

2009 Annual Report



Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.



2009 ANNUAL REPORT
Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

The Board thanks you for your continued support of our library, and we are pleased to present the 2009 Annual Report. We would like to recognize retiring Board Member and 2009 president, Leeann Davis, for her six years of service and a job well done.

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide over \$80,000 of support to the library during the year. Some examples of items purchased by the Friends for the library include:

- Children's and Teen programs, including the Summer Reading Program and Live Homework Help (live tutors available on-line to help with homework questions)
- Author nights on a monthly basis, including those spotlighting Robert Wagner, John Dean, Amalia Starr and Brian Castro
- Books! Including new releases and bestsellers, teen collection and books for the Library's Book Clubs
- New comfy reading chairs and display cases throughout the Library

The Friends receive support from you, our benefactors, primarily through memberships, memorial donations, and, our largest source of revenue, The Bookstore. Total Bookstore sales in 2009 were \$54,640. With our new neon sign on the second floor, we've seen a lot of new faces. There are many bargains to choose from, so check it out next time you're in the library. If you're searching for more shelf space on your bookshelves at home, we would love for you to consider donating your used books to the Friends. You'll get a nice tax deduction too.

We currently have three endowment funds. Your contributions aren't spent. Instead, they're invested in perpetuity, and only the income earned is spent each year for specific purposes. In 2009:

- The Book Endowment provided \$15,000 for titles of enduring value
- The Technology Endowment, established in 2007, provided \$1,500 toward 'digital' resources, and
- The Elizabeth Seto Memorial Endowment provided \$900 for children's books

Our website has recently been expanded and redesigned. Visit us at www.friendsofsopaslibrary.org. You can view upcoming events, such as the next Restoration Concert, Author Night, or Children's program sponsored by the Friends. You can also take a peek at the current "Silent Auction" items, view the bookstore hours, or "get involved."

Thanks again for recognizing that the Library has valuable resources and services for everybody and directly improves our local quality of life. If you have any questions about our programs, operations, or just some thoughts and suggestions, please give me a call at 323-254-8549.

Jane Schirmeister
President

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A Special Note from the Friends

The purpose of the annual report is to list and thank all contributors to the Friends, the Technology Endowment Fund and the Book Endowment Fund. It is also an opportunity to recognize memorial contributions, gifts in honor of, and other gifts and donations made to the library throughout the year. The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. appreciate your support of its mission, activities, programs, and general good works, and welcome your constructive comments.

The 2009 Annual Report reflects donations from the 2008-2009 membership campaign, which began in December of 2008 and ended November 30, 2009. Donations for the current 2009-2010 membership campaign will appear in the 2010 Annual Report, which will be published at this time next year. The Book Endowment Fund, Technology Endowment Fund, Summer Reading Program, Restoration Concert and memorial donations listed were made during 2009. The Friends' financial statement is provided at the Annual Meeting in January and is available upon request. This report is created by volunteers. Please accept, in advance, our apologies for any omissions or misspelled names. If you have any corrections or a preference regarding how your name is listed, please contact Jane Schirmeister at (323) 254-8549.

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