

**Don't Judge a Book by its Cover**

**Living Library Project**

**Catalog**

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**Animal rights activist** – A prominent local voice in animal rights, this 70 year old is dedicated to helping those who do not have a voice. His most recent battle is to free Billy the elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo.

**Charter School Advocate** – A former journalist, mother of three, and consultant for charter schools can answer questions about alternative education in Los Angeles.

**Ex-gang member** – Learn how this former Santa Monica gang member has turned his life around and now focuses on using his past to make a positive impact.

**Fat activist** – President of a national organization that celebrates people of all shapes and sizes, this self-proclaimed fat woman can tell you what it's like to be her size in Southern California.

**Feminist** – Author of four books, her life's focus is feminism and spirituality. In 1982, she joined six women in Illinois, in a public and political fast for 37 days in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

**Formerly homeless person** – One of our bestsellers from the October Living Library, this woman wants to answer your questions about homelessness myths. Learn what it is like to be homeless in Santa Monica.

**Homeless person** – Learn how hard this woman is working to transition from living on the street to permanent housing and how she plans to make a contribution to society.

**Gay father and grandfather** – This single, gay man can share photos and swap stories about his adopted children and grandchildren.

**Married Jewish Lesbian Mom** – Legally married to another woman, she can tell you about her life as a Lesbian, mom, and spouse.

**Graduating senior** – She is the Winner of the 2008 Friends of the Library Volunteer of the Year Award for her service to the community and help in shaping library service for teens. A spoken word poet and high school senior, this 17 year old is facing the “real world.”

**Homeless advocate** – Find out what this homeless advocate does to get people off the streets. One participant wrote after checking out this woman in October, *“Speaking with the homeless advocate was a revelation--very informative and emotionally profound.”*

**Little person** – He is actor, musician, Renaissance man and father. Discover what life is like for a small statured man.

**Living with Mental Illness** – This trained teacher, support group leader and a crisis and resource line operator can share about what is like to live with mental illness in his midst.

**Mormon** – A practicing Mormon wants to dispel myths about Mormons and share his religious and political beliefs.

**Police detective** – With twenty-two years of experience, this Santa Monica Police Department detective can tell you how the TV shows get it wrong.

**Police officer** – Walk the beat in his shoes and hear what this police officer faces on the Santa Monica streets.

**Raw foodist** – This vegan and experimental raw foodist shares some of her favorite recipes and answers questions about her unusual eating choices.

**Teenager** – A Santa Monica High School sophomore can give you the scoop on what it's like to be a teen in 2009.

**Teenager** – This busy teenager and self professed Japan-ophile can tell you about growing up in Southern California today.