

BETWEEN FRIENDS

THE FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 15
Restoration Concert
Pete Christlieb
4:00 p.m.
Library
Community Room

November 20
Annual Preview Night
Gift
Book Sale
6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Library
Community Room

December 8
Ballet Folklorico
de UCR
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Library
Community Room



Jane Apostol To Autograph History Books At Annual Preview Night Gift Book Sale Scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20, 6-8 P.M.

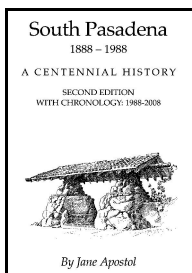
*By Dorothy Cohen, Chair
Bookstore Steering Committee*

We invite you to save time, gasoline and money by doing your holiday shopping in the Community Room when the Friends Bookstore holds its annual Preview Night sale of gift-quality books Friday, November 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.



Jane Apostol, author of the prize-winning "South Pasadena, 1888-1988, A Centennial History, Second Edition with Chronology: 1988-2008", will be present one hour from 7 to 8 p.m. to sign books which will be on display. They are priced at \$44.95.

Also available for a reduced price of \$5 will be the twin CD set of oral histories "Stories From Home" made several years ago by the library staff and local residents.



Books of all kinds will be offered to Friends' members, most of them at one third or less of the cost when found elsewhere. These include children's books, biographies, histories, mysteries and others such as gardening, inspirational, animals, art, crafts, sports, parenting, health, music, poetry, nature, romance, entertainment and cooking.

And, for the unbelievably low price of \$5 you may tuck your purchases in one of the Friends beautiful canvas tote bags. Or better yet, buy several---they make marvelous gifts and may be used to carry groceries as well as books. Free gift wrapping of books will be offered.

All of the books included in the sale are among those donated to the Bookstore throughout the year. The most recently published books, and those in pristine condition, are saved for this sale.

The following day as many books as possible will be displayed on the main floor of the library for the public sale which will continue until December 31. As books are sold, and gaps created, more will be added.

***Dorothy Cohen, Library Volunteer Extraordinaire,
to Be Honored at the 2009 California Library Association Annual
Conference in Pasadena***

CALTAC (California Library Association of Trustees and Commissioners) has announced that our very own Dorothy Cohen will be recognized during their Awards Luncheon on November 1, 2009 at noon in the Pasadena Convention Center. The very few CALTAC Awards will be going to only 4 very deserving recipients out of the hundreds of libraries in California. Dorothy won in Category: 4. as "an individual making a significant financial or in-kind contribution to a library or library program." Although Dorothy's terrific accomplishments span decades, like other honorees she is being honored for her achievements during the last two years.



During that span Dorothy has supported the Library tremendously by serving on the Board of the Friends of the South Pasadena Library, the Library Exterior Beautification Committee, the Library's History Book Committee, and as Chair of the 10-member Bookstore Committee. Due in great part to Dorothy's contributions, all of these enterprises have been tremendously successful. Dorothy is also one of only four community representatives asked to sign the endorsement letter for the Library's Measure L Special Tax Ballot Measure that will be going before the electorate for the fourth time this November.

Perhaps the most impressive of all of Dorothy's involvements is her ongoing work as the Chair of the Friends Bookstore Committee. First, it should be noted that Dorothy is one of the co-founders of the 7-day per week Bookstore entirely run by volunteers since it opened in 1982. Dorothy recruits and trains all of the volunteers, a never-ending job to be sure. Super volunteer Bev Engler, by the way, is also one of the founders.

What's your Favorite Library Memory?



Every once and awhile, we get letters from past or current residents of South Pasadena, who provide us with a glimpse of the library in days gone by. They're wonderful stories, and we'd like to share them with you. If you have a favorite memory of the library, please send us a letter, and we'll print some of your submissions in our next newsletter. Make sure to let us know if we can use your name.

**SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
FALL 2009**

STORYTIMES

Family Storytimes (all ages)

Preschool Storytimes (ages 3 - 5 years)

Toddler Storytimes (ages 1 - 2 years)

Toddler Storytimes (ages 2 - 3 years)

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

January 12 - March 19, 2010

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

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

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

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



GRANDPARENTS AND BOOKS

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.

January 11 - March 15, 2010

Mondays 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



BARKS AND BOOKS

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.

January 25, 2009

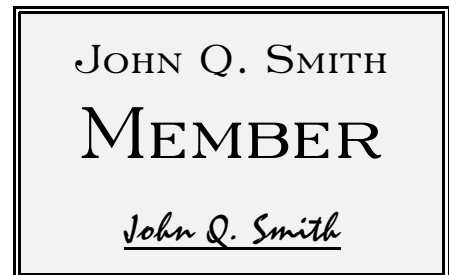
4th Mondays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Membership News

We'd like to welcome our newest Business Members:

Stanislowski & Company, C.P.A.
Bissell House Bed and Breakfast
Ellen's Silkscreening

End of Free Totes with \$25.00 Memberships



In an effort to reach out to South Pasadena residents, the Friends placed inserts in the South Pasadena Water and Trash bills this past May and June inviting new memberships, and offering a free tote for memberships of \$25.00 and over. We were very pleased with the results, and in each thank you included a note about where and when to pick up the free tote. The staff at the Friends' Bookstore on the second floor at the library have been kindly distributing the totes to those who have come in with their note, but many people have yet to "cash in" for their tote. If you still have not picked up your free tote, please do so by November 30th. Totes will however, still be available for sale after that time for \$5.00, both at the Bookstore, and at the main desk downstairs, as long as supplies last.

SOUTH PASADENA LIBRARY ANNUAL CIRCULATION TOPS 400,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME

This week the California State Library released its California Library Statistics 2009, the latest of its annual reports on library statistical performance for the previous fiscal year. The period its coverage spans is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and 181 public library jurisdictions are profiled. Of these, there are 46 county libraries, 117 city, 12 district, and 6 Joint Power Authority public libraries.

South Pasadena Public Library, with its service area population of 25,832, enjoyed the very healthy number of 273,667 visitors during the 12 month stretch. That averages out to approximately 773 visitors for every day that the Library is open – or more than 10 and a half visits per year for every man, woman, and child in the city. These are impressive figures at any rate, but especially in view of the fact that the Library has no dedicated parking spaces at all. If they drive, the public, volunteers, and the Library staff must all park on the street. The parking situation is complicated by the active Senior Center located next door, but it's aided by the fact that the Library is located in an area where many residents walk or ride bikes. Nevertheless, those who drive must park their cars on the surrounding neighborhood streets. It's evident that many of them conduct other errands and business while they are parked in a spot.

The South Pasadena Public Library's total annual circulation for all materials: books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, etc. is also very noteworthy, having exceeded 400,000 for the very first time in 07/08. At 405,123 it rose from 374,144, an increase of more than 8% over the previous year. Circulation of non-book materials rose dramatically as well, climbing to 110,439 from 88,475. That's an increase of more than 20% in just one year.

Ballet Folklorico de UCR at the South Pasadena Public Library

The South Pasadena Public Library invites children and families to watch "Ballet Folklorico de UCR" perform on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The program will feature a dance troupe of five performers from the University of California, Riverside. They will perform a variety of folklorico dances and invite people from the audience to participate. Joshua Vazquez, the troupe leader and performer, will provide brief background information on the dances. Children will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the Mexican culture.



"Ballet Folklorico de UCR" will perform a wide range of dances from various regions throughout Mexico, including Jalisco, Veracruz, and Nayarit. The dancers will celebrate the cultural diversity of the country with energetic dances, colorful costumes, and lively music. Refreshments will be provided after the performance. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

The Library's Newest Children's Librarian

Marisa Reyes was born in Hollywood and was raised in Los Angeles and Pasadena. In 2005, she received a B.A. in Liberal Studies at California State University, Long Beach. Upon graduating, she taught English in Peru and traveled the rest of South America for nine months. In March of 2009, Marisa Reyes joined the South Pasadena Public Library as a part-time children's librarian. On Tuesday nights, she enjoys reading stories to kids at Family Storytimes that also feature crafts activities. Her other duties include helping with collection development, building pathfinders, and answering patron reference questions.



In addition to the South Pasadena Public Library, she works at the Pasadena City College Shatford Library and is earning her Master's in Library and Information Science through the San Jose State University distance learning program. She is also co-president of her student organization, LISSTEN (Library and Information Science Students to Encourage Networking). Marisa looks forward to graduating in December of 2009 so that she will have more time for bike riding, traveling, dancing, and reading.



Phase I of Library Exterior Beautification Project Completed

On Thursday, August 27th the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Phase 1 of the Library Exterior Beautification Project was conducted on the Oxley Street side of the Library. Phase 1 brought more than \$35,000 worth of improvements, including wrought iron park benches and waste receptacles, trees, plants, brickwork, flowers, a sculpture, and giant urns. Despite the 100 degree temperature, approximately 75 were in attendance. Opening and closing remarks were made by Mayor David Sifuentes, Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti, and Councilmember Philip Putnam.

The major supporters of the project were thanked: The Carole Kretzer Estate, City of South Pasadena, The Friends of the South Pasadena Library, LandSpaces Landscape Design, Public Library Fund of the State of California, Rotary Club of South Pasadena, and South Pasadena Beautiful. Others thanked were the City Council, the City Manager's Office, the Cultural Heritage Commission, Library Board of Trustees, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, South Pasadena Community Services, South Pasadena Public Works Dept The Library Exterior Beautification Committee also deserves special thanks: Jesse Barajas, Former Mayor Dorothy Cohen, Glen Duncan, Brendan Durrett, Steve Fjeldsted, Judy Graven, Pam Hames, Linda Puchalski, Kristin Roche, Scott Van Sant, Yolanda Valdez, and Yvonne Voisin.

Walter Zooi from South Pasadena Music and Conservatory introduced the dynamic musical performance by AlmaNova and Bryan Langholz offered the play-by-play for a demonstration by members of the South Pasadena Juggling Club.



(L to R) Library Trustees Marcia Battin, Brendan Durrett, Margaret Leong, Linda Puchalski, Mayor David Sifuentes, Councilmembers Michael A. Cacciotti and Philip Putnam, City Librarian Steve Fjeldsted, and Councilmember Mike Ten.

President's Message, by Leeann Davis



How do you use the library? The South Pasadena Public Library is many things to many different people. Traditional users check out books to read themselves and for their children. But there are many other ways to enjoy the library, and I invite you to explore some new possibilities, all funded by the Friends:

- Book Discussion Groups - join a book discussion group to get an opportunity to read a great book and meet some new friends
- Author nights - each month, and sometimes more frequently, the Community Room hosts an author or a play. The 7:00 pm evening events usually begin with a musical performance, and both events are free and fascinating. The library's website is the best place to view upcoming events.
- Live Homework Help! - Do you have a student struggling with a math assignment? Having a little trouble yourself remembering how to do it? Click on the link on the library's website, and you'll be connected with a real, live tutor, who will save the day!
- "Surf the web" - bring your laptop to the library and enjoy WiFi access throughout the building. You can even sit in a big, comfy leather chair while you explore the world wide web. A great place to start is www.cityofsouthpasadena.ca.us/library, where you can view more than 500 historical photos and lots more great information (you can do this from home, too).
- Local History Collection - explore and learn more about our city's colorful past. There is an extensive microfiche collection of newspapers and great, historic photographs.
- Popular music CD's - take home a copy of a favorite band from your "glory days."

Our public library is a great institution that provides free access for all. Whether you view the library as a place to support your children, perform a job search, explore life-long learning, or find entertainment, the Friends hope that, most of all, you enjoy the library!



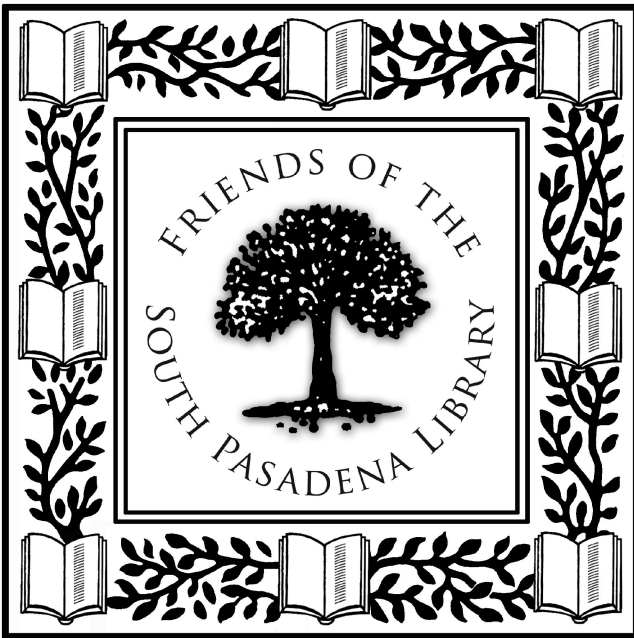
SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS POPULAR Pete Christlieb Jazz in November



The fourteenth season of Restoration Concerts is well under way, with the Mojave Piano Trio and Chamber Music Palisades playing, in September and October respectively, to appreciative audiences in a packed Community Room.

On November 15, it will undoubtedly be SRO for the series' once-a-year jazz concert, this year featuring the return of the popular Pete Christlieb Jazz Group. Friends who are not yet season ticket holders are advised to arrive early to be sure of a seat.

Doors will open at 3:30 pm for the 4:00 pm concert. Admission is \$18 and as always, our tireless Hospitality Committee will provide light refreshments. For additional information, call (626) 799-6333.



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday–Wednesday 11:00am - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
(626) 403 -7333

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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE
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Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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