

LIBRARY

# 'Most Interesting Man' Retires

Thomas Vercher, Club Member, retires from the Library Dept. after 21 years with the City.



The cake celebrating "The Most Interesting Man in the World."



From left: Cindy Ciang, Clerk Typist, Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II; Jeong Oh, Librarian; and Evelyn Mercado, Clerk Typist, Library.



From left: Henry Ong, Public Information Director; and Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, retiree.



From left: Pamela Williams, friend; Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, Public Relations Office; and James Feng, friend.



From left: Anna Miks, guest; Thomas Vercher, and Eva Cox, Library Assistant.



Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, with Kimberly Aviles, Secretary, Library.

Story by Brent Urban, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

Family, friends and co-workers attended the retirement party for Thomas Vercher, Club Member, who retired as Graphic Designer II, Library.

The party, which had a theme of "The World's Most Interesting Man," was held on the top floor of the Central Library downtown.

As a fan of jazz, Thomas created a playlist to entertain his guests at the party, with various recordings from legendary jazz musicians. After the party, Thomas plans to retire in Florida, where he will be close to Cuban jazz and warm beaches.

Here's a resolution made by the Library Commissioners:

"Whereas, Thomas Vercher began his extensive 21-year career at the Los Angeles Public Library in September 1988 as a Graphics Designer I assigned to the Public Relations Office; and

"Whereas, as a member of the Public Relations Office graphics team, he contributed to the design and coordinated the production of a wide range of informational, educational and promotional materials for the Central Library, branch libraries and related agencies; and

"Whereas, in 1996, he was promoted to Graphic Designer II and worked as the sole designer for the Public Relations Office and its work on behalf of the Central Library and 72 branch libraries and major citywide programs, including the 1998 branch construction bond program, innovative on-line flyer shell program, Children's Services events programs, Central Library event guide and library services displays used in community outreach, among others; and

"Whereas, during his career, Mr. Vercher utilized his creativity in a variety of art and media to develop and implement original display ideas, illustrations, posters, maps, signs, flyers, book-marks, reading lists and other graphic materials. Additionally, he was sought out for and gained notoriety for the customized retirement cards he voluntarily designed for retiring colleagues; and

"Whereas, he also received certificates from the City's Cultural Affairs Department for his fine art photography; from Councilman Tom LaBonge's Office for a program he designed at the Los Feliz Branch Library; and the All City Employees Benefits Service Association for his artwork commemorating African-American History Month.

"Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the Board of Library Commissioners extends to Thomas Vercher wishes for success in his retirement."

Enjoy your retirement, Thomas!

*The Club thanks Brenda Breaux, Public Relations Specialist, Library, for providing the resolution and coordinating the event, and Maria Villareal, Public Relations Specialist, Library, for coordinating the event.*



Irene Brown, Clerk Typist, Library, with Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.



Retiree Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, with Sara Curup, Clerk Typist.



Brenda Breaux, Public Relation Specialist; and Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.



Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, Library, Club Member.



From left: Ed Fong, Calligrapher; and Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.



From left: Patty Higgins, Clerk Typist, Library; and Charlene Klink, Public Relations Director.



From left: Henry Ong, Public Information Director; Tom Jung, MA-2; Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, Public Relations Office; Leann Ortiz, Literary and Fiction; and David Lopez, Library Assistant.



From left: Barbra Hurr, Accounting Clerk, Library; Michelle Dulalia, Accounting Clerk; Jade Vuong, Accounting Clerk; Carolina Murillo, Accounting Clerk; and Sam Allen, Payroll Supervisor.



From left: Sgt. Jean Childs, Library; Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, retiree; Doreen Welborn, guest; Officer Hunter, Library; and Officer Moore, Library.



Yvette Coleman, Thomas Vercher's cousin, with Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.