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## Renovated Children's Section Celebrated

The newly renovated children's section of the Claremont Library was celebrated with a grand opening on Saturday, January 18th. Dignitaries joined Friends of the Claremont Library and other supporters for a morning with face painters, a raffle, and cake. FOCL President Lanore Pearlman welcomed and thanked about 75 attendees, and past president Laura Bollinger acted as MC. The project was jointly funded by the Friends of the Claremont Library, County Supervisor Gloria Molina, and the Los Angeles County Library.

Speakers at the celebration included County Supervisor Gloria Molina, County Librarian Margaret Todd, and Claremont Mayor Opanyi Nasiali, who presented the Friends with a proclamation thanking them for their contribution to the library.

After the ceremony, guests were invited to participate in a book raffle that included 10 rare books. Members were given a small gift of a book bag and "book bucks" for our book store. It was quite a party to celebrate the completion of this exciting project.



**County Supervisor Gloria Molina celebrates the newly renovated Children's Library.**

Photography by Henry Salazar, L.A. County Chief Executive Office—Photo Unit

## 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 an announcement and the invitation for sharing these stories, coming in March.



## Historical Exhibit Celebrates the Claremont Library Centennial

Join the Friends of the Claremont Library on Saturday, March 22 for the gala opening reception of a historical exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Claremont Public Library. Curated by Claremont Heritage, the visual display will illustrate the history of our community's cherished library. Pause for a moment to reflect on how enriched the life of our community and all our lives have become because of this remarkable institution. Light refreshments including birthday cake and champagne will be served.

The gala opening is on Saturday March 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Ginger Elliott Exhibition Center of the Historic Garner House, 840 N. Indian Hill Blvd. Claremont. The cost is \$30 per person, and there is a 75 guest capacity.

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

— Andrew Carnegie



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## Birthday Party at Children's Book Festival

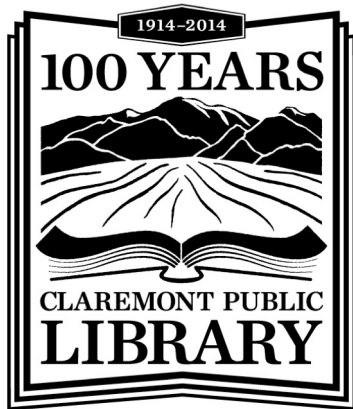
The Friends of the Claremont Library invites children of all ages to our 100th birthday party. The third annual Claremont Children's Book Festival will celebrate with fun festivities, including face painting, crafts, storytelling, games and a party favor — a free book for each child to take home. Come join us on Saturday, March 29th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the new Children's Library. Don't miss our 100th birthday party!

## Poetry Readings

On **February 23**, we will hear two voices of Southern California. Although Charlotte Davidson was born and raised in Southern California, she spent eleven years in France. Her first book, *Fresh Zebra*, appeared in 2012 and includes work in French as well as English. Marsha de la O's book *Black Hope* won the New Issues Press Poetry Prize and a Small Press Editor's Choice Award.

On **March 23**, our poets are Brandon Som and Hillary Gravendyke. Som's 2000 chapbook *Babel's Moon* contains elegies of his grandfather and musings on identity, Chinese traditions, and language. Claremont poet Hillary Gravendyke, whose past reading at our library was much applauded, teaches at Pomona College. Her work has appeared widely and her 2008 book *Harm* often deals with pain and the body's frailty. All readings are held at the Claremont Library at 2:00 p.m.

## A Special Thank You!



Each summer the lawns of Claremont suddenly blossom with beautiful On the Same Page community read lawn signs. These vibrant designs are the result of the combined talents of former board member and Claremont children's book author-illustrator, Naomi Howland and Claremont graphic designer Joel Cinnamon. The Friends are grateful for their skills, talents, and many hours that went into the creation of our signs.

This year Naomi and Joel have surpassed themselves by creating the logo celebrating our library's centennial year. In the coming months you will see this design draped across Indian Hill Boulevard and fixed on publications promoting our many celebratory events. We would like to express our enduring gratitude to Naomi and Joel for being the kind of friends to the library that makes our community the special place we know it to be. Thank you.

## IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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Saturday	8-6
Sunday	1-5

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

**Saturday, March 22 — Centennial Gala and Exhibition-Garner House**

**Saturday, March 29 — Third Annual Children's Book Festival**

**Sundays, February 23 and March 23 — Poetry Readings**

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

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