

# FRIENDS OF THE GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY



## NEWS

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### Friends Annual Meeting May 28

**The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Glendale Public Library** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28.

The business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and the author event follows immediately after at 7 p.m. In accord with the By-Laws, the purpose of the meeting will be to elect Directors and conduct any other such business as may be proper.



Laurie Viera Rigler



Library Connection @ Adams Square opens this summer!

Following the business meeting, there will be an author event. This year we will feature **Laurie Viera Rigler**, the author of *Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict*. Ms. Rigler is a freelance book editor who teaches writing workshops, including classes in storytelling technique. In her spare time, she indulges herself in re-reading Jane Austen's six novels. We'll have tea and cookies, so bring your favorite teacup and enjoy!

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Steele

One of the things that we must all cope with is change, and like the Library, the Friends will also see changes during 2008. New faces will emerge in leadership positions. As I begin my fifth year as President, our Treasurer, Larry Weisner, will step down after completing several years of dedicated service. A nominating Committee is currently considering candidates for this position, as well as others on the Board.

Thanks to resigning Board Members Carol Brusha, Jim Isenman, Mike Milam and Larry Weisner. We deeply appreciate the contributions they've made to the Friends over the years

In the meantime, the work of the Friends goes on. The Book Nook continues to attract new customers as word of its existence spreads. We are particularly proud of the success of our efforts to sell noteworthy books over the Internet.

Our Authors, Artists and Friends series continues to feature outstanding speakers. Watch for notices of upcoming events.

You are all cordially invited to our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 28. Following a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m., we will present a talk by Laurie Viera Rigler, author of the **Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict**. For all of you Jane Austen fans, this promises to be a "don't miss" event.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving as your President. I am certain that the Friends will continue to be a strong supporter of the programs of the Glendale Public Library. Your ongoing support is critical to that effort.



Friends Board Members Phil Lanzafame and Jim Isenman with President John Steele.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

From Acting Director of Libraries  
Cindy Cleary

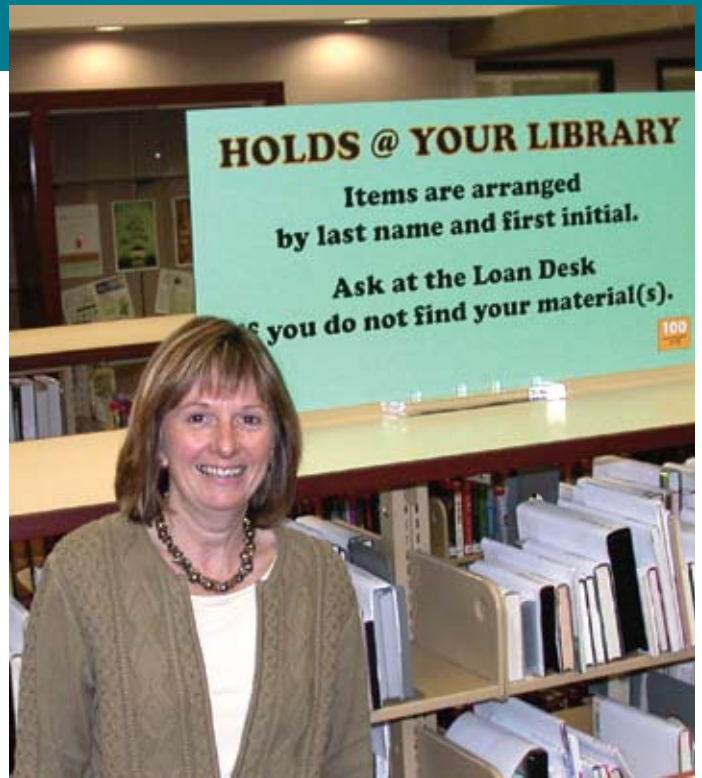
There are many exciting things going on at the library. We are very fortunate that a new library is being considered at the recently purchased **Rockhaven** property in Montrose. The Rockhaven Sanitarium, established in the 1920's for women with mental disorders, was the home to several prominent people including Gladys Baker, Marilyn Monroe's mother. The grounds and the building are reflective of this very rich history and we are fortunate that a new library to replace our Montrose-Crescenta Branch is being considered for the location.

City Council also approved an additional \$3.6 million dollars bringing the total to \$7.4 million for the **Brand Library and Art Center** renovation. This project will include a seismic upgrade—ensuring that this architectural treasure will be with us for many years to come—ADA and mechanical system improvements, space efficiencies, and historic rehabilitation of the 1904 mansion.

Our newest library, **Library Connection @ Adams Square** at 1100 East Chevy Chase Drive, is scheduled to open this summer. Visitors will find popular books, newspapers and magazines in multiple languages. The **Library Connection** “experience” will also offer a new kind of library service with laptop computers available for in-library use, Wi-Fi access, and outdoor seating.



Library Connection staff Kristine Markosyan and Hala Shounada with PlayAway digital audio books.



Cindy Cleary, Acting Director of Libraries

The Library is now offering **PlayAways**, pre-loaded digital audio books. The portable players are small enough to carry in your pocket and can be connected to your home or car stereo. Check them out by visiting our Central Library. You can also download our online collection of **digital books** to your computer or PDA at <http://library.ci.glendale.ca.us/eBooks.asp>.

We had another excellent collaboration between the Friends, the Library and The Glendale Historical Society when Friends Board Member and local historian Katherine Yamada joined with historian Juliet Arroyo and Library staff member George Ellison from our Library staff for a program about their book of historical Glendale postcards.

Thank you to the Friends for your continuing support of Library programs. We're going to launch another set of Library cards featuring historic photos from the Library's collections later this year. Stay tuned and keep reading!

# Authors, Artists, Friends

By LEON MAYER, V.P., Community Events



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Author Gary Phillips, Friends Board Member Leon Mayer and authors Denise Hamilton and Jim Pascoe.

As chairman of the Authors, Artists & Friends series, I am always on the alert for authors of promise and profound integrity. I watch television, including book review programs; I read the Los Angeles Times Book Review section; I visit bookstores to hear authors speak; I listen to members of the Friends Board and I occasionally receive suggestions from local leaders. Of course, sometimes suggestions come from authors themselves directly to Chuck Wike, the Library Community Relations Manager.

In choosing an author, I look for someone who is well known and whose book would be of interest to the general public, students (including Glendale College students) or particular groups in the Glendale area. It is especially helpful if we present an author with ties to Glendale.

For example, during National Library Week in April we welcomed Gregory Rodriguez, a nationally known journalist who was educated in the Glendale Public Schools, and Nina Hachigian, a nationally known foreign policy expert. In addition, six local poets read their works at the Library in April. As you can see, our authors have written about subjects of interest to the general public and many have ties to Glendale.

On May 28 at the Friends Annual Meeting we're going to bring you Laurie Viera Rigler who wrote a fiction book about Jane Austen, one of the most widely read and best-loved English writers. This year's PBS television series based on the six Austen novels or last year's film *Becoming Jane* are among the most recent adaptations or tributes to Austen. There are even Bollywood movies from India based on Austen's books. We hope to see aficionados, students, scholars, book purists and film fans of Austen's stories at this event. Tea will be served!

The June 18 event will feature Brian Michael Jenkins, one of the world's fore-most authorities on terrorism, currently serving as Senior Advisor to the President of the RAND Corporation. Visit the Library for one of our programs, and tell your friends about the Authors, Artists & Friends series.



# UPCOMING AUTHORS

## Laurie Viera Rigler

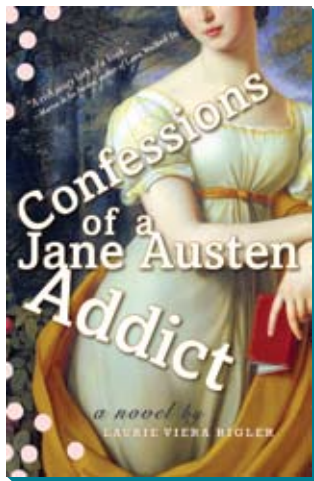
### CONFESSIONS OF A JANE AUSTEN ADDICT

Wednesday, May 28, 7 pm, Central Library Auditorium

Bring your favorite teacup and enjoy tea, scones and cookies and a great storyteller, Laurie Viera Rigler.

Laurie Viera Rigler's novel, *Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict*, tells the story of Courtney Stone, who nurses a broken engagement with Jane Austen novels and vodka. She then wakes up to find herself not in her Los Angeles bedroom or even in her own body, but inside the bedchamber of a woman in Regency England. Not only is Courtney stuck in another woman's life, she is forced to pretend she actually is that woman; and despite knowing nothing about her, she manages to fool even the most astute observer.

But not even her level of Austenmania has prepared Courtney for the chamber pots and filthy coaching inns of nineteenth century England, let alone the realities of being a single woman who must fend off suffocating chaperones and marriages of convenience.



When not indulging herself in re-readings of Austen's novels (*Pride And Prejudice*, *Sense And Sensibility*, etc.), Laurie Viera Rigler is a freelance book editor who teaches writing workshops, including classes at Vroman's bookstore in Pasadena. After many years of keeping her Austen addiction largely to herself, Laurie joined the Jane Austen Society of North America, dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of Jane Austen and her writing.

Laurie graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a B.A. in Classics. She has worked on and around film sets, from production coordinating features to producing short films; and from reading screenplays to rewriting and cowriting scripts. Jane Austen lives on through her novels and film inspirations and adaptations such as *Clueless*, *Jane Austen Book Club*, *Miss Austen Regrets* and *Bride and Prejudice: A Bollywood Jane Austen*.

Tea and cookies will be served! Bring your favorite teacup.

## Phil Borden

### SHAKU MAKU

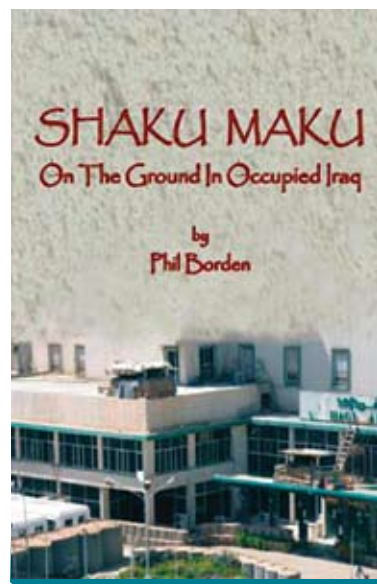
#### ON THE GROUND IN OCCUPIED IRAQ

Thursday, July 17, 7 pm,

Glendale Public Library Auditorium



Wrapped in a flak jacket and Kevlar under-shorts, small business expert Phil Borden went to Iraq to work for a State Department subcontractor in an effort to help the nation recover the economic ground lost to decades of war and sanctions. *Shaku Maku* (an Iraqi term with Babylonian origins that translates as "what's happening") recounts his observations of the oddities and ironies of daily life on the ground in Iraq.



Borden went to Iraq to set up a small business development center in Baghdad. Due to a variety of reasons not limited to but including lack of security, lack of electricity, kidnappings, flight of business owners to Jordan and Syria, he was not able to achieve his goals despite three trips and eleven different formulations of how to create the center. Don't miss his fascinating and often humorous story and his thoughts on the current situation in Iraq.

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