

# FRIENDS OF THE GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By John Steele, President



One of the other causes I support, in addition to libraries, is the Sierra Club. The Club puts out daily tips for living well and doing good.

One of the most recent was a tip called "Green Your Reading Habits: Use the Library."

Although not necessarily applicable to Southern California, the Sierra Club suggests that "curling up with a good book sounds like a great alternative to braving the cold, rainy weather this season." Come to think of it, though, that makes sense no matter what the weather might be.

The tip goes on to tout libraries, saying, "Libraries are great because you can get books without hurting your wallet or creating additional demand for trees. You can also choose from a wide selection of magazines, newspapers, videos, CDs, and audio books." Further savings can be achieved by taking public transportation to the library.

Of course, you already knew this because you are a library user and a member of the Friends of the Library. As such you are a vital member of a team which includes library staff, volunteers and other members of the public.

Without your support, we could not fulfill our mission of helping the Glendale Libraries be the best libraries they can be.

*Thank you for all you do. You are invaluable.*

## FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

By Cindy Cleary

We celebrate another year of reading. The rumors that the book is dead are greatly exaggerated as is indicated by the over one million items, mostly books, that were checked out by all of you over the last year. That number, along with the over one-million annual visitors, continues to grow as our community becomes more and more aware of the value our libraries bring not only to our educational, cultural, and recreational experiences, but also to our wallets.

### Library Value Calculator

A value calculator featured on the Library website, [www.glendalepubliclibrary.org](http://www.glendalepubliclibrary.org), shows that a year of Library programs and services is equal to over \$30 million! Enter information such as the number of books, CDs or DVDs you borrow, or the programs you attend to find the value of your Library usage. You can't beat the return for your dollar in any economy.

Thank you for your continued support of our library community through your memberships, donations, and volunteer contributions. Have a very Happy New Year and keep on reading!

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## THE BOOK NOOK

By Peter Breckheimer, V/P Bookstore



The Book Nook normally opens @ Noon every day of the week. It has books, DVD's, CD's & VHS tapes for sale at reasonable prices. We constantly add new arrivals to the collection in the Book Nook for your perusal. If you are looking for a particular subject, title or author the volunteer can help you find it quickly. Come and visit us often.

As you enter the Central Library entrance and pass the circulation desk and the handsome display cabinets on your right, please note the book cases filled with RED TAG BOOKS from the Book Nook. These are mostly hardbacks, fiction and non-fiction, that sell for \$1.00 per copy.

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### *Good used books are always available!*

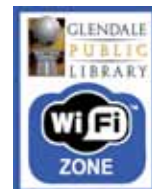
Do you have some free time? Would you like to spend a few hours per week as a volunteer helping the Friends of the Library with our effort to raise money for the Library through our used book sales? If you are interested stop by the Book Nook and leave your name and phone number with the volunteer on duty or call the Friends number at 818-546-2538 and leave a message for Helene Block. You will be contacted within a day or two to pursue your interests.

*Shop the Book Nook* - tell all book-loving friends what a good book-buying deal they have at the Glendale Central Library.

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## WIFI AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your laptop the next time you visit the Library. Free wireless Internet access is available at ALL Library sites during open hours.



## THE MONTROSE-CRESCENTA BRANCH WILL BE EXPANDING

Since 1961 the Montrose and La Crescenta areas have been served by the City of Glendale's Montrose-Crescenta Branch Library at 2465 Honolulu Ave. The building opened in 1961 after some early services in the Sparr Heights area beginning in 1926. In 1985 the branch closed for renovation, reopening in 1987 having added 4,000 square feet. Once again in 2010 a renovation is planned; the building housing the fire station and library has outgrown Glendale's needs and population, so both will be expanded on the site, working with an architect yet to be determined. For a time, the City pondered moving the library to the former site of Rockhaven Sanitarium, but decided to keep the branch closer to the center of the community. Even before the renovation the branch manager, Tiffany Barrios, and her staff, will be welcoming a new computer reservation system, new copiers, and a self check-out machine.

Serving north Glendale the branch sits at the west end of Montrose Shopping Park and is heavily used by students, families, and seniors; many users have Armenian or Korean as a first language.

Currently the collection is over 50,000 items including adult and children's books, paperbacks, large type and international language books, as well as DVDs, VHS, CDs, and audiocassettes. Montrose lends over 10,000 items each month in addition to providing story times, book discussion groups, and a Teen Lounge. The meeting room with equipment is available for rental and seats 75.



*For more details see their website:* [www.ci.glendale.ca.us/library/montrose\\_crescenta\\_branch.asp](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/library/montrose_crescenta_branch.asp)



The Friends of the Glendale Public Library congratulates the County of Los Angeles Library System on the renovation of the La Crescenta Library which recently opened.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

### MY DEAR BROTHER: ARMENIANS IN TURKEY 100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 18, 7 pm,

Central Library Auditorium

Historic postcard slideshow and lecture with Osman Koker.

### RAVISHED ARMENIA: SILENT 1919 FILM

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 - 9:30 pm,

Central Library Auditorium

Film screening and discussion with film historian Anthony Slide.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN ARMENIA

Wednesday, March 31, 7 pm

Dr. Gregory Areshian, visiting professor at UCLA, will lecture on The Prehistory of Near Eastern Highlands in Light of New Archaeological Discoveries.

### TOM HAYDEN

**The Long Sixties: From 1960 to Barack Obama**

Wednesday, April 7, 7 pm

Barack Obama would not be possible without the Sixties, Tom Hayden writes in his unique and compelling new book. Hayden argues that movements throughout history triumph over Machiavellians, gaining social reforms while leaving both revolutionaries and reactionaries frustrated. Hayden is an American social and political activist and politician, most famous for his involvement in the animal rights, and the anti-war and civil rights movements of the 1960s.

*National Library Week is  
FINE FREE Week  
April 11 - 17, 2010  
Items returned to the Library  
this week are FINE FREE.*

Friday, April 16 & Sunday, April 18

**RICHARD HOVANNISIAN**, UCLA Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History, presents a panel discussion on the 95th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. For more information call (818) 548-3288.

### THE HISTORY OF THE BIG BAND ERA

Thursday, April 29, 7 pm

Central Library

Auditorium

John Tumpak, jazz historian and author of *When Swing Was the Thing: Personality Profiles of the Big Band Era* discusses the 1930s and 1940s when jazz swing bands dominated American entertainment.



### FATHER GREGORY BOYLE TATTOOS ON THE HEART

Monday, May 10, 7 pm

Central Library Auditorium

How do you fight despair and learn to meet the world with a loving heart? How do you overcome shame? Stay faithful in spite of failure? No matter where people live or what their circumstances may be, everyone needs boundless, restorative love. Gorgeous and uplifting, *Tattoos on the Heart* amply demonstrates the impact unconditional love can have on your life.

Fr. Greg Boyle has worked for 20 years with gang members in Los Angeles. He began with a school and developed a large enterprise of related businesses and free services known as Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention program in the U.S. Meet this remarkable individual and learn about his economic development and jobs program for at-risk and gang-involved youth.

# May is National Bicycle Month

Join the Library and the L.A. County Bicycle Coalition in celebrating all things bike! See the Library website, [www.glendalepubliclibrary.org](http://www.glendalepubliclibrary.org), or call (818) 334-9731 for bicycle-related event information.



## BIKE TO WORK DAY

Thursday  
May 20  
Ride your bike  
to the Library  
or to work!

### BICYCLE MOVIES

Tuesdays at 2 p.m., Central Library Auditorium

May 4 PEE WEE's BIG ADVENTURE (PG, 95 min, 1985)

May 11 AMERICAN FLYERS (PG-13 114 min, 1985)

May 18 QUICKSILVER (PG 106 min, 1986)

May 25 THE GOONIES (PG 95 min 1985)

### GIL GARCETTI PARIS: WOMEN AND BICYCLES

Wednesday, May 26, 7 pm

Central Library  
Auditorium

For three years former LA  
County District Attorney

Gil Garcetti, photographed women riding bicycles in Paris. His new book shows that bicycles are as much a part of the image of Paris as the Eiffel Tower. With evocative urban imagery and lush color, his book will inspire readers to leave their cars for their bikes wherever they may need to go—with Parisian flair.



### ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 pm

Central Library Auditorium

In accordance with the Friends By-Laws, the purpose of the Business Meeting will be to elect Directors and conduct any other such business as may be proper. And after the meeting...

### IS PARANORMAL NORMAL?

7 pm, Central Library Auditorium

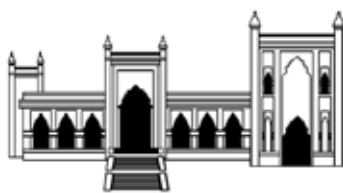
Join a lively panel discussion of stellar authors and learn how werewolves, witches, vampires, ghosts, and shape-shifters solve crime. Find out the differences between paranormal mystery genres. Discover how paranormal mysteries can indeed be "normal." Find out why so many people love immersing themselves in the paranormal mystery.

**Shilpa Agarwal** is the author of *Haunting Bombay*, a best-selling literary ghost story that weaves together a gripping mystery and haunting supernatural spirits in a story of power and powerlessness, voice and silence in modern India.

**Linda O. Johnston** has written 16 romance novels, including two *Silhouette Nocturnes* (paranormal romances) with more to come. She is also the author of the *Kendra Ballantyne, Pet-Sitter* mystery series from Berkley Prime Crime.

**Leslie Klinger** is considered to be one of the world's most foremost authorities on those twin icon figures of the Victorian Era, Sherlock Holmes and Dracula.

**Daryl Wood Gerber** (using the pseudonym Avery Aames) writes suspense thrillers and amateur sleuth novels and writes *A Cheese Shop Mystery Series* for Berkley Prime Crime.



### BRAND LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JAZZ LECTURE AT BRAND LIBRARY A TRIBUTE TO ELLA FITZGERALD

Wednesday, May 12, 7 pm

John Tumpak, L.A. Jazz Scene journalist and author of *When Swing Was The Thing* discusses the little known personal life of the jazz legend.

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