

March 2007

Be a Friend

The Friends of the Mission Hills/Hillcrest Library work to provide services and materials that are not budgeted for by the city of San Diego. The Friends are all volunteers. No money is used for salaries, so 100 percent of our funds are available to help the branch library.

The Friends obtain money from book sales, fund raising events, and membership donations. The Friends also send money to matching funds accounts provided by the city. These accounts match our funds, effectively doubling the money we send.

During the past few years, the Friends have provided money to make up for shortfalls in city funding. To continue to do this and to do even more, we need your help. If you have been a Friend in the past, please renew your membership now. If you have not been a Friend before, please join now. You will find a form attached to this newsletter to fill out and send with your membership contribution. If you can also donate your time, please note that on the form.

Each time you enjoy a book, borrow a movie, listen to an audio recording or bring your children to a library program, remember the Friends. Your enjoyment may be a result of our money and efforts. Please help us by becoming a Friend now.

-Pat Littell, Membership Officer

Remember!

April 19th Friends Program –
Johnnierenee Nelson, poetry reading 7:00pm

March 30th & 31stclosed

Join the Friends

JOIN the Friends during the April-May-June membership drive and get a chance at the **opportunity drawing!**

See the flyer for membership categories and application for the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest library and enter in the April Drawing. Winner to be chosen on 1 May, 2007

Join in the months of April, May or June to have your name entered for that month's raffle prize!

SPRING FLING

Watch for information regarding an all-day fund-raising event in May, sponsored by FoMH-HB Library. The proceeds of **Spring Fling-Gift Day** will be used to upgrade the branch library building (carpet, paint, etc.)

Included in the event will be a used book sale, children's activities, a silent auction of items donated from community businesses and food & refreshments. The evening will bring both a literary presentation and a musical event at a large community venue.

Our fundraising goal for this event is \$20,000.

The Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library is the only cultural and informational public facility in this area.

The Friends hope residents and businesses alike will come together to support the refurbishment of our library.

Mission Hills Library
925 W Washington St
San Diego, CA 92103

Winter Concert a Hit

The sun was shining and Santa Ana conditions made all of San Diego visible from the Park Laurel penthouse overlooking Balboa Park where pianist Ronald Morebello, violinist Nataalka Kytasty, and cellist Yuri Kytasty played at the FoMH-H Branch Library winter fundraising concert. Guests sipped champagne and wine and nibbled cheese donated by Venissimo with bread donated by Bread & Cie at the reception following the event.

We are excited about the success of this home concert, proceeds of which will benefit the Mission Hills Branch Library.

Our branch library is one of the smallest in the City and lacks the performance space other libraries have for community events. Until we have a new, larger facility that makes cultural programming possible, we are hoping to find residents of Mission Hills, Hillcrest, Bankers Hill, Parkwest, Middle Town, and Old Town who are willing to make their homes available for future library concerts.

If you, or someone you know, has a home they would like to share with neighbors and fellow library lovers for library musical events, please call Philip Detwiler, Branch Manager, Mission Hills Branch Library, 619-692-4910. A grand piano is a big plus, but we can bring in a piano if one is not available.

Meet the Author

On February 22, Author Jim Tenuto regaled us with stories of his writing experiences, and gave us an insight into his novel, "*Blood Atonement*." We also were treated to a glimpse of his next one, "*Blood Knots*," which is due to be published in a few months.

Since April is National Poetry Month, our next writer will be poet, performer, public speaker, educator Johnnierenee Nelson. She has six books of poetry to her credit; one of them *A Quest for Kwanzaa*, was heralded as the authoritative genesis of Kwanzaa literature. She entertained us at the library in 2005 and was so good, that at almost 9PM, Philip had to kick out a large crowd. She will be back on April 19, at 7:00 PM.



Hostess Louise Hay (second from the left) enjoying performers (left to right) Ron Morebello and Nataalka and Yuri Kytasty

Library Hours:
 Monday & Wednesday....12:30pm – 8:00pm
 Tuesday & Thursday....9:30am – 5:30pm

Friday 12:30pm – 5:30pm
 Saturday 9:30am – 2:30pm

Every Tuesday morning during the school year....Preschool Story Time 10:30am
 First Thursday of each month..... Friends of the MH-H Library meeting 6:30pm
 First Thursday of each month..... Mission Hills Book Discussion Group 10:00am
 Every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school year.....PJ Story Time 6:00pm
 Third Saturday of each month.....Friends Book Sale 9:30am - 12:30pm
 Fourth Wednesday of each month..... Mission Hills Mystery Book Discussion Group 6:30pm

E-Newsletter Coming

Do the Friends have your email address? We are improving how we do business. Due to the rising costs of printing and mailing our "Branch Buzz" we will soon transition to emailing our newsletter "bcc" email (bcc means the email distribution line will not display any personal email address.)

This will allow us the opportunity to send the "Branch Buzz" more often than in the past.

Please become a member TODAY and give us your email address—we will not disclose it to anyone but will only use it for limited Library communicatins.

Extra Copies will, as before, be available at the Library.

*The Friends collect used cell phones and ink jet cartridges to raise money.
 Also, we always need good used books
 Donations can be dropped off at the library.*