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BasicallyBOOKS - Book Discussion Group



Looking for a volunteer experience in Diamond Bar? BasicallyBOOKS, the Friends of the Library's two non-profit bookstores in Diamond Bar, are friendly places serving the community. Manager Peggy Murphy is always looking for new volunteers to staff both locations at 23447 Golden Springs (across from Lorbeer Middle School) and the bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library at 21800 Copley Drive (across from the AQMD building). Please contact Peggy at (909) 938-0382 or nanapeggy3@verizon.net.

The BasicallyBOOKS bookstore at 23447 Golden Springs is also the location for the monthly book discussion group. EVERYONE is welcome at this group, please drop by and join them. They meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. You don't even have to have read the book! Their upcoming schedule of books to discuss –

Tuesday, June 27th at 7 pm – *Call the Nurse*, by Mary J. MacLeod

Tuesday, July 25th at 7 pm – *The Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez

Tuesday, August 22nd at 7 pm – *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Tuesday, September 26th at 7 pm – *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

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24th Wine Soirée



April 23, 2017



President Glendy Chiang's Message



Hello everyone and welcome to our June Newsletter!! Following the trace of spring, summer just began its dancing, and the Friends keep on being busy! Since our last newsletter in March, the Friends have hosted the *Beer and Wine Garden* at the annual City Birthday Party on April 8th in Pantera Park, have again produced *the best Wine Soirée ever* on April 23rd at the Diamond Bar Center, on May 4th participated in the *Serving With A Purpose* conference hosted by Ontario City Library in Rancho Cucamonga and on May 8th in a *Friends of the Library Exchange* conference hosted by the Los Angeles County Library in Downey.

We also have three exciting events coming up: first will be our annual *BIG Sale of Books* on September 23rd in the Windmill Room, followed by the celebration of the *Friends' 40th anniversary* of supporting the Library on September 30th also in the Windmill Room, and concluding with October's month-long series of events for this year's *Read Together Diamond Bar*.

Meanwhile, the *BasicallyBOOKS* book stores continue to operate six days a week and launch book sale (Thank you, volunteers!), the book discussion group continues to meet each month, we continue to email our electronic newsletter each month and to mail out our printed newsletter each quarter. So, lots going on with the Friends– as always!

It's all part of our mission of supporting literacy and the Library. And speaking of the Library, in this newsletter we present the 2nd installment of Gordon Van De Water's 4-part series on what our Diamond Bar Library has to offer. Which includes *special summer activities for children, teens and adults* – please see the informational flyers in this newsletter. Also included are two new features we hope to continue with each newsletter: a book or author review, and a Meet a Member article. We start off with a review by R. Kirk of best-selling author Lisa See and with a profile of Friend and Board member Teresa Wang. We hope you enjoy these recurring features.

Everything prospers in the summer, and our mind and thoughts dance around with it. We have all the mentioned great things planned to happen in the season. I want to close this message by saying thank you to the Friends' many volunteers and also *thank you to all the many people in Diamond Bar who value and support the Library*. It is truly a remarkable asset for everyone in our community.

Thank you all,
Glendy Chiang

Meet a Member – Teresa Wang



Basically Books would be a lesser place if not for the diligent efforts of Teresa. Around seven and a half years ago, she noticed a piece in the Windmill magazine (a bimonthly publication mailed to Diamond Bar residents) that volunteers were needed at Basically Books. (At the time, Basically Books was located in a small strip mall off South Brea Canyon Rd near the E-Free Church and was in the process of moving to its current location on Golden Springs Dr.) She called the then manager, Mary Hackett, and the rest is history.

Teresa currently works full time as an AmeriCorps VISTA employee at Bright Prospect, an educational nonprofit in Pomona, and spends her Saturdays volunteering at both bookstores. Teresa especially enjoys sorting the hundreds of books donated to Basically Books by Diamond Bar residents and to stocking the shelves. Something that always gives Teresa pleasure is to see customers enjoying the many bargains to be had in the bookstore. Teresa is also on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Library, where she offers many thoughtful suggestions on how to make Basically Books more user-friendly, and she also helps with social media publicity for the Friends.

She has admitted she doesn't read as many books as others tend to assume she does. However, when Teresa does read books, she prefers non-fiction titles over fiction. The last book she read was *"Born a Crime"*, an autobiography by Daily Show host Trevor Noah. In the book, Noah details his at-times hilarious and at-times heartbreaking anecdotes growing up biracial in South Africa. Trevor was born to a black African mother and a Swiss-German father in 1984 when South Africa was still under apartheid. His journey and resilience is quite extraordinary, and admirable, to say the least. Teresa highly recommends this book to everyone, as there are lessons to be learned about history, South African culture, and racial inequality.

"Gently Used" Purse Sale – Donations Needed

The Friends announce the introduction of a new, innovative way to help **you** clean out your closet and to help **us** raise money for the Library. On Saturday, November 4th the Friends will be hosting a sale of "gently used" purses, to be held in the Windmill Room of the Diamond Bar Library.

Friends Vice President Susan Pantages asks everyone to please look through your closets and consider donating your new or gently used purses now in support of this fund raising event. The goal is to have 500 purses available at the sale.

Drop off locations include the Diamond Bar Library at 21800 Copley Drive, BasicallyBOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Drive, Fitness Advantage at 1200 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard and Where! Hair Salon at 567 Mountain in Upland.

Annual Summer Big Sale of Books

The Friends' annual big book sale – the sale where we go all out and try to clear out our storerooms – is scheduled for **Saturday, September 23rd**. As usual it will be in the air-conditioned comfort (always welcome on those warm summer days) of the Windmill Room of the Diamond Bar Library. The sale will start at 9 am and run until 3 pm, or until the last book is sold. *Come early for best selection.* The format is the same as our periodic Buck-A-Bag book sales – you fill a bag with books and get them all for only \$1. Is there a better deal in town? Save the date – Saturday, September 23rd.

A TOUR AROUND THE LIBRARY – Part 2

By Gordon J. Van De Water

"KID'S ROUNDUP"

The above words are at the entrance to the children's area at the Diamond Bar Library. And it is quite a library....

What a surprise at all that was here – when I used the library as a child, there were certainly books, many books, but now there is so much more. Let's take a walk together, as I did, accompanied by librarian Pui-Ching who explained what the modern library offers to kids.

As we entered the Kid's Roundup, there was a large "Monthly" calendar that indicated the activities that were to be presented in this area. Also on display were various books, changed weekly, that would be of interest to children, encouraging them to read. Once in this area, I noted several computers open to kids and adults alike. We continued on to a large area, frequented by kids, usually not over four, along with parents, who keep an eye on them as they do many activities, from pulling 'board' picture books to activity in the 'play' kitchen (stove and sink) which teaches some cooperation with each other as they play house. Looking at the ceiling, something children often do, but adults rarely, I could see in the insets, some colorful pictures of balloons, birds, airplanes, and trees. Also, there is small child-size furniture and games designed to test motor skills. There are also several baskets of toys, which Pui-Ching assures me are wiped each day and washed every week. To keep the parents occupied while their small ones are enjoying themselves, there are many parenting books available to absorb valuable information. Incidentally, there is even a large 'family' restroom that mom or dad can use along with their brood.

Leaving this area that entertains and teaches the younger kids, we next went to an area designed for kids six years and under. Here were six computers complete with undersized keyboards, including a tiny mouse, designed for small fingers. There are even child-sized earphones which eliminates sound to the surrounding area. These computers are loaded with educational games designed to teach basics such as the alphabet and numbers. This entire area is surrounded with books appropriate for kids in early grades.

We then walked over to see a wonderful selection of books that kids in grades three to six might enjoy. I noted that there were books of Dickens, the Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, The Royal Diaries, Sherlock Holmes, and Science Fiction and Adventure novels. Also, there are foreign language books, mainly Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. There are books on CD and DVD's that can be checked for home use. I noted a couple of audio books that might intrigue kids of this age group: Dr. Doolittle, and Dr. Seuss books. Pleasantly surprised at the variety and content of DVD's available to take home were those that dealt with families from around the world. Then there were those on phonics and reading, and others such as 'Spanish for Kids', and 'Chinese for Kids'. Parents are not left out either. Here, they will find DVD's showing how to deal with self-esteem, tidying-up, and handling disobedience, and stress.

There is a healthy collection of non-fiction titles that either kids enjoy or relate to subjects being taught in school. There are books on Dinosaurs and Outer Space, California Missions, and many on Americana. There are even books designed to teach kids to cook, as well as games to entertain.

In this part of the library are also two computer catalogues which allow parents to check on available books – a handy feature for parents concerned about the education of their children.

There are areas designed for the older students, mainly grades seven and eight. A large number of shelves are filled with non-fiction books, and to one side, on a wall, many shelves dedicated to material such as young teen novels and reference books such as encyclopedias and biographies.

Incidentally, I should mention there are four study tables that have electrical outlets for tablets, or even to charge cell phones.

Seeing this library and its contents made me want to be a kid again. The modern library is quiet, colorful, and holds a multitude of informational sources that can be used the Kid's Roundup. The staff is also very helpful, relating well with those who need assistance. Diamond Bar should be proud of what is offered, and parents are welcomed to teach and learn along with their children!

40th Anniversary Celebration – September 30th

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Friends supporting the Diamond Bar Library. We think that's a significant milestone, and worthy of a celebration! To mark the anniversary the Friends and the Library staff are going to host a party on Saturday, September 30th. It will be in the Windmill Room of the Library. Details are still being worked out but the celebration will include a live jazz band and a big cake. Diamond Bar residents and Library patrons are invited. So stay tuned for additional information, and *Save the Date*.



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Programs for Kids

The Arty Loon Show

Thurs., June 8, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Arty takes you on a wild ride through a crazy world of fun & imagination.

Abbitt the Average

Thurs, June 15, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Join us for a magic show that's definitely above average!

John McClean Allan - Highland Games

Sat., June 17, 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Learn about bagpipes, Scottish reels, and more at this unusual musical event.

Rollercoaster Workshop

Thurs., June 22, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Hands-on STEM concepts for kids in grades 3 - 6. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for this program.

Summer Art Jamboree

Thurs., June 29, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Create an art project or three at this art extravaganza. Materials provided by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library.

One World Rhythm

Thurs., July 6, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Everyone gets to play an instrument at this interactive musical event.

Design a Song with Nick & Jen

Thurs., July 13, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Join us for an entertaining show with the Young Music Company, and help Nick & Jen design a song!

Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre

Sat., July 15, 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Kids can help bring timeless folktales to life in this interactive theater experience.

Allen Oshiro

Thurs., July 20, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
A magic show featuring astonishing sleight of hand and fun comedy for all ages,

STEM Discovery Program

Thurs., July 27, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Kids will get the chance to play with a variety of games and challenges. This is a fun family event.

Michael D. McCarty

Sat., Aug. 5, 3:00PM - 4:00PM
Create your story with entertaining master storyteller Michael D. McCarty. This event will take place in the Children's Room.



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Programs for Teens

Button Making

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Buttons! Pins! Badges! Create cool wearable art using our button making machine.

Frame-a-byte

**Wednesday, June 14, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Make a futuristic techno frame with technology stencils and your imagination.

Circuit Fun

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Build exciting projects that light up, fly, and spin and learn the basics of electricity with easy-to-use Snap Circuit kits.

Slime Time

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Discover the science of slime and make your own with safe ingredients.

Jinglebot

**Wednesday, July 5, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Learn about how Electro - Mechanical systems work and build a robot that makes sounds.
**Pre-registration required. Registration starts on June 21 at the Information Desk.*

Escape Room

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Do you have the wits to out smart the Escape Room designed by the Teen Advisory Board? Come test your skills.
**Pre-registration required. Registration starts on July 5 at the Information Desk.*

Rock Your Locker

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
Create clothespin magnets, mini clipboards, and duct tape pockets for your school locker.

Ages 10-17

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