



## Message from the President...

Dear Friend:

Transitions.

It's so hard to say good-bye to summer. The long sunny days and cool breezy nights, the carefree spirit, the concerts and movies in the park, the BBQs in the backyard, those are some of the pure joys of summer. Now, it's transition time.

The kids are back in school and starting in a new grade. The light and color of the trees are changing, and the shortened days draw us to home and hearth, to family and friends. Even as summer comes to an end, so comes the beginning of autumn. And there's great excitement for what the next season will bring.

The Board of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library welcomed Community Library Manager Pui-Ching Ho at the beginning of the summer, and now it seems like we've known her forever. I hope that you "got a taste" of how "reading is so delicious" at our Summer Reading Program this year. Pui-Ching and her staff welcomed children, teens, and adults to this year's program with stories, books, and many fun classes and activities. There were contests and prizes for the kids, and for the adults, growing an organic garden and even a wine tasting class!

On August 17th our library celebrated its one-year Grand Opening with everyone enjoying birthday cake, popcorn, balloon twisting and face painting. It seems like we just moved into this beautiful, brand new space. On its shelves are thousands of books, reference materials, magazines, newspapers, videos, and music. Everyone agreed that the library is Diamond Bar's newest treasure. Many thanks to everyone who helped make our new library a reality.

Lest you think that the Friends only hang out at the library, I am happy to report that many of us were at Sycamore Park thanking our Bookstore Volunteers at our annual Volunteers' Appreciation Picnic. Our current team of volunteers is over 56 members strong! Under the leadership of Mary Hackett, our volunteers receive, sort, and display the books that we receive.

And they keep our two bookstores humming with hospitality and good humor. Their dedicated efforts make all of the library's special activities possible. Kudos and thanks to all our fantastic volunteers!

This fall, under the enthusiastic leadership of Kiran Kumar, teens will have an opportunity to read and discuss specially selected books with other teens when they join a "Literature Circles" reading club. Groups will be forming in September with different moderators leading different books. Please encourage your teen to join one of these groups, and watch literature come alive. You can read more about this exciting new program in the body of this newsletter.

Another project getting underway is a community-wide reading program that will interest readers of all ages. The idea is that our community would read the same book, then participate in or attend different activities that relate to that book. We are currently planning for 2014 and look forward to forming partnerships with other community groups. We are so excited about having a City-wide reading event! More information about this project to come.

Summer for the Friends was wonderful and eventful, fall is going to be even better. Please join the Friends, participate with our committees and activities or volunteer with our bookstores. And be sure to drop by our BasicallyBOOKS bookstores and pick up a book or two. Transitions: it's all good!

See you at the library,  
**Ruth Low**



## BasicallyBOOKS' Happenings



The famous Basically-BOOKS Quarterly "Buck-a-Bag" book sale will be held at the 23447 Golden Springs Drive store on **Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** You will find many interesting books at rock-

bottom prices. The October Sidewalk sale will be held at the same store from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. To celebrate Halloween treats will be given out at the Golden Springs store from noon to 5 p.m. on October 31. No candy will be available at the BasicallyBOOKS library store. All proceeds from both BasicallyBOOKS directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library. For more information, please call bookstore manager Mary Hackett at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.

Book discussions are held on the last Tuesday of each month at BasicallyBOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Drive. The **September 24** discussion will feature *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemon. Set in Kabul during the reign of terror of the Taliban, this book tells the story of five sisters, one remarkable family and the woman who risked everything to keep them safe. For more information, please call Alice Moffitt at 909 396-9954 or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com.



## Looking for Volunteers at BasicallyBOOKS

Are you looking for a great volunteer experience in Diamond Bar? BasicallyBOOKS, the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library non-profit bookstore, is a friendly place serving the community as a resource for school, work and pleasure reading at exceptionally low prices. There are many special sales throughout the month so stop by both of our beautiful

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



## Resources for Teachers at BasicallyBOOKS

The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library recognizes how important teachers are to fostering literacy in our community. We will be offering special times and events on the second Tuesday of each month at both BasicallyBOOKS locations for teachers to expand their classroom libraries. Books and education videos will be offered at special discounts for teachers at all levels. We invite all teachers to join us for these special teacher appreciation afternoons. Teachers can sign up at either

BasicallyBOOKS location or email to BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com to receive more information.

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## Literature Circles - Kiran Kumar

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library in association with the Diamond Bar Library is starting a series of Literature Circles. These will be groups of 10-15 students led by an experienced teacher reading and discussing selections from classics and world literature.

The reading selections will support the new Common Core Standards focusing on critical thinking and introducing theories of literary criticism. This will be a good experience for your identified GATE students and is open to all students. Participants will be encouraged to formulate open-ended questions which require an in-depth discussion. Copies of the reading selections will be provided, but the students must bring their library card to check out the book. Since this is a new program, we would like you to offer any incentives and

encourage students to attend. The meetings will be from 4p.m. – 6p.m. starting Wednesday September 4 and every Wednesday after that. We will meet at the Windmill Room at the Diamond Bar Library and the discussions for a particular book will run for 4-6 weeks depending on the interest and enthusiasm.

We are also looking for teachers, active or retired, who would like to be moderators for the Literature Circles. Please contact Kiran Kumar at the Friends of the Library bookstore any Tuesday between 4p.m.-7p.m.

P.S. - The Friends of the Library will also be having special discounts for teachers at both our bookstores. This is a great way to fill the classroom bookshelves.

### *Library Birthday Party!*



## MEET THE VOLUNTEER! Elizabeth Haffner By Gordon J. Van De Water



Elizabeth Haffner is one busy person. For the past six months she has found time to serve our customers at both locations of BasicallyBOOKS; Wednesday mornings at the store located at 23447 Golden Springs Drive, and when called upon is willing to help out to fill in at our second store in the Diamond Bar Public Library.

This retired elementary school teacher has many interests. Not to let the grass grow under her feet, she is about to start studying a year-long advanced gardening program which will lead to a Master Gardener Certification. Some of her favorite reading, not surprisingly, involves subject matter that deals with gardening, horticulture, and landscaping. She also has a love for

reading adventure, and historical fiction and non-fiction.

Elizabeth enjoys giving her expertise back to the community. For instance, she is a volunteer at the Arboretum at Cal-State, Fullerton. She is also a member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at our neighboring Cal-Poly University. She is on call 24/7 and could be asked to attend to any emergency situation that affects a need for the university.

Please drop by our Basically BOOKS location. I know Elizabeth would enjoy meeting and chatting with you, especially about her favorite subject – gardening!!

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What is new in the County of Los Angeles Public Library? Did you know that you can read full digital copies of your favorite magazines on a computer, smartphone, or tablet? The most popular titles so far are: *Backpacker*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Us Weekly*, and *Food Network Magazine*. There are over 100 titles available from the County Library at <http://colapublib.org/zinio>. You can keep the magazine until you delete it from your computer or device. There is no need to return the magazine and this service is FREE!

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