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## Children's Book Festival Celebrates Our Birthday

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Another successful year! The Claremont Library Children's Book Festival celebrated the Library's 100th birthday on March 29th with a blowout extravaganza. Over 470 partygoers made birthday cakes, crafted birthday crowns, and learned how children celebrate birthdays around the world.

Magician Jimmy H. and the Cat-in-the-Hat entertained the children and their parents. Face painters transformed the children into super heroes and princesses, and the Raymond Alf Museum provided a touch table. Happy sounds of children and their parents filled the Multi-purpose Room and the Children's section of the Library celebrating this special birthday.



Books waiting to find new homes.

## Antiquarian & Fine Books Sale Coming Saturday, May 3

We have spent the last 6 months collecting some of the most gorgeous, precious, whimsical, formative, literary, and colorful books in print, and we will share them with you on Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have slashed prices this year, making some very expensive books affordable for lovers of fine books. Here is a sampling:

- Books about California and local history, including local birding and wildflowers;
- Autographed copies, first editions, and fine reprints of fiction and non-fiction books;
- Books published by specialty printers, some rare and valuable;
- New and old children's books with fabulous illustrations, including Madonna's English Roses in a slipcase;
- Specialty books on movies, opera, automobiles, graphic novels, trains, planes, and ships;
- Amazing collections of classics in history, sociology, biology, botany, psychology, and religion.
- History books on the Civil War, Indian culture, classical Greece and Rome;
- An especially beautiful collection of books of fine arts, including photography, museum exhibitions, and architecture;
- Prized cookbooks and books highlighting gardens of the world, interior design, fashion, Hollywood icons, sports, games, toys, and dolls – all that piques our aesthetic senses.

There is something wonderful for everyone at our book lovers' Antiquarian Book Sale!

## Library Memories Sought for Centennial Event

During our centennial year, we will be inviting people in Claremont to share their fond memories of a library, any library. It may be the town library where you grew up, the college library where you went to school, the library in the city where you lived for your first job, any library experience you remember as special. Watch for your invitation for sharing these stories.



Current and Former FOCL Board Members Celebrate one hundred years of the Claremont Library



Judy Hinshaw at the Clinton Presidential Library

## Notes about a Woman who Loved the Claremont Public Library

My family moved to Claremont in 1966, after my father retired from the Marine Corps. We settled in Claremont at the insistence of my mother, because of the good school system. My mother was used to being actively involved in her military community, and was no different in the civilian community. She quickly became involved with AAUW, League of Women Voters, and the Friends of the Claremont Public Library.

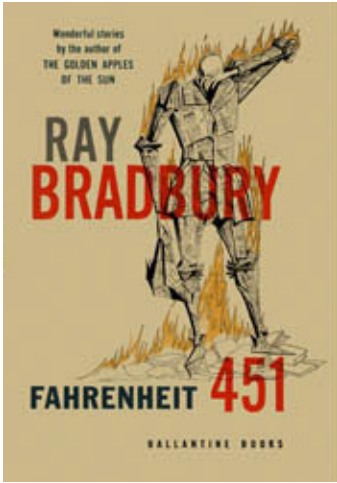
Mrs. Don (Judy) Hinshaw was President of the Friends of the Claremont Public Library sometime between 1967 and 1973. She was very proud to be involved with the process of building a new library in Claremont. So proud, in fact, that she saved a

newspaper article about her involvement, which I saw a few years before her death in 2010.

Books were a major love of hers—her personal library numbered in the thousands at the time of her death. Both her children (Donna and Jerry) also loved books, and took a number of these volumes when closing up her estate. Since she loved the Claremont Public Library so much, a number of boxes of her books were shipped to the Friends, to continue her support.

Her second marriage involved a move from Southern California to Texas, and one condition of the move was that a library be built in the house. Since the library was central to the home, she asked that it not be disturbed until her husband died or left the house. With his death in 2013, the books were given new homes, including the Friends of the Claremont Public Library.

She traveled widely during her second marriage, and stops often included art galleries and presidential libraries.



## Claremont on the Same Page Selects 2014 Community Read

Our On the Same Page Committee selects a book each year as a civic read. We hope the chosen book will start a conversation among Claremont citizens—book club readers, high school students, the academic community, book lovers, as well as the casual reader.

The motto of this year's Claremont Public Library's Centennial celebration is "Free to Read"—a theme that is significant on many levels. It is a most important element in the dystopian world created in Ray

Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, an intellectually terrifying world in which firemen don't put out fires, they light them, burning any cache of books they find. The title is the supposed temperature at which paper burns.

Published in 1953, *Fahrenheit 451* was Bradbury's response to the anti-intellectual hysteria fueled by the McCarthy era's hearings. Since then, many Claremont citizens have read the book in school, or with their book club, or on their own because the title is intriguing, or because Ray Bradbury has been a Southern California icon.

More than 60 years later, it is time for a fresh look. The specifics of McCarthyism may be gone, but *Fahrenheit 451* still has much to reveal to each generation about human society.

### IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10-8
Wednesday	10-8
Thursday	10-8
Friday	8-6
Saturday	8-6
Sunday	1-5

### **Upcoming Events from the Claremont Library**

**Saturday, May 3 — Antiquarian and Fine Books Sale**

**Saturday, June 21 — Claremont Authors Celebration, Ice Cream Social and Friends Annual Meeting**

**Friday, July 4 — Claremont Celebration, Parade and Booth**

**Sundays, April 27, May 25, June 22 and July 27 — Poetry Readings**

**Wednesdays — Toddler Story Time 11:00 a.m.**

**Fridays — Preschool Story Time 11:30 a.m.**