



FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

September 2010

President's Message:

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mary Tumilty. Her legacy to the Friends, the Library and to the City of Sierra Madre was unique and unlikely to be repeated. Our condolences go to Mary's daughter Cynthia and granddaughter Adrienne.



If you would like to donate to the Library in memory of Mary Tumilty, the family requests the donations be made to the Mary Tumilty Endowment Fund, an endowment which was established by the Friends when she retired.

Carol Anne Enmark, a longtime Friend and the mother of Library Trustee Catherine Adde, recently died. Carol Anne was an active member of the Friends Board and worked just about every Art Fair from 1962 to 1978. Our condolences go to Catherine and her family.

Volunteer Recognition

Many members of the community work quietly behind the scenes as volunteers in the Library. They teach computer classes, sort and shelve books, and work in the archives, among other things.

Additionally, a group from CLIMB has recently volunteered to keep the tables and benches in the Library garden clean.

During the last fiscal year the dedicated volunteers gave 980 hours of service to the Library. Nationally, the average volunteer hour is valued at \$18 per hour. If the cost of fringe benefits is added, the value rises to over \$20 per hour. Looking at the dollar value is a material way to consider the benefits of volunteers. The other benefits are less tangible and include the satisfaction the volunteer receives, the assistance to professional staff, and the camaraderie that often develops between staff and volunteer.

On Thursday, August 12, the Library staff hosted a morning reception for the Library volunteers in appreciation of their contributions to the Library. Everyone enjoyed a continental breakfast and a talk by guest speaker Jeri Westerson.

Ms. Westerson writes medieval murder mysteries and she spoke about life in medieval London and the research behind her novels. The Friends of the Library provided funding.

Best Regards,
Margaret Quigley
president@sierramadrelibraryfriends.org

LEARN A LANGUAGE WITH "MANGO"

An active Library card and password now gives you **free** access to 38 language modules with **Mango**—a new, user-friendly Library online



database. Mango uses real-life situations and native speakers to help you learn a language's essential vocabulary and develop practical conversational skills.

You can learn in the comfort of your own home, at your own pace,

and can sign up for as many languages modules as you like. And Mango is the perfect traveling companion if you're planning a trip out of the country!

DOWNLOAD TITLES WITH OVERDRIVE



Your Library card now gives you access to thousands of popular audiobooks and eBooks on loan as downloads to your computer, iPod or e-reader. With your own downloadable device, you can to enjoy 24/7 access to this wonderful new fiction and nonfiction digital collection. Titles are checked out for two weeks. To access the collection, go the Library's homepage and follow the easy instructions.

CAREER TRANSITIONS FOR THE JOB SEEKER

Your Library card will enable you to open up a user account on this online Gale database, giving you access to resume help, job listings, and the opportunity to analyze your interests and explore different career opportunities. Click the Online Services link on the Library webpage, and check it out!

This project is supported in whole by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

AND BEFORE YOU TAKE A TRIP...

Go to the Library's webpage Online Services link and click on **Global Road Warrior** for help planning your next excursion. This free travel guide will provide you with useful geographical, cultural, and travel information on any country you wish to visit.

READ A BOOK A WEEK & BE WELL READ IN A YEAR

Pat Woods would like to say that due to all the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers the August Best Used Book Sale was the best ever. The total sales were \$3,632.85. Pat would like to say a big thank you to all of you, you are very much appreciated.

There will be a Bargain Table in the Library the week of September 13-18. Books will be \$1.00 each.

The October Best Used Book Sale will be held on Friday, October 1, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Library really appreciates the books that are donated. To help us service you more efficiently these donated books should be gently used, clean and free from insects. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Magazines, Text Books, and Computer Books should be put directly on the free bench so that people who are interested in them may take them home.

PARTNER NEWS

Welcome and many thanks to our newest members of the Friends of Sierra Madre Library Partners: Eric and Alice Clark.

Just a reminder, your gift to renew your membership is a tax deductible donation. All proceeds will be used to enhance Library facilities and services to better serve our community.

We thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our Library.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

In recognition of National Preparedness Month and also to celebrate the Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Program (SMIPP), the City will be hosting "The Sierra Madre Family Preparedness Festival," on Saturday, September 11th. This event will be held in Memorial Park and will focus on family preparedness. Organizations such as the Lion's Club (which will be sponsoring a mobile hearing and vision unit), and representatives from FEMA will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Ms. Lauren Banis, an Arcadia resident and Girl Scout, will be assisting in this event to earn her Gold Award. Free and open to the public.

A SIERRA MADRE MYSTERY



On Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m., Dianne Dixon will discuss and sign her new psychological mystery, "The Language of Secrets."

An award-winning

and Emmy-nominated scriptwriter, Ms. Dixon's novel centers around the occupants of a fictional house on...Lima Street here in Sierra Madre! See what the "buzz" is all about, and why book clubs everywhere are eagerly reading this wonderful story, set in our own home town! Free at the Library.



DRESS FOR HALLOWEEN SUCCESS

Go frugal and green for Halloween! On Wednesday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m., Holly Cleeland, author of "Glue & Go Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs," will teach parents and children how to create unique, oversize, eye-catching costumes with recycled and other readily available supplies, such as plastic cups and plates, cardboard boxes, fabric, and foam core. Three costumes, constructed during the presentation, will be given away at the end of the program. Free at the Library.

"WORDS ON WHEELS" FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you are a resident of Sierra Madre and cannot come to the Library, the Library will come to you! Volunteers are now available to take care of all your Library needs—selecting and delivering fiction and non-fiction books to your home for your reading or listening pleasure, and returning the items when you have finished them. With your active Library card, a full range of material will be available to you—large and regular print books, audio books, Playaways, and music CDs. Call Ana Valencia, Words on Wheels Coordinator, at 355-7186, to get started on this free program today!

"QUOTH THE RAVEN..."



On Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson will perform as Edgar Allan Poe, in "The Shadow of the Raven."

Poe wrote some of the most dark and chilling tales in American literature, and was himself a man of mystery. In this

unique one-person play, Poe rises from the dead and looks back at his enigmatic life through the lens of some of his most famous works. Free at the Library.

READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by **Lida Bushloper**, Library Trustee

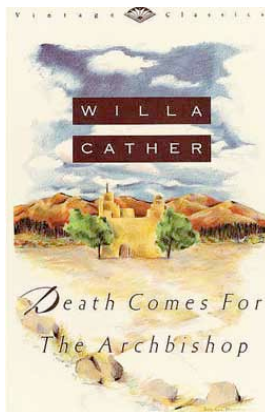
Stuff, Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things,
by Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee

If, like I am, you're hooked on those TV shows about hoarders, this book is for you. But it's better than the TV shows, as the book goes into each case study in depth. You get to know a lot more about the people suffering from compulsive hoarding, as well as their family members, friends, and other people who interact with them. The authors also present theories, based on research, for what may be some of the possible causes of hoarding. Some of the stories are harrowing. Many are sad. And it can also be startling when you come across emotions or practices that are similar to ones you yourself exhibit! It certainly made me question some of my own behaviors that may not be completely rational. But whatever your reaction, this is an engrossing account of a little understood condition. You can find "Stuff" in our Library in New Non-Fiction (616.8522 FROST)



"THIRD THURSDAY" BOOK CLUB

The Club will discuss "Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Willa Cather at its September 16 session.



This fact-based novel tells the story of Fr. Jean Marie Latour, a French Bishop who was sent to New Mexico in 1851 to rejuvenate the Catholic culture and ease tensions between the Anglo government and the Mexican population. In Cather's luminous prose, the landscape is as much a central character as the protagonists themselves.

On tap for October 21 is "Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.," by Luis J. Rodriguez. In this memoir, a

father tries to steer his son away from membership in a street gang by graphically recounting his own youth as a gang member in East L.A.

Third Thursday reading lists are available at the Library Service Desk. The group is moderated by Catriona Shafer and meets in the Library Reference Room on the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - Noon. *Funded by the Friends.*



SEPTEMBER

- 9/1:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
7:00 p.m. Preschool Story Hour
- 9/6:** LIBRARY CLOSED
- 9/8:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
7:00 p.m. Preschool Story Hour
- 9/9:** 3:30 p.m. Barks & Books
- 9/13:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour
7:00 p.m. Author Talk: Dianne Dixon
- 9/15:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour
7:00 p.m. Friends Board Mtg.
- 9/16:** 11:00 a.m. 3rd Thurs. Book Club
- 9/20:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour
- 9/22:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
7:00 p.m. Preschool Story Hour
7:00 p.m. Trustees Board Mtg.
- 9/27:** 10:00 a.m. Computer Class
10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour

SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Explore local history at the Sierra Madre Historical Archives, jointly owned and maintained by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and the Sierra Madre Public Library. For assistance with research, please call ahead for an appointment at (626) 355-7186.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Free computer classes are offered year round to the public in Basic Computer I & II, Basic Internet I & II, Email Basics, Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Desktop Publishing. Schedules and registration forms are available at the Library Service Desk. A \$20.00 deposit per class is required, which is refunded upon attendance. All classes meet at the Library Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR:

Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Toddlers and their caregivers gather in the Children's Room for lively stories, songs, and crafts.

BARKS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS:

Second Thursday of each month, October - July, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Children's Room. Children of all ages visit with and read to Mae Rose, Humane Society Volunteer Dorothy Raymond's specially trained dog.

TEEN BOOK CLUB AND ADVISORY BOARD:

Teens in Grades 7-12 meet every Thursday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., October - June, in the Library basement. Join us for fun books, games, crafts, and yummy snacks. Members brainstorm ideas for programs, outreach, and book selections, discuss cultural and literary trends, and connect with organizations that serve teens. Sign up online or at the Library.

LIBRARY CLOSED ON Monday, September 6, 2010

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