



DIAMOND BAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MAY 2011

New Library!

Diamond Bar is going to get a new library! Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe made it official at the Wine Soirée on April 10th when he presented a ceremonial check for \$5 million to the Diamond Bar City Council and County Librarian Margaret Donellen Todd. With the funding from the County the plans for the long-awaited new library will become reality. Construction will start later this year and is expected to take 12 to 14 months. Predictions are that the new library will be open for business in early 2013.

The approval of the new library represents the culmination of many years of effort by countless dedicated and involved Diamond Bar residents. As time went by and the City grew, it became painfully apparent to observers that Diamond Bar had outgrown the original 1977-vintage County Library located on Grand Avenue. Many plans were considered over the years for addressing the need for improved library facilities, but none of them came to fruition. Finally, in late 2009 a fortuitous set of circumstances developed that made a new library a real possibility. The foresight of City Manager James DeStefano and the encouragement of then-Mayor Carol Herrera and the City Council, the imminent expiration of the City's lease at the AQMD building and the availability of the vacant office building across the street, and the enthusiastic support of the Friends all combined to produce - after some very detailed negotiations with the County - approval for a new library for Diamond Bar! Congratulations to all who contributed to this happy outcome, and congratulations to all the patrons and supporters of the Diamond Bar Library.



From left to right: County Librarian Margaret Donellen Todd, Friends President Rosette Clippinger, Mayor Steve Tye, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Mayor Pro Tem Ling-Ling Chang, Council Member Carol Herrera and Friends Past President & Wine Soirée Co-Chair Tony Torng.



May 21

SIDEWALK BLOW-OUT BOOK SALE
Basically BOOKS
10am - 3pm

May 21

Miss Diamond Bar Princess Party
Diamond Bar Library
2pm

May 24

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay
7pm

May 25

Book Swap, Diamond Bar Library
Bring a book to discuss and swap!
7pm

May 28

Joy of Chinese Cooking
Diamond Bar Library
2pm

June

Monthly Special, Basically BOOKS
All Red dotted books throughout
the store 25 or 50 cents

June 1

Teen Graduation Party
Diamond Bar Library
3:30 pm

June 9

BBQ with Harry Soo
Diamond Bar Library
2pm

June 18

SIDEWALK BLOW-OUT BOOK SALE
Basically BOOKS
10am - 3pm

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18th Annual Wine Soirée—the Rock and Roll Soirée!

The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library extend our heartfelt thanks to all in the community who supported the Eighteenth Annual Wine Soirée on Sunday, April 10 at the Diamond Bar Center. A large, congenial crowd



As a few examples of the community's need for a new library: there were 202 children's programs and 111 teen programs presented during the 2009/2010 year attended by hundreds of children and teens.

enjoyed great food and wine, exciting auctions and entertainment all in support of the Diamond Bar Library and literacy in our community. Special recognition to our food hosts: Acapulco, Aljibani Halal Market, Carbon Grill, Champs Elysees Bakery, Chili's Grill and Bar, Chipotle, Claro's Italian Restaurant, Diamond Bar Golf Course Catering, Diamond Palace, Graber Olive House, Happy Wok, It's A Grind, Mandarin Taste Restaurant, Round Table Pizza, Slap Yo Daddy BBQ and The Whole Enchilada. Interesting selections of wine from all over the world were offered for tasting through the generosity of the Jerry Mead New World International Wine Competition.

Of course, very special thanks to the City of Diamond Bar and the County of Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe who are collaborating to make the dream of a new Diamond Bar Library a reality. At the Soirée, Supervisor Knabe and County Librarian Margaret Todd presented a check for \$5 million as a symbol of their commitment to renovating the first floor in the new Diamond Bar City Hall into a state of the art Diamond Bar Library. It was truly a banner year for the Soirée!

The Friends will continue to fund many of the needed programs and materials for the present library.

During that same year, 307,225 items were checked out at the Diamond Bar Library, 2,008 new library cards were issued and 124,576 questions were answered by the reference librarians.

As in past years the proceeds from this year's Wine Soirée will be used to advance continuing needs in the library - replacing worn books, adding to the best-seller collection, purchasing foreign language books, videos and books on tape to support the diverse population in Diamond Bar. In addition, we support the very active children's programs, reading programs and speaker series. Eleven years ago the Friends established a used bookstore, Basically BOOKS. It provides gently used books at very low prices - most books less than three dollars. The Children's Area of the library was renovated and a special Youth Section was supported with funds provided by the Friends. A Family Place, a special program for families with young children, is in its third year. This is a special program for young parents and their preschool children from birth to three years in age. It is a place where parents can learn and play with their little ones in a safe and positive environment.

You are invited to also view Emerson Chen's photo album: <http://bit.ly/iFNZZy>



From the Librarian's Desk



Congratulations to all of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library on a wonderful, successful 18th Annual Wine Soirée! Once again, the Friends have shown that they can put together a truly first-class event that is as enjoyable to attend as it is beneficial to the library. All funds raised at the Wine Soirée go to the library to support programs for people of all ages and much-needed materials for the lifelong learning and entertainment of the Diamond Bar community.

While the many, many Friends involved with the massive effort of planning and executing this year's Wine Soirée are enjoying some well-deserved rest before planning begins again for next year's event, here at the Diamond Bar Library we are preparing for a very busy summer of reading, learning, and fun. Studies show that participation in public library summer reading programs has significant positive effects on student achievement in the following school year. We are proud to help Diamond Bar students by keeping them reading, learning, and thinking throughout the summer with our Summer Reading Programs for kids and teens. And with our second annual Adult Summer Reading Program at the Diamond Bar Library the whole family can now join in the fun.

Participants of all ages can earn incentives for reading throughout the summer. Children, teens, and adults can all read books to earn chances to win great prizes here at the library, and can also log on and join our Online Summer Reading Program at www.colapublib.org for additional chances to win. We will also be having some terrific programs, including magic and puppet shows, a drum performance, art activities from around the globe, a multicultural talent show, and even a workshop on the secrets of great barbecue! Be sure to stop by the library, give us a call, or check out our website for more information about all of the exciting programs taking place at the library this summer.

We could not have such a terrific Summer Reading Program without the generous support of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. We would like to wish all of our Friends a happy and healthy summer, and hope that everyone stops by the library to check out our Summer Reading Program.

Jesse Lanz

Community Library Manager

Basically BOOKS

Basically BOOKS, serving Diamond Bar and the surrounding communities for the past eleven years, is now open six days a week. The expanded business hours are Monday 10 am to 5 pm; Tuesday 10 am to 7 pm; Wednesday and Thursday 10 am to 5 pm; Friday 10 am to 7 pm; Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. We are closed on Sunday.

Come and visit Basically BOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) where you will find many featured sales throughout the month. Look for our special monthly sales where you will find even deeper discounts on many interesting books. Gift certificates are always available.

All proceeds from Basically BOOKS go directly to benefit the Diamond Bar Library. During the past eleven years, Basically BOOKS has more often than not been the only bookstore in Diamond Bar and has served the community as a resource for school, work and pleasure reading at exceptionally low prices. Donations are always welcome. For more information, please call bookstore manager Mary Hackett at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com. Book discussions are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at Basically BOOKS. The May 24 book discussion selection will be *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana De Rosnay. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call Alice Moffitt at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.

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June 20 - July 25

Monday Art Activities from
Around the Globe
Diamond Bar Library
2pm

June 23 - July 28

Thursday Special Performances
at Diamond Bar Library
*Balloons, magic, puppets,
music, and more!*
2pm

June 28

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Wildwater Walking Club
by Clair Cook
7pm

July

Monthly Special, Basically BOOKS
All Authors whose last names begin
with A through L will be 50% off

July 16

SIDEWALK BLOW-OUT BOOK SALE
Basically BOOKS
10am - 3pm

July 26

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Mistress Shakespeare by Karen Harper
7pm

August

Monthly Special, Basically BOOKS
All Authors whose last names begin
with M through Z will be 50% off

August 23

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Murder Past Due by Miranda James
7pm

September 27

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Sea of Poppies by Amitav Ghosh
7pm

October 25

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett
as part of Read Together
Diamond Bar and The Big Read
7pm

November 22

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
7pm

Message from the President...



Rosette Clippinger
President

cause - Our Library.

However this year was very special. Supervisor Don Knabe presented a \$5,000,000 check to pay for the new, much larger space for our much used library. The new library will be housed on the first floor of the new city hall and will provide more room for the children and teens as well as increasing the space for the adult collection. A large community room will be put to use for events and educational presentations. The new library will also provide a spacious area for our Basically Books and ample parking on even the busiest days.

This was the memorable part of a perfect day. We couldn't have ordered better weather and the decorations,

thanks to Gloria Baca, provided the perfect back drop for a lively group of revelers.

I want to thank everyone who helped put this important event together. First of all, Eileen Tillery and the New World International Wine Competition, who, for the last 18 years have provided the premium wines; Kathleen Newe and Rae Duncan who put together a well advertised and informative program book; Eileen Ansari, who generously provided the wine glasses, Janice and Dennis Giardina for gathering a great raffle prizes; Bob Block for bringing together a friendly and helpful group of pourers and Rachel and Roger Kirk, who broke the records with their book auction; and my co-chairs Rick Rogers and Tony Torng who took care of all the details and brought together a wonderful group of food hosts.

There are so many to thank, Wine Soirée Committee, Ilse Boykin, Larry Smith, Mary Hackett, Richard Malooly, Sherm Griffone, most important, I would like to extend a sincere THANKS to all who generously donated to our live and silent auctions and contributed to the success of this year's event.

I look forward to next year's Soirée.

Friends of the Diamond Bar Library

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