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President Glendy Chiang's Message



Hello everyone and welcome to the March Newsletter of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. As the new President of the Friends, I want to thank Outgoing President Chris Ko for his great leadership, and to thank all the volunteers in the Friends for their great community work. Now the great work is passed on to me. I appreciate being given the opportunity and have committed myself, along with all the volunteers, to continue the Friends' mission. That is--focus attention on Library services and needs, and to encourage literacy in partnership with the Diamond Bar Library and the community.

All the Friends' work is carried out through the willing hands and hearts of our volunteer members, who are diverse in character and talents - each of us is unique. But in all our tasks the same vision guides the Friends, and our joint efforts combine successfully for a good cause. Here are just a few of the many things our volunteers are working on:

Board member Gordon Van De Water in this newsletter is beginning a series of articles on what can be found in our Diamond Bar Library. Even if you patronize the Library frequently, I think you will be surprised to learn of the many resources available there and on which Gordon will be enlightening us. Thank you, Gordon.

Our annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction is now in its 24th year, and as always it is going to be a special event that you won't want to miss! Save the date – Sunday, April 23rd at the Diamond Bar Center. The many volunteers on the Planning Committee, which has been meeting each month since late last year, promise it is going to be the *best Soirée ever!* So come to the Soirée on April 23rd, and have a good time while supporting the Library. And to all the volunteers on the Planning Committee, thank you!

In 1977 a small group of people got together in support of Diamond Bar's Library, and the Friends' story began. It has been 40 years. Now, in 2017, a different group of people, but with the same lofty heart and vision of the founders, continue to carry on their mission. We hope that the same positive energy of the founders will power the Friends on for another 40 years, and that the heritage of service will continue. A special event to celebrate 40 years of serving the community will be held later this year. The event is being planned by Board members Ruth Low and Dana Cox. Thank you, Ruth and Dana!

We are a busy group. There will be much more event information to come, so keep reading the newsletters from the DBFOL. I want to close my message by simply saying *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

See you at the Library!

Thank you all,
Glendy Chiang

A Message from Librarian Pui-Ching Ho

Earn My High School Diploma at the Library?



No high school diploma? Get a second chance to finish what you started! The County of Los Angeles Public Library offers adults aged 19 and older the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma for free online through Career Online High School. As a student in the program, you'll also receive a career certificate in one of eight fields and personalized online career coaching.

Fulfill your dream! Advance your career, prepare for workforce entry or continue your education by applying today. There are a limited number of seats available for Los Angeles County residents. Applicants who complete an online self-assessment and prerequisite course, followed by an interview, will be considered for admission. If accepted, you will have up to 18 months to complete the program. For more information, please go to www.colapublib.org/diploma/ or contact us at the Diamond Bar Library. Get your diploma today!



Children's Librarian Julie McCasland

Julie McCasland had been the Children's Librarian at the Diamond Bar Library since May 16, 2005. She artfully managed all aspects of Children's Services including programming and collection maintenance, in addition to working at the Information Desk and supervising many library volunteers. Julie was always friendly and approachable; she developed a special rapport with all the children she served. Her story times were engaging and full of enthusiasm, drawing on average 270 children each month. In 2016, Julie organized 28 special programs that attracted over 2,400 participants and raised the visibility of the library in the community. Julie was always an asset to the library and provided exceptional service to the community, especially children and parents. Julie recently accepted a transfer to the Baldwin Park Library; her last day in Diamond Bar was last month. Her rare combination of skills and dedication as Children's Librarian will be sorely missed. We all wish her well in her new endeavors.



Save the Date!

Sunday, April 23rd is the day of the annual Wine Soiree and Benefit Auction. This is the big annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Library, and each year it's the best party in Diamond Bar. Food, wine, music, auctions, raffles – *fun*. Don't miss it! Tickets can be purchased online at www.dblibraryfriends.org. They can also be purchased at the Diamond Bar Library, BasicallyBOOKS, Midas Auto Service Experts and Xavier's Florist. All proceeds benefit the Library. Please come and bring your friends, and help support the Library. *See the enclosed flyer for additional information.*



A TOUR AROUND THE LIBRARY

BY

Gordon J. Van De Water

PART 1

Did you know? ... There is no charge to use the Internet in the Diamond Bar Library... That the DB Library has Wi-Fi Internet access... That the first 10 pages of printing are free and only 15 cents per page afterwards....

Recently, I was taken on a short tour of the Diamond Bar Library by the library manager, Pui-Ching Ho, who shared various aspects of the operation. Some of this information is now offered to readers in the hope it will make them more knowledgeable about the many features available in this wonderful building. This is to be the first of an intended four articles to describe what is available when you visit.

More than just books, the modern library offers many features. For instance, do you know that during the **tax** season, many of the needed **forms** are available. There are 11 public computers for library patrons (one needs a library card) to activate in the southeast wing of the library. These **computers** can be used, with a one-hour limit (with an allowable second session, if crowds permit). Included on these computers is Word10, Excel10, and Power Point 2010. Of course there is also Internet Explorer and Firefox.

Adjoining the computer area is a **reference** section where easily accessible paper documents are kept. Here you may view *Consumer Reports Buying Guides*, various local government documents, including city and school agendas. For those who need the information there are even telephone books available.

An area well-used is the **newspaper** section. Here may be found papers such as the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, and the *Inland Valley Bulletin*, as well as papers in Chinese and Korean. **Magazines** adjoin and there is a huge selection suited to almost all tastes. For instance, there is the popular *Time*, large print *Reader's Digest*, and *Travel and Leisure*. There are also publications dealing with parenting and fashion, and a large selection of younger kids and teenage periodicals.

A modern innovation are the **self-check** machines, with instructions in English, Spanish, and Chinese, that allow for quick check-out of material, a blessing at those times when the busy library staff are helping other customers. Those who hold a library card can also request that material from other county libraries be sent to them. This process usually takes a week to 10 days to arrive and is a very popular and valuable service. The requested material is held for up to 14 days, and is filed by customer last name. It is advised that a first-time user of this service go through a library staff member.

E-Books and **E-Audio books** are also available on a viewer by the check-out machines. Here a multitude of the titles of e-books and e-audio books can be browsed and sent a link through text or email in order to download the item through Overdrive. What a wonderful feature this is! It greatly expands the availability of reading or research material and takes only a modicum of space that a printed book might take.

It was pointed out to me that there are two **group study rooms** (limited to four people per group) available in the southeast wing of the library. These rooms are also in high demand and so there are time limitations. In these rooms are outlets for connection to electronic devices, and even large screens for the showing of educational material, or even "movies".

Last, but not least, there is a book store within the library, **Basically Books**, operated by volunteers of the Friends of the Library and available during many hours when the library is open. Here one may find a treasure at a much reduced price. Unless marked otherwise, most of the inventory retails at \$2.00 – a remarkably low price!

More on this enticing place in the next issue



New President Glendy Chiang and Past President Chris Ko

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Volunteer Appreciation Reception



Each year the Friends recognize and thank those who have played a particularly significant role in supporting the Library and the Friends during the preceding year. On January 14th the Friends, relatives and guests gathered at Heritage Park Community Center to acknowledge the contributions of some very special people. The BasicallyBOOKS Volunteer of the Year was Ms. Sandi Roberts. The Volunteer of the Year was Ms. MaryKay Nichols. The Business Leader of the Year was the Mandarin Taste Restaurant. Ms. Roberts has been working in our bookstores for several years and is known for her dedication and willingness to do just about any job, and do it right! She is also known for her ability to guide customers seeking advice towards books and authors they may not have heard of, but almost always enjoy and appreciate. Ms. Nichols has been volunteering with our annual Wine Soirée fund raiser for many years and is now the manager of the Wrapping Crew – those hardy souls who organize, arrange and wrap all the silent auction gift baskets (now well more than 100) and then prepare the auction bid sheets. And Mandarin Taste Restaurant was recognized for their many, many years of support for the Wine Soirée. They have been a food host, donating their time and cooking skills, since the very early days of the Soirée. Mandarin Taste is located at 23391 Golden Springs Drive in Diamond Bar. When you visit please thank them for their support for the Friends and the Library, and find out for yourself just how good their food really is. Or, come to the next Wine Soirée and thank them there while enjoying their food!

We congratulate each of these award recipients and sincerely thank them for their generosity of time and talent in support of our Library!



*Bookstore Volunteer of the Year
Sandi Roberts (left)*



*Volunteer of the Year MaryKay Nichols,
with Congressman Ed Royce*



*Business of the Year: Mandarin Taste
Restaurant*