

BETWEEN FRIENDS

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

May 7

Brian Castro
"Shanghai Dancing"
7:00 p.m.
Library Community Room

May 17

Restoration Concert
New Hollywood String Quarter
4:00 p.m.
Library Community Room

June 15

Summer Reading Program
Be Creative Express Yourself

June 25

Jack McCarthy
"The Standup Poet"
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

July 23

John Dean
National Best selling Author
7:00 p.m.
Library Community Room

City Council Approves Phase I of Library Exterior Beautification Plan

On April 15th, the South Pasadena City Council approved Phase I of the Library's Exterior Beautification Project to enhance the Oxley Street main entrance side of the Library Park.



The Committee met more than a dozen times to develop Phase I of the Exterior Beautification Plan, a project that now includes a sculpture, new park benches, new waste receptacles, large urns, brickwork, sprinklers, stones, an irrigation system, and a variety of flowers, shrubs, and trees.

The goal of the Exterior Beautification Project is to make the Library grounds more aesthetically pleasing, extend their attractiveness and functionality further beyond their walls, and to enhance the capability of the Library Park to serve as an outdoor gathering place.

The plants in Phase I of the Library Exterior Beautification Project were not only selected for their visual appeal and their hardiness, but in some cases for their fragrances too. They are also meant to add a palette of vibrant colors to the environment. More importantly, they are intended to help transform the Oxley Street side of the Library into an area comparable in attractiveness to the El Centro side, albeit with a very different tone.

The Exterior Beautification Plan is expected to influence many visitors to read, use their laptops, or to study or relax out front. In addition, the Plan adds wrought iron waste receptacles and benches to match the ones found elsewhere in the Park, including those in front of the Senior Center. Phase I's sculpture of the boy and girl reading was unanimously approved because of the timeless image it projects and to invoke positive memories of the wonders of reading. It is anticipated that the sculpture will become a powerful symbol of the South Pasadena Public Library and the community's strong interest in families, education, and the arts and culture.

Two Writers Don't Make a Wrong

The Library Staff Spotlight for this issue shines on Dane Elcar and Matthew Drayer, who are also aspiring writers.

Dane was born in Tarzana, but grew up in Santa Paula. Hailing from a theatrical family, Dane continues in the tradition. He spent most of his childhood running around the Santa Paula Theater Center which his father co-founded. When he is not working, Dane is often at home writing. He's already achieved one of his life goals by completing a novel before turning twenty-five. Unfortunately, he doesn't want anyone to read it. He is currently working on a short story collection.

Dane also enjoys building and riding used bicycles. He also fences, boxes, and loves to travel. Recently Dane and his girlfriend drove from New York to Pasadena along the famous Route 66. Dane is taking advantage of the Teaching Company Courses in the South Pasadena Library collection and he has watched Art History and American Literature courses. Not surprisingly, Dane reads a lot and he's currently enjoying *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*.

Matthew Drayer, a native of Southern California, has spent nearly half of his quarter-century separated from the land of his birth. After stays in Minneapolis, Tempe, and northern New Mexico, he summoned the courage and wherewithal to return to his home state. Matt currently lives in Downtown Los Angeles. He joined the library staff in December 2007, amidst great rejoicing, universal acclaim and delusions of grandeur.

Matt actually enjoys reading many of the books he shelves at the Library. He is also fond of experimental works by modernists, post-modernists, and followers of the OuLiPo movement. Some of his favorite novels are *House of Leaves*, *Gravity's Rainbow*, and *Dead Souls*, all of which are available from the Library. Matt also fancies himself a writer, although he admits that the bio he submitted for this profile is the only thing he's written in years.



Matt Drayer and Dane Elcar



One of six new chairs purchased by the Friends using contributions made by film crews.

Barks and Books

Monday June 22nd and Monday July 27th

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

5 – 10 year-olds

Sign-ups required. Call (626) 403-7358.

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 confidence in reading aloud. Also, it helps children realize animals experience a range of emotions similar to their own and have basic needs too. This will, in turn, encourage them to appreciate the importance of treating all animals with respect and kindness.



Summer Reading Program

Children's

June 15, 2009 – August 8, 2009

Be Creative @ Your Library

Infants – 5th grade

Teen's

June 15, 2009 – August 8, 2009

Express Yourself @ Your Library

6th – 12th grade

The Summer Reading Program and the Teen Reading Program are seven-week, parent supervised programs for children and teens. These programs are designed to encourage reading and/or listening to reading throughout the summer. A flexible program in which children or teens read as many or as few minutes as they want, it focuses on reading for **fun**.

Children can participate in the many different parts of the program, from reading, recording minutes read and returning to the Library to pick out incentives to creating crafts and attending storytimes. They can also march in the Festival of Balloons Fourth of July parade and enjoy the weekly Wonderful Wednesday special programs. Teens can read and earn books or tickets for opportunities to win prizes. All events are free. This program is funded by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Presentations are held at 2:00 pm.

Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Library, Inc.

June 24 Puppets and Players Little Theatre presents *Puff the Magic Dragon*
Fairview Street side of the Library all ages

July 1 Patty Sue Jones presents *Library Art Stars*
Oxley Street side of the Library all ages

July 8 Musical Coopers presents *Creative Music Making*
Library Community Room all ages

July 15 Magic Wayne
Library Community Room all ages

July 22 Traveling Lantern Theatre presents *The Life of Beethoven*
Library Community Room age 5 years and older

July 29 Padraic Keohane, Storyteller
Library Community Room all ages

August 5 Mad Science presents *Up, Up & Away*
Library Community Room ages 5 years and older

Storytimes

June 23, 2009 – August 7, 2009

Family Storytime (all ages) Tuesdays 7:15 pm – 7:45 pm

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 to 5 years) Thursdays 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Toddler Storytime (ages 1 to 2 years) Fridays 10:30 am – 10:50 am



Restoration Concert News: QUARTET- IN - RESIDENCE CONCERT AND RECEPTION WRAPS SECOND YEAR

The 2008-2009 season of Sunday afternoon Restoration Concerts in the Community Room concludes on May 17 with a concert by The New Hollywood String Quartet, completing the group's second year as Quartet-in-Residence with the series. To mark the occasion, the quartet will be joined for this performance by guest artist pianist Robert Thies.

Thies and violinists Roberto Cani and Rafael Rishik, violist Robert Brophy and cellist Andrew Shulman will perform Cesar Franck's Piano Quintet. The program, scheduled to begin at 4:00 pm, also includes Alfred Schnittke's String Quartet No. 3, and will be followed by a Meet the Artists reception.

The Restoration Concert Committee appreciates and gratefully acknowledges the sponsors of the NHSQ's second season as our Quartet-in-Residence: The Helix Foundation; Ann Jilg; the Sun family; Joanne Eccleston and Oscar Medina; Euro-Pane Bakery; Betty Marie Nance; Alan and Marsha Nikora; Dr. & Mrs. Richard Villasenor.

Yvonne Voisin

President's Message

by Leeann Davis



As each day brings more news of economic woes, it's good to know that the public library sits stalwart in its mission to provide for our community. Think about it: the library is the only place where everyone is welcome -- with no strings attached. It's amazing what our library can offer you, **for free**:

- Find a good book to read, including brand new releases and "Top Ten" bestsellers, or check out a "Playaway" to have a book read to you!
- Check out the new popular music CD collection. There are over 450 titles to choose from. And it's not just your parents' music! There's something for everyone!
- Use the computers in the library for job hunting, study, research or "surfing the net." From home or office, you can access numerous databases for school, or just for satisfying your curiosity, including the World Book Encyclopedia on-line.
- Come to a free Author Night event. Programs typically begin with a musical performance, followed by presentations by well-known and interesting authors.
- Get homework tutoring from a real person, with the Live Homework Help on-line resource.
- Join the Book Discussion Club. You'll have fun reading and discussing a great book and maybe make a friend or two along the way.

As a current or former "Friend," we know you share our passion for our library! If you haven't yet had a chance to renew your membership for 2009, please consider making a donation to ensure our library remains a vibrant cultural gem for all residents of our city.

Annual Report "For the Record"

Financial Statements for the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. are posted at our Annual Meeting. Copies available upon request. Please call Leeann Davis at 626.441.1564



The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

Presents



RESTORATION CONCERT SERIES

Fall 2009~ Spring 2010

MOJAVE
PIANO TRIO
September 20, 2009

MASEK-AGUS DUO
Sax & Piano
February 21, 2010

CHAMBER MUSIC
PALISADES
October 25, 2009

LINDA WANG
Violin
March 14, 2010

PETE CHRISTLIEB
Jazz
November 15, 2009

ARMEN GUZELIMIAN
Piano
April 25, 2010

***NHSQ**
January 17, 2010

***NHSQ**
May 23, 2010

*The New Hollywood String Quartet - 'Quartet in Residence'

SUNDAY CONCERTS 4:00 P.M.
LIBRARY - COMMUNITY ROOM

1115 El Centro Street South Pasadena, CA 91030

RESTORATION CONCERT SERIES
FALL 2009/SPRING 2010

(one Series = 8 concerts = \$88)

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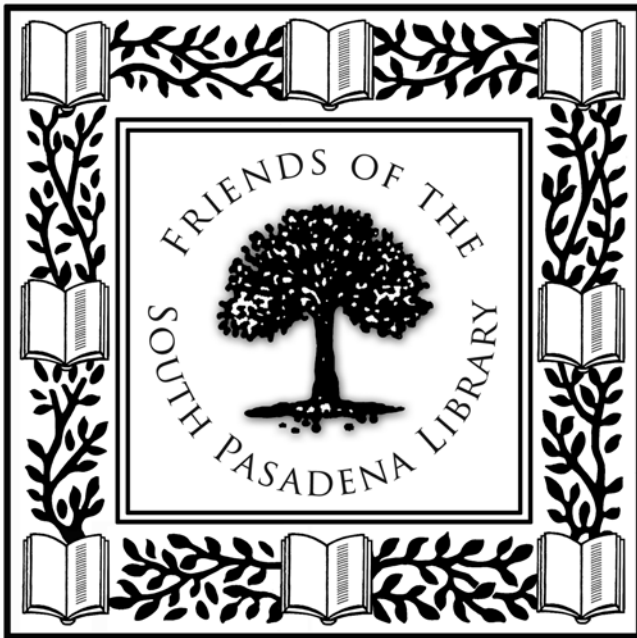
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Amount included: \$ _____ for _____ series Add. Information: 626-799-6333

RESTORATION CONCERTS
South Pasadena Public Library • Community Room



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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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FRIENDS BOOKSTORE HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
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