



FOUNDED IN 1953

# FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

December 2019

## President's Message

Happy December Greetings to all of the Friends! I hope that each one of you can take the time to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa with your loved ones this season. Although this time of year can be hectic trying to get all accomplished on your list, please take the time to realize the reality of what the season is all about. I know, there are decorations, parties, shopping and food preparations ahead. With all of that, please stay focused on the true meaning.

Talk about the meaning of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, I got the opportunity to hear about the history of the Friends from Librarian Debbie Henderson. She researched our history a few years ago and recently shared it with me. Did you know that the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library was founded in 1953 with the desire for a new facility to meet the needs of the community? (Does this sound familiar?). The first Art Fair was held in 1962 at Memorial Park. Our Wine Tasting event began in 1969. Used Book Sales also began in 1969. We presented a check in 1987 to the Los Angeles Public Library for replacing books destroyed by the fire in 1986. The Partners was formed in 2010. In 2012, the Friends and the Rotary Club remodeled the Children's Library Room.

With this history in mind, I want to keep you abreast of the successful public presentations of the new Library schematics on November 13 with 20 plus in attendance and on November 20 with 30 plus in attendance. Our architects at PBWS gave wonderful presentations with lots of questions answered about the new Library. The next presentation will be at City Hall to the Council on **Tuesday, December 10**. If you were not able to attend past presentations, please come to some of the future ones.

As the group of Friends in 1953 contributed to build our present Library, we as Friends in 2019/20 can build a Library for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for the future of all Sierra Madre. If you haven't noticed, the present Library doesn't fit the needs of today. It is in need of much repair and upgrade for the requirements of the community for the next 60 years.

At the Wednesday, November 20 meeting, we were very pleasantly surprised to have Susan Henderson and Carol Canterbury announce that our own **Margaret Quigley** was awarded "Citizen of the Year." Her contributions to the Friends and other community organizations was recognized. Please join us on **Wednesday, December 4** to see her formally receive her award. Congratulations, Margaret! We are proud of you!

Happy Holidays!

Julia Brady



## SILENT AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLE BOOKS ENDS DECEMBER 2

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that the seventh annual Silent Auction of Collectible Books will take place from **Monday, November 4 until Monday, December 2**.

Featured are 17 beautiful and collectible volumes, including some Signed, First and Deluxe editions. A description of each can be found on the Friends web site [www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org).

The books are in the Display Case in the Library's Main Room and you can inspect the books on **Monday, December 2** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Auction will be closing at 7:30 p.m. that night. Highest bidder will be the winner (you do not have to be present and have until **Wednesday, December 18** to pick up your book).

**SIEGFRIED: A DRAMATIC POEM** – Oliver Huckel – FIRST EDITION (Thomas Y. Crowell, 1910)

**THE COMPLETE TALES AND POEMS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE** – NEW – (Barnes and Noble, 2015)

**JUST ASK! BE DIFFERENT, BE BRAVE, BE YOU** – Sonia Sotomayor – NEW FIRST EDITION (Philomel Books, 2019)

**SPEAR OF THE EMPEROR** – Aaron Demski-Bowden – SIGNED LIMITED EDITION (Black Library, 2018)

**CEMETERY ROAD** – Greg Iles – SIGNED FIRST EDITION (William Morrow, 2019)

**A CHILD'S GARDEN OF VERSES** – Robert Louis Stevenson – FIRST AMERICAN EDITION (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1902)

**HEAVEN IS UNDER OUR FEET** – Don Henley and Dave Marsh – SIGNED by Don Henley and Carrie Fisher **FIRST EDITION** (Longmeadow Press, 1991)

**RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYYAM** – Ronald Balfour – (Dodd, Mead, and Co, 1920)

**THE LES PAUL LEGACY 1915-1963** – Robb Lawrence – NEW (Hal Leonard Corp, 2008)

**TO LIVE AND DINE IN L.A. – MENUS AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN CITY** – Josh Kun – SIGNED (The Library Foundation of L.A., 2015)

**THE GOLDEN TWENTIES: PORTRAITS AND FIGURE PAINTINGS BY JOSEPH KLEITSCH** – Patricia Trenton – NEW (Pasadena Museum of California Art, 2017)

**THE ART OF WEALTH: THE HUNTINGTONS IN THE GILDED AGE** – Shelley M. Bennett – NEW (The Huntington Library, 2013)

**THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOROTHEA LANGE** – Keith F. Davis – (Hallmark Cards, 1995)

**THE OXFORD ILLUSTRATED DICKENS** – Charles Dickens – (Oxford University Press, 1989)

**THE BOOK LOVER'S EDITION OF SHAKESPEARE** – William Shakespeare – (The University Society, 1901)

**DARK SHADOWS: THE COMPLETE ORIGINAL SERIES (DELUXE EDITION DVD)** – (Dan Curtis Productions, 2012)

**MORE BEAUTIFUL PURSES** – Evelyn Haertig – INSCRIBED (Gallery Graphics Press, 1990)

## GINGERBREAD BUILD DAY

Let's start off the holidays with some gingerbread! On **Thursday, December 19** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. build as elaborately or as simply as you want! Decorate with a variety of candy. There will be a limited amount of pre-built houses.

All materials will be provided, while supplies last. No registration required. Special thanks to Poppy Cake Baking Company!



## FREE HOMEWORK HELP

Our Homework Helpers will provide one-on-one time with students to help in a variety of subjects.

Homework Helpers are available on a first come, first serve basis and will help with Grades K-8!

Every Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## PARENT CAFÉ: GROWING TOGETHER

What is the Parent Café? It's about meeting local parents, making new friends, sharing parenting challenges, rewards and experiences, and fostering early literacy and play.

It takes a village. Find your tribe, create memories, and nurture a love of learning through this parent-led program. Bring your own beverage, or enjoy a cup of coffee on us. Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

## CHAIR YOGA AND TEA TO COMBAT HOLIDAY STRESS

On **Wednesday, December 11** at 11:00 a.m. and **Saturday, December 14** at 10:00 a.m. enjoy relaxing chair yoga at the Library followed by tea to help you find calm and relaxation during the holiday season. Brought to you by Jean Sudbury.

## STEAM OPEN HOUSE

During our STEAM Open House on **Saturday, December 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. learn about 3D printing and print your very own item at a special-event discount price of FREE! Size restrictions apply. Then learn about die-cutting and its applications on the Cricut and create your projects with confidence. Finally, need a break from the real world? Our Virtual Reality stations will be geared up and ready to take you worlds away!

## VIRTUAL REALITY

Step into a different place and time every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the easy-to-use Virtual Reality systems at the Library. Two Virtual Reality systems – Oculus and VIVE – are available for patrons age 13 and older. Volunteers will be on hand to help you move into a realistic computer-generated virtual environment using a headset – no previous experience required!

## CRICUT WORKSHOP

On **Thursday, December 12** at 4:00 p.m. stop by and learn the fundamentals with a Library staff member; no appointment is necessary.

## CRAFT IT! HOLIDAY EDITION



'Tis the season for 3D printing! On **Saturday, December 7** at 10:00 a.m. customize, personalize, and individualize your very own 3D printed gingerbread person that is sure to outlast your grandmother's delicious baked fruitcake.

Arrive early and bring only your creativity as all materials will be provided, while supplies last. Kids welcome with a participating adult.

## THE BEST REMEDY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

On **Saturday, December 7** at 1:00 p.m. Professor John Odell will give a special presentation and lead a discussion on climate change at the Library. He'll explain the current climate emergency and outline an action plan to remedy it. Members of Citizens' Climate Lobby will also be on hand to contribute to the discussion. John Odell is Professor Emeritus and Former Director, School of International Relations, USC. His current focus is on improving US policy and global governance of climate change and international trade. He attended the 2015 UN conference in Paris that produced the historic climate agreement.

## A PATH CALLED TIFFANY BOOK READING AND SIGNING

The Sierra Madre Public Library will host a book reading and signing for *A Path Called Tiffany: A Memoir of Raising a Special Child* on **Saturday, December 7** at 3:00 p.m. by former Sierra Madre resident Charlotte Blackmon Collins.

The book tells the story of the author's efforts to give her daughter Tiffany, a special needs child and then adult, the fullest and happiest life possible until Tiffany's death at age 42 in 2014. Much of the story takes place in familiar landmarks in Sierra Madre. This very personal, painfully honest, and deeply compassionate account includes all the tragedies, joys, and day-to-day challenges of caring for an intellectually disabled child.



## TEEN BAD MOVIE NIGHT

Hang out at the Library on **Thursday, December 19** at 6:00 p.m. and watch a movie so bad, we'll be adding our own commentary. Expect popcorn and LOTS of talking during the movie. It's okay though, you won't be missing out on much. Call the Library to find out what movie will be playing. For teens in Grades 6-12.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAFTY BOOK CLUB

On **Wednesday, December 11** at 4:00 p.m. we'll discuss the book *WinterFrost* by Michelle Houts and make Cork Snowfolk.

## UPCYCLED TEEN NIGHT

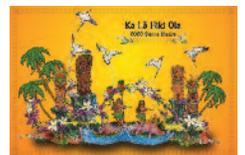
On **Wednesday, December 18** at 4:00 p.m. join us as we take items like t-shirts and plastic water bottles and upcycle them into bags, scarves, wind twirls, and more. All supplies will be provided.

## REAL LIFE MINECRAFT

It's about to get real at the Library. We've got boxes for you to build a Minecraft wonderland. From houses, to desks and more! Come to the Library and let's see what you can build! Ideal for school age and teens! On **Saturday, December 14** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## ROSE FLOAT PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for a special Preschool Storytime on **Monday, December 23** at 10:00 a.m. This year's Sierra Madre Rose Float theme is Ka la hiki ola (Dawning of a New Day). To celebrate, we will be learning how to hula dance in addition to creating and having our own Rose Float Parade!



## LEGO CHALLENGE

Are you ready to build? Challenge yourself every Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to build our LEGO creation or have fun building your own creation! The best challenge is kept on display each week with a GRAND PRIZE winner picked at the end of the month to be featured on the Library's Facebook and Instagram page. Let's build something amazing! For Grade School aged children.

## BEST USED BOOK SALE

The December Best Used Book Sale is coming up on **Friday, December 6** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, December 7** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will have a number of NEW gifts for all ages in the basement this time as well as many holiday titles, jigsaw puzzles, and a complete hardcover *Harry Potter* set. There is a large collection of crafting books (cross-stitch, knitting, graphic arts, etc.) as well as HALF-PRICE on all CDs, DVDs, and Audio Books. Consider purchasing Gift Certificates to be used at a future Book Sale or at the Library Cart. We have \$1.00 and \$5.00 denominations. As always, many 2019 New and Nearly New titles.



Scarlet Romero and Sierra Alva help promote the Book Sale

The Parking Lot will also have our usual Bargain Boxes (\$1.00 each) and Children's titles from 25 cents - \$1.00. Small paperbacks in the Parking Lot are always 5/\$1.00. Remember that Saturdays are always our \$5.00 BAG SALE in the Parking Lot. Buy one of our large grocery bags for only \$5.00 and fill it with your choice of Parking Lot books!

Don't forget to visit the Display Case in the Library's Main Room where the Book Sale Committee has a number of interesting and collectible books for the Silent Auction. You may inspect the books on **Monday, December 2** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. but the Auction will be closing at 7:30 p.m. sharp that night. Highest bidder at that time will be the winner! You do not have to be present to claim your book that evening but will have until **Wednesday, December 18** to pick it up.

## PARTNERS PROGRAM

Very best Holiday Wishes are sent to all our wonderful Partners as this exciting year comes to a close. We are especially thankful for the many friends and colleagues who have contributed in so many wonderful ways to our vision and continuing success. Your participation and support are the foundation of our strengths and we look forward to sharing in the challenges and opportunities that the New Year promises. To all of you we wish the very happiest of Holidays and a most prosperous New Year.

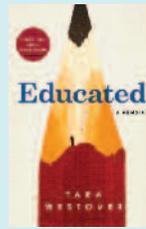
## MARY TUMILTY ENDOWMENT FUND

As the Holiday Season approaches, it is fitting to remember Mary Tumilty and give thanks for her leadership during her 10 years as City Librarian – an exciting 10 years to which many may attest. She initiated many programs among which were The Walt Wesley Computer Literacy Center, the Dickinson Garden Walkway, Travelers and Collectors and later – in her memory – funds from the MTEF helped establish the Rotary Children's Library Room. We will always remember "that she made a distinct difference in the life of our Library!"

And now it is appropriate to thank the following donors for remembering Mary during the past year – it is heartwarming to the Friends and to Mary's daughter and granddaughter that she is remembered in such a positive way. Many thanks to Barbara Cole, Beth Smith-Kellock & Ross Kellock, Cynthia Nunes & Barbara Nye, Janet Thomasser, Julie & Jeff Wong and to all other donors over the past 10 years! Mary is smiling down on us all.

## READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by Catherine Addé



Educated

by Tara Westover

Compelling. Incredible. A page turner of a memoir. I picked this book up when searching in my Goodreads account for something inspiring to enjoy this summer. Bill Gates said it was in his top ten list of books to read, President Obama said it was his number one pick for his summer reading, and when Oprah exclaimed: "Get Educated!" she meant READ this memoir. So I did.

Can you imagine if during your upbringing, you were forbidden to attend school or go to the doctor when ill or injured? The Author had never set foot in a classroom; her extremely religious survivalist parents instead had their children working at home, and among other things, stockpiling in readiness for the end of the world. Tara, along with her siblings, learned to read the Bible, can fruits and vegetables, and work in their father's junkyard.

She also learned from her mother how to be a midwife and herbalist, from her father to ride horseback, to hunt and to build shelters for the family to hide in from the 'government.' She survived violence at the hands of an older brother, as well as many injuries from accidents, all treated at home for better or worse.

Secretly Tara taught herself enough math and grammar to take the SAT and be admitted to Brigham Young University. From there, she garnered a scholarship to Harvard, and eventually was able to move across the Atlantic to England and attend Cambridge. She earned a PhD! And from there, gentle Reader, you'll need to read this yourself to find out about the dynamics within her family today – i.e. what the emotional price of obtaining this education cost her.

This story of Tara Westover's young life, its trials and her quest for knowledge, was one of the most inspiring I've read. Her resilience, passion, heartaches as well as triumphs are illuminated and seem to jump off the page for you to ingest in this highly recommended and finely crafted memoir.

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## FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY FINANCIAL AND TAX RETURNS AVAILABLE

A copy of the Federal and California tax returns, along with a copy of the Treasurer's final report for the year that ended June 30, 2019, is available in the Library for anyone wishing to review them. Please request at the front desk and return when you complete your review. If you have any questions, please contact the Friends Treasurer, **Darlene Traxler**, at 626-355-6220 or [dtraxler2000@gmail.com](mailto:dtraxler2000@gmail.com).

## THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a lively book discussion for adults on **Thursday, December 19** at 11:00 a.m. and on the third Thursday of every month. In December, discuss your favorite or least favorite book read in 2019.

## LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

In December, the Library display case will feature a presentation from the **Sierra Madre Rose Float Association**.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



12/2	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
12/2	7:30 p.m.	SILENT AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLE BOOKS <u>ENDS</u>
12/3	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
12/3	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
12/3	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
12/4	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
12/4	4:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board
12/5	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
12/5	7:00 p.m.	Special Library Board of Trustees Meeting
12/6	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale
12/7	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale
12/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft It! Holiday Edition
12/7	1:00 p.m.	The Best Remedy for Climate Change
12/7	3:00 p.m.	<u>A Path Called Tiffany</u> Book Reading and Signing
12/9	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
12/10	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
12/10	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
12/10	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
12/11	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
12/11	11:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga and Tea to Combat Holiday Stress
12/11	4:00 p.m.	Middle School Crafty Book Club — <u>WinterFrost</u>
12/12	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
12/12	3:30 p.m.	Barks & Books
12/12	4:00 p.m.	Cricut Workshop
12/14	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga and Tea to Combat Holiday Stress
12/14	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	STEAM Open House
12/14	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Real Life Minecraft
12/16	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
12/17	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
12/17	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
12/17	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
12/18	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
12/18	4:00 p.m.	Teen Activity — <u>Upcycled Teen Night</u>
12/18		NO Friends Board Meeting
12/19	11:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Book Club
12/19	1:00 p.m.	Gingerbread Build Day
12/19	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
12/19	6:00 p.m.	Teen Bad Movie Night
12/23	10:00 a.m.	Rose Float Storytime
12/24	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	LIBRARY OPEN HALF DAY CHRISTMAS EVE
12/25-1/1		LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us at the Library every Monday at 10:00 a.m. for a fun interactive story time involving early literacy, books, songs, movement, crafts, and more! For ages 3-5 years old.

## BABY RHYME TIME

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. the Library becomes a place to sing, play, read, and enjoy with your baby & toddler. Join us as we learn to grow together! For ages Birth-24 months.

## TEEN SCENE

Weekly activities, snacks and volunteer opportunities for Middle School and High School students at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Teen Advisory Board — First Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Plan programs, earn service credit.

Middle School Crafty Book Club — Second Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Chat and create a craft with a monthly book selection.

Do Something FUN Activity Day —Third Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Play to win bragging rights and de-stress.

## BARKS AND BOOKS

Children in Grades K-3 are invited to read to a gentle and specially trained dog on **Thursday, December 12**, and on the second Thursday of every month, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Explore local history in the Library archives, jointly owned and maintained by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and the Library. For research assistance, please call 626-355-7186.

*Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library*

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
 Closed Fridays, Sundays and Holidays

### LIBRARY HOURS

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