



TEST YOUR TRIVIA SKILLS!

The Brewitt Neighborhood Library opened in its current location in 1948 and was known as the East Long Beach Branch. It was renamed on April 1, 1955 to honor Long Beach City Librarian Theodora R. Brewitt. She held that position from 1923-1950. Imagine the challenges of providing library service after the 1933 earthquake. Tents were set up in parks so that staff could carry on while libraries were rebuilt. Her leadership also carried the public and staff through the Great Depression and World War II. During those years, self-checkout was introduced. Librarians put on puppet shows to attract audiences who would then purchase war bonds. She was even elected President of the California Library Association in 1925.



Theodora Brewitt, year unknown

According to an article in the Press Telegram, Mrs. Brewitt encouraged the arts any way she could, establishing film and phonograph sections in the libraries. City Librarian Blanche Collins said she “combined detail with imagination”. Reporter Curtyne Driscoll wrote that “No request for information was considered too trivial to be dealt with seriously.”

Imagine yourself at a library without the aid of a computer. How many of these 1948 trivia questions can you answer correctly?

(Answers key at the bottom)

A GALLON OF GAS COST:

- 50 cents
- 25 cents
- 16 cents
- 99 cents

THIS CAR MANUFACTURER WAS FOUNDED:

- Toyota
- Porsche
- Mercedes Benz
- Dodge

THIS WAS INVENTED:

- Kool Aid
- Flashlight
- Velcro
- Traffic light

WHICH CHILDREN'S BOOK WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN 1948?

- Little Women
- Blueberries for Sal
- My Father's Dragon
- Pippi in the South Seas

WHICH BOOK FOR ADULTS WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN 1948?

- Murder on the Orient Express
- Cry the Beloved Country
- Animal Farm
- Pursuit of God

WHICH ROYAL WAS BORN IN 1948?

- Prince William
- Prince Edward
- Prince Charles
- Prince Harry

WHICH ATHLETE WAS BORN IN 1948?

Terry Bradshaw

Joe Namath

Magic Johnson

Sandy Koufax

WHICH SINGER WAS NOT BORN IN 1948?

Stevie Nicks

James Taylor

Steven Tyler

Paul McCartney

FAVORITE SNACK INTRODUCED IN 1948:

McDonald's French fries

Cheetos

Hostess cupcakes

Caramel popcorn

THE GAME OF SCRABBLE MADE ITS DEBUT IN 1948. HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE SEVEN LETTERS OF "BREWITT"?

Mrs. Brewitt was known for being "highly skilled in the art of bringing good books and people together."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK? CREATE A NEW COVER FOR IT AND POST A PHOTO OF IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR BRING IT DOWN TO THE LIBRARY TO SHOW US!

The Brewitt Neighborhood Library continues to be known for a close connection between staff, customers, and books. Here's to the readers!

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