

2004 CALTAC Awards

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2004 CALTAC President's Award

**Dr. Kevin Starr
California State Librarian Emeritus**

After ten years of service, Dr. Kevin Starr retired from his position as State Librarian of California in April of this year, and was named by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as State Librarian Emeritus. This government appointment is another landmark in a life that continues to be full of excellence, service and achievement. To read about his education and many careers, please read the biographical information at <http://www.library.ca.gov/html/starrcv.cfm>. Dr. Kevin Starr has received over 40 awards, acknowledgements, and grants including a Guggenheim Fellowship, membership in the Society of American Historians, and the Gold Medal of the Commonwealth Club of California. In addition, Dr. Starr received special recognition from the California Assembly. Assemblyman Joe Simitian thanked Starr for his "extraordinary service as the State Librarian", and noting the "passion and conviction" with which Dr. Starr served, presented Dr. Starr with an Assembly Resolution. Dr. Starr is now teaching full-time at the University of Southern California, Department of History. He is the author of several books, the most recent one published this year entitled, "California Coast of Dreams" covering California history from 1993 to 2004. His prior books include California history during the 1940's and 1950's, and he has more books under contract. He is also a contributing editor to the Opinion section of the Los Angeles Times. Governor Schwarzenegger said: "Your commitment to our state has earned you the respect and deep appreciation of your students, colleagues and fellow Californians. Therefore, it is my distinct honor to bestow on you the title of State Librarian Emeritus." The CALTAC President's Award is a special award presented infrequently by a CALTAC president to acknowledge a truly extraordinary person who has been of service to California libraries. At this time, we present this award to someone who has earned this award many times over during his decade as State Librarian of California, Dr. Kevin Starr.

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**Peter Chan
Bruggemeyer Memorial Library
Library Board of Trustees**

Peter Chan is a longtime supporter of the Bruggemeyer Memorial Library, having joined the Library Foundation Board in the

early 1990s. When the City Council appointed Peter to the Library Board, he immediately became an active member of the Board. The Library Board had already decided to apply for Proposition 14 funds to expand and renovate the library, but the City and the Library did not have enough funding for the match. The Foundation and the Library Board established a Fundraising Committee to raise \$350,000 from mid-February until mid-June 2001 to qualify for the Proposition 14 match. Peter became the Treasurer of the campaign and an active fundraiser. He and his wife pledged and donated \$10,000 to the campaign. The campaign raised more than \$350,00 in those four months. As a result, the campaign increased its goal to \$480,000. In 2003, Peter became the Chair of the Fundraising Committee, which is closing in on the goal of \$480,000. He reached out to many Chinese-Americans and Cambodian-Americans in the community for donations in addition to giving a sizeable donation himself. At present, Peter is serving his third term as President of the Library Board of Trustees and is an active member of the Library Building Committee. He spends many hours attending meetings with City Officials and the Architect to plan the expansion and renovation of the library. Completion of the project is projected for the summer of 2006. Peter's dedicated work on behalf of his library is appreciated.

Nominated by Yukio Kawaratani for the Library Board of Trustees

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The Friends of Torrance Public Library

The most recent contributions from The Friends of the Torrance Public Library are in two main areas:

1. Torrance Library was awarded Library Services and Technology grant funds from the California State Library for its ASSIST (Accessible Services for Seniors-information Systems and Technology) Program. This program provides high-and-low tech adaptive services and technology to help elderly clients with vision, hearing, and mobility problems to more effectively use the library. To purchase all that was needed, the Friends graciously donated \$7,500 to complement the \$43,000 in grand funds to complete the project.
2. The upper floor of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library was completely remodeled with special attention to improving the resources and facilities in support of children and young adults. Again, the friends came forward and donated over \$65,000 for the purchase of equipment and software meant to improve public services and library sponsored programs.

Nominated by The Torrance Public Library Commission

Individual for Outstanding or Volunteer Service to a Library

**Lilian Kawaratani
Bruggemeyer Memorial Library**

Lilian's supporters agree that her greatest contribution has been as a volunteer in the Bruggemeyer Memorial Library LAMP Literacy Program. Lilian volunteered 1,610 hours in her first two and a half years with the LAMP program. Sometimes she spends as much as eight hours a day at the library. In addition to teaching Saturday citizenship classes, she meets with adults who have scheduled their citizenship interview with INS, to further prepare them to pass the citizenship test and interview. Each year she has directly helped 50 – 100 students to become proud new American citizens. Lilian has a passion, and a talent for teaching. She does not regard teaching as a chore, but a pleasure. She is enthusiastic and motivated by her goal to serve the community and to provide free and easily accessible education regarding all the different

aspects of citizenship. Lilian's love and joy for what she is doing is felt and appreciated by many.

Nominated by for the Library Board of Trustees, Bruggemeyer Memorial Library