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The April Newsletter is our fourth and final bi-monthly publication of the year. To celebrate the end of this fiscal year, I invite all of you to our annual June Meeting and Ice Cream Social. Local author and Pomona College graduate Clyde Derrick will speak about his novel, *The Wash*. Enjoy ice cream, book raffles, conversation with Friends, voting on the new board, saying our goodbyes to departing members, and approving the proposed budget. Our meeting will be the afternoon of June 2 at a location to be determined. Check our website, www.claremontlibrary.org, for final details and Friends updates.

In March, our long-serving member of the board Barbara Musselman submitted her resignation. I would like to thank her for, as she would often say, "fifteen plus years of service." I know her best as the Bookstore Manager, a role she has had since 2010. While at the helm, she has navigated the bookstore smoothly and with the utmost dedication to her volunteers, the community, patrons, and library staff. Beyond this multi-faceted job, she took an active role in board meetings even after terming out, served on other committees, and advocated for library improvements. The bookstore under Barbara's leadership funded major library improvements, collection development, monthly programming, and summer reading programs. Thank you again Barbara for your commitment as a volunteer to the Friends of the Claremont Public Library.

Library Closure News

As you may already be aware, the Claremont Library will be closing on April 16th for much needed renovations. These renovations include remodeling the public restrooms, the adult collection area, and the circulation area, as well as installation of a new heating and air conditioning system.

Behind the scenes, the library work area and the area used by the Friends of the Claremont Library volunteers to sort and price book donations will be renovated.

The Friends of the Claremont Library will still be active during the library closure. We will continue to support the Claremont Library by subsidizing programs during the closure and planning for activities when the library reopens. We won't be able to receive donations during the closure since we don't have the space to store books. However, we hope you will save your book donations so that you can deliver them when the library reopens. You will then find the Friends of the Library Bookstore in a newly remodeled area.

In the meantime, please continue to support the Friends of the Claremont Library through your membership and volunteering. You will continue to receive the quarterly newsletter during this period, as well as membership renewal reminders. Without you, our members, we would not be able to provide the necessary support to the Claremont Library. Thanks again for your continued support.

Donation of Books and More During Library Renovation

The library will maintain a space at Alexander Hughes Center at 1700 Danbury Road for a small number of books to circulate and for the pickup of any requested books on hold. Educational programs for adults and youth will continue there as well. We also hope, even if library is still closed, to have our wonderful Fine Book Sale in December.

Your generous book donations to the Friends of the Claremont Library continue to support the library, but during the library renovation, we ask that you hold onto your books. When we reopen, you can bring those donations to the library again. If you can't store them until then, many other places seek these donations, such as the Prison Library Project at the Packing House. Until perhaps the end of this year, the library parking lot will be fenced off and closed.

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On the Same Page Events Wrapped Up After Author Visit



Tangled Vines author Frances Dinkelspiel speaks at our final event

Thank you to FOCL members for helping to make this year's On The Same Page (OTSP) program a big success.

Tangled Vines, a lively history of the Southern California origins of the California wine industry, resonated well with the Claremont community. Folks flocked to our three events, including over one hundred people who showed up for our culminating event in March — an illustrated talk by author Frances Dinkelspiel at the Alexander Hughes Center.

The committee is now gearing up the next year, discussing book suggestions, a couple of months of reading, winnowing the list, more reading, and finally choosing next year's book. Stay tuned for the announcement this fall.

A Message from the Editor

For the past five years, I've been glad to contribute to the Friends of the Claremont Library as editor of the Friendly Notes newsletter. Please join me in welcoming the new Friendly Notes editor, Katrina Mason, who will take over for the next issue. Thank you to everyone who supported me in this role and who support the newsletter. — Lynn Burrows

Children's Book Festival Coming Soon!

The Children's Book Festival is right around the corner, and we welcome a new partner in the endeavor this year. The students who attend Claremont After School Programs, better known as CLASP, have provided much of the decorations for this lively event. Each child at the five CLASP sites created a depiction of a mode of transportation, and these colorful renderings will enliven Taylor Hall on Saturday April 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Children's Book Festival committee encourages you to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and others who are young at heart that afternoon to enjoy music, magic, activities, and lots of fun. Taylor Hall is a LARGE space. Let's fill it up!



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Upcoming Claremont Library Events

Saturday, April 28, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Children's Book Festival,

Taylor Hall

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. — Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. — Preschool Story Time