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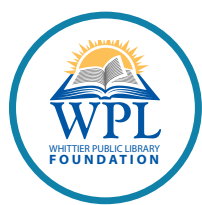
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News

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Alert! Save the Date!

April 21st at 5:00 P.M., David Kipen will join us at Central Library to talk about his book *Dear Los Angeles: The City in Diaries and Letters, 1542 to 2818*. Kipen is a cultural historian and an avid scholar of our great city of Los Angeles.

As noted by UCLA, where he teaches writing, "Kipen began his career as manager of the Nu-art Theater in his native Los Angeles. He holds a degree in Literature from Yale University, and served as Book Editor/Critic for the San Francisco Chronicle and Director of Literature for the National Endowment for the Arts

before joining Writing Programs at UCLA. His areas of expertise include the literatures of California, Los Angeles and the West; Pynchon studies; urbanism; film; modern and contemporary American literature; Latin American literature; Western history; the Federal Writers Project of the WPA; and the practice of lexicography and quotation.

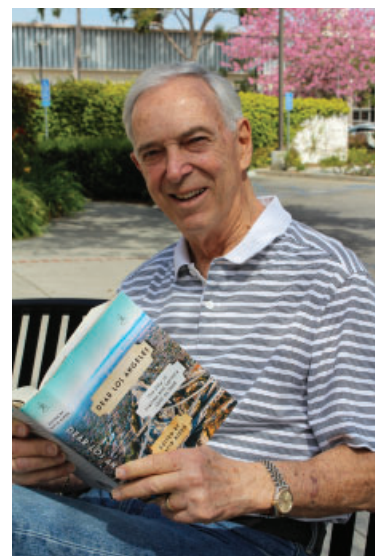
"He is the author of *The Schreiber Theory: A Radical Rewrite of American Film History* (Melville House, 2006); a translation from the Spanish of Cervantes' novella *The Dialogue of the Dogs* (Melville House, 2009); and introductions or chapters of books including reissues of the WPA guides to California, Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego (UC Press). His teaching includes the course 'Defining California: From Bierce's *The Devil's Dictionary* to Wikipedia.'"

Kipen, an L.A. native and a critic at large for the Los Angeles Times, founded **Libros Schmibros**, a nonprofit lending library in Boyle Heights, in 2010.

After his presentation at Central, Mr. Kipen will join us at the Friendly Hills Country Club, where a dinner will be held in his honor. A silent auction will take place from 6:30 to 7:30. Tickets for the dinner are available now, \$55 for WPLF members, \$60 for nonmembers.

Get your tickets now for the 17th annual *Whittier Reads* festival of reading and enjoy this unique perspective on the history of Los Angeles.

Norm Kirschenbaum, President
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More Whittier Reads Programming . . .



Scott Michaels of Dearly Departed Tours

“Dearly Departed Tours’ founder Scott Michaels is the authority on the Dark Side of Hollywood.’ He talks knowledgeably about Manson, Janis, Whitney and Michael; and he has stories about lesser known celebrities who made “even more spectacular exits.” His Dearly Departed tour has earned 5-star ratings.”

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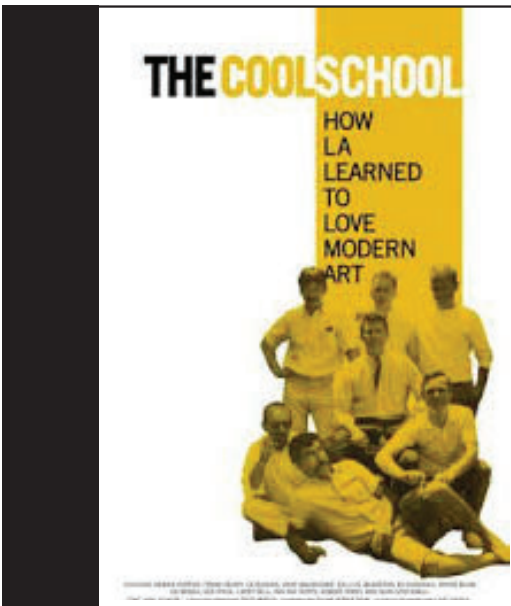
**Dearly Departed Los Angeles: Lost People & Places of the City of Angels
Branch • Wednesday, April 8 • 6:30 • Free tickets at both libraries.**

Book Group discussion of Dear Los Angeles

Wednesday Night Book Group

Central Library • Wednesday, April 15 • 6:30 • Free

(Mr. Kipen will *not* be present.)



The Cool School

“... This IS the film if you want a crash course on LA’s hipster art scene of the mid ‘50s and late ‘60s. Thoroughly enjoyable from beginning to end. ...After seeing the film, I suggest going to Barney’s Beanery in West Hollywood — to look up the ghosts.” Review of The Cool School by Steve Belgard

The Cool School: How LA Learned to Love Modern Art

A REEL CLUB documentary

Branch • Thursday, April 16 • 6:30 • Free tickets at both libraries.

Maps of Los Angeles

“Glen Creason is the map librarian in the History & Genealogy department at the Los Angeles Central Library, a post he has held since 1979. He is also the author of Los Angeles in Maps and is a guest writer for many publications such as Los Angeles Magazine, additionally serving as a public speaker on the topics of maps, local history, and music. Creason is featured in Susan Orlean’s chronicle of the Central Library, The Library Book. Since 2014, Creason has been the star of a Los Angeles Public Library series called Stories from the Map Cave.”

from Wikipedia

Maps of Los Angeles presentation by Map Historian Glen Creason

Branch • Wednesday, April 29 • 6:30 • Free tickets at both libraries.



Stories from Dear Whittier

Lunch @ the Library

Central • Thursday, April 30 • 12:00 • Free • Bring a sack lunch.

Dessert and beverages will be provided with the compliments of the **WPL Foundation.**

Renovation of Central Library



*The renovation of Central Library is slated to begin in late August or early September. The library will be housed temporarily at the historic **Train Depot, 7333 Greenleaf Avenue.***

Most of Central's services, (including the Veterans Resource Center), will be provided at the Train Depot. Passport services will be available at both the Train Depot and Whittwood Branch. Branch will extend its weekday hours *and* open on Sunday afternoons.

Whittwood Branch hours during Central's renovation:

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| Monday – Wednesday | 10:00 to 9:00 |
| Thursday and Friday | 10:00 to 6:00 |
| Saturday | 10:00 to 5:00 |
| Sunday | 1:00 to 5:00 |

We will have more details in time for the next issue.

Thank You

We would like to thank Eileen Bigelow for her very generous donation to the Foundation. When her older brother Nelson Murphy died, he left financial gifts for all his younger siblings. Because of his generosity to her, Eileen is continuing that generosity by passing on her gift from him to the Foundation.

Another Easy Way to Support WPLF

For our members who make annual withdrawals from their IRAs, we would like to remind you that the WPL Foundation qualifies as a charitable deduction (QCD). It's easy to make a contribution: Just ask the institution that holds your IRA to make the check directly to the Whittier Public Library Foundation. We will send you a letter of confirmation, with our thanks.

Who-kulele? You-kulele!

Library patrons of every age will soon be offered the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele.

A small four-stringed instrument, the ukulele originated in Portugal. It was patented in Hawaii in 1917 and derives its name from the Hawaiian word for "leaping flea."

Whittier Public Library is using funds from a \$10,000 grant it received from the California State Library to purchase the ukuleles, as well as books (both print and digital), CDs, and DVDs to add to our collections.

The Library has hired the Lee Sisters to provide instruction on the instrument and give performances. The ukulele series begins in May, and more information about it will become available soon.



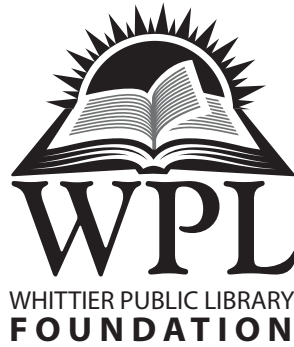
Lise & Emi Lee, a sister duo from Rancho Cucamonga

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