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In Library Journal's 2018 "Star Libraries" listing, the Crowell Public Library ranked in the top 5.9% in the nation of libraries in its class.

It was among the top ten of libraries in California.

Meet Your Librarians



Irene McDermott
City Librarian

As City Librarian at Crowell Public Library, it is my job to manage the operations of the library and to supervise the other librarians. I also work with the library support groups: the Friends, the Foundation and the Trustees.

How long have you been a Librarian?

I got my MLIS from UCLA in 1995, so I have been a librarian for 24 years. I started working at the Crowell Library in December 1997. For fifteen years, I worked as the Systems Librarian in charge of keeping computers running in

addition to my adult reference librarian duties. Six years ago, I took the position of City Librarian.

What attracted you to working in the field of library science?

For ten years, I worked as a fact checker for Salem Press. I would do most of my work in the Occidental College library. Patrons would ask me where the bathrooms were, and I knew. I figured that I should get paid for that. ;)

What are you currently reading?

I am listening to Killing Commendatore by Haruki Murakami through the app called Libby through Overdrive.

Any book recommendations?

I liked 1Q84 by Haruki Murakami because it has elements of magical realism. I loved listening to The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt because of the distinctive characters. I enjoyed A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles for the same reason.

The **San Marino Public Library Foundation** is a tax exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization organized in 1995. The Foundation conducted the Brand New Library capital campaign which raised over \$10 million to help build the current Crowell Public Library. Since the opening of the building in 2008, the Foundation has funded several projects including the replacement of all the public and staff computers, replacement of the audio visual equipment in the Barth Community Room, access to the Dakim Memory software for seniors, purchase of collection management software and most recently funding toward the RFID transition. The Foundation endeavors to fulfill its mission to raise funds to support and enrich the Crowell Public Library.

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Jeff Plumley
Reference Librarian

I've been working at the library since the late 1970's. I received my master's degree in library science in 2001 and was promoted to the librarian position some years later. Library science was, and still is, an attractive field for me because I sincerely like to help people, and I like to learn new things while

working. Reference work has always afforded me these benefits

What areas do you support in the Library?

My current responsibilities include Reference Librarian, Circulation Services Manager, Page Staff Manager (shelving crew) & U.S. Passport Services Manager.

What are you currently reading?

Currently I am reading a short little book written by retired U.S. Navy Admiral William McRaven entitled Make Your Bed. Admiral McRaven completed Navy SEAL training, and his book includes strategies for

overcoming some of life's challenges, interesting reading.

Any books you could recommend to our readers?

One book I would recommend is From Cows to Concrete: The Rise and Fall of Farming in Los Angeles, by Rachel Surls and Judith Gerber. This book is about the "progress" of Los Angeles County from beautiful, verdant farms of yesterday to the urban and suburban look of today.

Another book I would recommend is Organizing Your Day: Time Management Techniques that Will Work For You, by Sandra Felton.



Tera Torres,
Youth Services Librarian

I oversee the collection development of the children's and young adult collections, provide reference assistance, and plan and present programs for our youngest patrons. We offer five storytimes a week and several programs each month for children and teens. I partner with the schools and community groups such as CLAC (Chinese Language and Culture) and National Charity League to provide outreach, children's programming, and our big annual Summer Reading Club.

How long have you been at the Library?

I have worked at Crowell for 11 years; I came with the new building! ;) I have been a librarian for 11 years.

What attracted you to the field of library science?

When I was in middle school I volunteered for the Monrovia Library SRC; that planted the seed early. I've always loved everything libraries stand for: open access to information, intellectual freedom, a community cornerstone, promoting literacy, etc. Once I decided I wanted to be a librarian, there was no question that I wanted to focus on youth services. I have the best job!

What are you currently reading?

I'm usually reading 2-3 books at any point in time between hard copies and audio books through the library's Overdrive database. Right now it's "Merci Suarez Changes Gears" by Meg Medina (this year's Newbery Award winner) and "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.

Any book recommendations?

So hard to choose! I just finished The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson and really enjoyed it. A great children's mystery treasure hunt/historical fiction that jumps back and forth between modern day and the mid-20th century.

Feed by M.T. Anderson is one of my favorite YA classic sci-fi books. It takes place in a dystopian future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment. In today's world of online data-mining and privacy issues, this is a book everyone should read.

Eating Animals by Jonathon Safran Foer. Animal agriculture is one of the leading contributors to climate change. It's important to know where our food comes from and the effect it has on the planet and our children's future.

RFID UPDATE



The RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) program that commenced last Fall is 30% complete, with the Children's and Young Adult Collections completed. This simple yet versatile program uses microchip technology to improve book inventory management, identification of miss-shelved books and can trigger an alarm if a book is not properly checked out.

San Marino Public Library Foundation participated in funding this project.



Carly Lamphere
Adult Reference Librarian
and Technical Services
Department Manager

In a nutshell I oversee day to day operations at the Adult Reference desk. I am also responsible for the collection development/management for Adult Non Fiction, our Chinese Adult and Children's Collections (alongside our volunteer Jenny Chu). In addition, I have also stepped up as the project manager for our RFID conversion project.

How long have you been working at the Library? How long have you been a Librarian?

I stepped into Rex Mayreis' position

when he retired in October of 2016. I received my MLIS in May of 2014 and have been at Crowell for two and a half years.

What attracted you to working in the field of library science?

In the grand tradition of English majors I had no idea what I wanted to do after I graduated from college. I taught English in Japan, worked retail jobs, and worked as a Financial Aid Advisor. I noticed I was interested in a new career path revolving around Libraries, Archives, and Museums. I went back to school for my MLIS and specialized in Archives and Special Collections.

What are you currently reading?

Currently for my non-fiction title I am reading How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence by Michael Pollan. Pollan gives the reader a history of

Psychedelic Research as well as the renaissance its experiencing at the moment in treating mental illness. My fiction title is The Dark Half by Stephen King.

Any recommendations for our readers?

Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive by Stephanie Land. This memoir is so poignant and realistic about how millions of Americans struggle to survive on a daily basis and do so only limited resources as well as raising important questions regarding the bootstraps myth.

The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Milan Kundera. One of my favorite books of all time from one of my favorite writers. It's a love triangle story but Kundera's style and storytelling is very unique.

The Butchering Art by Lindsey Fitzharris. A fascinating look at the birth of modern medicine through examining Joseph Lister's life and eventual discovery of antiseptics.

2019 Library Open House January 26, 2019



Jenny Chu was recognized as **Crowell Public Library Volunteer of the Year** at this year's Open House. For over 20 years, she has worked with our librarians to grow one of the largest Chinese collections for adults and children in San Gabriel Valley.

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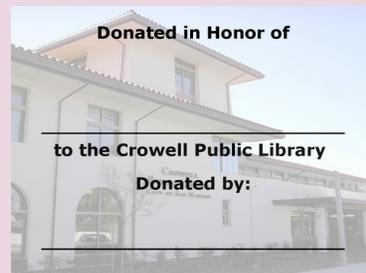
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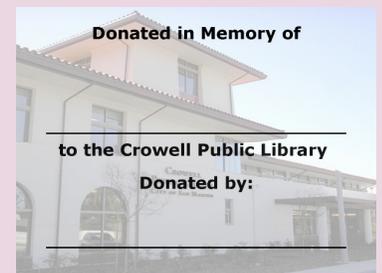
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