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Sunday, April 14,  
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## President Glendy Chiang's Message



Hello everyone and welcome to our September Newsletter. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. Even with vacation season and the warm weather the Friends kept busy. In addition to operating our two used book stores we had our annual *BIG Sale of Books* on Saturday, August 18th. It was our most successful *BIG Sale of Books* ever, proving to us that even in this digital age there are still plenty of readers who love and appreciate the printed word. More on the *BIG Sale of Books* inside.

And now that we are moving into cooler weather, the Friends are gearing up for our busiest time of the year. On September 19th we and the Los Angeles County Library will be jointly hosting "The Unexpected Library." This is a morning-long conference designed to showcase to the media all of the many capabilities and resources available in the Library. In October we will present *Read Together Diamond Bar*, our annual month-long program of events and activities geared around specific books. The concept of RTDB is that *the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony*. We have selected three books on the same theme: one for adults, the second for teenagers and the third for children. In addition, we will again present, in partnership with the American Association of University Women, our annual "How a Book Changed My Life" student essay contest. Please see the inside of this newsletter for more on both RTDB and the essay contest

On November 8th we will sponsor our annual *Librarian Luncheon*, during which we honor the hard-working librarians of our local schools as well as the staff of our Diamond Bar Library. And November also sees the return of last year's wildly popular *Gently Used Purse Sale* to be held on November 10th in the Windmill Room. (More information on the purse sale inside.)

Also included in this newsletter is a *Meet A Volunteer* article by Harold Pressman, and an article on BasicallyBOOKS by 3rd year student volunteer Matthew Lioe. I want to close this message by noting how inspiring it is for me to witness the passion and dedication of our many wonderful volunteers. In particular, the BIG Sale of Books gave me an opportunity to once again marvel at the enthusiasm and energy of our volunteers. The Sale required a LOT of work by many people over multiple days. The Sale was a great success, and it was all done by VOLUNTEERS. The most wonderful volunteers in the world!

In closing, thank you all for your support of the Friends, best wishes for a nice autumn everyone, and see you at the Library!

Thank you all,  
*Glendy Chiang*

## Meet HAROLD PRESSMAN - A Volunteer at Basically Books



Hello. My name is Harold Pressman. I'm 68 years old, retired, and worked as a teacher for 5 1/2 years and school psychologist for 28 years in the Covina-Valley Unified School District. My wife and I have been residents of Diamond Bar since 1984. We have two children who went through the Walnut Valley Unified School District schools and are currently practicing attorneys. Our daughter practices in San Francisco and son is in Los Angeles.

I am a member of Friends of the Library and have volunteered at the BB3 book store (at 23447 Golden Springs Drive) for about 3 years. Working in the field of education for 33 years drew me to volunteering at the bookstore. I also volunteer for AARP teaching a Driver Safety course, in Diamond Bar and La Mirada, geared for senior drivers. I am continually impressed by the dedication of the volunteers at the bookstore and the amount of time that they put in to make the bookstore successful. I also enjoy interacting with the customers and have received many author recommendations that have widened my reading experiences. It is always a satisfying experience to help a customer find a book that they have been looking for or to give my own recommendation of authors that they may have an interest in.

I enjoy reading historical novels and other fictional books that relive historical eras. A couple of my favorite authors are Erik Larson and Philip Kerr. I am currently reading a book by Philip Kerr whose main character, Detective Bernie Gunther, is trying to survive and solve cases in pre-World War II Germany. My wife and I also enjoy traveling and have been fortunate enough to take Fall and Spring trips throughout the last few years. We have seen much of the United States and many countries abroad.



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### BIG Sale of Books

The BIG Book Sale, which happened on Saturday, August 18th, was a very large and time-consuming project requiring that volunteers move hundreds of boxes of books from storage to the Windmill Room the day before the sale, while other volunteers worked to arrange and sort the thousands of books by genre. Then the day of the sale required that our volunteers arrive before the sale so that when the doors opened at 9 am they were available to replenish the sale tables with books, answer questions from our hundreds of buyers and to work the cashier table. And then when the sale closed at 3 pm the volunteers had to clean up the Windmill Room and recycle the hundreds of now empty cardboard boxes. It was an enormous project, ably directed by our fantastic bookstore manager, Peggy Murphy. Congratulations and many thanks to Peggy and all the volunteers who helped make this year's BIG Sale of Books the most successful ever!



*The team in the Windmill Room setting up for the BIG Sale of Books*



*The hardworking volunteers who moved the books from the storage bin to the Windmill Room*

## A Reflection on Basically Books

By Matthew Lioe



After reflecting on my 3rd summer volunteering with BasicallyBOOKS, I realized what a wonderful time it has been working inside the bookstore.

When I first began searching for volunteering opportunities going into my freshman year of high school, I discovered BasicallyBOOKS. I was only slightly familiar with the bookstore, with distant memories of going to Buck-A-Bag Sales as a child. However, after calling the manager Peggy and beginning training with Sandi, I quickly realized the amount of time and effort that goes into running BasicallyBOOKS.

Although there is a lot of work to be done in the bookstore, I enjoy it because I get to develop new skills, such as conversing and assisting customers. My duties at the bookstore also include organizing books, labeling shelves, and many other odd tasks that one would not consider at first to be essential to a bookstore.

Every time I finish volunteering a shift at BasicallyBOOKS, I feel exhausted but satisfied, knowing that I might have made someone's day just a bit more convenient or pleasant by volunteering. I look forward to my next and final year at BasicallyBOOKS.



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### **"Gently Used" Purse Sale – Donations Needed**

The Friends announce the return of an innovative way to help **you** clean out your closet and to help **us** raise money for the Library. **Saturday, November 10th** we will hold our second Gently Used Purse Sale, to be held in the Windmill Room of the Diamond Bar Library from 9am to 4pm.

Friends Vice President Susan Pantages asks everyone to please look through your closets and consider donating your new or gently used purses now in support of this fund raising event. The goal is to exceed the 700 purses that were at last year's sale.

Drop off locations include the Diamond Bar Library at 21800 Copley Drive, BasicallyBOOKS at 23447 Golden Springs Drive, and Golden Springs Cleaners at 328 S. Diamond Bar Boulevard.



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



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*www.dblibraryfriends.org*

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The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library would like for you to “BE A FRIEND” supporting our membership! Annual membership costs are as follows:

Senior Citizen	\$5.00
Individual	\$10.00
Merchant, Business, Organization Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
Donation	\$ _____

Membership envelopes are available at:

**The Diamond Bar Library**  
**21800 Copley Dr.**  
**Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

**or**

**Basically BOOKS**  
**23447 Golden Springs Dr.**  
**Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

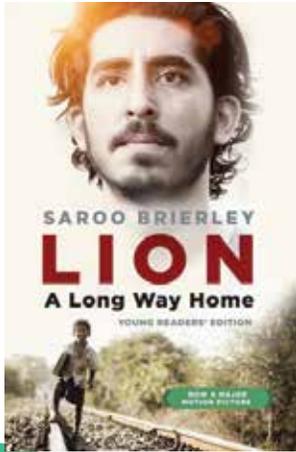
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*Thanks for being “A Friend!”*

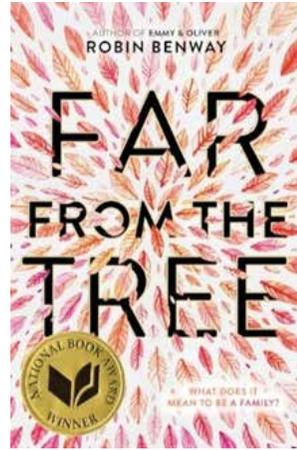
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# READ TOGETHER DIAMOND BAR



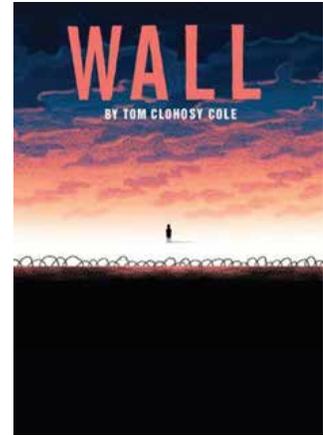
**LION**  
by Saroo Brierley

A miraculous and triumphant story of a boy's incredible journey from India to Australia and back again.



**FAR FROM THE TREE**  
by Robin Benway

Three teenagers, biological siblings separated by adoption, explore the meaning of family in all its forms -- how to find it, how to keep it, and how to love it.



**WALL**  
by Tom Clohosy Cole

Follows a small boy and his family as they try to reunite with his father after the Berlin Wall is built.

## STUDENT ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

### HOW A BOOK CHANGE MY LIFE

Write a personal letter to an author, living or deceased, from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, and explain how his or her work has changed your life. Students must be between the ages of 13 – 18. Essays must be 1,000 words or less.

Submit your essay to Diamond Bar Library before Saturday, October 6, 2018

Prizes: Three \$300 scholarships, sponsored by Diamond Bar Friends of the Library.



Diamond Bar Library, 21800 Copley Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

## READ TOGETHER DIAMOND BAR 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Special Movie Screening – Wednesday, 10/3, 5:30pm to 7:30pm:**

Based on a true story. A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles from home. Surviving many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. Rated PG-13.

### **Bollywood Dance Workshop – Saturday, 10/6, 3:00pm to 4:00pm:**

Come learn some Bollywood moves from Indian Dance instructor Sharanya Mukhopadhyay to show off at your next dance party!

### **Teen Book Discussion – Tuesday, 10/9, 3:30pm to 4:30pm:**

Join us as we discuss Far from the Tree by Robin Benway, an award-winning book about three adopted siblings exploring the meaning of family. Ages 10-17.

### **Writing Workshop: How to Build a Story – Wednesday, 10/10, 6:00pm to 7:00pm:**

Stories have the power to change lives...so why not tell yours? Join Darren Manley, author of the forthcoming memoir How to Build a Time Machine, for a candid discussion about the art of writing and how to put the stories to the page and make them shine. For adults.

### **Urban Survival Skills Workshop – Saturday, 10/13, 3:00pm to 4:00pm:**

Earthquakes, fires, flooding, sharknadoes... Living in SoCal you need to be prepared for anything! Christopher Nyerges, founder of the School of Self-Reliance, will talk about water storage and purification, food storage and backyard cooking, what to grow in an urban yard and more!

### **Restoring Contact with Family – Saturday, 10/13, 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Wednesday, 10/24, 3:00pm to 6:00pm:**

Come learn about The American Red Cross's "Restoring Family Links" free service and how they can help you search for and locate your family and loved ones that you lost touch because of a disaster, migration, or conflict.

### **Teen E-Textiles: Super Hero Masks – Tuesday, 10/16, 3:30pm to 5:30pm:**

Join us for a special STEAM program presented by LA Makerspace where participants will create their own superhero mask with electronics and textiles. Registration is required. Ages 10-17.

### **Learn All About Rangoli Art – Saturday, 10/20, 2:00pm to 3:30pm:**

Rangoli art is a colorful art form originated in India. Join our special guest from Barnsdall Art to learn about this unique art style and create your own Rangoli design using various materials, such as colored rice and beans. Registration is required. Ages 5-11.

### **Children's Book Discussion & Art Activity – Monday, 10/22, 4:00pm to 5:00pm:**

Please join us for a book discussion on Wall by Tom Clohosy Cole as we follow the family's journey and struggle to reunion. Afterwards, children get to design their unique paper plate magnet maze to take home. Registration is required. Ages 5-11.

### **Parent & Me Yoga – Wednesday, 10/24, 5:00pm to 6:00pm:**

Kids and family, learn yoga poses to help you stretch, strengthen and relax while spending time together! Enjoy an hour of fun yoga class taught by certified yoga instructor, Petra Poschmann. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable cloth and bring his/her own yoga mat. A limited number of yoga mats are available. Registration is required. Ages 4-11.

### **Author Visit: Robin Benway – Saturday, 10/27, 2:00pm to 3:00pm:**

Join us for a special afternoon with international acclaimed author Robin Benway. She will discuss her award-winning book Far from the Tree, and talk about her writing process and inspirations. Award ceremony for the "How a Book Changed My Life" essay contest and book signing will follow.

**JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE RTDB 2018 PROGRAMS**