According to City data, 8.9% of the population of Glendale, CA was born in Armenia. Our city has more persons of Armenian ancestry than any other city in the United States. And, of course, the mission of our Library is to serve all of our citizens.

So, how does the Library meet some of the needs of this unique community group? For an answer to this question, the Newsletter turned to Elizabeth Grigorian, Library Assistant/Armenian Outreach Coordinator. She has served full time in this capacity since 2010. Grigorian came to the library as a part-time employee in 2006. Of Armenian descent, Elizabeth was born in Iran. She left Iran 28 years ago and eventually arrived in Glendale. For the past 26 years Elizabeth has been an active member of the Armenian community of the Jewel City. Grigorian’s professional training was not in library sciences; rather, education, mathematics and literature. These skills have served her and the Library well. Since joining the staff, there has been a steady expansion of services to the Armenian Community and a parallel expansion of Armenian cultural events for the Glendale community at large.

With limited space, the Newsletter can only provide our readers with a snapshot of Glendale Public Library’s Armenian Services.

**THE ARMENIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION**

What many readers may not know is that there are, in fact, two Armenian languages; Eastern (Russian) and Western (Ottoman). Both use the same alphabet (an ancient one going back some 2500-2600 years), but words and meaning are often quite different.

Since it began in the early 1980s, the Library’s collection has grown from 500-600 volumes made up of Eastern and Western Armenian fiction and non-fiction. Since that time the collection has continued to expand, a non-circulating reference collection has been established, and a balance has been achieved between the two linguistic variants. Armenian immigrants living in our community have come largely from Armenia, the former Soviet Union, Iraq and Iran. Not surprisingly, the U.S. library system and library etiquette is quite different from these Middle Eastern countries. To bridge the cultural gap, Grigorian has assisted our patrons in the use of the Library and in the use of the Dewey Decimal System.

In our rapidly expanding digital age, it became apparent that many in our Armenian community lacked basic computer skills. It also became apparent that there was nothing available in the Armenian literature to address this problem. This is no longer true. Through Grigorian’s efforts, the Library has created an instructional guide in Armenian titled “How To Use The Computer,” now in its third revision.

**THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COLLECTION**

The Glendale Library possesses a large collection of material related to worldwide genocides and a robust collection of materials pertaining to the Armenian genocide. As such it is available and extensively used by scholars and researchers from around the world.

**CHILDREN’S READING PROGRAMS**

Many Glendale families enjoy the Library’s popular Children’s Storytimes in Armenian and Spanish. Offered every week by librarians and staff, Storytimes are a great way for young children from infants through 2nd graders to enjoy read-aloud stories.

**ARMENIAN CULTURAL OUTREACH**

The Library builds bridges between the diverse groups in our community through a wide variety of programs and activities, many of which are enjoyed by Glendale’s Armenian population. Through lectures, book reviews, musical programs, art shows, dance recitals, movies, classes and reading programs, the Library reaches out and brings Glendalians together. Attendance at our programs has been outstanding and the collections are heavily used. If you haven’t been a part of the activities, the Friends invite you to do so.
Elise Kalfayan, President

FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT

The Friends Board of Directors is looking forward to the Central Library renovation. Funding for the project was approved this summer and plans are being finalized. The Auditorium will be updated and better suited for hosting author and artist events. Our Book Nook book store and Dock Sale operations will be reconfigured to increase visibility and sales.

Send us your email address to help us transition to 21st century communication. We can allocate more funds to library programs if we spend less on printing and postage!

To: info@fgpl.org
From: your preferred email address
Subject: Email Update

My name is – Your name on our membership roster – and you can use my email address for:

✔ Friends newsletters and membership announcements
✔ Library event announcements

I am interested in volunteering:

✔ Book Nook and/or Used Book Sales
✔ Serve on a Friends committee

The Board has also begun work on updating our website. If you’d like to help with our outreach updates and other projects, please keep reading!

STORY TIMES AND BOOK SALES

Several Board members have volunteered to read books at children’s story times beginning this Fall. Our Fundraising Committee is working with branch managers on mini-tree fundraisers for Fall and beyond.

Book sales are going well, thanks to VP Peter Breckheimer and volunteers. Patrons have noticed that our inventory is now refreshed more frequently – we aren’t hanging onto books that don’t sell! A regular time for monthly Dock Sales (2nd Saturday of each month, 9am to noon) and more active online promotion are increasing shoppers and sales. Come early for great finds and the best selection!

OPPORTUNITIES

The Friends Board will be forming committees this fall to work on projects mentioned above, nominations for next year’s Board of Directors. Support our library system: offer your ideas and talents to promote civic life by serving on a Friends committee or the Board. Email us (sample email above) with your areas of interest!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Warm congratulations to Cindy Cleary, Glendale Director of Library, Arts & Culture, who was named one of Business Life Magazine’s 2013 Woman Achievers for the San Fernando/San Gabriel Valley region. As a board, we appreciate her success in managing project planning, approvals, and work on library renovations (Casa Verdugo, Brand Library and the upcoming Central Library – all in the past three years!) in a difficult budget environment. We also appreciate her strong support for the contributions the Glendale Public Library system makes to our civic life.

On hand to congratulate Cindy Cleary (holding her award plaque) are members of the Friends of the Glendale Public Library, Associates of Brand Library, Glendale Arts & Culture Commission, Glendale Educational Foundation, and library staff.

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The City has invested in several renovation projects that promise to sustain library services far into the future. After almost two years the Brand Library & Art Center will reopen in March, 2014. Along with structural and technology upgrades, a new plaza will guide visitors to the library and galleries as well as provide opportunities for outdoor art, music and special events. The Brand Mansion that was once the home of Leslie Brand, one of Glendale’s founding fathers, is being restored to its original grandeur. A robust calendar of programs and exhibits is being planned to celebrate the reopening of this unique and historic library.

The design phase of the long awaited renovation of the Central Library is coming to a close. The plans include a relocation of the east entry to the north with a secondary entrance on the south. These new entrances will improve the Library’s visibility as a civic center in the downtown and as an anchor to the Art and Entertainment District, and enhance our adjacency to the Adult Recreation Center and the upcoming Museum of Neon Art. The plans also include more conference rooms, technology upgrades, auditorium improvements, a remodeled Teen Space, a Maker Space, and a Room dedicated to the history of genocide and the resiliency of the human spirit. Construction is expected to begin in the spring or early summer of 2014.

A great way to find out more about exciting events and programs happening at your library is to download GPL2GO, our mobile application. The application is accessible on any smart mobile device (notebook, tablet & smart phone). You can check your library account, renew materials, check the catalog for titles, place holds, access e-books and e-music, and learn a language. Check it out and see what other features are available at your fingertips!

Another round of thanks to VP Fundraising Vic Pallos, who designed, printed and donated new bookmarks promoting membership in the Friends. He has also donated all of our current membership brochures on display at all library branches.

October 20-26 is National Friends of Libraries week, and we will be celebrating by promoting our recent successes and new initiatives. We’ve budgeted more than $35,000 for library needs during the FY2013-2014 year, covering the costs of the Summer Reading Program and DVD rentals, and contributing to other special programs throughout the year.

We are looking forward to furthering our work with library managers to let the public know all the great work the library does and how the Friends support it. We hope to be present at more library programs throughout the year, and I personally look forward to meeting many of our members at upcoming events.

Cindy Cleary, Director of Libraries

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**The Big Mini Comic Book Workshop**
Saturday, October 26, 11:30 am – 1 pm
Central Library Auditorium
Teens and up will learn about and make a do-it-yourself mini comic with Kyle Neswald, an animation artist who has worked for Disney, Nickelodeon and Warner Bros.

**Forgotten Heroes: The Armenian Legion and WWI**
Central Library Main Floor through October 19
View a traveling exhibit from the Armenian Museum of America in Massachusetts highlighting the efforts of the Armenian Legion, formed during World War I.

**What is 3D Printing?**
Tuesday, October 24, 7 pm,
Central Library Auditorium
3D printing has been in the news a great deal recently and some say it will transform manufacturing. But how does it work, really, and what is the current state of the art? Joan Horvath, VP of Business Development at the Pasadena-based 3D printer company Deezmaker, will describe the current reality of the technology and explore some of the promising possibilities in the consumer realm and also in manufacturing. More info here http://library.ci.glendale.ca.us/featured_events.asp

**The Big Draw Now!**
October Tuesday, October 22 - Wednesday, October 30
Central Library Main Floor
Montrose & Pacific Park Libraries
Library visitors can draw as much or as little as they like for one week during The Big Draw LA month of October.

**It’s Big! Draw Together Glendale**
Saturday, October 19, 10:30 – 11:30 am
Central Library Auditorium
A community drawing project with Kristin Donner, an educator and artist at Nickelodeon.

**Storywalk in Montrose**
November 5 – December 3
Honolulu Avenue & Montrose Library
Take your children on a ½ mile Storywalk from North Verdugo to the Montrose Library along Honolulu Avenue in Montrose and read the charming picture book, Otto The Book Bear, by Katie Cleminson.

**Rising Water**
The Attacking Ocean: The Past, Present and Future of Rising Sea Levels
With Brian Fagan, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, UC Santa Barbara
Wednesday, November 13, 7 pm
Central Library Auditorium
Archaeologist and historian Brian Fagan takes us on a fascinating, lavishly illustrated journey through history that tells the story of how humans have faced the challenges of rising sea levels over the past 10,000 years. This is a story of vanishing landscapes and extreme weather events, of storm surges and cyclones. What are the lessons for today’s warming world? How do we cope? Does history tell us that we can master the ocean?

**Art & Music Sale**
Saturday, November 16, 10 am – 4 pm
Central Library Auditorium
Blow out sale of auction catalogs, books, scores, sheet music, CDs, magazines, and artwork. Preview sale for members of the Friends of the library and the Associates of Brand Library from 9 - 10 am. Buy a Friends or Associates membership at the door for the best selection! Don’t miss it!

**Comedy**
Monday, November 25, 7:00 pm, Central Library Auditorium
The History of Ha! Comedy from Ancient Tricksters to ‘Modern Family’ with David Misch. In one hour, the author presents a “some-holds-barred” survey of absolutely everything funny that’s ever happened. From ancient Greece to “Modern Family”, Mr. Misch looks at what comedy is, where it comes from and where it’s going (oddly enough, to Philadelphia).
Support Your Library: Join Friends

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! SIGN UP TO RECEIVE NEWS OF LIBRARY EVENTS...

The Friends continue to invite speakers and sponsor great author and artist events throughout the year. Featured are events scheduled so far for Fall 2013.

The Glendale Public Library uses a separate email database to announce these events to everyone who signs up to receive the news, free!

The Friends Board would like to collect more of our members’ email addresses in order to reach out regularly at lower cost, allowing us to return more of our membership and book sale funds back to library programming.

Please take a minute to send us your email address: email info@fogpl.org and include your name as we have it listed. Also feel free to include comments or suggestions, and let us know if you’d like to volunteer for a Friends activity, in the Book Nook, on a committee, or at an event!

If you would like to receive the Library’s regular email announcements about events throughout the year, visit http://library.ci.glendale.ca.us/events_email_list.asp and sign up.

In both cases, your email will be confidential and not used or forwarded to any other parties!

by VP Membership Bree Moseley

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The Officers and Board of the Friends of the Glendale Public Library

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For more information call 818-548-2030 or visit the Library Administration Office on the second floor of the Central Library.
When I was a child, the only good thing about getting sick was being read to by my parents. My dad used to read the Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling, and Dr. Seuss’ The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins. My mom read me A.A. Milne poems, and Ludwig Bemelmans’ Madeline. Actually, they must have read other things to me as well, but those are the ones I still hear in my heart.

My fourth grade teacher read Hugh Lofting’s Dr. Doolittle to our class if we were good. I remember that as the best thing about being nine. As a summer camp counselor there were ghost stories around the campfire. And when my husband and I were young and newly in love, he sometimes read out loud to me on long drives.

Once the babies came I read to them of course, but no one read back. Eventually, the only stories I heard were on talk-radio.

Then recently, my daughter, who lives six hours away, got sick and hospitalized.

I had to make that drive several times, stressed, sleep deprived, jumpy and alone. Luckily, a librarian friend suggested I check out the audio books at the library. So I did and the collection was amazing.

I loaded up with audio versions of classic novels and contemporary short stories, funny and serious and even a tiny bit of non-fiction; books I’d never heard of, books I’d been meaning to read, and others I’d read long ago. Everything was, of course, free.

All the way up north, and all the way back home, I listened to those CDs. Being read to calmed me, distracted me from my anxiety, and kept me company.

The readers never got cranky or tired. They never minded repeating a passage if my mind had wandered. They waited patiently while I got gas and they resumed reading from exactly where they’d left off. They weren’t even offended when I cut them off to switch to another book.

The stories carried me safely up and back, up and back, up and back.

My daughter is fine now, and I’m regaining my balance. I’m grateful to medical science for my daughter’s recovery. For mine, I credit the healing power of audio books. Those stories got me through.

Amy Goldman Koss

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