

President Chris Ko's Message

Dear Friends,

The 22nd annual Wine Soirée has come and gone, and I must say, it was a huge success! What a wonderful event we had! The room looked great, and as always, the food was delicious. The selection of wine was perfect, and the books, the auction items and the raffles & game were amazing! All for a great cause - the Diamond Bar Library!

It takes a lot of people to make the Soirée happen. So many people gave, so many people worked, and the support that we received from so many is really humbling. It would not have been possible without the support of many, many people. My sincere thanks to *everyone* who helped at the Wine Soirée, in whatever capacity – volunteer, donor, guest – you are all very much appreciated.

The funds raised from the Wine Soirée make possible all of the activities and programs the Friends support throughout the year, including the Diamond Bar Library's summer reading program, as well as activities for children, teens and adults throughout the year (please see the insert in this newsletter for information on upcoming activities). With funds from the Soirée the Friends are also able to support the Library's purchase of new books and materials, and to sponsor and support other community activities that help improve literacy, such as *Read Together Diamond Bar* (please see the insert for information on this wonderful program, to be held this October), the *Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee* and the *Big Yellow Bus Program*.

My congratulations and thanks to all the 22nd Wine Soirée volunteers for a job well done! Your work for the Soiree will yield benefits for Diamond Bar throughout the year to come. And I'm already looking forward to the 23rd Wine Soirée. ***Save the date – April 24, 2016!***

Thank you all,

Chris Ko



BasicallyBOOKS

BasicallyBOOKS is the name of the greatest used bookstore in Diamond Bar. It is actually one bookstore with two locations. *The first location is 23447 Golden Springs Road* (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) and *the second location is inside the Diamond Bar Library, at 21800 Copley Drive* (across from the AQMD Building). For those in the know, the nicknames of each store are BB3 (on Golden Springs) and BB4 (inside the Library). There's a wonderful selection of gently used books at amazingly low prices at each location.

The prices are even lower for teachers. The Friends offer teachers a 20% discount on any books purchased at either location. And everyone is entitled to the tremendous discounts available when you shop at one of the famous "Buck a Bag" book sales. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th.

And are you looking for a great volunteer experience in Diamond Bar? Bookstore Manager Peggy Murphy is actively looking for new volunteers to staff both locations. Volunteering at one of the bookstores is a nice way to meet new people, to get first crack at all the books on sale and to find out why the stores are called BB3 and BB4. For more information, please call bookstore manager Peggy Murphy at 909-938-0382 or email to peggymurphy08@gmail.com



Message from Librarian Pui-Ching Ho

The Diamond Bar Library hosts activities and programs throughout the year for children, teens and adults. The insert with this newsletter has information on activities happening this July, but you can also use the internet anytime to find out about upcoming events at the library. The website is at: colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar

The information on the website is continually updated and is available 24/7. It's an excellent way to keep up with what's happening at your Diamond Bar Library. And of course, you can always come down to the library and check out any of the programs in person. We'd love to have you join the fun! See you at the library.

Another Massive Book Sale – August 22nd

The Friends of the Library are going to host another Summer Blow-Out Book Sale in the Windmill Room of the Diamond Bar Library. We again have more books to sell than we have space in our two book stores, and this sale will help us clear much needed room in our bookstore workrooms.



Mark your calendars now - this sale will take place on **Saturday, August 22nd**. Hours are from 10 am to 3 pm (members of the Friends of the Library will be admitted at 9 am, an hour before the general public). The location will be the Windmill Room, next to the Diamond Bar Library at 21800 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

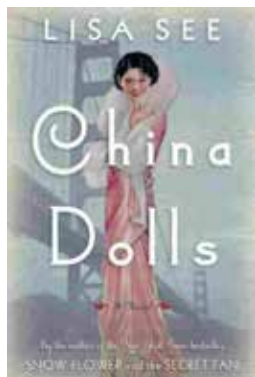
See you there – and come early for the best selection!



Coming in October

Diamond Bar Friends of the Library Presents Read Together Diamond Bar

"The idea is that the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."
-----Mary McGory, *The Washington Post*, March 17, 2002



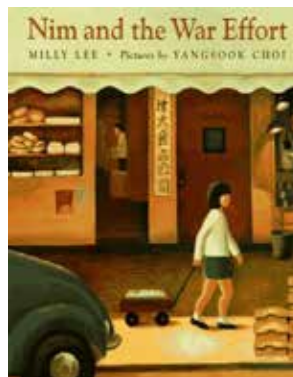
China Dolls
by Lisa See

A bold and bittersweet story of secrets and sacrifice, love and betrayal, prejudice and passion, *China Dolls* reveals a rich portrait of female friendship, as three young women navigate the "Chop Suey Circuit"--America's extravagant, all-Asian revues of the 1930s and '40s--and endure the attack on Pearl Harbor and the shadow of World War II".



Farewell to Manzanar
by Jeanne
Wakatsuki Houston

The American-born author describes her family's experience and impressions when they were forced to relocate to a camp for the Japanese in Owens Valley, California, during World War II.



Nim and the War Effort
by Milly Lee

Set in San Francisco's Chinatown during World War II. Children everywhere worked hard to help the war effort. When they organize a paper drive at Nim's school, Nim is determined to prove that she, a Chinese American, is patriot enough to collect the most papers, though she faces stiff competition from school bully Garland Stephenson.

Special Author Afternoon with Lisa See
Saturday, October 24, 2 P.M. @ Windmill Room

Join us for an author afternoon with Lisa See. The New York Times bestselling author will discuss her latest novel *China Dolls*.

For more information or to participate, please call (909)629-2711.

What is Read Together Diamond Bar 2015?



Read Together Diamond Bar is an innovative program to unite people of all ages and backgrounds and encourage reading at the same time. From October 1 to November 5, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library is inviting everyone in Diamond Bar to join together to read *China Dolls* by Lisa See. This annual RTDB brings people together to discuss the themes and ideas of a book with various activities throughout the month of October.

What is *China Dolls* about? A bold and bittersweet story of secrets and sacrifice, love and betrayal, prejudice and passion. *China Dolls* reveals a rich portrait of female friendship, as three young women navigate the “Chop Suey Circuit”—America’s extravagant, all-Asian revues of the 1930s and ‘40s—and endure the attack on Pearl Harbor and the shadow of World War II”.

What books are available for the younger reader? Please choose an appropriate book for your children. Some suggestions: *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and *Nim and the War Effort* by Milly Lee.

What events/activities have been planned? Plans include interesting and informative book discussions, movies, and speakers that will correspond with the universal themes education, literacy, redemption and self-knowledge.

UNLESS NOTED, ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE DIAMOND BAR LIBRARY WINDMILL ROOM

Date and Time	Description
Saturday October 3 (DEADLINE)	Student Essay Writing Contest “How a Book Changed My Life.” Open to students between the ages of 13 to 18. Entries to be delivered or mailed to the Diamond Bar Library Reception Desk by October 2. Winners will be announced during the Lisa See’s visit to Diamond on Saturday, October 24.
Saturday October 3, 2:00 p.m.	Screening of documentary film-- Civil Right and Wrongs: <i>The Fred Korematsu Story</i>
Wednesday October 7, 4:00 p.m.	Screening of <i>An American Tale</i> —a delightful animated film that will be an adventure for the whole family. Suggested for ages 4-10.
Saturday, October 10, 2:00 p.m.	Victoria May will share highlights from her book, <i>Fighting for the Dream: Voices of Chinese American Veterans from World War II to Afghanistan</i> . These personal stories of Chinese Americans who observed American history from a unique angle.
Wednesday October 14, 4:00 p.m.	Origami Workshop —enjoy making a beautiful piece of origami. Ages 6-12.
Wednesday October 14, 6:30 p.m.	“Becoming American: Our Stories: participate in a lively and informative panel discussion moderated by Ruth Low
Saturday October 17, 2:00 p.m.	Swing Music: Go back in time to the swinging ‘40s. Come, listen, dance, enjoy.
Monday October 19, 4:00 p.m.	The Children’s librarian will lead a discussion on the children’s book <i>Nim and the War Effort</i> by Milly Lee. Set in San Francisco’s Chinatown during World War II. Children everywhere worked hard to help the war effort. When they organized a paper drive at Nim’s school, Nim is determined to prove that she, a Chinese American, is patriotic enough to collect the most papers, though she faces stiff competition from school bully Garland Stephenson.
Tuesday October 20, 3:30 p.m.	Teens are invited to join a book discussion of Wakatsuki Houstin’s <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> . The American-born author describes her family’s experience and impressions when they were forced to relocate to a camp for the Japanese in Owens Valley, California, during World War II.
Saturday October 24, 2:00 p.m.	An exciting visit from best-selling author Lisa See who will be discussing her latest novel, <i>China Dolls</i>
Tuesday October 27, 7:00 p.m.	Plan to join us for a lively book discussion of <i>China Dolls</i> with the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library book discussion group, to be held at Basically BOOKS, 23447 Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Wednesday November 4	Librarian’s Luncheon. Diamond Bar school and city librarians along with County Librarians will be honored for their contributions to literacy, education, and our community at this special event.

What role can you play in RTDB? You can participate in a number of ways such as:

- Contribute financial support.
- Read and discuss *China Dolls* with your friends or your book group during October.
- Get your service club or church to develop a club activity or discussion based around the themes of RTDB
- Join in some or all of the October activities.
- Put Read Together Diamond Bar on your Facebook or Twitter to encourage more people to join.



July Programs for Children

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Twinkle Time Music

Thursday, July 2, 2015

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Join us for a fun musical show with Twinkle and her pals. Twinkle brings you her colorful, high energy pop concert fusing education, language, arts and pop culture into the hottest kid's phenomenon.

Seating is limited. Ages 1 to 11

Art Activity Workshop

Thursday, July 9, 2015

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a musically fun art activity! Sign up will start June 23rd at the Information Desk!

David Skale Magic Show

Thursday, July 16, 2015

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

In Library Idol, Dave wants to become the best library singer! But Dave can't sing. So with a little magic and help from the children will Dave become a singer? Join us for a fun-filled magic show with Dave Skale. Ages 1 to 11.

Seating is limited.

Diamond Bar Library's 50s Sock Hop!

Saturday, July 18, 2015

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

We are going back to the 50s for some rock n roll and old-time fun. Parents will challenge their kids to a twist contest, bubble gum blowing and hula hooping! And since it's a sock hop, we'll be making sock puppets! This is a Family program. Space is limited.

Art Activity Workshop

Thursday, July 23, 2015

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a musically fun art activity! Sign up will start June 23rd at the Information Desk!

Wild Wonders Jungle Boogie

Thursday, July 30, 2015

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Experience the unique sights and sounds of the rainforest and its inhabitants and learn about the rhythm of this very special ecosystem! Meet kinkajou, pacas, boa constrictors and more! Ages 2 to 11. Space is limited.

June 2015

For ADA accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter or materials in an alternate format, call 562-940-8462 (voice) or 562-940-8477 (TTY), M-F, 8-5, at least six days prior to event.





July & August Teen Programs

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Mini Chalkboard

Tuesday, July 7, 2 PM - 3 PM

Make a mini chalkboard for your room or locker. All materials will be provided.

DIY Music Box

Tuesday, July 14, 2 PM - 3 PM

Put together a music box and decorate it with your own design. Materials are limited so please sign-up early!

CD Scratch Bard Art

Tuesday, July 21, 2 PM - 3 PM

Use an old music CD as your canvas and a nail as your paintbrush to create an unique piece of art.

Instagram Frame

Tuesday, July 28, 2 PM - 3 PM

Create an Instagram frame to capture your summer memories.

Diamond Bar Idol Show

Saturday, August 1, 3 PM - 4 PM

The auditions are over and it is time for the show! Come watch our Idol Children, Teen, and Adult finalists perform! The audience will pick a winner from each group!

Coding with Scratch

Tuesday, August 4, 2 PM - 3 PM

Tuesday, August 11, 2 PM - 3 PM

Coding has never been so much fun. Learn the basics of coding with Scratch, an easy to use language and create your own music video. Bring a USB drive to save your creation if you want to take it home with you. Space is limited and sign-up is required.

Summer Reading Incentive Drawing

Tuesday, July 28, 3 PM

Saturday, August 15, 3 PM

Have you signed-up for the Teen Summer Reading Program and submitted book reviews online? The more reviews you submit the more chances you have to win a power bank, instant film camera, gift card, and many more!

Co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library

May 2015

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Grazie, Grazie, Grazie!

The 22nd annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction – *Viva Italia!* – was held Sunday, April 26th and was the most successful Soirée ever.

The Friends extend their sincere thanks to all of the many volunteers who worked so hard to make the Soirée happen, as well as the many guests who attended the Soirée and enjoyed the food, the wine, the live and silent auctions, the raffle and the music. It was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and to help our library.

Co-chairs Nancy Lyons, Tony Torng and Rick Rogers would especially like to thank the many donors who generously contributed all of the auction items, and to also thank all the restaurants that donated food and the manpower to serve it to the Soiree's guests.

The annual Soirée has become an event that many look forward to each year. It is indeed inspiring to contemplate that this annual fund raiser for the Diamond Bar Library is entirely the product of volunteers! Congratulations to all who had a hand in the success of the 22nd Soirée. And save the date – the 23rd Soirée will be held Sunday, **April 24th, 2016.**



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Friends Donate to Maple Hill Elementary School Library

Maple Hill Elementary School Principal Nancy Stingly visited the Friends monthly Board meeting recently to discuss the ongoing renovation of the school’s library, and to make an appeal for help so the school could properly complete the work. The administration, staff and parents’ group at Maple Hill had worked tirelessly to transform what for decades had been a forlorn “temporary” structure with no bookshelves and few books, into a sturdy, clean, safe and well-supplied school library. They had made great progress, but there was still work to do and funding had been exhausted. After



discussion, the Board agreed that assisting in this endeavor would be in accordance with the Friends mission of *supporting the Diamond Bar Library and literacy in the community*. Board President Chris Ko and other Friends are pictured on April 17th presenting a \$1,000 check to Principal Stingly, staff and children from Maple Hill for use in the library renovation. There is still work to be done on the new library - any readers interested in contributing to this worthy cause are encouraged to contact Ms. Stingly directly.