



Library Chats...

for the love of books



Friends of the Chatsworth Library Newsletter

Chatsworth Branch Library: 21052 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, CA 91311

February 2005 Newsletter

LIBRARY HOURS: (818) 341-4276
 Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm
 Fridays & Saturdays 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
 Sundays Closed
 Major Holidays Closed

SCHEDULED ACTIVITES:
 Story Time & Crafts Tuesdays 3:30 PM

Friends Meeting Reading Room
 Feb 16 (Wed) 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Friends Meeting Community Room
 March 16 (Wed) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

EVENTS:
 March 19 (Sat) 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
 Book Sale Community Room
 March 19 (Sat) 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
 Origami Class



CHATSWORTH HAS A BEAUTIFUL NEW LIBRARY AT LAST

Head Librarian - Bruce Seidman

I hope everyone has had a chance to visit the new Chatsworth Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. The raves are unanimous, Chatsworth may have the most beautiful branch library in all of Los Angeles. Los Angeles Public Library has built thirty six new libraries in the last few years thanks to a 1999 bond issue passed by almost 70 percent of the voters in the city of Los Angeles. Each new building was ensured it's own individuality by having their own architect. While most new libraries are some sort of modern design, the Chatsworth Library design is a result of the library community construction meetings held in 2001 prior to construction. Community input was made that we wanted a design to reflect the western heritage theme that would honor Chatsworth's history. The architect came up with a plan for a building done in mission style reminiscent of the AK Smiley Public Library in Redlands. The result was that Chatsworth wound up with one of the gems of all the projects. Now that we have been open for going on three months we could put all the waiting behind us and enjoy the future of having this fantastic new building in the heart of Chatsworth.

Some of the features we now offer are 30 public access computers that offer internet as well as word processing, an excellent collection of DVD's, Videos, and CD's, a parking lot and building double the size of the old building. If you haven't come by please come and check us out. Please help our Friends help us rebuild our book collection.

LIBRARY STAFF

Head Librarian: Bruce Seidman
 Adult Librarian: Linda Capicotto
 Young Adult Librarian: Tammy Niblett
 Young Adult Librarian: Margaret Trivison
 Children's Librarian: Elizabeth Abramson

FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY OFFICERS

President: John Thorpe
 Book Sales Co-Chairpersons:
 Joanne Stipkovich
 Gretchen Martin
 Treasurer: Ray Vincent
 Secretary: Zena Thorpe
 Membership Program: Barbara Pampalone
 Linda Capicotto
 Newsletter: Ann Vincent
 Book Club: Aita Soovere
 Member-at-large: Keith Watts
 Member-at-large: Irene Nalbandian
 Member-at-large: Jaak Soovere

DID YOU KNOW?

The new Chatsworth Library provides free access to computer workstations which are connected to the Library's information network. In addition to providing Internet access, these workstations enable the public to search LAPL's many electronic resources including the online catalog, over 100 subscription databases, word processing, language learning, literacy and a large historic document and photograph collection. Specially designed Web sites are provided for children, teens and Spanish speakers.

These library resources are also available from your home located at:

www.lapl.org

ONLINE CATALOG
SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES
LITERACY
CHILDREN
TEENS
SPANISH

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Goals:

To assist the Library and Staff by raising funds to acquire additional books, resources and program opportunities that will enhance the educational outreach to our community.

How you can help:

Donate used books that may be added to the shelves of the library or sold by the Friends to raise funds to purchase books, library aids or sponsor community programs. Donated Books, CD's, Tapes and Videos can be dropped off at the Library and are tax deductible.

How can you join FRIENDS?

Membership application envelopes are available at the library desk. Members receive the Friends Newsletter "Library Chats" and invitations to special book sales.

Participate in our Monthly Meetings:

Scheduled the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm at the library.

FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT:

John Thorpe, President

Now that our library is open, the Friends Group is organized and ready to support the Chatsworth Branch Library in providing the best possible services its patrons could expect. The Friends have a room in the library that will be used by the Friends as a book store. We are presently stocking it with used books and will be selling them on a regular basis in the near future. Our book sale co-chairpersons, Joanne Stipkovich and Gretchen Martin will give more information elsewhere in the newsletter regarding the operation and running of the book sales. As the newly elected president of the Friends of the Chatsworth Branch Library, I look forward to a busy and fruitful year working with the board members and volunteers in supporting the library. I am starting off on a good footing because I will miss my first board meeting due to a pre-planned vacation. Keith Watts has kindly agreed to run it, so thank you Keith for stepping in. I and all the board and library employees would also thank Keith for his past five years as president of the Friends Group, for diligently helping and working with the City, etc., to the culmination and realization of the splendid edifice that stands on Devonshire Street at this time.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Elizabeth Abramson – Children's Librarian

Greetings! My name is Elizabeth Abramson, and I am very much enjoying my time here as the new children's librarian. The staff I work with are supportive and the community, as you all know, are equally as wonderful. Many children have been participating in my weekly story time and crafts. So if you know any children between the ages of around four to seven, make sure they know about this free event on Tuesdays at 3:30. Also, I am actively seeking GAB (Grandparents and Books) volunteers. These are kind-hearted individuals who read to children for a couple of hours a week. If you are interested in volunteering for the library in this capacity, don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks again to everyone for making me feel so welcome!

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Tammy Niblett – Young Adult Librarian

The Chatsworth Library will be offering an Origami Program on March 19th, at 1:00pm. It will be an hour and a half long program in which the basics of the art of origami will be discussed, with a practice session afterward. We encourage our teen customers to come in and enjoy the art of paper folding. This program is an introduction to our origami club, which will meet once a month at the branch. The Chatsworth branch is currently conducting a survey of our young adult customers to find out what kinds of programming they prefer. Come into the library and check out some of our new young adult titles.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Grandparents and Books

Volunteers in the Grandparents and Books program are available in many branches to read a story to children. Older adults who love reading share stories and books in the library. Some read in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, or other languages in addition to English.

You can download the GAB Trainer's Manual at
<http://www.lapl.org/about/gab.html>



(requires Adobe Acrobat Reader).

To participate in the Chatsworth Branch GAB group, contact Elizabeth Abramson – Children's Librarian at (818) 341-4276

Technology & Computer Game Reviews

[Daytrum](http://www.daytrum.com/) <http://www.daytrum.com/> is an online magazine that reviews computer games and "provides a technology guide that helps parents understand the latest video games and computer and internet technologies."

The position of the Los Angeles Public Library is that it is the responsibility of each child's parent or legal guardian to monitor their Net Surfing.

BOOK CLUB GROUP FORMING

Adult Librarian - Linda Capicotto

Are you interested in good books and good conversation? Consider joining our brand new book club at the library. The four choices of days and times for our monthly meeting are:

Monday 1-2:30 pm
Wednesday 1-2:30 pm
Friday 10:30 am -12 noon
Saturday 10:30 am – 12 noon

Please call (818) 341-4276 and speak to Linda Capicotto to register for the book club, or come into the library and fill out a registration form.

All book selections to be read will be decided by the members.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

The Friends of the Library sponsored a Holiday Theater performance, on December 21, 2004 for 75 children, coordinated by Children's Librarian Elizabeth Abramson. Guests enjoyed artist Janece Flint, who provided festive folklore with multi-ethnic stories and group participation.

BOOK SALES:

With the availability of the new Friends of the Chatsworth Library Book Sale room, volunteers are being organized and schedules set to open the room for scheduled hours.

In addition to the scheduled hours, there will still be occasional weekend sales with the next one scheduled for March 19th from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Please come check out the wonderful books donated by the community for sale.

For additional references to ways to use the Library :

CHECK OUT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WEBSITE at: <http://www.lapl.org>

KIDS' PATH

This website listed below is referenced from the "Kid's Path"

Menu under "For Adults" under "Literature Links"

SELECT: Children's Literature Webguide

INTERNET RESOURCES RELATED TO BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Features

- What's New!
- What We're Reading: Commentary on Children's Books
- Web-Traveler's Toolkit: Essential Kid Lit Websites

Discussion Boards

- Readers Helping Readers
- Conference Bulletin Board

Quick Reference

- Children's Book Awards
- The Year's Best Books
- Children's Bestsellers
- The Doucette Index: Teaching Ideas for Children's Books

More Links

- Authors on the Web
- Stories on the Web
- Readers' Theatre
- Lots of Lists: Recommended Books
- Journals and Book Reviews
- Resources for Teachers
- Resources for Parents
- Resources for Storytellers
- Resources for Writers and Illustrators
- Digging Deeper: Research Guides and Indexes
- Internet Book Discussion Groups
- Children's Literature Organizations on the Internet
- Children's Publishers and Booksellers on the Internet

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