” Laura created paintings of vast landscapes and wildlife from the data she collected, her observations in the wild, and her knowledge of ecological processes. The book has been called “A California classic,” “A natural history masterpiece,” and an “imaginative tour de force.” It realistically traces the evolution of a diverse region, once home to ancient striped horses and cheetahs.

The Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street in South Pasadena. The program is free and no tickets or reservations are necessary. Refreshments will be served and autographed books will be available for purchase.

July 2011



Children’s Programs



Community Room Events

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3	4 Festival of the Balloons	5	6 Wildlife Company 2 p.m.	7	8 Summer Writing Camp 3 p.m.	9
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August 2011



Children's Programs



Community Room Events

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September 2011



Children's Programs



Community Room Events

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