

# OCLA OUTLOOK

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## Meet the authors who are celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with us on November 2!

On November 2, we are very lucky to have 4 Orange County authors speak about how they got started in their writing career (see the enclosed flyer). We thought you would like to read a little more about them:

### Gregory Benford

Born in 1941, in Mobile, Alabama and possessing degrees from the University of Oklahoma and UC San Diego, Gregory Benford is currently a Professor of Physics at UC Irvine. A well-known theoretical physicist, he is more widely known as a science fiction author, having written over 24 books. He has won the Nebula Award twice and writes a monthly science column for The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction.

### Phil Brigandi

A native of Orange, Phil Brigandi has been researching and writing the history of his hometown since 1975. Over the years he has written 7 books and hundreds of articles on the histories of the city of Orange and of Orange County. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Orange Community Historical Society, and has represented Orange on the Orange County Historical Commission. In 1992 he received the Capt. William T. Glassell Award from the Orange Community Historical Society and in 1994 he was the co-recipient of the year's best journal article award from the Westerners International. **(profiles continued on Page 2)**

## Fullerton Public Library 1920-2000, 80 years of OCLA Participation

On November 2, 2000, Fullerton Public Library will host the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for the Orange County Library Association (OCLA). Fullerton Public was the location of the founding of the OCLA in 1920 when it was located at Pomona and Wilshire, about 5 blocks east of its present location. The library was built in 1907 by the citizens of Fullerton, and a \$10,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie. The Librarian in 1920 was Minnie Maxwell who served the community of Fullerton until she retired after 20 years of service in 1926.

The Carnegie facility was razed in 1942 when a new Library was build on the same location with WPA funds.

The present Library located on Commonwealth Ave. 3 blocks west of Harbor Blvd. was built in 1973 with proceedings from a local bond issue. The current facility underwent significant renovations, including a major expansion of the Children's Room, in the year 2000.

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Elisabeth Deffner

Elisabeth Deffner is a resident of Orange and a freelance journalist who for the last 5 years has been writing human interest features for magazines and newspapers. She has written for publications like the Orange County Register, the Los Angeles Times, Latino Leaders magazine, and Orange Coast magazine. Raised in Orange County and a graduate of UC Irvine, she has recently started work on a book about one- and two-room schoolhouses of Southern California.

Tim Powers

Born in 1952 and a graduate of CSU Fullerton, Tim Powers has written over 12 science fiction and fantasy novels. Winner of the Philip K. Dick Memorial Award in 1984 for his science fiction novel *The Anubis Gates*. Tim Powers is recognized for his intricately plotted stories filled with well-rounded and often outlandish characters. A reviewer once said , " A Tim Powers science fiction novel never fails to titillate and elucidate with the dark and the bizarre and all with such originality, eccentric color and style."

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The Library presently has a collection of 250,000 items and serves a population of over 120,000. Circulation exceeds 1 million items per year making Fullerton Public Library one of the busiest Public Libraries in the state of California for the population served.

During the 80 years of OCLA's existence the staff of the Fullerton Public Library has been proud to have participated in the growth of this organization which has brought the library community together to nurture and support educational advancement in the Orange County area.

## News from The Anaheim Union High School District

The Anaheim Union High School District is making steady headway on its commitment to having a fully-credentialed library teacher in each of its 17 regular, academic schools. With the addition of two new library teachers this year, all of the 8 comprehensive high schools are staffed with a full-time librarian and a library technician. We also have a new district-level administrator, Mrs. Deborah Boyer, heading our libraries and library programs following the retirement of Mrs. Camille Dolas in June. Mrs. Boyer comes to the job with over 30 years of experience in education including administrative expertise at both the junior and senior high levels.

With the state infusion of significant funding into school libraries in the last couple of years, all our libraries are beginning to have many more attractive, up-to-date materials which appeal to our students. In addition, all our libraries are Internet connected so our students have access to even more information and can become literate in electronic researching as well as print searching.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, librarians and administrators from our district, as well as numerous other school districts in the county, met at the Orange County Dept. of Ed. to get an introduction to the new document LIBRARIES LEAD LEARNING. This booklet outlines the guidelines and standards for the Orange County school library media programs which include:

- INFORMATION LITERACY through the curriculum content areas
- TECHNOLOGY LITERACY through varied learning opportunities, and
- READING LITERACY through reading incentive programs, collection development, and reading strategies

This document was met with enthusiasm by the librarians and administrators in attendance, and there is hope that all districts in our county will take it and its recommendations for implementation seriously.



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