

FRIENDS OF SAN PEDRO LIBRARY

SUMMER 2015

THE PERFECT GENTLEMEN SING US INTO SUMMER

An award-winning barbershop quartet, **The Perfect Gentlemen**, will bring their harmonies and humor to San Pedro Library **Sunday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room.**

Their repertoire harkens back to the days of vaudeville as they recreate the close harmony of a bygone

era. Lead

singer

Jim

Campbell,

Frank

Romeo

on bass,

Drew

Tablak on

tenor, and John Racca, baritone, remind us of a time when music was singable.

Formed in 1998, the quartet has performed shows in cities across the United States, made several concert tours of the United Kingdom, played numerous cities across Brazil with the Jazz Festival, and headlined aboard cruise ships on the Holland America Line. Corporate clients have included Disney Entertainment Productions, the Rose Bowl Foundation, and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Their show "100 Years of Harmony: A Salute to the 20th Century" has been part of the arts education series of the Los Angeles Music Center, the Orange County Performing Arts Center's Arts Teach, Performances To Grow On, and Young Audiences of Kern County.

A typical performance by the The Perfect Gentlemen showcases the group's versatility, whether singing a capella or playing their antique Deagan Organ Chimes. These congenial gentlemen really know how to entertain! Remember: **Sunday, May 17.**



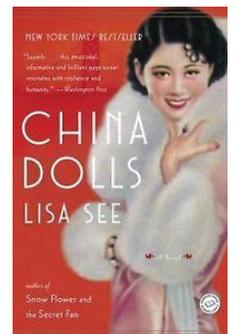
SAN PEDRO LIBRARY JOINS THE 21ST CENTURY

When San Pedro Library was built in 1983, laptops, WiFi, the internet, Facebook, Twitter, Xbox, Play Station, smart phones, e-books, and numerous other devices we take for granted today were either not in existence or not in common use. Today's library is expected to offer much more than neatly shelved books. Patrons come to the library to use their mobile technology in doing research or seeking employment on-line, down-loading information, checking and sending e-mail, and many other activities that require modern electrical capabilities.

For six weeks San Pedro Library was closed while technicians brought our facility up to date with thirty-eight newly installed three-pronged outlets with USB ports at each station. The library reopened April 20 to cheers from patrons who had been waiting to "plug in."

LISA SEE AND CHINA DOLLS CHARM A FULL HOUSE

For her second visit to San Pedro and the Grand Annex author Lisa See had another full house and fans not wanting her presentation to stop. Ms. See spoke only briefly about the plot of her latest novel, *China Dolls*, and concentrated on the research she did to write her story of three young Asian-American women seeking a place in San Francisco's café scene in the late 1930's. Her stories of the interviews she had with the real singers and dancers, now in their nineties, brought to life the excitement of the famous Forbidden City as well as the discrimination rampant on the eve of World War II.



LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS NATION'S HIGHEST LIBRARY HONOR

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently announced the Los Angeles Public Library as a recipient of this year's National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given each year to five libraries and five museums for service to the community. For twenty-one years the award has celebrated institutions that present extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service to make a difference for individuals, families, and communities. The award will be presented at an event in Washington, D. C. in May.

The Los Angeles Public Library was selected for its success in meeting the needs of Angelenos and providing an outstanding level of social, educational, and cultural services to patrons of its seventy-three branches throughout the city. The award recognizes the library's programs that help people gain citizenship, earn their high school diploma, manage their personal finances, and access health and well-being services and resources.

When the Los Angeles Public Library accepts the award in Washington, D.C. at the May celebration, community members Sergio and Francisca Sanchez will also attend to share the impact the library has had on their lives. The Sanchezes, who emigrated from Mexico, achieved their life-long dream of becoming United States citizens through the Los Angeles Public Library's "Your Path to Citizenship" program.

After the ceremony, StoryCorps—a national non-profit dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans—will visit the Los Angeles Public Library to document stories from the community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EXCELLENT PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM!



Welcome New Life Members
Jim Higgs
Alice Schmidt

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PRESENT

The Perfect Gentlemen *Barbershop Quartet*

A typical performance by the Perfect Gentlemen includes marvelous melodious music mingled with masterful mirth, mischief, and merry-making



The Perfect Gentlemen provide the perfect blend of harmony and humor in a family friendly show that harkens back to the days of vaudeville

Preserving America's great vocal sounds, the Perfect Gentlemen recreate the close barbershop harmony of the good old days

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

2:00 P.M.

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