

BETWEEN FRIENDS

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

January 22

6:30 p.m.

Friends Annual Meeting
Library Community Room

January 22

7:00 p.m.

Naomi Hirahara
Library Community Rm

January 25

4:00 p.m.

Restoration Concert
New Hollywood String Quartet
Library Community Rm

February 12

7:00 p.m.

Amalia Starr
Library Community Rm

February 22

Restoration Concert

Robert Edward Thies

4:00 p.m.

Library Community Rm

March 22

Restoration Concert
California String Quartet
4:00 p.m.

Library Community Rm

April 19

Restoration Concert
Long Island Piano Duo
4:00 p.m.

Library Community Rm

April 23

7:00 p.m.

Denise Hamilton
Library Community Rm

Friends Annual Meeting to open Naomi Hirahara Author Night

On January 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., the South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library will host an Author Night and book signing event with nationally-known writer, Naomi Hirahara. The free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Street. Books will be available for purchase and no tickets or reservations are necessary. The event is co-sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. with financial support from the James Irvine Foundation.

Hirahara was born and raised in Southern California and graduated from South Pasadena High School. She is the Edgar Award-winning author of the Mas Arai mystery series (*Summer of the Big Bachi*, *Gasa-Gasa Girl*, and *Snakeskin Shamisen*), all featuring a Japanese American gardener and atomic-bomb survivor. A previous editor of *The Rafu Shimpo* newspaper, she has also produced nonfiction books on horticulture and Asian American history. Her short stories are featured in *Los Angeles Noir*, *A Hell of a Woman*, and *The Darker Mask*, while her middle-grade book, *1001 Cranes*, was released in August 2008 by Delacorte. She is currently at work on the fourth Mas Arai mystery.

During her presentation she will reveal why she selected an aging Japanese American gardener as her crime fighting protagonist and visually share some of the many artifacts of her publishing journey, including some choice rejection letters.

After about 5 minutes of Friends business during which the Friends will elect their 2009 slate of officers, The Elliott Caine Trio will play a set of "Blue Note" style jazz. Elliott has performed and/or recorded with Teddy Edwards, Ernie Andrews, O.C. Smith, Wycliff Jean, Beck, and The Beastie Boys, among many others. He was also an integral part of the renowned Latin-ska group, Jump With Joey for three tours of Japan and the USA, and a performance at Capitol Records' 50th Anniversary celebration. A South Pasadena resident, Elliott also received a Platinum Record for his work with the rock group, Filter.



Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the South Pasadena Public Library, 1100 Oxley St., South Pasadena, CA.

Business to be transacted at the annual meeting:

1. Amendment of the Bylaws to change the number of Directors from twelve (12) to thirteen (13) Directors
2. Election of the following Board Members: Linda Chamey, Leanne O'Neill, Linda Westcot and Richard Hall, for their first 3-year terms.

Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. Proposed 2009 Budget

Revenue:

Membership	\$28,000
Bookstore	47,000
Interest income & other	12,000
Total Revenue	<u>\$87,000</u>

Friends Expenses:

Bookstore	\$2,200
Community Programs	5,200
Membership Drives	4,000
Insurance, website & Admin expenses	6,599
Newsletter & Annual report	6,000
Donation to Endowment Funds	10,001
Bookstore expansion set-aside	15,000
Total Friends	<u>\$49,000</u>

Library Support Expenses:

Summer reading program	10,500
Other children's programs	5,500
Author night programs	9,000
New release books & book club	8,000
Library school interns & other	5,000
Adult literacy & language CD's	7,500
Teen books & programming	4,000
Local history collection	11,600
Booktrucks & display racks	5,900
Furniture	13,500
	<u>\$80,500</u>

Expenses in Excess of Revenues: (\$42,500)

Author Night *Parenting My Son to Live Successfully with Autism, Epilepsy, and Learning Disorders*

Amalia Starr, writer of the instructive and inspiring memoir, *Raising Brandon: Parenting My Son to Live Successfully with Autism, Epilepsy, and Learning Disorders* will appear for an Author Night speaking appearance on February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room. The free program is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library, the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena, and The Institute for the Redesign of Learning, popularly known in the community as the Almansor Center. The event is also sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. with financial support from the James Irvine Foundation.

Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Technology Endowment Fund:

Linda Westcot – Chair BEF/TEF Membership

At the close of the year I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the 2008 Technology Endowment Fund. Donations to the Fund totalled almost \$9,000, and the interest from the principal will be used to augment the library's excellent selection of DVDs and CDs, purchase more playaways, and offset the cost of the Live Homework Help program for South Pasadena students. Again, thank you to all who contributed. Envelopes are still available next to the exit, across from the check out desk if needed.

Library Author Night ***with Denise Hamilton on April 23***

The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library and the South Pasadena Public Library are proud to present an 'Author Night' program on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. The free, fascinating event is open to the public and will showcase bestselling mystery author Denise Hamilton and open with a musical set by highly accomplished pianist David Batt.



David began playing at age 3 and later attended the Boston Conservatory, Johns Hopkins University, and UC Berkeley. After graduate studies, he moved to Southern California to pursue artistic goals. Under the pseudonym Yrsan Daro he's released two CDs with world, jazz, and classical elements and both have been Top 10 in New Age Reporter's Radio Airplay Charts. His 2006 CD "Beyond the Edge of Time" was nominated as Best Contemporary Instrumental Album in the magazine's lifestyle music awards. He will be performing several works from his forthcoming 2009 release. David also now serves as South Pasadena's Assistant Finance Director.

At 7:30 the focus will shift to the considerable speaking and writing talents of Denise Hamilton. Since her debut *The Jasmine Trade* in 2001, Hamilton has been hailed as one of the brightest new stars in the mystery fiction genre. Previously the Los Angeles native worked for many years as an award-winning reporter for the Los Angeles Times and a Fulbright Scholar. *The Jasmine Trade* introduced her sassy, streetwise protagonist Eve Diamond who solves hard-boiled crimes in the contemporary LA melting pot.

Hamilton's literary maiden voyage introduced legions of readers to her supercharged narrative style, crackling dialogue, and an unforgettable heroine. It opened the door for four more highly successful offerings in the Eve Diamond series, including *Sugar Skull*, *Last Lullaby*, and *Savage Garden*. For her latest in the series, *Prisoner of Memory*, Hamilton digs deeply into her own family's Russian roots. It was a finalist for the Best Mystery of 2006 at the Los Angeles Booksellers Awards. Her newest title is *The Last Embrace*, her first standalone novel, an atmospheric thriller set in Los Angeles in 1949.

The event is co-sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. with financial support from the James Irvine Foundation. The entire community is invited to attend and no tickets or reservations are necessary. Doors open at 6:30. A question-and-answer session with the audience will cap off the program. Refreshments will be served and autographed copies of Denise's books will be available for purchase.

NEW HOLLYWOOD STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM JANUARY 25

The New Hollywood String Quartet, beginning its second season as quartet-in-residence with the Restoration Concert series, will present the January 25 concert. The program will start at 4:00 pm and will feature music by Shostakovich and Beethoven. A meet-the-artists reception will follow the concert. - Tickets will be available at the door for \$18, if space allows. Information from 626-799-6333.



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday–Wednesday 11:00am - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 6:00 p.m.
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