

**Diamond Bar Friends of the Library**  
**23535 Palomino Drive No. 232**  
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Website: <https://dblibraryfriends.org>

### **Diamond Bar Library Opening Soon**

There is great news to start off April! The Los Angeles County Library announced they will start reopening designated libraries. Diamond Bar Library is one of the libraries that will reopen with select in-person services on April 19.

**The following services are available for customers:**

- ✳ **Browse the collection and checkout items**
- ✳ **Public computer (up to one hour per customer)**
- ✳ **Printing**
- ✳ **Holds Pickup**
- ✳ **Brief reference interactions to assist in finding materials or information**
- ✳ **Free Wi-Fi**

### **Virtual Wine Soirée 2021—Heard It Through the Grapevine**

The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library is excited to invite you to our first ever Virtual Wine Soirée, “Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

Please join us with your family and friends on **Sunday, May 16 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** (the link will be live at 3:45 p.m.) Admission tickets are \$10 each and include one opportunity ticket. More opportunity tickets are available at \$10 each.

For tickets or for more information:

- **ONLINE:** Visit <https://dblibraryfriends.org/wine-soiree/tickets/>
- **EMAIL:** Email [cindeequan@aol.com](mailto:cindeequan@aol.com)
- **TELEPHONE:** Call 909-239-8895

Virtual events are new to all of us—so do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions.

**Silent Auction link opens a week *earlier* on**  
**Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m.**  
**[www.32auctions.com/DBFOL](http://www.32auctions.com/DBFOL)**

**Check out the many great prizes!**

We are planning a virtual visit to beautiful Cass Winery in Paso Robles. Cass says they merge "French DNA with Paso Personality." After retirement Steve Cass knew he wanted to move out of the San Francisco Bay Area. He had visited Paso Robles a few years before and really liked the area and heard it was quite the burgeoning wine country. In 1999, looking for a great place to start a vineyard, Steve Cass came upon pastureland in Paso Robles. A year later, in 2000, the 145-acre Cass Vineyard was established with twelve varieties to be planted. Cass Winery has been a donor to the Wine Soirée for several years. As Co-Chair Nancy Lyons said, "The owners are down-to-earth, delightful, fun people who make excellent wine at a moderate price." Cass Winery is generously donating a two-night stay in their beautiful Cass Guest House along with lunch for four and wine tasting to the Silent Auction.

The Wine Soirée has always been famous for our auctions—and this year will be no exception! There will be exciting Silent, Wine and Book Auctions with many interesting prizes. Our Opportunity Drawings will also be an exciting part of the 2021 Soirée. One of our great prizes is a special dinner for ten in a beautiful patio setting, interesting cases of wine, signed book treasures and baskets. There will also be a Gift Card Tree and a special case of wine both worth over \$300 each. We will have Hacienda Country Club Golf package for three including a cart, drinks, and lunch. Another exciting prize is a high-performance driving experience including coaching in a luxury sports car at a local speedway. There will be some treasures for our book collectors including a 2016 signed copy of Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*.

The Soirée "Wrappers" are busy putting together many other desirable and interesting prizes that will make the Silent Auction exciting. Listed below is a sample of some of these prizes:

- ✱ **DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY:** Wine basket filled with a bottle of Dancin Pinot Noir and Dancin Chardonnay along with wine glasses and more. (\$109 Value)
- ✱ **TO YOUR HEALTH:** Wellness Basket containing a Sharper Image deep tissue massager, Thigh toner, \$100 spa gift card, lotions and more. (\$272 Value)
- ✱ **TOUCH OF ITALY:** Italian-themed basket including Pasta Pot, gourmet sauces, pasta bowl, \$50 Buca di Beppo gift card and more. (\$145 Value)
- ✱ **FOR YOUR FAVORITE SOMMELIER:** Wine Basket including Waring Pro (professional cordless wine opener), two delicious wines of Gaita Tempranillo and Maxville Sauvignon Blanc. (\$169 Value)
- ✱ **PAMPER YOUR FEET:** \$175 gift certificate from tieks by Gavrieli so you can indulge in a stylish pair of ballet flats. (\$175 Value)
- ✱ **OLE OLE! Celebrate** a Mexican fiesta with margarita glasses and mix, chips, salsa and \$50 Rubio's Catering gift card. (\$122 Value)

- \* **ROCK A BY BABY:** Basket includes Tiffany Building Block Bank (\$150), Aveeno baby daily care gift set, newborn size Huggies, baby wipe warmer, baby wipes and much more (\$280 Value)
- \* **RING A DING DING:** Gorgeous ladies' silver and 18k rhodium with 2 ct yellow sapphire/simulated stones. (\$148 Value)
- \* **FOR YOUR FAVORITE LADY:** Todd's classy handbag/tote bag. (\$600 Value)

As always, all proceeds from the Virtual Wine Soirée will directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Please continue to check our website, as we advance the planning for the event. Please see the attached flyer for more information or to share with your friends.

Of course, we will miss seeing you all at our 27<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Soirée that would have been held on Sunday, April 26 and hope to be able to do that again in 2022. In fact, we already have Sunday, April 10, 2022 scheduled at the Diamond Bar Center.

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### **Basically BOOKS UPDATE**

On November 16, 2019 we happily celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Basically BOOKS. We opened our first non-profit bookstore in November 1999 and have survived moving twice to our present location at 23447 Golden Springs Road. We are proud to be able to offer this valuable service to our community and look forward to continuing in the future.

Unfortunately, we have closed the Golden Springs location. We will reopen in a new location when it is safe to do so and when we find a suitable location in Diamond Bar.

Our second store in the Diamond Bar Library is not scheduled for reopening at this time. That store cannot open until the Los Angeles County Library is able to open the Diamond Bar Library for public use. Our friends and customers have been very generous donating many books and other media to fill the shelves of BasicallyBOOKS. **However, we are not currently able to accept donations due to lack of space and volunteers to process these donations.** Please save them for the future or find another home for these treasured books.

If you would like to be a part of our bookstore volunteer team in the future give Bookstore Manager Mary Hackett a call at (909) 702-1095.

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### **FROM THE BOOK NOOK**

We are always sharing book ideas and thought you might like to join the discussion. Since 2020 we have all probably doubled our reading and most have been enjoyable, educational, or just fun. Most of these books are available from the Diamond Bar Library and many can be found at BasicallyBOOKS. You cannot beat the price: the library is free and Basically BOOKS prices are rock-bottom.

## WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU....

- ☆ Have you found a special book during your visits to Basically BOOKS?
- ☆ How long have you been going to Basically BOOKS?
- ☆ Do you belong to a book group? What are you reading in your group?
- ☆ How is that going for you during the pandemic?
- ☆ Tell us your experiences at Basically BOOKS through the last 20 years.

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- From Librarian Pui-Ching Ho for April: *There's a skeleton inside you!* by Idan Ben-Barak: It is a hilarious and interactive picture book that looks inside our bodies to show what humans are made of. Young readers get to learn about their bones, muscles, and nerves. A great introduction to body systems for little kids.
- Kathleen Newe suggests you check out *Lightseekers* by Femi Kayode. The author's first novel is set in Nigeria so it was interesting getting to know something about this African country along with enjoying a well-plotted story of intrigue and murder.
- On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Diamond Bar Between the Wines Book Group will be reading and discussing *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. This is a powerful American epic. Set during the Great Depression and The Dust Bowl and tells the story of Elsa Wolcott Martinelli. It is a story of the battle between the haves and the have nots and the power of the human spirit to survive adversity.
- Do not forget that if you cannot find books at the Diamond Bar Library or BasicallyBOOKS, you can order from Amazon through Amazon Smile and name Diamond Bar Friends of the Library as your charity of choice. We then get a small percentage of each sale.

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### *Diamond Bar Library Friends Annual giving update April 2021*



#### Annual giving for 2021:

**Bonsai tree friends:** Margie Gonzalez, Patricia Lasko

**Elderberry tree friends:** Alan Camblin, Alvin Newman, Loretta Nelson

**Cherry tree friends:** Janet Herrick, Marlene & Gil Yanow

**Oak tree friends:** Bonnie & Richard Kirchner

**Gingko tree** Lifetime friends can also make an annual donation to the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library.

**Gingko Lifetime friends:** Thank you to Kiran Kumar who donated to the Friends of the Library Endowment fund. To Susan & John Pantages and Helen Lin lifetime friends who donated to the annual giving program.

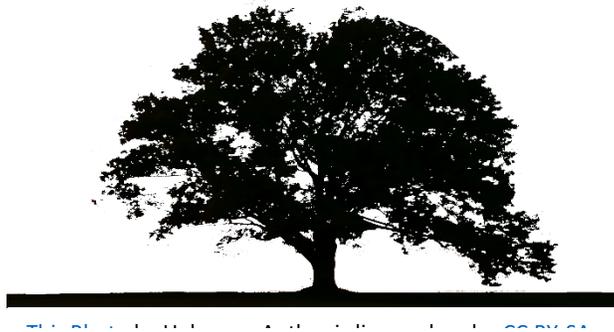
Friends of the Library new donation envelopes were mailed in January to members who participated in our previous membership program. If you have not received an envelope or would like to donate, please email Elaine Mickle at [elamickle@aol.com](mailto:elamickle@aol.com) and a donation envelope will be sent to you. You may also donate online.

Checks can be made out to “Diamond Bar Friends of the Library” and mailed to:

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Or visit our website [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org)

***Become a Friend of the Diamond Bar Library  
in 2021  
Let our trees grow through your support.***



***Become a friend today and stay a friend tomorrow!***

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<b>The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library monthly board meeting is open to the public.  The meetings will be usually held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 8:30 a.m. (suspended right now)</b>				

Visit our website <https://dblibraryfriends.org>

**About LA County Library**

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 87 libraries and mobile fleet of 18 vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 10 MāhMō maker mobiles, and 5 Reading Machines. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit [LACountyLibrary.org](http://LACountyLibrary.org) and follow [@LACountyLibrary](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).