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## President Susan Pantages' Message



Welcome to the June Newsletter of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. I would like to start with a shout out to all the volunteers and community vendors who worked endlessly to make our annual Wine Soirée and Auction, held on April 14, at the Diamond Bar Center another epic event! *Lights, Camera, Auction* proved again what teamwork and dedication to a cause can accomplish. As you can see by the pictures enclosed, everyone had a wonderful and fun evening and gave of themselves through their participation and donations. Thank you all.

As one event ends, many, many follow as we continue our work of funding literacy in Diamond Bar. On April 13th, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library participated as the host of the *Beer and Wine Garden* at the annual City Birthday Party in Pantera Park, always a popular stop for a cold one! On May 18th, we happily participated in the *Diamond Bar Day of Service*, joining various other volunteer organizations on city cleanup projects. Our booth for the event explained our work and our need for volunteers for various ongoing committees and both bookstores. May 23rd brought many of our Board members to the Ontario Conference Center to listen and learn from other California *Friends* groups at the annual *Serving with a Purpose* conference.

We will continue our very popular Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults. This activity culminates with our month-long program, *Read Together Diamond Bar*, where everyone in the community is encouraged to read the same book and then participate in many activities offered to support literacy.

Please remember to help support our two local non-profit used book stores, Basically BOOKS, one located within our library and the second at 23447 Golden Springs. We have a wonderful selection of books and other treasures at rock-bottom prices. All proceeds directly benefit our Diamond Bar Library. Our monthly Buck-A-Bag Sales, held at our Golden Springs store, are highly successful and a great bargain; bring your own reusable (grocery size) bags and fill up for \$1! Please check our website for event dates and times. [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org)

The list of activities managed by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library continues to grow, please consider donating your time and talent. Our organization is a family all working for the same goal, improving and increasing library programs and services in Diamond Bar. Please contact our Membership Chair, Elaine Mickle at [Elamickle@aol.com](mailto:Elamickle@aol.com) for more info. Board meetings are held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at the Diamond Bar Library, Windmill Room at 8:30 am, you are always welcome!

## Meet KARIN LUNDSTROM - A Volunteer at Basically Books



Hello. I've lived in Diamond Bar for five years and consider myself a Professional Mom and Volunteer. I have spent a lot of time volunteering with educational organizations and advocacy groups since my children were small. With one adult child and two high school students, I'm now choosing to use my time to serve the broader community that we call home. Also, I love to read and am a fairly organized person so the tasks are very reinforcing.

I work at the bookstore on Golden Springs. The bookstore is a lovely place to have direct contact with my community and give back in a way that I really enjoy. I meet all kinds of people during my shift and occasionally have wonderful discussions about authors and novels. It's an especially fun day when I can help someone discover a new author or find a book that helps with an assignment or personal goal.

I don't like serials and it's rare for me to find more than one book by an author that I enjoy. I did read several of Amy Tan's and John Irving's books, but I wouldn't call them my favorites. I'm not a re-reader so I don't have a favorite book. My most frequent genre is Historical Fiction and I do have a few that I recommend often.

The last book I read was *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt. There was a lot to not like because the characters were quite self-centered and hard to connect with as students of ancient Greek at an elite private college. It was a second try at something from Ms. Tartt after I really enjoyed her novel *The Goldfinch*.

I'm currently reading about four books. I started *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*, by Tim Wise last year and I'm still working on it. It has great insight into topics that are quite relevant in our current political climate but it's not what I call leisure reading. For pleasure, I'm letting a family mystery unfold with *The Au Pair*, by Emma Rous. For personal growth, I'm listening to the classic by Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray* on audio book and slowly digesting *Why Buddhism is True: The Science and Philosophy of Meditation and Enlightenment*, by Robert Wright.

Volunteering my time has been the best way for me to meet people in my city, share what I enjoy, and learn new things. Also, I feel like it sets a great example for my kids to know that if they want to love where they live they should show it by participating in their community.



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### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The 26th annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction was held Sunday, April 14th and was a tremendous success! 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 record number of guests who attended 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, while helping our library. Please see photos of the Soirée in this newsletter.

Co-chairs Dana Cox, 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 the food and the manpower to serve it to the Soiree's guests.

The annual Soirée is an event that many look forward to each year. It is indeed inspiring to contemplate that this 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 26th Soirée. And save the date – the 27th Soirée will be held Sunday, April 26th, 2020.

## L. A. COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM IS THE LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

The Los Angeles County Library System has been selected as the Library of the Year by *Library Journal*. This tremendous honor – being designated as the best Library in the United States – is a remarkable achievement. It reflects the hard work and dedication of all the people who work for the Library and their expertise, creativity and the unparalleled level of customer service they provide to the Library’s patrons. Congratulations to the management and staff of the L.A. County Library – and the staff of our very own branch, the Diamond Bar Library - on this much deserved honor!

The Los Angeles County Library is one of the largest library systems in the United States, with 87 library facilities serving over 3.4 million people. For more information, visit [www.libraryjournal.com](http://www.libraryjournal.com) or [www.lacountylibrary.org/aboutus](http://www.lacountylibrary.org/aboutus).



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### BasicallyBOOKS

BasicallyBOOKS, the 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. Bookstore Manager Peggy Murphy is **desperately** looking for new volunteers to staff both locations – we’ve recently had several long-time volunteers either move away or retire. The stores are located at 23447 Golden Springs Road (near the intersection of Golden Springs and Diamond Bar Boulevard) and in the Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Drive (across from the AQMD Building). If interested, please contact Peggy at (909) 938-0382 or at [nanapegy3@verizon.net](mailto:nanapegy3@verizon.net).

The bookstore on Golden Springs holds monthly **Buck a Bag** book sales, where patrons can fill a grocery-sized bag with books for only one dollar! (Please bring your own bags.) The sales are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Upcoming sales are scheduled for June 15, July 20 and August 24.

Please see our website at [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org) for the operating hours of each bookstore location.



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Senior Citizen	\$5.00
Individual	\$10.00
Merchant, Business, Organization Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
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Membership envelopes are available at:

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*Thanks for being “A Friend!”*



# Programs for Babies & Toddlers

## Ranger Jack's Music & Puppet Show

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 11 am - 12 pm**

Meet singer/ songwriter Ranger Jack and his singing puppet friends. Enjoy a highly interactive music performance that features songs about animals, animated stories, games and puppets. Be ready to sing, dance, jump up and down and laugh hysterically!

**For ages 0 - 4, younger children will need a caregiver's active participation.**



## Play & Explore: I'm a Chef!

**Saturday, July 13, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Put your chef hat on and get ready to cook! Make a paper plate pizza, bake a "sponge" cake, cook a plate of yarn spaghetti and much more! Join us for a special dramatic play program to help children learn through creative ways and enjoy a unique family bonding experience. **Registration is required and will begin on June 29, 2019.**

**For ages 1 - 4 and their caregivers.**



## Play & Explore: Sensory Discoveries

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 11 am - 12 pm**

Get ready to spy with your little eyes, touch with your little hands and smell with your little nose. Explore a variety of activities that will stimulate children's senses and promote development. Adventure with the hand-on experience and fun!

**For ages 0 - 4 and their caregivers.**



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**Life on the Rocks**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Are you ready for a summer of fun and discovery? Learn all about the amazing tidepool lifestyle and get a chance to touch live tidepool animals! The show features sea stars and shark and some more! **Registration required.**

**Guess How Much I love You? A Father's Day Celebration!**

**Saturday, June 15, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Celebrate Father's Day with stories, fun and arts! Explore books and adventures, and join the Act It Out contest to show how well you know your dads! You will also create a unique card to express your love for the special person in your life.

**Family Fitness Fun**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Get ready to run, jump, tumble, and play! Join coach Mejia for an hour of fun activities, such as dribbling, tag games, parachute fun, dancing and juggling. This summer, stay active and have lots of fun!

**Craig Newton's Multicultural Music Show**

**Saturday, July 6, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Hop on to the musical journey as musician Craig Newton showcases different instruments: a guitar from Spain, a flute from France, a drum from Africa, a saxophone from Belgium, and many more. Travel musically in this smorgasbord of sound!

**Wild Wonders Animal Show**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 4 - 5 pm**

Take a walk on the wild side and adventure with animals from all over the world. Meet and learn from our furry, feathered or scaly guests. Explore the wonders of wildlife! **Registration required.**

**Magical Balloon Story & Puppet Show**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Come with Brettso The Great, his balloon puppet helpers and the spirit dragon to save the world! Enjoy engaging stories and magic that will amaze, entertain, and inspire creative thoughts.

**Rene's Marionettes Showtime!**

**Monday, July 22, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Watch marionette puppets come to life as puppeteer Rene reveals their surprising talents! Join us for a special marionette performance that shows the value of appreciating the talents in other and ourselves.

**Tony Daniel's Magic Show**

**Saturday, August 10, 2019, 2 - 3 pm**

Celebrate the end of summer with a uniquely dazzling performance of magic, comedy and illusions with magician Tony Daniels! Don't miss this fun-filled, family-friendly show of wonder and astonishment.

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