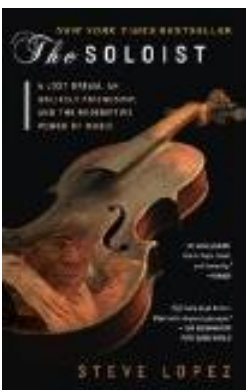


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WINTER 2015

## Los Angeles Times COMES TO SAN PEDRO WITH COLUMNIST STEVE LOPEZ

Although most readers of the *Los Angeles Times* know author Steve Lopez primarily as a columnist, Mr. Lopez is an award-winning writer in other genres. His best-selling book, *The Soloist*, about his relationship with

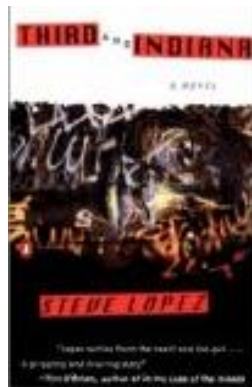


Nathaniel Ayers, a brilliant but schizophrenic cellist and violinist, was the subject of an inspirational and well-received film of the same title starring Robert Downey, Jr. and Jamie Foxx. The book won the PEN USA award for literary non-fiction.

The relationship of the two men was also the subject of a report on CBS's *60 Minutes*. Two of the writer's other novels include *Third and Indiana* and *The Sunday Macaroni Club*, both set in Philadelphia, where he was on the staff of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

*Third and Indiana* was Mr. Lopez' first novel.

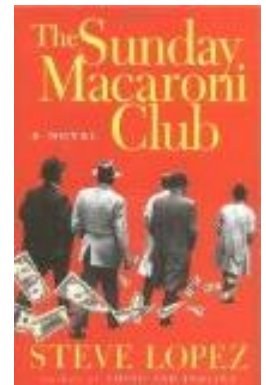
It is set in the real life neighborhood of Third Street and Indiana Avenue, in the Fairhill section of Philadelphia, an area known for the prevalence of drug dealers. The protagonist, Gabriel Santoro, is a fourteen-year-old boy who runs away from home and deals drugs on the street. The story follows his awakening and his efforts to escape from a life of drugs and violence.



In *The Sunday Macaroni Club* Assistant District Attorney Lisa Savitch is assigned to nail the Club, made up of members of an old political machine led by a former senator with a conviction for fraud, now a political consultant. Why, Lisa wonders, are we going after these has-beens when there are so many current problems in the city.

Mr. Lopez was born in Pittsburg, California, and

attended San Jose State University, from which he received an honorary degree in 2011. In addition to the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, he has also been on the staff of the *San Jose Mercury News*, and the *Oakland Tribune*. He has won many national journalism awards, including the H. L. Menken and Ernie Pyle awards, and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for columns on elder care and his father's declining health. He also won three local news Emmys and a share of the Columbia DuPont Award for his civic affairs reporting at KCET TV in Los Angeles.



**Los Angeles Times Columnist  
Steve Lopez**

**Sunday, January 18, 2015, 2:00 p.m.  
Grand Annex, 434 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Members will be sent reservation forms**

## BOOK QUIZ FUN WITH ANAGRAMS

An **anagram** is a type of word play, the result of rearranging the letters of a word or phrase to produce a new word or phrase, using all the original letters exactly once; for example, dirty room = dormitory. Here are some literary anagrams.

- | Anagram                            | Book Title |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Wander Apace (Tolstoy)          | _____      |
| 2. The Granters (Camus)            | _____      |
| 3. Sly Uses (Joyce)                | _____      |
| 4. Glass Daughter (Rand)           | _____      |
| 5. Alarm Sirens Eliot)             | _____      |
| 6. Greet with Hushing (Bronte)     | _____      |
| 7. (The) Tasty Beggar (Fitzgerald) | _____      |
| 8. A Fatal Worm Reels (Hemingway)  | _____      |
| 9. Meet Trains (Lewis)             | _____      |
| 10. Wrist Violet (Dickens)         | _____      |
| 11. Daily Saying (Faulkner)        | _____      |
| 12. Menace of Mind (Steinbeck)     | _____      |

Anagram                      Clue to Name of Author

13. Let no brother act (A famous sister)  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Muscatel bar (French/Algerian writer)  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. A hag is theatric (Queen of mysteries)  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. His lens cracked (Prolific Victorian)  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. He was minty green (He loved bulls)  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Teacup matron (He loved Tiffany's)  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. A bitter export (She loved rabbits)  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Real ill crows (Alice's friend)  
\_\_\_\_\_

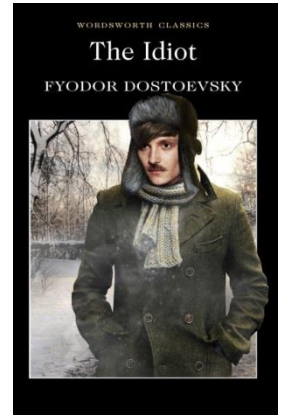
For more fun: Create an anagram with your name.

**Answers to Book Quiz are on Page 5.**

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The San Pedro Library Book Club followed their summer reading classic, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, with *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, by Anne Brontë, least known of the famous Brontë sisters. Members are now deeply engrossed in Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *The Idiot*.

The titular character, 26-year-old [Prince Lev Nikolayevich Myshkin](#), the son of one of Russia's noblest families, who suffers from epilepsy, returns to Russia after spending several years at a Swiss [sanatorium](#). Distained by the society of [St. Petersburg](#), he finds himself involved in struggles he can barely grasp with his trusting nature and naïvete. Unfortunately, Myshkin's goodness leads to disaster.



## BEEP BEEP! LOOK SHARP! THE BOOK BIKE IS COMING!

Have you seen Ednita Kelly, Children's Librarian, riding around San Pedro on the library's new book bike? She covers a lot of territory and will probably be coming to an area near you to give away books



and spread the word about the many programs at San Pedro Regional Branch Library. Ednita gives away up to 100 books on each of her rides and receives many smiles. Friends of San Pedro

Library sponsored the branding of the vehicle to resemble a Los Angeles Public Library card.



Last year's performance of The Select Sorority Act One, featuring Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Dolley Madison, and Sarah Polk, as portrayed by the Palos Verdes American Association of University Women Readers



Theater, was so well received that there was a clamor for Act Two. That program will be presented **Saturday, February 21, 2:00 p.m.** in the Community



Room, when Readers Theater

returns to portray Lucy Hayes, the first college-educated First Lady; Frances Cleveland, the youngest First Lady and the only one to be married in the White House; Helen Taft, whose ambition for her husband led him to the White House; and Edith Wilson, who was First Lady during World War I and who virtually ran the White House after her husband's stroke.



## TEEN BOOK CLUB

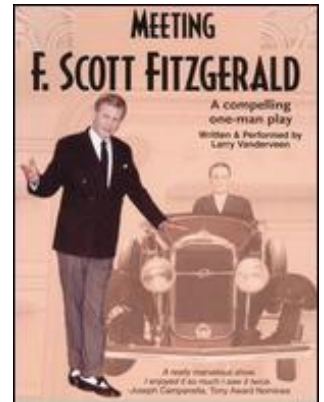
Young Adult Librarian

Jennifer Stapleton announces the formation of a reading club for teens. The group started in March and has grown steadily. Some of the titles read include the *Divergent* trilogy by Veronica Roth, *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky, and *The Maze Runner* by James Dasher.

Books are free to teens wishing to join in the monthly club meetings held the **first Monday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.** Books are provided by Friends of San Pedro Library.

## MEET THE GREAT GATSBY!

Actor and writer Larry Vanderveen will assume the role of legendary novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald in a one-man show exploring the life and times of the man who wrote one of the classic American novels, *The Great Gatsby* **Saturday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.** in the Community Room.



"Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald" examines the author's troubled

relationship with his devoted wife Zelda, his romance with Hollywood gossip writer Sheilah Graham, and his complex friendship with author Ernest Hemingway.

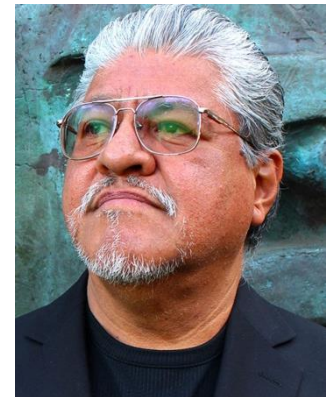
Mr. Vanderveen uses the novelist's own words and quotes from intimates to present a view of Fitzgerald through the device of the novelist speaking to a Los Angeles literary club in December 1940.



## OUR NEW LOS ANGELES POET LAUREATE

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently appointed Louis J. Rodriguez as Poet Laureate of the City. Mr. Rodriguez is the City's second poet laureate, succeeding Eloise Klein Healy.

During his two-year term he will compose poems to Los Angeles, hold poetry readings, host classes and workshops at public library branches, and serve as a cultural ambassador.



## STOP AND TAKE A LOOK

New art work adorns the walls of San Pedro Library in the Children’s area and along the book check-out exit path. It comes from San Pedro Art Center and is the work of adults with special needs. The Exceptional Children’s Foundation operates four Art Centers in Los Angeles County. San Pedro is fortunate to have one of them at 1125 South Gaffey Street.

The Art Center program encourages, assists, and supports personal artistic development for adults with developmental disabilities. The Centers provide full-day programming five days a week with professional instructors in studio facilities.

Art instruction is offered in a variety of media, such as watercolor, oil, pen and ink, printmaking, and ceramics. In addition to art instruction, the Art Centers offer help with independent living skills, counseling, and behavior management.

## MOSLEY AND MCKINZIE— WHAT A TEAM!

Friends of San Pedro Library welcomed guest speakers Henrietta Mosley and Martha Austin McKinzie at the Annual Dinner, October 24, at Ports O’ Call Restaurant. Ms. Mosley is the author of *Point Fermin Lighthouse Families*; Ms. McKinzie is the descendant of one of the families that kept the light. Each gave a fresh perspective on the history of one of San Pedro’s most cherished landmarks.

Guests learned about the history of Point Fermin Lighthouse, dined on grilled salmon, roasted chicken, or vegan fare, enjoyed the music of keyboardist Tom Bellizia, had a sing-along of “Harbor Lights,” heard a report on the excellence of San Pedro Regional Branch Library, learned of coming events, elected board members who will serve next year, had a drawing for the beautiful centerpieces created by Gloria Henderson, and received free books of their choosing.

An excellent time was had by all.

## A FREE YEAR’S MEMBERSHIP

As announced at the Annual Dinner, each member of Friends of San Pedro Library who recruits a new member will receive a year’s free membership. Ask your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, association members to join us in promoting and supporting the excellent work done at San Pedro Library by our dedicated librarians. Membership dues allow the Friends to pay for programs and projects beyond the library’s regular budget—book clubs, teen and children’s programs, new chairs and venetian blinds for the Community Room, new books that remain in San Pedro Library, magazines, and performance fees for speakers and musicians that delight audiences at the Friends monthly programs.

Membership forms are available at the library. List your name as “Referred By \_\_\_\_\_.”

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## Winter Thoughts

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?” John Steinbeck

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” Edith Sitwell

## NOTES FROM THE GETTY MUSEUM

**Spectacular Rubens: The Triumph of the Eucharist** is currently showing at the Getty Museum through January 11, 2015.

In the early 1620's Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens designed a series of monumental tapestries, *The Triumph of the Eucharist*, for the governor-general of the Netherlands, the Infanta Isabel

Clara  
Eugenia.  
This exhibition reunites several of Rubens' preparatory oil sketches for this



commission with four of the corresponding tapestries from the Madrid church for which they were made. Vivid and dynamic, the Eucharist series reveals the enormous powers of invention of a brilliant artist who helped define the Baroque. (Information from the Getty Museum web site).

The Getty Museum is located at 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049  
(310) 440-7300. Tuesday–Friday and Sunday  
10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
**Closed Mondays**

### Book Quiz Answers—Anagrams

1. *War and Peace*
2. *The Stranger*
3. *Ulysses*
4. *Atlas Shrugged*
5. *Silas Marner*
6. *Wuthering Heights*
7. *The Great Gatsby*
8. *A Farewell to Arms*
9. *Main Street*
10. *Oliver Twist*
11. *As I Lay Dying*
12. *Of Mice and Men*
13. Charlotte Brontë
14. Albert Camus
15. Agatha Christie
16. Charles Dickens
17. Ernest Hemingway
18. Truman Capote
19. Beatrix Potter
20. Lewis Carroll

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The public is invited to board meetings the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

### Library Hours

<b>Monday:</b>	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday:</b>	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Hooray! As you can see, our library hours have been fully restored!

### Welcome New Life Members

*Adam Dishkin*  
*Marilyn Falcon*  
*JoAnn Kostelas*

I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and find a good book.

Groucho Marx

# Membership Application

## Friends of the San Pedro Library

Yes, I want to  join  renew

### Annual Membership:

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|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership     | \$20.00  |
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