



Friends of the University Community Branch Library

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NEWSLETTER

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3-DAY BOOK SALE !!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 -	1:00 PM – 5:30 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 -	9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 -	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM



We continue to receive donations of wonderful books from the community. Don't miss this opportunity to pick up some great reads, while supporting your local library!
(See Donation Guidelines below)

Pricing for this sale is the same as our ongoing book sale, which is open during library hours.
Our "can't beat" prices are:

- Fiction & Nonfiction: Hardbacks - \$1.00, Paperbacks - 50¢
- Audio/Video material - 50¢
- Children's Books: Hardbacks - 50¢ - Paperbacks: 25¢
- Specialty books: Priced individually
- Magazines - 25¢

UC LIBRARY DONATION GUIDELINES:

WE WELCOME:

- *Hardback & paperback books, all types*
- *Magazines, less than 3 months old*

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- *Home recorded audiovisual materials*
- *Magazines, including National Geographic, more than 3 months old*
- *Encyclopedias*
- Any books or materials that are:
 - Dirty, water damaged or stained*
 - Smoke-infused*
 - Moldy or moldy odor*

FRIENDS' 2016 MEMBERSHIP

Friends of the University Community Library **membership fees are due January 1 for 2016**. Memberships purchased starting in October 2015 are valid through 2016.

Yearly dues are: Individual Senior or Student - \$5.00
Individual Adult - \$10.00, Family - \$20.00 and Sponsor - \$50.00.

Any donation of \$50.00 or higher entitles you to a leaf on our "Giving Tree," which is located in the display case next to the Library Community Room.

The **Half-Price Life Membership fee of \$250.00** has been extended another year by the Corporate Friends.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership envelope to use for membership renewal or to join for the first time. **Your dues are tax deductible and are acknowledged. Please make checks payable to: Friends of the UC Library.** Add postage to the envelope and mail via USPS or, for your convenience, there is a drop off box at the library circulation desk during library hours.

If you're already a 2016 member, or a Life member, please give the envelope to a neighbor or friend and encourage them to join.

**"Fill your house with stacks of books,
in all the crannies
and in all the nooks."**

Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Helen Lebowitz

President of The UC Friends

As the Holiday Season is fast approaching it is time to take a look back at 2015's UC Friend's activities, as well as a glance at what the future might hold for our branch. The mission of The Friends, a volunteer organization of the

SDPL, is to supplement San Diego City Library's funds for materials, equipment and programs for our branch. We also help to fund, support and participate in the citywide Library Student Essay Contest and the Summer Reading Program.

The Friends at the University Community Branch are very fortunate to have a group of wonderful, dedicated and skilled volunteers who year after year have helped to meet our goals so that UC can continue to finance those "little extras" that make the library a place you want to be. The Friends' chief sources of funds are book sales, memberships and donations.

Our Book Sale Staff - Val Crane, Char Whidbee, Barbara Springer and Cheryl Ward, diligently sort through your generous donations and keep the Daily Sale shelves stocked and rotated. If you don't find something that appeals to you on one visit, please return in a couple of days and check again. Books that don't sell are boxed and picked up for sale by Better World Books and The Friends receive a percentage of those sales.

We have three major book sales per year, with many more great volunteers. Linda Andreasen, Jane Hoey and Stefana Brintzenhoff step in to help on a regular basis along with some steadfast spouses to do the "heavy lifting."

Leila Wopschall, our Treasurer and Membership Chair, along with her husband Jerry, keep track of memberships, income & expenses and water the philodendrons in the Library. ☺

Cheryl Ward does double/triple duty as both our Recording Secretary and front person on the citywide Library Student Essay Contest.

Char Whidbee is also responsible for the beautiful and timely display cases in the library.

Howard Malan is our longtime Publicity Manager making sure the ads for the sales get into the print media.

As of this writing we have 147 members in our chapter of the UC Friends, several of whom are Life Members. From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 a total of 20 **Friends' Volunteers** donated nearly 970 hours of their time to the UC Branch.

Our UC Friends chapter honored volunteer Barbara Springer at the Friends Annual Meeting held on September 12 at the Central Library. See photo at top of right column



Pictured from left: Helen Lebowitz, Barbara Springer, and Cheryl Ward on top of the Central Library.

We were grateful this year to receive a very generous monetary donation from the UCCA and a grant from SDG&E. Thank you all very much!

For those of you who may wonder how this money is used, the City of San Diego, through the Library Foundation, has a matching program for funds. The three areas of funding are Programs, Equipment – both matched at 100%, and Books/Materials, which is matched at 50%. The other 50% is put into a pool for other branches in need of such funds. The UC Friends sent \$9000, split 3 ways, for matching in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

The Summer Reading Program is one of our most popular and successful programs. This year we had 486 participants from babies through teens, 311 finishers, and 983 Summer Reading Program specific participants.

The Citywide Library Student Essay Contest

I would like to encourage any of you in the community who may have children in 4th, 8th or 10th grade to have them think seriously about entering The Citywide Student Library Essay Contest, which is partially funded by The Friends. The information is in all the schools and in the library. **Please stop in to greet Larry Hoeckelmann, our Youth Services Librarian, for all the details.** *Deadline for entries will be December 18, 2015. See additional information online:*

<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/index.shtml>:

Top finalists can win a laptop computer, as did two of our 2015 UC Library entrants.

We were sad to say goodbye to our manager Sharon Thomerson who retired last spring. We have had several interim managers since then and are looking forward to greeting a new permanent branch manager in the not too distant future. In the meantime our Youth Services Librarian, Larry Hoeckelmann, is doing a bang-up job of "holding the fort."

We are in the initial planning stages of either redesign and/or expansion of the UC Branch and we will keep the community updated as we proceed through this process

Finally, I'd like to extend a warm invitation to all of you who are not yet members of The Friends to take the plunge. Our meetings are the third Wednesday of the month in the Community Room of the Library at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Happy Holidays to all. *Helen Lebowitz*