

eNewsletter

February 1, 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

- **Please join the Friends of the Library on Saturday, February 8 at 11 a.m. for the "ribbon-cutting" ceremony to celebrate the renovated Reading Garden to the public. We have been working over the last several months on two exciting projects to keep our library as inviting and welcoming as possible.**
- **The Friends' Reading Garden looks beautiful with new comfortable furniture and better lighting. We have also changed the landscaping with new colorful and cheerful plants.**
- **Inside the library, fourteen chairs have been professionally recovered in durable and cheerful fabrics so they can be enjoyed for many years to come.**
- **There is a lot to celebrate so come and join the party and hear how to become A Friend. Please join us.**
- 311,089 customers visited the library in 2018 – 2019, a 16% increase over last Fiscal Year. From opening to closing, library customers were busy with internet sessions, selecting and checking out library materials and attending library programs. Diamond Bar remains one of the busiest locations in LA County.
- Our librarians are continually filling the shelves with wonderful new materials, many purchased by the Friends. Diamond Bar boasts the second highest circulation figures in LA County Library: 309,850 items were checked out by customers in 2018 – 2019.
- Diamond Bar handled over 75,000 items on hold for customers in 2018 - 2019, helping customers tap onto the vast holdings of the County Library and our partners.
- Library programs that attract and engage customers has remained the mainstay of services at Diamond Bar Library. Programs focusing on STEAM and STEM have consistently attracted increasing numbers of users, particularly teens and tweens. Weekly toddler and family story times remain very popular and extremely well attended. The addition of Smarty Pants story time has brought a new level of school readiness for children and parents together with Family Place workshops, with local resources specialists in nutrition, dental care and other aspects of child rearing. The addition of STEM and STEAM programs with the collaboration of the MākMō staff have produced greater levels of engagement with our tween and teen customers.
- In addition to programs that challenge the mind, Diamond Bar has also introduced a variety of programs that focus on physical and mental wellbeing. These programs have been very well received by the community and are geared for members of different age groups.
- The library continues to feature Read Together Diamond Bar and annual essay contest for teens/tweens: How a book changed my life. Both programs have helped draw the community together and share in the benefits of lifelong learning and scholarship. The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library continue to generously underwrite these very popular events.
- Classes that focus on language acquisition, computer literacy and immigration provided excellent opportunities for customers to acquire new skills in a supportive environment. All classes are free.
- Many of the Library programs are funded by the Friends—so come, participate and enjoy these many interesting and stimulating programs.
- Don't forget Basically BOOKS, our two non-profit bookstores. You will find one in the Diamond Bar Library and one 23447 Golden Springs Drive. These non-profit bookstores have been operated by the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library for over 20 years.

It's Soirée Time—Sunday, April 26, 2020 “Cruising into the 20s”



The 27th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auctions is coming quickly on **Sunday, April 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Chairs Dana Cox, Nancy Lyons, Rick Rogers and Tony Torng are planning an exciting afternoon of community involvement with a souvenir wine glass, delicious food, wine and beer tasting along with interesting and desirable silent, book and live auctions. The Live Auction is always interesting and this year is no exception. This year again we will have the great prize from Total Wine and More of a Wine Education Party for 20 people (you pick the date). We have an assortment of very special Dodgers tickets and Angels Club tickets. There will also be Disneyland Park Hopper tickets and an overnight get-away in Hollywood with theatre tickets for two. Another unique prize will include a \$175 Tiefs gift card for a pair of trendy Tiefs shoes. Through our generous donors, we will have many other prizes such as hotel stays, sports tickets, signed books, great raffle prizes and much more! Through our generous donors, we will have many prizes such as hotel stays, sports tickets, signed books, great raffle prizes and much more!

There will be music and entertainment around the theme "Cruising into the 20s." The Wine Soirée will be held at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar, CA. Ticket price is \$75—no one under 21 can be admitted. Tickets are available in Diamond Bar at Midas Auto Service Experts, 796 N. Diamond Bar Boulevard; Basically BOOKS at the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive; and Basically BOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Drive.

Over the last 26 years, the Wine Soirée has earned the reputation as "the best party in town"—this year it will be "the best cruise in town." So join with your friends and neighbors on that special date of April 26—all in support of literacy and our own Diamond Bar Library, and remember: all proceeds directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library!

BASICALLY BOOKS IN DIAMOND BAR

Basically BOOKS, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library's two non-profit bookstores, are friendly places serving the community as a resource for school, work and pleasure reading at exceptionally low prices.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have hundreds of high quality books and other media for sale. We have a large and interesting selection of foreign language books including Chinese and Korean. Stop by and check it out.

Besides our regular store hours we have monthly buck-a-bag sidewalk sales held on the third Saturday of each month. Visit us on **February 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for the great bargains you will find at our monthly sidewalk sale.

Manager Peggy Murphy is actively looking for new volunteers to staff both locations at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) and the bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive (across from the AQMD Building).

All proceeds from both Basically BOOKS directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Gift certificates are available and make great birthday or special occasion gifts.

Become a Friend! And stay a Friend of the Diamond Bar Library!

Visit our website www.dblibraryfriends.org

The time of year has come when it is time to renew your yearly membership. You can do this by stopping by one of our bookstores, online at www.dbfriends.org or email Elaine Mickle at elamickle@aol.com requesting a renewal envelope.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

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