

# Library Chats...

for the love of books



## Friends of the Chatsworth Library Newsletter

Chatsworth Branch Library: 21052 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, CA 91311

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October 2024 Newsletter



### LIBRARY HOURS (818) 341-4276

Mondays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Tuesdays	12:00 noon – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursdays	12:00 noon – 8:00 pm
Fridays	9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Saturdays	9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sundays	Closed
Major Holidays	Closed

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

See newsletter for a list of scheduled events.

Or visit our Friends Calendar at

[www.laplchatsworthfriends.org](http://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org)

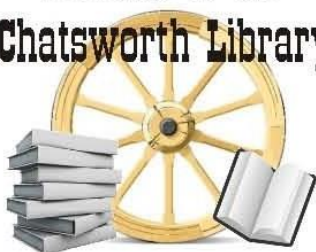
### LIBRARY STAFF

Senior Librarian: Hillary St. George

### FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY OFFICERS

President:	Ann Vincent
Vice-President:	Donna Boswell
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Friends of the  
Chatsworth Library



## Join us at our Giant Book Sale!

**Our next Giant Book Sale will be  
Saturday October 19, 10am-2pm.**

**Plan to join us for the Members only  
presale Friday October 18, 2-4pm.**

Our quarterly Giant Book Sale is almost here. It's time to get some like-new books at special prices. Once again, we have collected thousands of books to make available to our members and the public.

As usual we have a huge selection and variety of almost new hard-bound and paperback books to stock up on for your reading pleasure, at a fraction of the cost of new books. Hardbound books are \$1.00; paperbacks are 50 cents; and children's books are 3 for \$1.00. We are adding jigsaw puzzles and board games too!

**MEMBERS ONLY:** Drop by Friday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** from **2 to 4pm** as we set up for the Saturday book sale. We will sell books Friday afternoon to members only, so drop by and see what we have to offer at this special preview sale and help us set out the books. If you miss this sale, our next Giant Book Sale will be January 18, 2025.

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## President's Report

It's been 20 years since our new library building opened on this site in November 2004. The history of our library is included on page 4 of the newsletter.

Also available on our website at:

<https://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org>

Over the last twenty years we have had wonderful librarians and staff guide us through technical advances and we made it through challenges with Covid. Our building is being maintained and we have wonderful community programs.

Be sure to come check it out!!!

Ann Vincent

## BOOK CLUB

Clara Woll

The Chatsworth Library Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month (except Library holidays) at 1:30pm. The in-person meetings are held in the Community Room of the LAPL - Chatsworth Branch, which is located at 21052 Devonshire Street, phone (818) 341-4276. If you wish to participate via Zoom, please e-mail: [sstamm@lapl.org](mailto:sstamm@lapl.org) at least one day prior to the meeting.

Our members choose the books they wish to read, so we cover a large variety of subjects, both fiction and non-fiction. The books can be ordered through the LAPL system. Please join us! Our next books will be:

**November 6, 2024 at 1:30pm - *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride - 2023 - 385 pgs. The novel tells the story of Black and Jewish residents of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in the 1920's and 1930's. -Or- ***The Color of Water: a Black man's tribute to his white mother*** by James McBride - Call # 392.309747 M119 - 2006 - 328 pgs. The author paints a portrait of growing up in a black neighborhood as the child of an interracial marriage.

**December 4, 2024 at 1:30pm - *Comfort & Joy: a novel*** by Kristin Hannah - 2005- 237 pages - The heartwarming story of a woman at a crossroads, caught between two lives, who finds a second chance at happiness.

**January 8, 2025 at 1:30pm - Open Forum** - Please come prepared to share information about a book you have read that you think would be of interest to others.

**February 5, 2025 at 1:30pm - *The House on Mango Street*** by Sandra Cisneros (The L.A. City Big Read selection for 2025) 1991 - 110 pages - A coming-of-age novel about a young girl, Esperanza, growing up in Chicago, and inventing for herself who and what she will become.

## MOVIES

### UPCOMING MOVIES

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

Free Movie Matinee

Thursday, October 24

### ARGYLLE

1:30 to 3:49pm

2024 PG-13



Elly Conway, an introverted spy novelist who seldom leaves her home, is drawn into the real world of espionage when the plots of her books get a little too close to the activities of a sinister underground syndicate. When Aiden, a spy, shows up to save her (he says) from being kidnapped or killed (or both), Elly and her beloved cat

Alfie are plunged into a covert world where nothing, and no one, is what it seems.

**Due to Holidays close to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays we do not have movies scheduled for November and December**

Thursday, January 23

### Fly Me to the Moon

1:30 to 3:42pm

2024 PG-13



Starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum, Fly Me To The Moon is a sharp, stylish romantic comedy set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing. Brought in to fix NASA's public image, sparks fly in all directions as marketing maven Kelly Jones

(Johansson) wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's (Tatum) already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, the countdown truly begins.

Thursday, February 27

### Beetlejuice Beetlejuice 2024

1:30 to 3:15pm

2024 PG-13



After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid, discovers the mysterious model of the town in the attic and the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. With

trouble brewing in both realms, it's only a matter of time until someone says Beetlejuice's name three times and the mischievous demon returns to unleash his very own brand of mayhem.

## Upcoming Events:

### Adult Seated Exercise

Mondays 10:30am & 11:30am

Fridays at 10:30am

Join us for seated exercises. Learn new exercises, keep healthy, and meet new friends within the safety of the library.

### Monthly Adult Gaming

**First Wednesdays at 11:00am**

Join us for Adult Gaming and meet fellow gaming enthusiasts. Play games like Backgammon, Chess, Yahtzee Trivial Pursuit, and a whole host...

### Monthly Crafts Program

**Third Wednesday at 11:00am**

Join us for adult crafting program supported by the Friends of the Library. In August attendees decorated wooden shapes with driftwood pieces, stones, shells, dried flowers and other items. Each month is an entirely different creative adventure!

### Monthly LEGO® Bricks

**Fourth Wednesdays at 3:00pm**

**On Nov. 27, 2024**, come build with us at the library. Each month, we will have a suggested building theme. Recommended for kids (and kids at heart).

For more information on events, go to [lapl.org/branches/chatsworth](http://lapl.org/branches/chatsworth)

### We are on Instagram!

If you use Instagram, please check us out and follow us at Chatsworth Library Friends, #chatsworthlibraryfriend.

**Wed, November 6, 2024, 4:00pm**

### Sticker Bomb Your Water Bottle

You bring your water bottle; we bring the stickers to deck them out. Program for teens and tweens ages 12-18.

**Thu, November 7, 2024, 1:00pm**

### NaNo Come Write In Drop-In Space Writers Assemble!

National Novel Writing Month began in 1999 as a daunting but straightforward challenge: to write 50,000 words of a novel in thirty days. Now, each year on November 1, hundreds of thousands of people around the world begin to write, determined to end the month with a first draft. They enter the month as elementary school teachers, mechanics, or stay-at-home parents. They leave novelists.

We will be hosting a series of Come Write In Drop In Spaces throughout the month, beginning the first week in November.

Our Community Room will be open most Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-2:00pm.

**Wednesday, October 23, 11:00am-12noon**

### Voting is your Superpower!

A representative from the League of Women Voters will be at the Chatsworth library on this date to provide non-partisan information on our local and state ballot measures for this November's election.

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 11:00am**

### Adult Crafting Wednesday: Iris Folding

Join us for Iris Folding. Learn the ancient craft of folding paper into beautiful shapes creating a beautiful 3d looking designs using different type and patterns.

**Saturday, November 23, 2024, 11:30am**

### Share a Story With the BARK Therapy Dogs

Join us on the fourth Saturday of the month, when kids can improve their literacy skills by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs from the BARK program.

## A Walk Down Memory Lane: Chatsworth Book Club



The building occupied by our Chatsworth Library today was opened in November 2004; next month will be the 20-year anniversary. Shortly after it opened, the Friends Book Club was formed. The first title read was "Little Scarlet", written by Los Angelean author, Walter Mosley. The book had been selected by Mayor James Hahn as the "One Book, One City L.A." selection for that year. Earlier this month the Book Club celebrated reading over 200 books!





## CHATSWORTH PAST & PRESENT

By Ann Vincent

October 2024

Now celebrating 20 years in our beautiful building, the Chatsworth Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library at 21052 Devonshire, has an interesting history.

In 1947 Eileen Janess photographed many of our local streets and businesses. One of those photos shows a LA Public Library sign in the Lombardi Building at the southwest corner of Owensmouth and Devonshire, on Owensmouth. The building was a brick structure that housed a variety of business through the years, including an Auto Parts, Feed Store and the 5 & 10 cent store. It has since been demolished. Although no records of the library have been located, the photos clearly show that this early branch existed in one of the storefronts in 1947.



1947 Photo of the Lombardi Building with LA Public Library sign in the window on the left.



This same LA PUBIC LIBRARY sign is later found in the 1950 photo shown below provided by the LA Public Library archives and listed as the Chatsworth Station Branch. This photo is clearly a different storefront, and appears to be the Chrysler Building, once located on the south east corner of Devonshire and Topanga. The features above the windows correspond to that building at the time. The location was on Devonshire, before the hardware store moved to that section of the building.



1950 Photo of Chatsworth Station Branch



1949 Photo of Chrysler Building, library would have been on the left facing Devonshire in about 1950.



1952 Photo of Bookmobile located in Chatsworth, note Chatsworth Women's Club building in background on Topanga.

From 1952-1963 the Chatsworth community was serviced by the LA Public Library Bookmobile Program. The bookmobile made scheduled stops throughout the valley, stopping here across the street from the Chatsworth Park Elementary School.



1970 Photo of Chatsworth Branch Library built in 1963

In 1957, land was purchased and a new branch library was built at 21052 Devonshire, opening on May 22, 1963. The Friends of the Library book sales were held regularly on the front lawn of the library, weather permitting.

In 1998 funds were approved for adjacent land and an expanded building on the existing site. In June 2002, ground breaking began for the new building while a temporary library was opened at the Chatsworth Train Station that housed a small portion of books while allowing local patrons easy access to the LA City library system.



2009 Chatsworth Branch Library parking lot entrance

On November 15, 2004, a beautiful building designed specifically for Chatsworth was re-opened with Bruce Seidman continuing as the Head Librarian. Special features at our library include a stained-glass window, book art and children's murals. State of the art computer access and a multimedia collection of over 42,000 items are on site.

Twenty years later...there is no limit to what is available. Come on by, it's your library ... check it out!

*Chatsworth Historical Society*

# FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY

## Goals:

To assist the Library and Staff by raising funds to acquire additional books and providing program opportunities that enhance the educational outreach to our community.

## How you can help:

Donate used books that may be added to the shelves of the library or sold by the Friends to raise funds to purchase books, library aids or sponsor community programs. Donated Books, CD's, DVD's and jigsaw puzzles and games can be dropped off at the library and are tax deductible.

## How can you join FRIENDS?

Mail the form below to the address shown. Members receive the quarterly Friends Newsletter "Library Chats" and invitations to special book sales and events. In addition, you can pay on-line through PayPal or credit card. <https://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org/membership.html>

## Newsletters are available on our Website <https://www.laplchatsworthfriends.org>

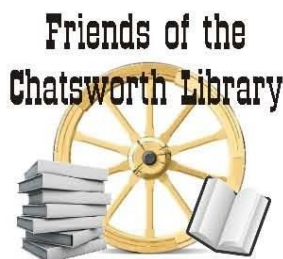
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## Participate in our Bi-Monthly Friends Meetings:

Scheduled the second Tuesday every other month from 7 to 8pm at the library.  
Our next meeting is on November 12, 2024.

## Volunteer to help staff our Book Store Room:

Email [chatsworthfriends@gmail.com](mailto:chatsworthfriends@gmail.com) to find out how to sign up at LAPL.org to volunteer and schedule time to help sell books to library patrons.



*Thank you for your participation, it makes it possible for all of us to continue to provide a valuable service to our community.*

*Membership forms are available in this newsletter and are also available at the Book Room.*

*If your dues are due and you receive your newsletter by email... we will send you an email to let you know.*

*However, if there is an \* on your mailing label, then it's time to RENEW your membership.*



## FRIENDS OF THE CHATSWORTH LIBRARY

We invite you to join or renew your membership to support our outstanding library and the community it serves. Return this cutoff with your membership dues and/or contribution made payable to:  
*Friends of Chatsworth Library, 21052 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311*

☐ **New Member**

**Yearly:**

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☐ **Renewal**

☐ Individual \$5.00

☐ Supporting Membership \$25.00

☐ \$ 100.00

☐ Family or Organization \$10.00

☐ Contributing Membership \$50.00

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