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NEW DATES FOR SPRING BOOK SALE!

Due to expected traffic during the Amgen bicycle event, we have moved our library book sale to the following weekend. The Friends-only Preview Sale will be **Thursday May 26 from 4pm to 8pm**, and the Public Sale will be **Friday May 27 and Saturday May 28 from 10am to 4pm**.



THEY SHOULD BEE SO PROUD!



The 6th Annual Adult Community Spelling Bee on April 3rd was buzzing with excitement! The event included the El Roble cheerleaders, music, entertaining masters of ceremonies, a snack bar, children's activities, basket raffle and many enthusiastic supporters of all the teams. The Claremont Globetrotters (representing the Community Friends of International Students) were triumphant with the winning word "scrobiculate." Awards were also given to the teams with the Best Fan club (Mt. San Antonio Gardens), and the Best Costume (Claremont Older Women's Soccer).

The biggest winner was our library as we raised over \$5300 in much needed funding. The money will be used to support the Children's Summer Reading Program, purchase books, DVDs, and special collections, and coordinate our citywide reading program. Thank you to all of our Friends, volunteers, and supporters who participated and cheered on the participants!

Claremont: On the Same Page *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea

The Claremont Friends of the Library is pleased to announce *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea as our citywide read for the upcoming year. Who can resist a book about a heroine from a Mexican village who, inspired by the movie "The Magnificent Seven," goes on a quest to recruit men who have gone "into the beautiful North" to return and revitalize her beloved pueblo? But describing Urrea's latest novel in this limited way is like describing *The Grapes of Wrath* as a book about a family coming to California to look for work. Poverty, border violence, and illegal immigration are just a few of the subjects Urrea tackles with both humor and pathos as he spins a fanciful tale of intrigue and adventure.

Urrea is a master at creating atmosphere. Born in Tijuana to a Mexican father and an American mother, Urrea crafts a story that details the violence, extremism, and criminal elements that can be found on both sides of the border. But all is not doom and gloom in this work, and the comedic pilgrimage that makes up the heart of the novel leads the travelers to discover a newfound pride for their homeland.

The Friends are planning a series of events for next fall, including a book talk and other related events. Details will be posted at www.claremontlibrary.com. The Friends have donated 10 copies to the Claremont Library, the Montclair Barnes and Noble has the work in stock, or check out the eBook version online at www.colapublib.org.



Volunteer at the Claremont Library!

There are several types of volunteer opportunities at the library, for students and adults.

Volunteer to assist Library Staff – Cutbacks in County funding have left fewer paid staff members working each shift. Volunteers would help in:

- a. Preparing materials for Storytime
- b. Assisting the Summer Reading Program – a good option for students!
- c. Sorting books
- d. Shelving of specific library materials
- e. Book Cleaning
- f. Assisting with various tasks to support the librarians

Volunteers must fill out a county volunteer application and those over 18 must be fingerprinted with the Live Scan service. Students, if you are interested in a summer volunteer opportunity, staff has the greatest need for the Summer Reading Program. For more information about assisting library staff, call (909) 621-4902 and ask for Susan Hall, Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteer to help the Friends with the Bookstore and Book Sales –

The Friends of the Claremont Library needs help in their Bookstore and with their Book sales which are their primary fundraisers. Used books are donated by supporters year-round and there is a bookstore at the library that is open whenever the library is open. In addition, there is a semi-annual book sale that is held in the meeting room of the library. You determine how many hours you want to work and your schedule. Help is needed year-round in:

- a. Helping to sort donated books
- b. Putting books out in the book store
- c. Looking up book values on the computer

Twice a year, help is needed to prepare for the book sales. If you would like to give us your name and contact information, we can contact you to see if you are available when we have book sales. Volunteers would help with any of the following:

- a. Moving boxes
- b. Setting out books for the sale or packing up after
- c. Working during the sale as cashier or monitor

For more information about helping with the Book Sales, please call Barbara Musselman at 909-596-1760 or email us at friendsofclaremontlibrary@gmail.com.

Help Us Go Green!

We are trying to save paper, postage, and energy. Please share your email address with us so future newsletters and notices from the Friends of the Claremont Library can be sent to you electronically. Send your email address to: friendsofclaremontlibrary@gmail.com

Friends of the Library Poetry Series

We are looking forward to a lively series of poetry readings for the rest of 2011. Our **May 22nd** reading at **2pm** will be held at the **Claremont Forum Bookstore**, located in the Packing House at 586 W. First Street. **Ruth Nolan** and **Jackleen Holton** will read. Ruth Nolan is a Professor of English at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert. She edited *No Place for a Puritan: the Literature of California's Deserts*. She published two books of poems and is a contributing editor of the anthology *Inlandia: a Literary Journey through Southern California's Inland Empire*. Jackleen Holton is a poet-teacher with California Poets in the schools. Her chapbook *Devil Music* was published in 2005.

Our **June 26th** reading will also be at the **Claremont Forum Bookstore**, but will take place at **7pm** to accommodate our pair of readers from South Carolina: **Richard Garcia** and **Katherine Williams**. Richard Garcia is a member of the faculty in the Orange County-based Antioch University's low residency MFA program. He was born in San Francisco and for 12 years was the Poet-in-Residence at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has written five books of poetry. Katherine Williams has published four books of poems and was a featured poet at *Beyond Baroque*.

On **July 24th** at **2pm**, our readers will be **Rae Armantrout** and **R. T. Sedgwick**. Rae Armantrout was given the Pulitzer Prize in 2010 for her book *Versed*. She has written numerous other books of poems as well as a memoir. She has edited several issues of *Best American Poetry*, and has taught writing for almost 20 years at the University of California, San Diego. R.T. Sedgwick lives in Del Mar, CA. He has four books of poems.

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Our newest "On the Same Page" book, *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea, is just one of the many exciting books you will find in electronic format.

Some things to keep in mind:

1. Adobe ePUB format allows readers to resize the font up or down on their readers—no more needing to haul around very large bound copies of Large Print editions. Adobe PDFs are not scalable without losing formatting, but work well on a PC.
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4. eBooks are searchable through either the Library's online catalog or you can search directly from inside the Overdrive and NetLibrary sites.

While the medium has changed from clay to papyrus to parchment to paper to digital, reading will never go out of style. Happy reading!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 22 - Poetry Reading - Ruth Nolan and Jackleen Holton - Forum Bookstore - 2pm
- May 26 - Semi-annual FOCL Book Sale - Friends-only Preview Sale - Library - 4pm-8pm
- May 27-28 - Semi-annual FOCL Book Sale - Open to the Public - Library - 10am-4pm
- June 11 - FOCL Antiquarian/Fine Book Sale - Library - 1-4pm
- June 12 - FOCL Antiquarian/Fine Book Sale - Library - 1-2pm
- June 12 - FOCL Annual Meeting - Library - 2pm
- June 26 - Poetry Reading - Richard Garcia and Katherine Williams - Forum Bookstore - 7pm
- July 24 - Poetry Reading - Rae Armantrout and R.T. Sedgwick - Library - 2pm

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