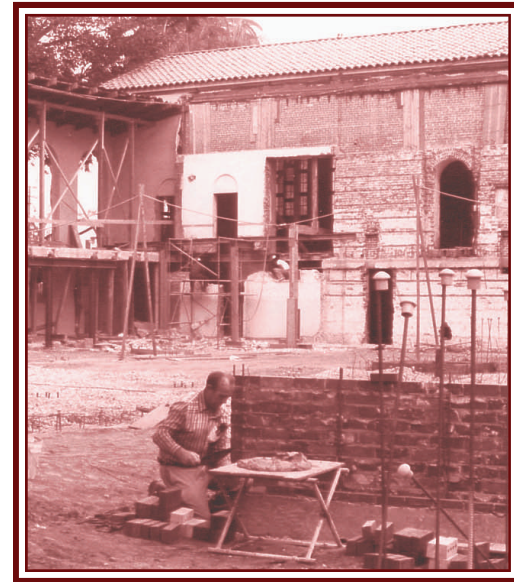


**Nellie Keith, First Librarian at Circulation Desk circa 1910**

South Pasadena Public Library Local History Archives photograph



**The Board of Trustees  
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Presents  
Volunteer Recognition Day  
March 23, 2007**



**25<sup>th</sup>  
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**of  
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*Welcome to...*

*Volunteer  
Recognition Day*

March 23, 2007

Presented by  
The Board of Trustees  
South Pasadena Public Library

Welcome to our Annual Library Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. The South Pasadena Library Trustees and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library sponsor this event to honor you, our library volunteers, who generously contributed over 10,017 hours of volunteer service last year. Our library could not do the outstanding job it does for the community without you. With much gratitude, we thank you for your dedicated service to our Library.

Linda Puchalski, President  
Library Board of Trustees

*Excerpt from -*

*The South Pasadena Public Library,  
Its First Hundred Years, 1895-1995*

by Jane Apostol

"Volunteers spent more than 1,100 hours packing and unpacking more than 85,000 books for the move across the street or into storage, then back to the new library when it was completed. At the time of the two moves, the Friends sold items no longer needed by the library, such as old shelving, prints, and adding machines, and raised about \$17,000 for new furniture and supplies.

South Pasadenans held the old building in affectionate regard; so they were pleased to learn that much of the exterior would be preserved, and that arches, columns, and finials copied from the old structure would be repeated in the new. Patrons were especially happy that what had been the main reading room, with its handsome vaulted ceiling and painted beams, would be kept for use as a community room. Its entrance is on El Centro, and the library entrance is on the opposite side of the building, at 1100 Oxley Street.

A two-story atrium has replaced the original rotunda, but the framework of the old skylight is still in use. It now holds a stained-glass inset whose colorful design suggests the orange tree on the city seal. Some of the old furniture also continues in use. The Friends raised money to repair and refinish the library's oak tables and chairs—most of them a half century old, and a few dating back to 1908. Local craftsman Brad Bryce transformed the venerable circulation desk, using the oak to build exhibition cases.

The restored and renovated building, with 24,500 square feet of floor space, is almost six times larger than the Carnegie library. Construction was financed by \$1.9 million in CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) tax increments. New furniture and equipment were paid for with money raised in the community by the Friends of the Library. The Friends also appealed for contributions to pay for the skylight and the stained-glass panels at the Library entrance. The two fund-raising drives, and two moving day sales sponsored by the Friends, brought in more than \$55,000. The South Pasadena Rotary Club raised another \$6,000 to benefit the children's department and to provide comfortable chairs in the reading area.

Through all the planning for the new library, Henry J. ("Duke") Wheeler was president of the library board. He spearheaded the drive for a new library, served as liaison with the city council, and inspired the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club. 'I don't think the Library would be standing today if it weren't for Duke Wheeler,' said City Librarian Jean Jones."

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# Volunteer Recognition Day

Program



Lunch

Welcome and Introduction

Presentation

by the

Mayor of South Pasadena, Michael Cacciotti

Volunteer of the Year Awards



Gary Kurutz,  
Keynote  
Speaker

Closing Remarks

## About Gary Kurutz...

Since 1980, Kurutz has served as Curator of Special Collections of the California State Library in Sacramento. Special Collections includes the California History Section, Sutro Library, General Rare Book Collection, and Preservation Office. Previously, he held positions as Head Librarian, Sutro Library; Library Director, California Historical Society in San Francisco, and Bibliographer of Western Americana at the Henry E. Huntington Library in San Marino. Additionally, he serves as Executive Director of the California State Library Foundation. He has received awards from The Book Club of California, California Historical Society, Commonwealth Club of California, Oregon-California Trails Association, and the Sacramento County Historical Society.

Kurutz has written extensively on California history subjects including *California Calls You: The Art of Promoting the Golden State*; *Knights of the Lash: The Stagecoach Stories of Major Benjamin C. Truman*; *The California Gold Rush: A Descriptive Bibliography of Books and Pamphlets Covering the Years 1848-1853*, and *The Architectural Terra Cotta of Gladding, McBean*. He has written over one hundred articles for scholarly and library related publications. He now teaches a class called "The Book in the West" for the California Rare Book School at UCLA.

A native of La Cañada, California, Kurutz received an M.A. in history from the University of San Diego and a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Southern California.



## Volunteer of the Year Awards

*Sieg Lindstrom* has been a volunteer in the Friends Bookstore for five years. He was active in his family's bookstore for 51 years before joining us. He faithfully works a regular shift from 12 to 2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday each month. In addition, he graciously serves as a substitute staffer whenever other volunteers cannot serve their shifts. His other locations as a volunteer include the Huntington Library, the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and Calvary Presbyterian Church.



One might describe *Jane Rosen* as a dual purpose volunteer. She works in the Friends Bookstore and also assists with the Library's historical archives. Jane had a career as a special education teacher for twenty-six years and has a special talent for helping people. She works the closing shift from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on the first, third and fifth Fridays. She generously makes herself available to assist in other Bookstore activities, such as periodically weeding shelf categories and processing donations.

## Volunteer of the Year Awards (cont'd)

*Robert Xwan* was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the San Fernando Valley. He is a fifth generation Californian, and he believes that his great-great grandfather came over from China to work on railroad construction to help build the American West in the 1860s. Robert is a longtime Library patron. While Robert was growing up, he enjoyed playing tennis on weekends with his family at Arroyo Seco Park in nearby Highland Park, and spent many hours reading at the Arroyo Seco Regional Library. Robert earned his undergraduate degree in history from Yale and his law degree from Hastings College of Law, University of California. Robert also holds a master's degree in taxation law from Georgetown. Before Robert was sworn in as a judge last month, he had been a practicing lawyer for over 27 years, working as a civil rights and tax lawyer for the U.S. Department of Justice and as a private practitioner in general law practice. Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit appointed Robert to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California in Santa Ana as one of 3 federal bankruptcy judges serving Orange County (with a population of over 3 million).

Robert has been an active volunteer in bar association and local community activities. Robert is a three-time trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and has served on many bar association committees. Robert just finished 14 years of service as a South Pasadena City Commissioner: Cultural Heritage Commissioner (4 years, including 2 years as chair), Planning Commissioner (6 years, including 3 years as Chair), and Library Trustee (4 years, including 2 years as Board President). Robert chaired the Planning Commission when it helped the City complete its first comprehensive update and overhaul of the general plan and zoning code in over 30 years. While on the Library Board, Robert helped select two new City Librarians and chaired the campaign committee to pass Measure L in 2005 to extend the Library parcel tax for 6 years to support existing levels of funding to keep the Library open seven days a week. Robert has also served on the Board of Directors of the South Pasadena Chinese American Club (including 2 years as President) and of the Friends of the Chinese American Museum in Los Angeles. Robert was also a parent volunteer for the South Pasadena High School Marching Band for many years while his children were in the band (his daughter Margaret was drum major for 3 years). Robert and his wife, Grace, are avid library patrons, visiting the Library every week, and they also enjoy the Restoration Concerts at the Library as regular subscribers.



Over 250 Hours

Dorothy Cohen  
Beverly Engler  
Marcy Kingman  
Helen Martin  
Jane Rosen  
Kay Rosser  
Bob Stauffer  
Genevieve Wong

150-249 Hours

Kathy Folsom  
Beverly Gillette  
Susan Serrano  
Mary Lee Suter  
Yvonne Voisin

100-149 Hours

Laurie Astle  
Leeann Davis  
Kristen Dube  
Jane A. Goforth  
Jessica Magnuson  
Frederica Miller  
Kris Morrish  
Ann Penn  
Linda Puchalski  
Charles Young

50-99 Hours

Nicole Amorsolo  
Rose Barron  
Marcia Battin  
Irene Briggs  
Jane Cavenagh  
Daniel Chae  
Kylie Chen  
Cassidy Combs  
Bill Cook  
Joanne Eccleston  
Nancy Elsaesser  
Mary Engler  
Connie Flanders

Marie Goldwhite  
Barbara Holland  
Ann Jilg  
Amber Jimenez  
Hannah Kan  
Robert Kwan  
Roby Laurence  
Sieg Lindstrom  
Linda Long  
Jane Lu  
Traci Matsumoto  
Dorene Ng  
Elliot Oh  
Cyndie Rapoza-Riegel  
Laura Reister  
Kayla Riley  
Marcia Sainer  
Eri Sato  
Barbara Sato  
Natalie Scholz  
Poppy Seastrom  
Jean Shetler  
Betty Steen  
Kim Surh  
Lorie Vanderwall  
Elizabeth von Bibra  
Elizabeth Warner

26-49 Hours

Alya Ahmad  
Leyla Amiri  
Scott Astle  
Ethel Axtman  
Shireen Chang  
Jean Covalt  
Caitlin Cunningham  
Erica Ehrlich  
Camille Endacott  
Nicole Endacott  
Ann Erler  
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Ron Folsom  
Bill Girouard  
Erica Heath

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Chloe Hsia  
Lisa Huang  
Gloria Kim  
Jim Kingman  
Allison Kong  
Lois Lei  
Judy Levstik  
Yim T. Lew  
Annette Lynch  
Edward Markytan  
Toni Osborn  
Linda Pauloo  
Marisa Plescia  
Veronica Ponce de Leon  
Edward Robert  
Catherine Romberger  
Phil Saeta  
Idamae Schwimmer  
Christina Seto  
Anne Snyder  
Kelsey Tanizaki  
Katherine Urmann  
Nicole Woo  
Sabrina Wu  
Janet Xu

Up to 25 Hours

Anthony Ascheris  
James Astle  
Karen Bachand  
Mary Bart  
Joe Butler  
Justin Carleton  
Clelia Chevalier  
Oi-Man Chiu  
Enita Chow  
Susan Coltrin  
Anne Devereaux  
Russell Devita  
Mark Engler  
Janet Ervin  
Jane Ettinger

Cynthia Field  
Brad Field  
Art Flemming  
Lauren Flemming  
Elizabeth Henson  
Maryan Hesabgar  
Sampson Hill  
Peggy Huang  
Marie Hughes  
Carol Hyland  
Iris Jeong  
Gloria Kilian  
Kay Kittredge  
Paige Kunitake  
Jenny Le-Nghiem  
Margaret Leong  
Andrew Lippman  
Eliza Milio  
Francis Nepomuceno  
Amanda Osman  
Gary Penn  
Tom Placido  
Donna Potts  
Gretchen Robinette  
Neil Rosser  
Lauren Saint  
Jacqueline Sanchez  
Abigail Scherer  
Don Schmiedeberg  
Patricia Schmiedeberg  
Christy Shrader  
Karen Sima  
Mae Smith  
Bill Suter  
Sally Swan  
Jennifer Tanaka  
Robert Tryon  
Jo Vacca  
Scott Van Sant  
Margaret Wallace  
Margaret Webb  
Lulu Wong

Note: Please let us know if any hours need updating or amending.



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*Friends Bookstore Anniversary*

Twenty-five years ago when the Friends of the South Pasadena Library opened their Bookstore for business on the second floor of the rebuilt library, it was hoped some day to achieve sales of \$12,000 a year, or roughly twice as much as the Friends' traditional annual lawn sale had netted.

Looking forward to its silver anniversary in July, the Friends Bookstore volunteers can take great satisfaction not only in the 2006 revenues of \$56,389, but also in the fact that their total efforts since 1982 have generated approximately \$750,000 benefiting the Library. It takes between 60 to 65 volunteers to process donations and staff the Bookstore seven days a week.

"Congratulations and Thank You, to each and every volunteer!"



*Bookstore Steering Committee*

*Dorothy Cohen, Chair*

Beverly Engler, Mary Engler, Marcy Kingman,  
Jessica Magnuson, Robert Stauffer, Marcia Sainer,  
Mary Lee Suter, and Yvonne Voisin

In 2006, the Bookstore volunteers contributed 4,775 hours. The Bookstore earned an official \$56,389 during 2006 marking a \$3,837 increase over that made in 2005. Bookstore activities included: silent auctions, vintage book sales, record album sales, cookbook and romance sales and a holiday gift book preview and sale. All monies go into the Friends' treasury and are spent for the Library's benefit by the Friends' Board of Directors.

## *Restoration Concerts Committee*

Kathy Folsom and Kay Rosser, Co-Chairs  
Laurie Astle, Shireen Chang, Ann Erler, Connie Flanders,  
Ann Penn, Cynthia Thiel, and Yvonne Voisin

The Restoration Concert Series is in its 11th year and is proud to present 6 concerts a year in the Community Room. In addition, the Committee is in the process of fundraising for a new piano for the Community Room.



## *2006 Summer Reading Program*

1,997 children and teens were involved in the reading program in 2006. For the entire summer, 42 program volunteers worked approximately 1,507 total hours during the 8 week session. They were supported by the generous contributions of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc., various contributors from the Community and other generous supporters from local businesses.

## *Grandparents and Books Read-Aloud*

5 devoted, highly skilled grandparents enchanted young audiences with 69 hours of reading sessions throughout the year.

## *South Pasadena Beautiful*

Their dedication and support enhances the beauty of our Library. The group provides input on the surrounding landscape, waters plants, and annually supplies beautiful poinsettias during the holiday season.



*Special thanks to...*

Artists' Inn

California State Library

City of South Pasadena

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## *Proclamation*

### **Library Volunteer Recognition Day March 23, 2007**

- WHEREAS,** the Library Board of Trustees values the enormous contributions made each year by library volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** Many of the programs and services offered by the library such as Grandparents and Books, the Summer Reading Program, the Restoration Concert Series, the Friends Bookstore, special book sales, and highly artistic printed materials would not be possible without volunteer assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** 167 volunteers donated more than 10,017 hours in 2006 assisting and augmenting library staff with these activities and programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the hours that volunteers contribute to the library not only help provide services that could not otherwise be offered, they also support staff "behind the scenes," freeing library staff to devote more time to directly serving the public and performing duties that they would not otherwise be able to do;

**Now, therefore, I, Philip Putnam, Mayor of South Pasadena, California, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2007**

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY**

And do commend and thank all library volunteers for their many hours of dedicated service and hard work.

Philip Putnam, Mayor