



# JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS...

OF THE YORBA LINDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2012

## Pssst...Here's what's happening at the LIBRARY:

- ◆ **One Book, One City; The Read Continues:** DON'T FORGET! *Blue Heaven* author **C.J. Box** will be at our library on **April 14th** to discuss his bestseller and share details of his career and many adventures! Books will be available for purchase and signing. Begins at 6:30 pm; dessert served by Polly's Pies.
- ◆ At the recent Friends' Annual General Meeting, I presented the 2011 Year-in-Review Report. The Friends' donation for 2011 was an amazing \$82,550, which allowed for excellent programming that brought literally *thousands* of people, of all ages, to the Library throughout the year. Attendance at our programs has risen more than 140% in the past 10 years. Thus, the majority of the funds raised by the Friends goes to meet the demand for programming.

### 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Statistics:

Library Visitors:	336,386 (avg 1100+ visitors per day)	Circulation:	845,952
Questions Answered:	85,690	Programs Offered:	779
Program Attendance:	48,312		

- ◆ Last Spring (2011), we offered YL's inaugural **One Book, One City** event featuring *The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis. In March of this year, we launched what we refer to as **OBOC2** featuring this year's selected book *Blue Heaven* by CJ Box (with related book titles and events for teens and children).
- ◆ The annual **Summer Reading Clubs** for adults, teens and children were the usual BIG hits, with a grand total 5,052 participants in all three clubs. Total attendance at all summer 2011 events (196 programs) was 21,546.
- ◆ The 3rd annual **Battle of the Books**, a literary trivia competition for grades 4 -12, was presented Feb. 26, 2011. Over 500 students and their supporters gathered at Yorba Linda High School to compete.
- ◆ The Friends sponsored bus trips to transport over 2,400 students in 85 classes to the Library for tours and library cards.
- ◆ In March 2011 the **Teen Film Festival** held at the Nixon Presidential Library & Museum drew 130+ attendees who enjoyed viewing 51 films made by teen filmmakers.
- ◆ Our **Teen Art Contest**, also offered once a year, drew 142 teens, parents, friends and family to the Exposed Gala in December, also at the Nixon Presidential Library & Museum. There were 70 contest entries in the categories: drawing/painting, photography, short story and poetry.

All in all, another very successful year!



Thank you to our wonderful *Friends of the Yorba Linda Library* for generously giving your time, talent, and resources to help provide our Library with the means to offer the community so many popular programs!

- Melinda Steep, Library Director

## **THE BOOK CORNER BULLETIN**

2012 is off to a great start! Thanks to each and every one of you; it's you, the members of the Friends of the Library, who make our small venture such a big success. Please take a few minutes to read Melinda Steep's article on the front page to see just what types of wonderful programs the Friends members have helped to provide to patrons of all ages of the Yorba Linda Library. As a community, we are very, very proud of our library, and you are to be commended for your generosity toward supporting it.



A special note to our Book Corner Volunteers--please attend the volunteer recognition luncheon on **Saturday April 28th**. We have been adding many new faces to our ranks. This will be a great time to get to know them and to spend a pleasant afternoon with others who care about the library and its programs. Please remember to take a minute or two at this gathering to make some new friends! It'll be an extraordinary event, so watch for your invitation arriving soon in your mailbox. I will look forward to seeing you there!

Our Book Sale in January was a BIG success! We now look forward to our next big sale scheduled for **Saturday, June 2 from 10 - 4**. Of course, we will need a team of volunteers to (1) help set up on Friday, (2) work the sale on Saturday, and (3) help with cleanup on Sunday. Please consider lending a helping hand by adding your name to the sign-up sheet when it's available in the store.

The Book Corner Committee will meet on **April 17th**. If, as a Friends Member, you have any questions or concerns, please leave me a note in the Book Corner. We will try to address them at our upcoming meeting.

Remember to celebrate **National Library Week** (April 8-14) by stopping into the Book Corner to buy lots of wonderful books, magazines, DVD's, etc., then head upstairs for great materials always available for checkout from the library!

\*\* Please note: the Book Corner will be **CLOSED** on the same Furlough Mondays currently scheduled for the Library: **April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, and Sept 3** (Labor Day).

- Linda Birtler, Book Corner Chair

## ***Being a Friend is Always a Big Win! (especially at Tax Time)***



It's never too late to be a good Friend! As we head toward the finish line of this year's tax season, remember to get ahead of the game for 2012 with a **tax-deductible** membership in the *Friends of the YL Library*. Guaranteed to put extra change in your pocket and a song in your heart, all year long!

There are 3 great ways to be a winner: joining the Friends, donating books often, and purchasing *lots* of books at the Book Corner (using your Friends' 10% discount, of course) — it's really a Win-Win-Win situation for everyone!

It's easy to renew! Just come into the Book Corner, complete a membership form and get your 2012 membership card immediately. The other 395 Friends Members - in fact, the whole Yorba Linda community - will be grateful for your support of the outstanding library programs a Friends membership helps to provide.

## WE SAY "WELCOME" TO NEW FRIENDS BOARD MEMBERS



At the Friends General Meeting in January we installed two new Board Members: **Ruth Gruchow**, as **Friends Historian** (taking over for A.J. Licausi), and **Erica Enos** as **Board Secretary** (previously Diane Cieslak). Thank you, ladies, for your commitment and enthusiasm to the Friends of the Library!

- ◆ **Ruth Gruchow** has lived in Yorba Linda for 18 years and has been a Friends member for eight. Since last October, she has also been a part of the esteemed Wednesday Stocking Crew. We appreciate her dedication (We thank her for the nice photos below!)
- ◆ **Erica Enos** is an accomplished high school senior who finds time to make membership in the Friends a priority in her busy, college-bound life. She graduates from Esperanza HS in June and will enter Cal State Pomona in the fall. She also volunteers each month in the Book Corner.
- ◆ **Cheryl Lynn** continues to assist Phyllis Traeger with the daunting task of keeping the Book Corner Shift Calendar. It takes many hours getting the right folks on the right shifts each month and, of course, keeping up with last minute schedule changes and helping to find substitutions. You're doing a great job, Cheryl!



Friends Board Enjoys Lunch @ Mimi's

Board Members  
Erica Enos & Jeanette McKinley



Delicious! Merci Beaucoup!



### **BREAKING NEWS! Library Furlough Mondays back thru September**

Unfortunately, the Library has had to reinstitute monthly furlough days (at least thru September). Both the Library and the Book Corner will be **CLOSED** on the following 1st Mondays: **April 2; May 7; June 4; July 2; August 6; Sept 3** (Labor Day).

**COOL WEBSITE ALERT!** I'm not much of a "blog" person, but I happened across a very spiffy books-related website: [outofprintclothing.com](http://outofprintclothing.com). Although the site sells t-shirts, etc. printed with classic book covers (which is already pretty neat), their blog is the real gem - 15 pages of unique info, great links, videos, author insight (such as a letter Kurt Vonnegut wrote to a city that burned his books; and sage advice F. Scott Fitzgerald gave his young daughter), even a peek inside Hemingway's hidden hideaway. Really great stuff guaranteed to while away the hours....just don't blame me if the laundry isn't done!

**GOING THRU POTTER WITHDRAWAL?** You're in luck! J.K. Rowling is ba-aaack with a new website dedicated to all things Potter: [pottermore.com](http://pottermore.com). Re-explore the novels with new illustrations, interactive games and such, along with never-before-told info about the stories and characters. The series is also available as e-books (via this website only), so a new, more *tech-savvy*, generation of kids can enjoy the world of Harry & Hogwarts.

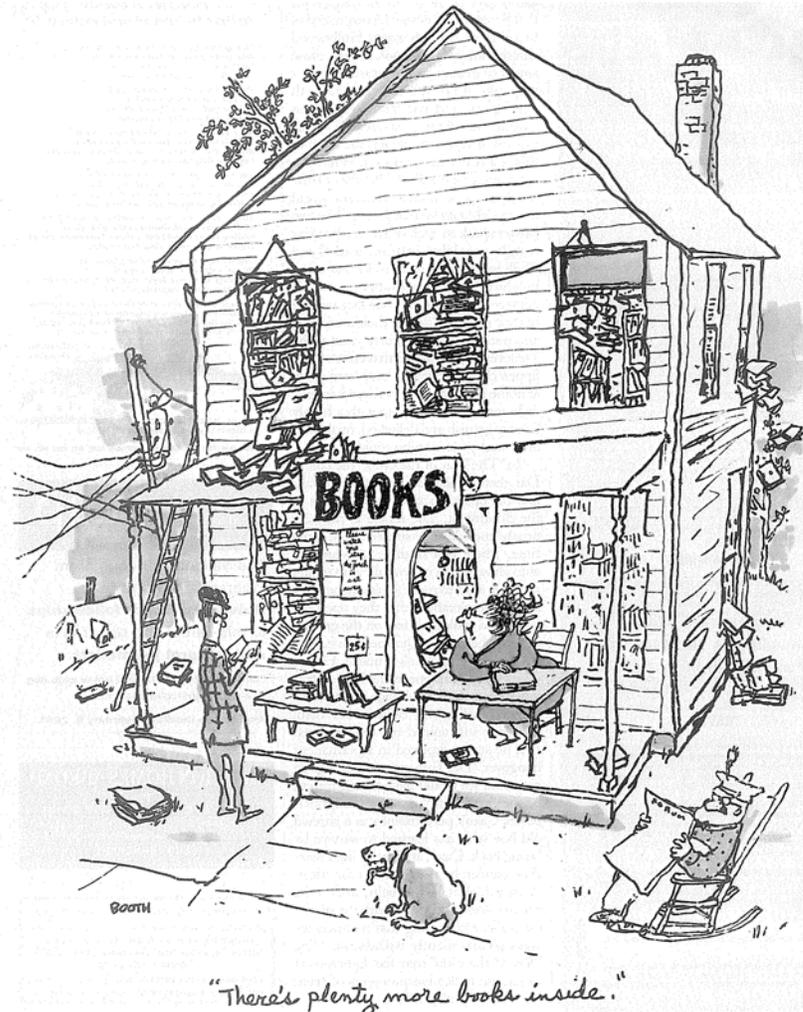
- L. Queen, Newsletter Editor

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

**Saturday, April 28th**  
**11:30 am, in the**  
**Community Room**

All of our wonderful **Book Corner Volunteers** are invited to enjoy a delicious lunch and fine entertainment in recognition of your commitment and service to the Friends of the Library. Our theme is "*Hawaiian Tropics*" — you won't want to miss it! (Wear your best Hawaiian garb!)

Enjoy this cute cartoon! We do sit *inside*, of course, but this does look a bit familiar... 'tho we'd never, ever complain about those pesky books in the hallway, the shaky stacks against the walls, the boxes of dusty VHS tapes. No sirree. That's 'cuz there's just never too much of a good thing! And our little **Book Corner** is a good, a really good, thing!



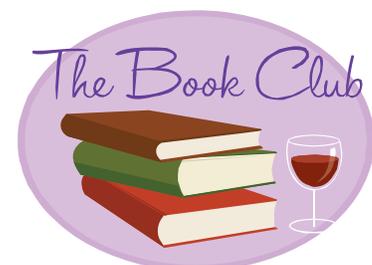
### WHAT THE READING GROUPS ARE READING:

- 1) **R.E.A.D. 2nd Wed, 7:00 p.m. @ Yorba Room.** This group enjoys all genres of books: classics, non-fiction, new fiction. Books selected as a group and rotate discussion leaders.

4/11 *We Really Should Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver  
 5/9 *Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender  
 6/13 *Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes

- 2) **WHO DONE IT? 4th Mon, 2:00 pm @ Community Room.** This group loves mystery and crime fiction. They share reviews and comments.

4/23 Authors Betty Webb & Val McDermid  
 5/21 Authors Mark Billingham & James Sallis (meeting on 3rd Mon this month)  
 6/25 Award winners of 2011 crime novels  
 7/23 Book Titles: *Defending Jacob* & *Presumed Innocent*





## HOW TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

### Step 1: Read a Book

[This article appeared in the *Orange County Register* a year or so ago, written by columnist Harvey Mackay. It appears here with minimal editing.]

**Our lives basically change in two ways – the people we meet and the books we read.**

Let me share the biggest secret of a really life-changing book: If you have found a book that taught you a tremendous amount, you need to go back and read that book three, five, seven and 10 years later after you've had different experiences. It is not enough to simply read a motivational book. You have to study it, underline it, highlight it and take notes. Good books should never be put away permanently.

It doesn't matter whether you are a paper-and-ink fan or a Kindle devotee, books are your ticket to places you can only dream of. A good read can stretch your imagination and spark your creativity. Books inspire, comfort, teach and entertain. Inscribed on the Thomas Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress are the first eight words of a quotation by famed American author Henry David Thoreau, "*Books are the treasured wealth of the world...*"

Reading researcher Kylee Beers of Yale University says something happens to U.S. kids as they make their way through school. "About 100% of 1st-graders walk in on the first day and are interested in this thing called reading," she says. "80% percent of graduating high school seniors tell us they will never again voluntarily read another book."

There is no lack of good reading material. And yet statistics tell us that the average person reads just three books a year. Three books! Not only am I an advocate of reading everything I can get my hands on, I am a huge proponent of lifelong learning. When your career or family schedules preclude enrolling in a class, books provide another avenue. Read to expand your mind. Read for fun. Read because you are interested in something – and read to become more interesting. You'll never waste your time if you are reading!

American writer Clarence Day said, "*The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall; nations perish; civilizations grow old and die out; and, after an era of darkness, new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again, and yet live on, still young, still as fresh as the day they were written, still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead.*"

Individuals read to live life to its fullest, to earn a living, to understand what is going on in the world, and to benefit from the accumulated knowledge of civilization, according to a U.S. Department of Education study by Bernice Cullinan of New York University. Even the benefits of democracy and the capacity to govern ourselves successfully depend on reading.

Another angle on the benefits of reading good books came from the late Norman Cousins, editor and writer for the *Saturday Review*, who said: "*There is a simple non-medical technique for increasing longevity. This system goes by the name of 'book.' Through it, man can live hundreds of lifetimes in one. What is more, he may enjoy fabulous options. He can live in any age of his choosing. He can take possession of an experience. He can live inside the mind of any man who has recorded an interesting thought, any man who has opened up new slices of knowledge, any man who has engaged in depths of feeling or awareness beyond the scope of most mortals. This is what good books are all about.*"

**READ...AND LIVE A 100 LIFETIMES!**

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## BOOK CORNER HOURS

The BOOK CORNER is open late on **Mon, Tues & Wed.**

Mon & Tues	10 am to 7:30 pm
Wed	1 pm to 7:30 pm
Thurs, Fri, Sat	10 am to 4 pm
Sun	Closed

**IMPORTANT!** The Library and the Book Corner will be **CLOSED** the 1st Monday of each month through Sept. (see page 3 for specific dates).

**Interested?** The 6th annual **Literary Orange** will be Saturday, April 14, 9 am - 5 pm @ UC Irvine Student Center. Literary Orange is OC's premier literary event, where authors, readers and libraries join for a celebration of literature. Website: [literaryorange.org](http://literaryorange.org)

The annual **Los Angeles Times Festival of Books** is Sat/Sun, April 21-22, on the USC campus. Admission is free. This, too, is a wonderful day of authors, new books and fun reading-related events and exhibits. Website: [latimes.com/festivalofbooks](http://latimes.com/festivalofbooks)

## SUMMER FICTION SALE IN JUNE

You've heard the phrase "*summer romance*?" Well, how about *summer mystery*, *summer spy thriller*, *summer kids books*, *summer western*, *summer science fiction*...? The annual SUMMER FICTION sale is coming up, along with long, lazy days by the pool, at the beach, or on a park bench, perhaps. Here's your chance to head out armed with great new reads.

[NOTE: it's not *just* fiction, but mainly fiction]

**Friends' SUMMER FICTION Sale**  
**Saturday, June 2, 10 to 4 pm**  
**Library Community Room**

