

# Friends Library Lowdown

## A Guide To September Book Sale Specials

Audio Visual—We are still offering VHS tapes, for both adults and children, and there is a large collection of LP vinyl records.

Literature—This genre continues to be one of the largest subject areas offered at the sale. It includes both books about literature and books most people consider to be literature. Of special interest is a set of Great Books.

Education—This subject area is of interest mainly to teachers and home schooling parents. There are many workbooks which are wonderful for students who may need extra practice. A large number of teaching materials are available at this sale.

Reference—We are pleased to offer a 2-volume set of the Oxford English Dictionary complete with slipcase. The print in this dictionary is so small a magnifying glass is necessary to read it; it is regretfully, missing.

Another unusual offering is a very large set of the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Theater, Film and TV. Find these boxes in the Sets section next to the stage.

We continue to receive many English dictionaries, hardback and paperback. Especially interesting is the assortment of dictionaries dealing with a wide range of other subjects, such as:

<u>Thematic</u>	Crosswords	Thoughts
Astrology	Symbols	Abbreviations
Foreign Terms	Browsing	Folklore
Word Origins	Golden Adjectives	Global Culture
American	Conservatism of World Histories	

### Foreign

Next to the Foreign Language table are Foreign Dictionaries in Spanish, Chinese, German, Latin, Danish, Greek, French, Croatian, German, Latin, Russian, Korean, Japanese and Hungarian.

### Holidays

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## Around the Library in Technical Services

A library department not often seen at work by library patrons is Technical Services. It is located in the basement and is one the integral components of library services. While it may be invisible to most, it provides many library functions that help the upper floors function smoothly. Technical Services (TS), led by Carol Wright, is staffed from 6:00 am until closing Monday thru Friday.

Those that work in TS say they “love being behind the scenes.” TS is responsible for the library acquisitions, cataloguing, processing and discarding of all library materials. Christine Chan and Emily Wallace are responsible for the acquisitions, ordering and receiving all incoming library materials. Jackie Bishop and Carol catalog (cont. p. 3)

## **An Open Letter to the FOFPL**

Dear FOFPL members,

We FOFPL volunteers usually get our sweet 'patooties' in gear tolerably early, since the back entrance to the library can be accessed by 8 a.m. The "we" I'm referring to seem to differ from day to day. I come in two mornings a week to sort and price, since I only function on all cylinders in the wee hours before noon.

Two really likable ladies joined me in the nether zone this morning and we sorted and priced, stocked and talked, chatted about some pertinent matters that will be discussed at the next board meeting. While tossing around opinions on this and that, we find we agree wholeheartedly on one point ... we want to enjoy ourselves. That doesn't mean we wouldn't be responsible, that we wouldn't commit to the task we volunteer to do. It merely means that we want to have a good experience while doing a job that benefits the library.

And, if more of our FOFPL members volunteered three hours of their time every week or two, either in the sorting area and/or the bookstore, the apparently huge jobs could be shared, parceled-out among the many ... making short enjoyable work of the tall seemingly scary tasks.

**FOFPL members: Please volunteer your time.**

You are the mainstay, the core of the Friend's organization. We really need more volunteers to commit a period of time each month to help the FOFPL Board members keep our city library functioning as one of Orange County's best. Please call Dee Steedman ... 714/871-5363.

Muriel Bergman

P.S. The bookstore is wonderful ... well organized and fully stocked. We need volunteers to pledge three hours every week or so, handling the cash register and stocking the shelves. Please call Joyce Sullivan ... 661/832-8845. Presidents' Message

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## **Presidents' Message**

This year has certainly started out on a sad note for the friends of the library. One of our special volunteers died suddenly in the spring. Cay Lutz was our treasurer and a very active member of the friends of the library team. She has been missed and her many positions have been a challenge to fill.

It is noted that during the summer months we have been kept pretty busy sorting your generous donations of books. We have had a successful year so far and are hoping the trend continues for the rest of the year, which will enable the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library the opportunity to provide another substantial donation to the library in January, 2016.

As your donations of books have increased considerably over the past year, we were able to institute a few one day sales during the year in addition to the traditional three day sales. These one day sales have been greatly attended and we are continuing this successful adventure.

The overwhelming support to our book sales and online book store have been great. With your participation, we were able to donate a considerable amount of money to the library itself for the year 2015.

We have had the privilege of having several new volunteers assist in either the sorting area or the book store itself. We are always very appreciative of any new volunteers, so please if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Friends.

We often receive multiple copies of books, and are happy to pass those donations along to charities. Among those we provide excess books to are the V.A. hospital in Long Beach, the Fullerton Community Center, Orange County Juvenile Hall, Corazon of Santa Ana, Fullerton elementary schools, (cont. p. 4)

**Around the Library/TS (cont. from p. 1)**

all the materials, abiding by the rules established by recognized authorities, such as the Library of Congress. This involves ensuring that all relevant information about the books, magazines, etc. can be found in the library public online catalogue.

John Zhu ensures that the magazines and newspapers are delivered upstairs each day. Mark Masterson works to ensure all the library technology (computers, printers etc.) work properly. Ann Tower, Farideh Irvani, Emily Wallace, as well as the rest of staff when needed, process and discard materials. This includes putting labels on the materials, adding book jackets, putting the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Tags on materials, and finally discarding materials from the computer.

Technical Services also works directly with the City of Fullerton IT department to maintain all library computers, staff and public. They see their direct clients as the other librarians and departments, providing them with the tools they need to do their jobs. While the other departments upstairs interface with the public, TS interfaces with those who make up the public face of the library.

In 2000, when Carol came to work at FPL, TS had 9 full-time employees. Now there are 3 full-time employees and 4 part-time. Like other library departments who have learned to work short staffed, they manage the work load by remaining flexible, wearing “many different hats”

and doing whatever is necessary. This while still attempting to maintain a high standard of work and efficiency. For instance, when cataloguing. Although the work is demanding and requires attention to detail, the eight members of the TS library materials they work diligently to standardize information.

team talk of the rewards it provides. They get to see all the materials that come into the library. They take pride in getting materials upstairs for the public as quickly as they can.. For example, if a book arrives today and there is a patron requesting it, TS staff will work to have it ready for them, often within the day.

The TS team is committed to the concept of ‘Library’, believing that people will continue to come to the library for their information and entertainment needs. New technologies can enhance the library experience and make information available in a variety of ways. In addition, the new advances in technology, like the RFID, have made self-checkout easier and more efficient.



Having read this, you probably won't be able to recognize Jackie, John, Ann, Emily, Christine, Mark, Farideh, or Carol, when you see them around the building, but you will see the results of their work everywhere.

**Car Safety**

Everyone knows we should never leave a child or a pet alone in a car. This also applies to anyone who couldn't get out by themselves. After reading the chart below, it became so apparent just how quickly it can get **HOT** even on cool days. It made such an impression on me, I wanted to share.

Kathy

Elapsed Time	70	75	80	85	90	95
	Inside Vehicle Temperature					
After 10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
After 20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
After 40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
After 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

## Coming Events

### Book Sale Dates 2016

#### 3 Day Sales/Osborne Room

March 10	2-4	Special Needs
March 11	10-12	Members Only
	12-4	General Public
March 12	10-4	General Public
March 13	1-3	Half Price
March 13	3:15-4	2Bucks/bag
Sept. 22	2-4	Special Needs Shopping
Sept. 23	10-12	Members Only
	12-4	General Public
Sept. 23	10-4	General Public
Sept. 24	1-3	Half Price
Sept. 24	3:15-4	2Bucks/bag

#### 1 Day Sales

#### Community Room

June 18	10-4
December	10-4

**Book Store Hours**  
**Monday Thru Saturday**  
**10:00-4:00**

## Presidents' Message (cont.)

the Episcopal Church outreach program, Assisted Living organizations, veteran's groups and the La Mirada and Whittier Friends of the Library book stores.

We are continuing to look for other community groups that are in need of our extra books. We especially are looking for outlets for the number of Korean language books we receive and cannot accommodate. If you know of any, please drop by our book store and let us know.

Thank you again for supporting our library.

Co-Presidents, Janet Roth and Leslie Allen

## A Sad Farewell to a Good Friend

Friends and co-workers gathered in the Fullerton Library Community Room on August 8, 2015 to say good-bye to Cay Lutz, a 10-year member of the Friends of the Fullerton Library who passed away suddenly. Cay was a co-treasurer for many of her ten years, a job that has since been hard to fill because those are "big shoes" she wore. If Cay said she would do a job, you could be sure she would give her all. She chaired one-day book sales, worked the sorting table managed the credit arm of the Friends of the Library, and was on hand for each of the days of our semi-annual and one-day book sales.



The smile in the picture was familiar to all because it graced her face most of the time. That doesn't mean that she was reluctant to speak her mind. That said, whether it went her way or not, she would move forward with all the energy she could muster—which most often was a lot!

It was important to Cay to make a positive difference wherever she was, and she certainly did that here at the Fullerton Library. Thanks for everything, Cay. We miss you.

## Join us for the Fullerton Public Library's *Two Books-Two Cities, OCT 2015*

Visit the library website for all the information about this year's Fullerton Reads, One Book, One Community, events/programs. Partnering with the City of Orange, the two libraries will present a series of events focused on Harper Lee's iconic story, [To Kill A Mockingbird](#), and her newly released novel, written first but published much later, [Go Set A Watchman](#). Books will be available for check-out at both libraries. See [fullertolibrary.org/fullertonreads](http://fullertolibrary.org/fullertonreads).

## Bookstore Bulletin

The large collection of rare, out-of-date and out-of-print books is a great reason to visit the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Located between the Local History room and the Community Room, the bookstore offers great books and great value in a range of genres and topics.

Right now we have an ever-changing supply of :

- \*vintage school books and children's books
- \*auto maintenance
- \*cookbooks
- \*social relations
- \*early 20th century fiction of all genres, often including photos, maps and illustrations of the times.

Like the young man in the picture, we are always on the lookout for a good book. If you are, too, visit the bookstore and see what they have for you.



“You see, bookshops are dreams built of wood and paper. They are time travel and escape and knowledge and power. They are, simply put, the best of places.”  
— Jen Campbell, *The Bookshop Book*

## LET'S PLAY BALL!

The Fullerton Public Library Foundation is hosting a community event on September 13th, from 2-4pm in the library's Community Room. The speaker, Chris Epting is a local historian and writer of 23 travel/history books including one of baseball landmarks. Come and learn the hidden history of OC baseball from Babe Ruth to Jackie Robinson including a special site in Fullerton that is well know in baseball history. This event is open to the public and no admission will be charged. Come dressed in your favorite baseball team shirt or colors. All proceeds from food or opportunity drawings will be used to benefit the Foundation's support of the Fullerton Public Library. **PLAY BALL!!**

Elizabeth Oates, FPL Foundation

## Sunbeam

Nearly every Saturday morning that I'd worked in the Friend's of the Fullerton Public Library Bookstore, this time-worn badly bent old fellow with bowed legs and trembling hands would poke through the racks and shelves pulling off a widely diverse assortment of reading material that he'd stack on a small table near the entry door. Once his selections were made, he'd settle himself onto the folding chair next to the table and perused each book painstakingly, emitting rumbled grunts, whether of approval or disapproval I couldn't tell, but then an

occasional guffaw would whoosh from beneath his straggly mustache which, I reckoned, signified amusement. When I'd greet him, he'd barely mumble an acknowledgement before he began his traverse through the store.

We...ll! This morning his conduct had considerably altered and caused the "oh-dear-what-have-we-here" phrase to flash into my brain. His usual taciturn manner and cool indifference had taken a complete one-eighty. Brows waggling up and down and eyes twinkling, he smiled ... no ... he leered and called me "Sunbeam". This doddering octogenarian was in fact flirting with me.

Now, dear friends, I am approaching seventy ... from the wrong direction. Also, I am not what one might call a sophisticated or worldly woman. If I were to take a wild guess, it was probably well before the turn of the century the last time a man twinkled at me intent on "who knows what". Needless to say, I was at a loss. I plopped down onto the chair facing the cash register and pondered the situation.

The stand-by phrase I'd used while on-the-job in my younger days when a client or salesman became overly attentive was a disdainfully muttered ... "I beg your pardon". It worked beautifully. But, in this case, I determined that the 'then' stand-by put-down would be the magazine racks. inappropriate in the 'now' since the flirty old geezer had already wandered past me to check out

"You need to change these magazines; none of them suit me. How 'bout getting Guns and Ammo, Playboy, some porn; that's the kind of stuff I'd buy."

He wasn't muttering to himself, yet ... he was still talking to me. After he'd launched into a wobbly totter toward the fiction section, he began a singsong litany that used popular four-letter words denoting defecation and fornication.

He was doing nothing hostile or destructive. If being noisy and offensive were a big deal, no one would watch television, attend sporting events, or listen

to political debates. It seemed obvious to me that this high-spirited old fellow either had not taken his daily meds or had popped some illegal happy pills for breakfast. I was inclined to favor the former.

As he began to fall into his usual pattern of gathering books and stacking them on the little table, I decided to let things play out rather than do something silly like summoning library security. His hands shook so badly he kept dropping the few paperbacks he'd selected, verbally censuring himself.

Picking the books up, he handed them to me and continued to smile and gaze at me rather like an adoring puppy. He bought the six paperbacks and assured me he'd return next week to buy some more and left the store laughing and waving, calling me his "Sunbeam".

For me, working in the library bookstore has been extremely worthwhile, more interesting than day-time TV, often thought provoking, and, like this morning, utterly entertaining. I really hope there are other FOFPL members who would be willing to work in the bookstore and engage the public. Be someone's "Sunbeam" ... for a while, anyway.

Muriel Bergman

## **A Guide to the September Book Sale Specials (cont. from p. 1)**

### Holidays

Since the holidays are right around the corner, a section will be devoted to Christmas books, fiction and nonfiction, the latter including crafts, decorating and cooking.

### Music

There is a large amount of sheet music donated by several musicians who have moved out of state. Especially unusual is music for recorders.

### Signed Books

Fiction and nonfiction books that have been signed by their authors will be grouped together on one of the fiction tables. Because we cannot

authenticate these signatures, the books are offered at about the same price as unsigned titles.

Auto Repair

Look here for a huge donation of repair and maintenance manuals for Mercedes cars. They go back at least to the 1980's and cover a wide

or students engaged in special projects, and other small groups with specific needs.

Our top priority is to make money for the library while getting good books into the hands of the community. The library and our shopping patrons always come first.

If you know of a group that could benefit from our excess stock, please contact the Friends through the library. The Friends gratefully accept small monetary donations in exchange.

**Holiday Shopping**

The holiday season is approaching! You can get a head start on your shopping and get REALLY GOOD DEALS at the Friends September book sale. There will be a great selection of virtually new books as well as many great out of print collectables. Bring your shopping list. Here are a few suggestions to help you get started.

- Children's books for EVERY child
- Travel books for the vagabond or arm chair traveler
- Romance novels for the romantic in all of us
- Gardening books including drought tolerant plants & hardscape ideas
- Craft books for that creative friend
- History books for the history buff
- Cook books for the chef
- Religion or Self Help books - we all can use a little help
- Music books, sheet music or CDs for the music lover
- Collectible books for the person that is impossible to buy for
- Fiction - current or old favorites
- Bookmarks, one for each book. We have a great selection!

**Friends of the Fullerton Public Library**

**3 Day Used Books Sale**

**September 25—27**

**Fullerton Public Library**  
**353 W. Commonwealth Avenue**  
**Fullertonlibrary.org / 714-738-6333**

Special Needs Shopping Thursday, Sept. 24 2:00—4:00	Friday, Sept. 25 10:00—12:00 Members Only 12:00—4:00 General Public
Saturday, Sept. 26 10:00—4:00	Sunday, Sept. 27 1:00—3:00 1/2 price 3:15—4:00 \$2.00 a bag

Friends' Membership may be purchased at the door. Call 714-738-3143 for more information about memberships.

Friends' Bookstore Mon.— Sat. 10:00 - 4:00 Located inside the Library.



range of concerns, such as AC and brakes.

**Leftover Books**

Disposing of the books they cannot sell is a dilemma faced by every Friends group across the country. Most Friends groups can, as we do, make a little money through recycling the paper. Here in Fullerton we share with other Friends groups that receive few donations, and with the Senior Citizens' library, the court house, teachers

## **Rules of the House for Book Sales**

**If you wish** to bring in your own boxes or bags to carry your treasures home, you may store them in the Holding Area while you shop. Please put your name on them.

**The \$2-a-Bag sale** during the last hour of this marathon sale is an event in itself. You can get a mighty lot of books in one bag for just \$2. It is fun to witness even if you don't get a single book (warning, it is hard to resist). To keep things fair, we allow you to use only the paper bags you buy from the Friends for this part of the sale.

**Safety** of our patrons and volunteers is a big concern during a sale. The aisles meet ADA requirements but can seem narrow in crowded conditions. We ask that you plan to stow backpacks and strollers in the Holding Area so as to not obstruct the aisles. Please don't let children sit under the tables. We don't want anyone injured by falling books or tripping patrons.

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