
What Have You DONE (to help the LASFS lately)?

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HELP THE LASFS

So, you want to help the LASFS, but you have no idea what to do. Well, join the creative process by getting involved with the LASFS Marketing Team.

Qualifications: Creative thinker; able to sit at a table and talk about how much you enjoy the club; able to pass out bookmarks at conventions, bookstores, etc...

Marketing's most recent activities have included the West Hollywood Book Fair, the children's summer reading group "Reading Rocketeers" at Valley Plaza Library, the Adult Summer Reading Program at the LASFS, and Zazzle.com, our online merchandising store.

We meet every 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm at the clubhouse.

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July 22nd:

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As of July 22nd, \$120 has been donated. In addition to the lights in the main area of the front building which were already done, 5 fixtures and 1 box of bulbs have been purchased so far. Four of the five fixtures have been installed in the first two rows of the library.

We still need to purchase 6 more fixtures and bulbs to go in them, and install them -- 2 in library row # 3, 2 over the checkout desk, and 3 in the stacks room.

Many thanks to those who have donated so far. We've still got a ways to go, but the early response is encouraging. Another 8 donations and we can put this thing to bed.

You can help raise money for LASFS by buying gift items at Zazzle.com.
(added November 24, 2009, by Staff).

You can help raise money for LASFS by using [GoodSearch](http://GoodSearch.com) and [GoodShop](http://GoodShop.com) . (added January 4, 2009, by Staff)

You can donate books to the Library (but check with the Librarian first).

written by "Anon Fan"
(not an official LASFS spokesman)

Did you know that most of the LASFS' day-to-day costs are paid for by the weekly membership dues? This is why it's

important to attract new members and welcome new folks who dropped by to see what we're all about. Here is your chance to show off your sparkling personality while taking care to curb over-enthusiasm. With practice you can learn to angle your clever remarks so that they find us so fascinating they come back for seconds or thirds.

LASFS seems to have a little trouble on getting them to come back for "seconds and thirds." Here's a tip: Stick with Peculiar, Weird, or Wonderful. Avoid telling them about (or being) Scary, Confusing, or Boring. These were the top three complaints of newbies on my straw poll of 2007 and 2008.

LASFS's second biggest source of funds is the yearly LOSCON. So buy a membership, space cadet, and we can pay the air conditioning bill and clear the air at Thursday night General Meetings! VOLUNTEERS are ALWAYS NEEDED for the work, work, work involved in putting on this show. The folks who put together Loscons include many whom you would never run into at the regular meetings. Find out who coordinates volunteers (the LOSCON webpage here is a reasonable place to look) and ask how you might be used. Remember there is value in humility and humble work. Chop wood, carry water. Very Zen. You never know; you might meet somebody interesting,.....but, you'll probably just see fans.

Other regular sources of funding include the regular meeting auction programs. GOOD STUFF is always welcome. Check with the fellas currently handling the action. Direct cash donations for things like sainthood (\$1000) or towards Michael Mason's or Allan Rothstein's Pillar fund are considered acceptable. LASFS has non-profit status as a 501(c)(3), so donations are tax deductible. Think of The Glory That Could Be Yours! Respect! Admiration! Awe-struck admirers!

Then there is that Other Kind of Donation…

We're all gonna die, even the Methuselahs (they'll just have Time Enough to get bored first). Why leave your money to fiscally irresponsible relatives who will bad talk you when you're gone, when it could go towards continuity of LASFS where people can bad talk you every Thursday, alive or dead? This assists the LASFS to continue in its honorable duty to the Next Gen, to help provide distraction to hormonally overburdened young fans. LASFS gives them a place to go Thursdays, on first and third Fridays and on Second Sundays, or else they might find themselves roaming the streets, irritating urbane mundanes with rocket launches and nano experiments...

Got books? Consider leaving your collection of sf to the LASFS Library….If the club can't use it, we can sell it for fund raising. This can get out of hand easily, so see the Librarian first and make sure the books are easily saleable. Please, no junk. LASFS Librarian is a volunteer position. Don't overburden the volunteers with your generosity. Making it easy is part of the gift.

Fourth Saturdays are work parties at the LASFS. Fan Parties are notorious for…just fans, I suppose. At least it seems so since the 70s petered out. Care and feeding of the LASFS property is a burden to be shared amongst the membership. Step up to the plate and do your share. Show up and take direction (hard, I know). Let's make it shiny so we produce feelings of envy in our fellow SFclubs, thus encouraging them to match and top us to wipe off our smug grins of superiority. I bet you thought SCIFI, Inc. had a lock on smug.

With fen assist, LASFS can continue to nurture the spread of Fandom Worldwide! It is our destiny. Can you feel it?