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President's Message

Have you read *Funny in Farsi* yet? Our On the Same Page community read is a delightful and humorous true story about an immigrant family's navigation through American culture and provides insight into the making of a new life in a new land. It is available where books are sold and for check out at our Claremont Library. On the Same Page events include a discussion and food tasting on November 12. Look for announcements and the next article for additional group events. In March the author, Farooza Dumas, will give a talk about her family's adventures in America. Join us to celebrate this wonderful story and its author.

Our long-awaited teen area is gradually coming together. Most of the furniture has arrived and just the finishing touches are left. This space will be a special place where our teens can gather on comfortable furniture with plugs for their electronic gizmos and hang out or study. Drop in to the library and see what I am talking about.

Recently, our book store manager Barbara Musselman and I were welcomed speakers at the Women's Club of Claremont, where we had a delightful time sharing what the Friends of the Claremont Library does. The interested audience asked many questions. In addition, they gave us a generous donation, and we thank them sincerely. Another recent generous donation has come from The League of Women Voters, Claremont Region. Thank you, League!

As we approach the holiday season our activities are gearing up. In addition to our On The Same Page activities, be on the lookout for our

Antiquarian Book Sale in the library meeting room on Saturday, December 3. This is an opportunity to find many fine books for yourself and a few for those readers on your holiday list. And, of course, the book store is open seven days a week during library hours. We will be featuring holiday themed books as well as compelling novels, histories, children's and young adult books, self-help, classics, coffee table beauties, DVDs, and good old vinyl records. Come check it out!

—Carol Lerew, President



The new teen area with the teen advisory panel, Phoebe Murphy, Lily Wolf and Maya Winnick, admiring the results of their hard work!



This year's Friends of the Claremont Library booth at the Village Venture

Claremont Gears Up for On the Same Page Events

Get ready for some fun events celebrating this year's On the Same Page selection, *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas. We start **Saturday, November 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Claremont Library with an event titled *Funny in Farsi: Come for a Little Taste*—a taste of tradition, of story-telling, and of...FOOD! We're focusing on food in part because food is important to *Funny in Farsi*, which describes the traditional Iranian feasts that Firoozeh's family cooks up as well as their often hilarious exploration of the strange assortment of frozen foods they discover in their new land. As we munch, we will learn a bit about Iranian food and its place in the country's culture, thanks to Arman Ariane of Xerxes.

On **December 10, from 10:00 a.m. to noon** at the Claremont Library we will explore the broader theme of *Funny in Farsi* — what it's like to arrive in California speaking no English, eager to fit in, yet mystified by customs and language. We will hear from two writers who both arrived in California—like Firoozeh—as children speaking no English: Frans Vischer arrived in California from Holland at age 11 and relied on his drawings to communicate. He developed a passion for television cartoons and Disney films, and a trip to the Disney Studio at age 13 inspired him to create his own animated films. At CalArts in Valencia, he studied animation with Disney veterans and went to work for for Disney. Years later, with children of his own, he put these illustration skills to use illustrating his own children's books.

Amada Irma Perez arrived in Los Angeles as an elementary school student speaking no English and soon developed a passion for multiculturalism that has carried her through two careers—first as a bilingual educator for 25 years and then as a writer of children's books that hark back to her arrival from Mexico. Written in both English and Spanish, the books gently recount the hopes and fears of a young girl leaving her home and the ways she learns to both cope and thrive. Both speakers will bring books to sell (think holiday gifts).

We hope that these programs will whet your appetite for our final On the Same Page event, a talk by Firoozeh Dumas on **March 8** at the Athenaeum at Claremont McKenna College. You'll hear more about it later but mark your calendars now and begin thinking about the questions you want to ask her.

Antiquarian and Fine Book Sale Coming Soon

Our next Antiquarian and Fine Book Sale is coming Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Claremont Library. At this book lovers' paradise, you'll find rare books, first editions, fine classics in nearly all academic fields, autographed works, specialty publications, and much more, all highly discounted.

This year we are highlighting several special groups of books, including exquisite art books, fascinating artifacts of Californiana, pre-1917 antiques, specialty and classic cookbooks, and a remarkable collection of Sherlock Holmes books. This is a perfect place to find your holiday gifts—and treats for yourself!

To get a head start, come visit the display case in the Claremont Library, where you'll find a preview display of some of our most gorgeous, distinctive, classic, and interesting books. Don't wait! We now accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Members get 10% off all purchases during the sale.

Please pick up a *Funny in Farsi* lawn sign at the library to support our 2016-17 On the Same Page community read.

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Upcoming Events at the Claremont Library

Saturday, November 12 2:00 p.m. — Funny in Farsi: Come for a Little Taste

Sunday, November 27 and Sunday, January 29, 2:00 p.m. — Poetry Reading

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Antiquarian & Fine Book Sale

December 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — On the Same Page: Immigrant Authors Talk

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. — Toddler Story Time

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