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A Silver Anniversary that began on "the 405":

by Art Irizarry

What stands out in Omnilore history is the dedication of overlapping groups of volunteers, some of whom are still active Omniloreans, and their drive to pursue a meaningful activity in the South Bay. Our gratitude for their efforts is deeply felt.

In the 1988-89 time frame, Burt Cutler and some friends decided that the trip to UCLA for Plato Society activities had become one "405 experience" too many. Although Burt had not yet retired from his business, he and those friends decided to eliminate the freeway commute and create their own learning-in-retirement experience in the South Bay. For months they met in homes and restaurants as they developed their idea. Rather than attempt to replicate the Plato Society, which had a stringent, demanding format and



also required submission of an application form, Burt and his friends opted for a flexible, open activity with academic rigor but a member-friendly format. They extended an invitation to anyone in the area who was interested in independent, peer-led learning and a volunteer-based organization. Wide-ranging recruitment of friends and acquaintances, contacts in Elderhostel and similar groups in the South Bay, and notices in *The Daily Breeze* were undertaken to build a group of about 14 members.

Everyone in the group participated in planning and the tradition of volunteer work on behalf of the group was set. The volunteer ethic became the foundation of Omnilore. As part of that ethic, the group agreed to one



Burt Cutler
Founder

basic requirement, which we continue to uphold: Each member was required to engage in personal research and contribute a presentation to enhance group learning. Today, we continue that tradition of independent research and shared learning in our study/discussion groups (S/DGs).

With a framework set, Burt and the founding group launched the first S/DG in January 1990. The group chose "Islam" as its study topic with the Quran as the basic resource for that January-April trimester. **Mike Scordan**, not then an Omnilore member, attended the last session of that S/DG. After his visit, he joined Omnilore and is now in the ranks of early volunteers and tradition-setters still contributing to Omnilore. Also included are **Diana Cutler**, Burt's widow; **John Taber**, who joined early in 1991 and became our second president; and **Whit Wilson**, who succeeded John as president. Other early – and active -- Omnilore members are: **Bob Bacinski** (1994), **Lindie Banks** (1992), **Merle Culbert** (1994), **Anne**

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A Silver Anniversary that began on “the 405”: *(Continued from page 1)*

Faas (1994), Kathleen Fitzgerald (1992), Helen Leven (1994), Norman Morris (1993) and John Vehrencamp (1994). All have contributed to Omnilore’s success as volunteers in a broad span of capacities, from group coordinators and co-coordinators to Board of Directors positions. Other early members instrumental in the development of Omnilore were **Ray and Ethel Allen, Will and Vi Graham, Stan Church, Myrtle Mandell, Elsie Shullman, Lorraine Nagy, Lois Buchanan, Tom and Ceil Woods, Peggy Houghton, and Sunny Golombek.**



Ethel Allen
First President

During the first two years, a core group developed and, although a number of interested individuals joined, the group lacked consistent participation. **Ethel Allen** and other dedicated members worked diligently to increase membership and develop continuity among members. Group meetings were held in a bank conference room, which was one limiting factor in terms of broadening membership and programming. But by 1992 an organizational foundation was settled and the first election was held. **Ethel Allen** became our first president, to be followed by **John Taber**, our second president, who was then succeeded by **Whit Wilson**. The tradition of two successive one-year terms of service by the president was established during the transition from Ethel to John to Whit.

That same year, Omnilore became affiliated with California State University, Dominguez Hills. At the time members felt that Omnilore would benefit by association with an educational institution, much as Plato’s ties with UCLA provided stability to Plato. A fortuitous interaction between **John Taber** and Margaret Gordon, then Dean of CSUDH Extended- Education Department (now the College of International and Extended Education), led to a meeting of Dean Gordon with Burt, John and other Omnilore members. Dean Gordon proposed a lecture series to be presented by CSUDH Faculty as the programming of choice for Omnilore in its affiliation with CSUDH while Burt, John and other members pressed to keep the S/DG format. In the end, Omnilore retained its structure and the faculty lecture activity became an “added attraction” instead of supplanting the S/DGs.

With the CSUDH affiliation, we gained use of University facilities and then the Knob Hill Community Center in Redondo Beach. Membership increased from about 60 members to close to 300 by 2003. The number of study groups grew to more than 20 from the original one, and the range of topics grew accordingly. In 2003 the University applied for a grant from the Osher Foundation, which supports development of learning-in-retirement programs throughout the nation. Omnilore provided the core of the 500 participants required to secure the grant and thereby became the foundation of OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUDH. More history to come in the next Newsletter. . . .

Meanwhile, remember to make reservations for our 25th Anniversary celebration at the July 30th Forum. Mark your calendars . . . and remind everyone that we can party just as well as we can learn. . . .Cheers!



John Taber
Second President



Dean
Margaret Gordon



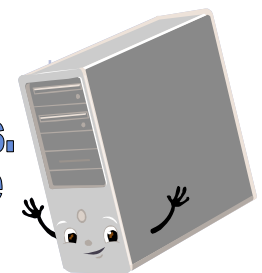
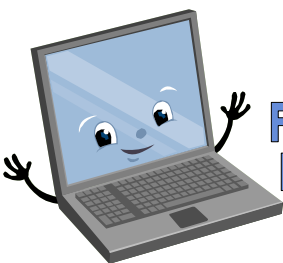
Whit Wilson
Third President

Computer Talk

May 28th - Noon to 1:00 - Conference Room B

**Free Software! Yes, Free Software for PCs and MACs.
Don't Pay Another Penny for Commercial Software**

Presented by Rick Spillane



Microsoft is coming out with Windows 10 and Office 2013. Do you really need to buy new software and maybe even a new computer? Tired of paying high prices for software? Want to enhance your presentations and computer competence with “Word,” “PowerPoint,” “Excel”? Why pay for expensive software when you can get the same thing free?

Come hear a discussion of LibreOffice 4.4, an “open source” version of Microsoft’s Office, which does everything Office does plus more and is free. **Rick Spillane** will cover what “open source” software is and why it is both free and legal. We will show how the OpenOffice version of Word and PowerPoint work using actual presentations. If time remains we will briefly discuss how to download and install free versions of Adobe Reader, anti-virus, and firewall software programs, and the best email program out there, Thunderbird. Note the software discussed runs on both PCs and Macs.

Omnilore Profile—Jim Slattery

by Kate Nelson

Talking to Jim Slattery is like being in a class with your favorite teacher—the best parts aren’t the lesson plans, but the digressions.

We start off by talking about where he grew up. It’s Wisconsin, but soon Jim is describing his father, one of 12 children, who grew up on a dairy farm there. He still has about 4 million cousins living there (okay, 130). His dad was diverted from that line of work by his bride, Jim’s mother, who refused to live as a dairy farmer’s wife (“way too much work”). So his dad managed a cranberry farm or *marsh* (“You don’t have to milk cranberries,” Jim adds helpfully). His father later started a welding and machine shop, which kept Jim off the street during his high school and college years.

This story sparks an even older one about his great-great-grandfather, who emigrated from County Kerry, Ireland before the Potato Famine. The mid-nineteenth century saw waves of Irish immigrants arriving in Quebec, seeking what immigrants have always wanted: more opportunities. Canadians were receptive to the immigrants who were willing to take the lowliest jobs. Many years later, Jim and his wife traveled to the small village outside Quebec where his relatives settled. He visited the rectory of the local church and asked the priest if there were parish records going back that far. There were. The priest produced a ledger with Jim’s great-great-grandfather’s wedding recorded. Somewhere along the line, someone, probably a priest who didn’t speak English, slipped an extra “t” into the family name, turning it forever from “Slattery” to “Slattery.”

Jim’s wife, *Berthe* (“We call her ‘Bert’ because no one can pronounce it the French way.”) is also from Quebec and is fluent in French. She had a long career as an ob-gyn nurse at St. John’s Hospital in Santa Monica and later at Torrance Memorial. Now retired, she volunteers at *Casa de las Angelitos*, a shelter for pregnant women. The home houses up to six women, many of them off the streets or fleeing abusive situations. It’s intense, difficult and noble work. Jim’s own career in aerospace was also deeply rewarding. He spent 37 years developing communication and surveillance programs, retiring as Principal Director of SBIRS, or Space- Based



Infrared Surveillance System. By the end of his career, he was worn down by the long hours, frequent travel and exacting work, but immensely gratified to see how the industry had developed over time.

Their own children and grandchildren are thriving. One son teaches physics, another owns his own business, and a third is a fire captain in Rancho Santa Fe. Jim and Bert especially enjoy Sierra and beach trips with the grandchildren in grandpa’s camper van—POPAJMY.

Jim may be one of the very few Omniloreans who joined because he saw the trifold brochure at the Torrance library. In his eight years of membership, he’s proved to be a true omnivore Omnilorean, taking advantage of its wide menu to sample classes from jazz to epigenetics. He and Bert are a well travelled pair, now looking forward to a trip to Japan in May, this on top of their wonderful trip to Cuba last year. Jim, a former Omnilore treasurer, had this advice for anyone who wants to take advantage of the recent thaw in U.S.-Cuba relations: “Bring cash.”

In Memoriam Jim Sweeney



Former long-time Omnilorean Jim Sweeney, who celebrated his 87th birthday in February, died peacefully March 24 at his home in Rancho Palos Verdes, where he and his wife, Marylou, had lived for 45 years. In Omnilore, Jim preferred classes on history and current events, with a special interest in China, where he served on active duty

with the Marines at the end of World War II. His vast collection of war memorabilia will be given to his alma mater, Miami University of Ohio.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Art Irizarry

Our sincere thanks to **Andrea Gargaro** and **Carol Johnson**, long-term volunteers who, respectively, have left their positions of Supplies Manager and Office Manager. Omnilore is indebted to them for their contributions to our organizational needs and their support for our activities. We depend on one another, whether new or longstanding Omniloreans, for the continuing success of this unique educational organization. Andrea and Carol inspire us to maintain the success of Omnilore by our own volunteer work. I encourage you to invest your skills and dedication as have Andrea and Carol. Again, many thanks to them.

The **Plan B Committee** has continued its research into alternative sites with visits to multiple locations. Parking, configuration of space and travel required of members have emerged as the three principal factors affecting the search. In addition to sites suggested by Committee members, we have considered ideas provided by other members. One building owner was so interested in Omnilore that he discussed a conditional use permit with city officials to eliminate parking as an obstacle. Unfortunately, he was told any variance in terms of parking would not be granted. He has recruited his wife, a commercial realtor, to help us. The Committee will continue its search in hopes of finding a site relatively central to our membership distribution, with parking and enough space that can be configured to suit our needs.

Our **25th Anniversary Committee**, comprising longstanding members invited by **Lori Geitmann** to work with the Forum Committee, have met twice at Lori's home. They are working on a celebratory program for our **25th Anniversary Forum, July 30th**. Photographs, video clips and other materials are being collected to highlight Omnilore's first successful, enjoyable 25 years. The programming will give us a chance to do what founding members did when they started Omnilore: they shared an experience and developed bonds which have carried Omnilore forward through a quarter century. **If you have photographs of Omnilore**

activities in unique locations, whether across the country or overseas, the Committee would greatly appreciate either donation or loan of the photographs. Similarly, the Committee would like to have remembrances or narratives of significant events to help complete materials on the history of Omnilore. You are invited to mark history and celebrate all of the contributions by volunteers over the span of the last 25 years.

An interesting memory evoked by the 25th Anniversary Committee is that of a proposal to establish an **Omnilore Memorial Scholarship at CSUDH** for a deserving student. But no action was taken. As part of our celebration of the 25th anniversary, we could fulfill that goal in honor of the founders and many volunteers who have made Omnilore an interesting, dynamic experience. The idea certainly has merit on many levels. A lasting tribute to Omnilore founders and volunteers is certainly one of them. **If you have any ideas on the matter, feel free to contact me at artshouse2001@yahoo.com.**

Summer will be an interesting season, given the superb range of choices provided by our **Curriculum Committee**. Newcomers are encouraged to attend the "Presentations 101" class, or use website materials to develop presentation ideas and skills. Other offerings that support our study/discussion group activities include "Computer Talks" and equipment training sessions, which are announced through our newsletter and website as well as via email. You are invited to learn from them. Training is also available if you would like to volunteer as a coordinator or co-coordinator for the fall trimester S/DGs.

A **draft revision of our Bylaws** has been completed and will be presented to our Board of Directors for review and input. Following the Board's review, all Omnilore members will have an opportunity to consider the proposed revisions. We all will vote on the proposed Bylaws revisions at our Annual Meeting in October. Our Bylaws have been subject to revision

over the years as conditions have changed, membership has grown, and functions have been established to meet new needs. Why bother with



bylaws? Good question! Bylaws guide what and how things are done in our organization. They provide a stable framework, a point of reference as new conditions arise and action is considered. Bylaws promote continuity, consistency and clarity in decision-making.

For example, our study and discussion groups now employ equipment and technology not even in use when the last Bylaws update was done about 10 years ago. We need a technology committee to support this important area of our organization, but we currently do not have a standing committee to address this facet of our academic activities. The proposed Bylaws revisions include establishment of a Technology Committee as one of our standing committees.

Another example is the need to determine whether or not some positions are to be maintained, such as the Archivist, or in what form their functions are to be discharged if the position is not maintained. In the case of Archivist, we have slowly reduced hard-copy files in favor of electronic archiving. That raises questions such as the rationale for storage of hard copies of materials and who would have access to electronic archives in order to upload and maintain them.

As the year draws closer to our Annual Meeting, you will hear more about the Bylaws and concomitant adaptations of operating rules and procedures. The Board will rely on you to read proposed changes and contribute your feedback, the essential practices of a democratic, egalitarian organization such as Omnilore.

Have a fine summer with Omnilore, your family and other friends. **And please join us for our 25th Anniversary celebration at the July 30th Forum at the Los Verdes Golf Course. Details will be provided as we get closer to that date.**





A Lot is Going On in OLLI This Summer!

by Janice Champion, OLLI Member
for Dr. Cal Caswell

Coordinator, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUDH—www.csudh.edu/olli



It is hard to believe that the spring semester is almost over! OLLI's summer catalog will be in the mail and on the website (www.csudh.edu/olli) in early May. We have many great offerings for the summer:

In **Great American Songwriters**, Saul Jacobs and Bob Lipson will be giving a series of lectures and performances at the Joslyn Community Center in Manhattan Beach. The duo will narrate the stories of George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Hoagy Carmichael and Johnny Mercer.

The Travel Workshop is a new class this summer, where you will learn how to plan, budget, organize, and implement travel. Designed for travelers from novice to experienced, the goal is to share extensive travel information and experiences and enable you to find appropriate resources, reduce anxiety, explore new areas, travel within budgeted means, and maximize your travel experiences.

Another new class, **The Family Love Letter™ Seminar**, is for those who want help in providing clear information and instructions to ensure their legacy and that they are taken care of in their time of need. Topics will cover the location of assets and trusted advisors, Powers of Attorney, Advance Health Care Directives and other legal documents.

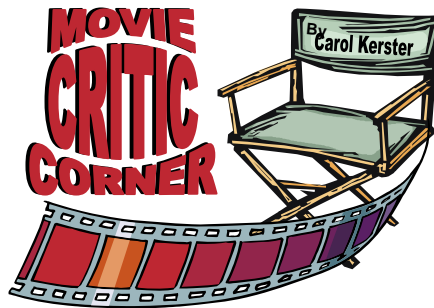
Our popular **My Favorite Movies** series will be returning this summer with some fun movies: *Frozen*, *The Internship*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Bringing Down the House* and *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. Look for these classes and more in the summer catalog.

OLLI at CSUDH has published an electronic newsletter called OLLI Shared Adventures. Read the spring issue on the OLLI web site (www.csudh.edu/olli). OLLI is also venturing into social media! Omg! Look for us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/csudholli, or search Facebook for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal State University Dominguez Hills' ('Osher Dominguez' will also get you there). You will see photos, videos, events and more. You can also follow us on Instagram; search for *olliatcsudh*.

Remember, you can register in person at our OLLI Open House on June 3 from 10:00am – 12:00pm, by mail, or by calling our Extended Education registration office at 310.243.3741. For more information, contact the OLLI office at 310.243.3208.

Have a great summer!

A movie starring **Helen Mirren** is reason enough for me to mark it a "must-see." One which is based on true experiences of survivors of the Holocaust, and took place in Europe during World War II, is doubly demanding for me. If neither of these subjects is of interest to you, perhaps you might want to skip this review, and the movie, "**Woman in Gold.**"



The story of the search for art and art objects, (in fact, anything of value in homes of the Jewish population), stolen by the Nazis as they invaded and ravaged countries, is not new. It was the topic of "**The Monuments Men,**" starring **George Clooney** and reviewed previously in this column. But "**Woman in Gold,**" which co-stars **Ryan Reynolds**, is less a "Hollywood" production and, for me, much more compelling.

The story of Maria Altmann, an elderly woman living in California, and Randol, aka "Randy" Schoenberg, the young attorney son of her friend, is about their mission to reconstitute a portrait of her aunt, the Golden Woman, by the artist, Gustav Klimt. The painting was thought to be in a gallery in Maria's original home in Vienna, and owned, illegally, by Austria. The arc of passion and persistence to

achieve their goal literally bounces back and forth between Maria and Randy. It takes place in scenes from pre-war Europe to the U.S. Supreme Court over many years. This content is inevitably an emotional roller-coaster, evoking a torrent of feelings: high hopes, painstaking disappointments, rage at the evil of the Nazis, fear, resignation and, not least, enormous loss. When feelings are so accurately expressed by actors, words seem irrelevant; I am awed by the actors. We've come to expect this from **Helen Mirren**, but **Ryan Reynolds** was a delightful surprise, particularly in the scene when he excuses himself from her view.

More than one viewer criticized the director, Simon Curtis, for over-sentimentalizing, and for predictability. I could not disagree more. Perhaps you might decide for yourself.

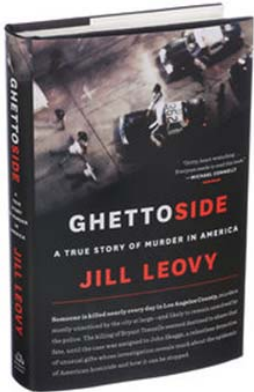
Senior citizens have taken to texting with gusto. They even have their own vocabulary:

- BFF: Best Friend Fainted
- WIWYA: When I Was Your Age
- CBM: Covered By Medicare
- FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
- ATD: At The Doctor's
- WAITT: Who Am I Talking To
- GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!

Change is Inevitable — except from a vending machine...

by Patricia Edie & Cindy Eggert

Many Omniloreans enjoy our monthly Best Sellers Book Group SIG. For the summer trimester, Best Seller SIG will move to the first THURSDAY of the month, from 12:00 noon to 1:15 pm. Below are the upcoming selections and dates. Sessions are held in the Conference Room B of the Edison Center. We alternate each month between works of fiction and non-fiction. You do not need to register to participate. Guests are always welcomed.

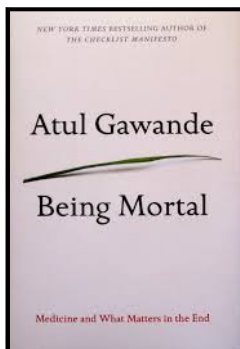
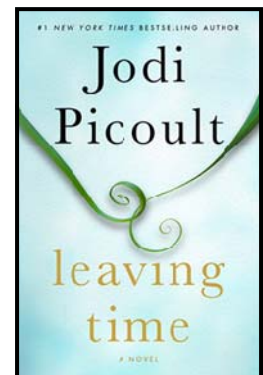


May 7: Non-Fiction – *Ghettoside* by Jill Leovy

Jill Leovy, award-winning reporter and editor for the Los Angeles Times, has written a penetrating look at the L.A. Police Department in her recent best seller. She tracks the daily movements of homicide detectives working cases that rarely attract the media spotlight. Believing that “every victim has a story” and that many homicides are unreported to the public, she created the L.A. Times blog Homicide Report where she identified the name and circumstances of each homicide victim in the city. In her book, she personalizes her message by tracing one of Detective John Skaggs’s homicide cases: the murder of Bryant Tennelle, the son of an African-American detective on the L.A. Police force. It serves as a crucial reminder that “black lives matter” and how “the system’s failure to catch killers effectively makes black lives cheap.” Homicide remains the #1 cause of death for African-American males ages 15-34. It should provide for some interesting discussion!

June 4: Fiction *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult

Readers of the novels by best selling author, Jodi Picoult, can usually count on her for two things. First is a smart, accessible yarn with a suspenseful puzzle at its core that will keep readers enthusiastically turning the page. Second is impressive insight into any number of topical issues. Her latest, *Leaving Time*, does not disappoint. At the heart of the book is the extraordinary behavior of elephants. Research scientist Alice Metcalf has devoted her professional life to investigating how elephants experience grief. But after a tragedy occurs at the New Hampshire elephant sanctuary run by the scientist and her husband, Alice disappears. This is the central mystery that her daughter, Jenna, sets out to uncover... what happened to her mother?

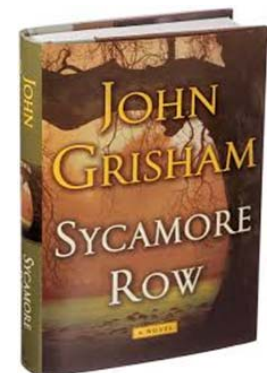


July 2: Non-Fiction *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande

In his best-selling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its ultimate limitations and failures – in his own practices as well as others’ – as life draws to a close. Full of eye-opening research and riveting storytelling, *Being Mortal* asserts that medicine can comfort and enhance our experience even to the end, providing not only a good life but also a good end.

August 6: Fiction *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham

This month we turn to a recent best seller by John Grisham. Grisham’s *A Time to Kill* is one of the most popular novels of our time. Now we return to that famous courthouse in Clanton as Jake Brigrance once again finds himself embroiled in a fiercely controversial trial—a trial that will expose old racial tensions and force Ford County to confront its tortured history. An ambitious, immensely readable legal thriller about a bitterly contested will, *Sycamore Row* is about other things as well. It’s often funny and sometimes tragic and its ending reflects the writer’s absolute understanding of Mississippi’s unspeakable history of racial violence.



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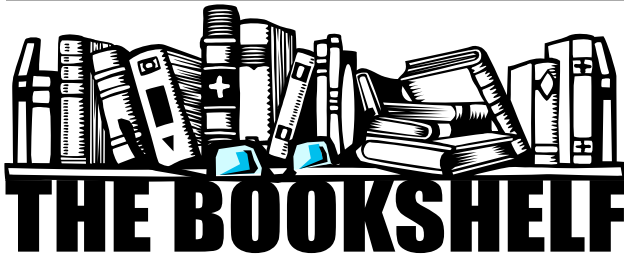
INTRODUCING OMNIOLORE MEETINGS:

Thursday, June 25th - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23rd - 1:30 p.m.

Help Spread the Word! RSVP 310-514-1415





The Universe: Leading Scientists Explore the Origin, Mysteries, and Future of the Cosmos, by **John Brockman**. Fantastic book (as usual from Brockman/Edge). A who's who list of contributors explain cosmology in 21 essays. While the introduction is dated by the BICEP2 withdrawal of its result, the essays stand and provide huge insight into the current state of cosmology. Written for interested laymen (no math) the essays illuminate the birth and history of the Universe(s). If you've ever been curious about where the world comes from, here's your chance to explore it with such luminaries as: Nobel Prize winner Frank Wilczek, Astronomer Royal Martin Rees, Caltech physicist Sean Carroll, Stanford's Leonard Susskind, Oxford's David Deutsch, Cornell's Steven Strogatz, Albert Einstein Professor in Science at Princeton Paul Stein-

hardt, Alan Guth, Lee Smolin, Lawrence Krauss, Brian Greene and more!

A novel you might read in one sitting is **Jenny Offill's *Dept. of Speculation***. It showed up on several critics' and authors' lists of favorites or "best fiction of 2014," which sparked my interest. This is a love story, told by the wife, beginning with a belief in all the possibilities the couple could imagine and speculate about. They get married, have a child - a difficult, colicky baby at first. There are disappointments and difficulties; the marriage is at risk. A move from the city to a softer, greener place may help. "These are the sorts of things they talk about in the Little Theater of Hurt Feelings," as the wife refers to their couple's counseling.

It is the unique voice of the narrator, powerful, poignant, laugh-out-loud funny, that kept me completely involved and wanting the best for married love.

Shakespeare Saved My Life, by **Laura Bates**. A fascinating, true account of bringing Shakespeare's plays into a maxi-

mum security prison. The author works with prisoners in isolation and one unique prisoner, Newton, who with only a fifth-grade education, brings literary insight into Shakespeare's plays. The process helps him survive his imprisonment and allows him to help others.

The 100-Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by **Jonas Jonasson**. A wonderfully hilarious novel that became an international best seller (over 6 million copies sold).

I laughed out loud occasionally and grinned continuously. This zany novel is sure to bring a smile to your face. Allan escapes from a nursing home to avoid his 100th birthday and embarks on a wonderful, if improbable, adventure. All kinds of interesting history is woven into flashbacks as Allan continues to explore the world.

Book suggestions from Omniloreans make this column work. Thanks to Dan Stern, Margery Norris and Helen Leven for contributing to this month's list. Please send your titles, with author's name and a brief description, to Johan (johansmith@ca.rr.com). Please put "Omnilore Books" as the subject of your email. We look forward to hearing from you.



Dean, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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Greetings to members, students and friends of the College of Extended and International Education at Cal State Dominguez Hills!

It continues to be an extremely busy and exciting time at CEIE. We experienced a wave of retirements back in December, including that of our OLLI/Omnilore coordinator, and we are working hard to recruit qualified candidates. Cal Caswell continues to do a great job working with OLLI/

Omnilore ambassadors and volunteer leadership to keep the program moving forward. Thanks to all of you working closely with Cal to keep us on track with quality programming for our members. The existing CEIE staff are a hardworking and dedicated professional group that I'm proud to be working alongside.

We recently hired a new associate dean for international programs, housed in CEIE. He is Gary Rhodes, PhD, and he comes to Dominguez Hills from just up the road at UCLA. We are excited to have him grow our international student programs, including study abroad, and recruiting more international students from around the world to CSUDH.

We successfully launched a new, non-credit certificate this spring called "Convergence Media" to teach the skills to understand and monetize new social media platforms including You Tube, Twitter, Instagram and so many more I can't even count or name them all. I'm proud of the successful launch of this new course and I plan to focus more of my time on outreach and developing new academic programs as we go into the new academic year in the fall.

As I approach the end of my first full year at CEIE and reflect on all that has happened, I can say it has been both challenging and exciting at the same time. I frequently mention the importance organizations like OLLI and Omnilore play in our extended education portfolio. Lifelong learning is key to keeping our minds sharp and engaged at any age.

In closing, as you plan your summer vacations and family gatherings, we will be working hard planning late summer and early fall programming. Until next time, Safe Travels.

OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 2015

May	1	Summer Trimester Begins
	5	Cinco de Mayo
	7	Best Sellers Book Group—12 noon-1:15 p.m., Conf. Rm. B
	14	Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-2 p.m., Conf. Rm. B
	10	Mother's Day
	16	Armed Forces Day
	25	Memorial Day (Edison Center closed)
	28	Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., Conf. Rm. B <i>Free Software</i> —Rick Spillane (see article, page 2)
	28	AED Training—10 a.m.-2 p.m., Conf. Rm. A
	June	4
11		Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-2 p.m., Conf. Rm. B
14		Flag Day
15		Input Deadline for July-August 2015 Newsletter
19		Walking Group—10 a.m.-12 Noon; location to be announced
21		Father's Day
21		First Day of Summer
25		Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., Conf. Rm. B <i>Basic Intro to Excel & Spreadsheets</i> —Hal Hart
25	Introducing Omnimore Meeting—1:30 p.m., Conf. Rm. B	
July	23	Introducing Omnimore Meeting—1:30 p.m., Conf. Rm. B



2015 Forums

Winter—January 29th
Spring—April 29th
Summer—July 30th
Annual Mtg.—October 29th

IMPORTANT:

Calendar changes and additions
are scheduled with Lynn Taber
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ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP SAVE A LIFE?

by Frank Reiner

We are seeking 15 volunteers to become certified (or recertified) in CPR and the use of our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device at Edison Center. The goal is to have a sufficient number of Omnimoreans qualified so that in case of an emergency, there would likely be a trained member available to help until professional assistance arrives.

Certification is for a two-year period. By conducting training on an annual basis, our goal is to maintain a pool of 30 certified volunteers at all times. Our training session this year will be:

Thursday, May 28th in Conference Room A – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Training will be conducted by Vince Dipane, a member of the Redondo Beach Fire Department, who has conducted our other classes in the past.

Please consider volunteering:

- ✓ If you previously have been certified, but your certification is due to expire,
- ✓ If you have never been certified, but want to be able to give correct assistance in an emergency at Omnimore or elsewhere,
- ✓ If you feel physically capable and have a sincere interest in being of help to others in distress.

To volunteer, please contact Johan at 310 215-1848 - or - johansmith@ca.rr.com

We can accept only the first 15 who respond, so PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

For any other questions, please contact either Frank Reiner, frankreiner2@gmail.com, or Jim Slattery, jbslat@verizon.net.



Vince Dipane