

President Susan Pantages' Message



Welcome to the September Newsletter of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. We are very proud to announce that in June LA County Library was named the 2019 Library of the Year by educational publishing company Gale and trade publication Library Journal. This prestigious award honors the library system nationwide that most profoundly demonstrates service to the community and leadership in creating programs. LA County Library strives to provide services for everyone within LA County and is honored to be recognized. In celebration the Diamond Bar Library offered games, art activities, a photo booth and refreshments sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends on Wednesday June 26th. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great resource.

On September 26th we will again host our annual Librarian Appreciation Luncheon. This event has grown through the years and includes our Diamond Bar Librarians, the Walnut and Pomona Unified School District principals and librarians. It is our way to thank these dedicated educators with a catered luncheon to meet each other and exchange ideas.

What would October be without *Read Together Diamond Bar*? Through this month-long program we encourage our community to experience the joy in reading and sharing the same book. Our featured books this October will be Roy Choi's *L.A. Son: My Life My City My Food* for adults; *A Step from Heaven* by An Na for teens and young adults and *Drawn Together* by Minh Le and Dan Santat for children. In addition, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library has partnered with the American Association of University Women for 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.

Get ready to party on Saturday, November 16th, as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Basically Books. The event will take place outside our bookstore at 23447 Golden Springs from 11 am to 2 pm, with hot dogs, balloons and surprises! This event becomes doubly exciting as it will coincide with our monthly Buck-A-Bag Sale. Bring your own reusable (grocery size) bags and fill up for \$1! Please check our Facebook pages **Basically Books** and **Diamond Bar Friends of the Library** for future book sale event dates and times.

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 for more info. Board meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Saturday at the Diamond Bar Library, Windmill Room at 8:30 am, you are always welcome!

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April 28, 2020



In Memorium



It is with great sadness that we note the recent passing of our friend Sherm Griffone. Sherm was a major presence in the Friends for many years. He (and his wife Betts) were active Board members, regularly volunteered at BasicallyBOOKS, and participated in every event the Friends organized. In many cases Sherm and Betts were the organizers, as well as the crew chiefs, the worker bees and the cleanup crew. In particular, Sherm was a mainstay of the Wine Soiree in its early years and was the sole Chairman of the 11th Soiree in 2004.

Sherm then conceived the idea of creating a local Spelling Bee, enlisted the Friends to provide support, and started what eventually became the Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee. The IVRB operated for several years and provided thousands of local schoolchildren, representing schools from as far west as the 605 freeway and east to the 15, with the opportunity to compete in a professional, regional Spelling Bee. Each year the winner of the IVRB would proceed to the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Throughout this period Sherm was the inspiration and guiding spirit for those many community volunteers who worked each year to make the IVRB a success.

In later years, despite declining health, Sherm was a regular attendee at various community charity events. He was a big man with a big heart, a ready laugh, and a lot of friends. Our sincere condolences to Betts and their family.

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Hello Friends!

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

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

Or you may mail your membership dues or donation to:

DIAMOND BAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
23535 Palomino Drive, #232
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Thanks for being “A Friend!”

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Correction



In the Meet a Volunteer article in our June quarterly newsletter we featured Karin Lunsford, who volunteers in our Basically Books store located on Golden Springs. Unfortunately we misidentified Karin’s last name as Lundstrom. The editor deeply regrets the error.

Meet Jim Montpas - A Volunteer at Basically Books

My name is Jim Montpas. I'm a retired elementary school teacher (10 years now) having spent 36 years in the classroom. I've been living in Diamond Bar for the past 33 years. I recommend retirement for everyone! lol

One of the best things about retirement is that I get to pick and choose what sort of activities I will spend my time doing. There are no retired people that I know who just sit at home, twiddling their thumbs wondering how they can spend their time being productive.

Kathleen Newe - who I now know is a Past President of the Friends of the Library and prepares the Friends' monthly electronic newsletter - is a member of my church (St. Denis) and asked me one day if I would like to donate some time in working at the Public Library Book Store. She already knew that I was an active member in my church with playing bells and working in the Catholic Services ministry. I had never heard of the Friends of the Library & it intrigued me. The rest is history.

I've been working at the Basically Books location on Copley Drive for close to 10 years now. I spend most of my time in the back room separating donated books and shelving the good ones in preparation for bringing them out to the Library Store for the public to buy. I love creating "order" & volunteering in this capacity fills that desire, but it can be a bit challenging at times when we get huge piles of donated books all at one time.

I read mostly religious books now, but in my youth I LOVED *How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn, a British novelist. The old black and white film classic inspired me to read the book. It starred Maureen O'Hara, Walter Pidgeon, & Roddy McDowall.

Please visit our store. You can't find better deals on all genres of books anywhere around. I should know. :-)

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Friends' Past President Glendy Chiang Receives Leadership Award from Congressman Gil Cisneros



On Sunday, July 21st Friends' Past President Glendy Chiang received the Outstanding Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Leadership award from Congressman Gil Cisneros. Glendy's certificate from Congressman Cisneros states: "Your dedication to public service through initialing programs of inclusivity for Asian communities and providing educational support through the city of Diamond Bar is truly admirable. I am delighted to honor your dedication and hard work."

Glendy then shared a few words: "I am a Chinese American. Because I like to taste wine, I volunteered at the most popular Wine Tasting event in the East of LA. That is the Diamond Bar Wine Soirée, organized by Diamond Bar Friends of the Library. Through the years of being a volunteer, I have learned many good things from other volunteers. They are very dedicated to the volunteering job. And I am always inspired by community leaders that think of themselves as servants to serve the community."

"Asian Americans stand at 5.6% of the total US population. This is not a large number. But whether you are immigrants or born here, I believe we, as Asian Americans, are eager to work together with other ethnic groups in the US to create a better future for this land. I want to express my appreciation to Congressman Cisneros for recognizing the Asian American efforts and contributions to our country."

Congratulations Glendy!

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Student Essay Contest

Want the chance to win \$300? Students between the ages of 13 and 18 are encouraged to enter the *How a Book Changed My Life* essay contest. There will be 3 winners. Entries are due by October 5th. See inside this newsletter for details.

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 always looking for new volunteers. 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 you like books and like helping people, and are interested in volunteering at either or both locations, please contact Peggy at (909) 938-0382 or at nanapeggy3@verizon.net.

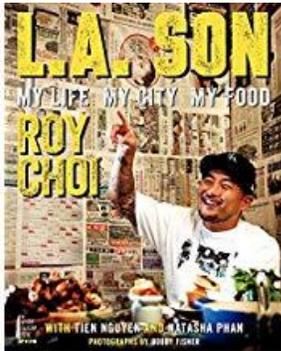
The BasicallyBOOKS on Golden Springs holds monthly **Buck a Bag** book sales, where patrons can fill a grocery-sized bag with books for only one dollar! (Please bring your own bags.) The sales are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Upcoming sales are scheduled for **September 21, October 19 and November 16**. Please note – November 16th is also the date of our **20th Anniversary Party** at the Golden Springs location - so there are 2 great reasons to visit BasicallyBOOKS that day.



Coming in October

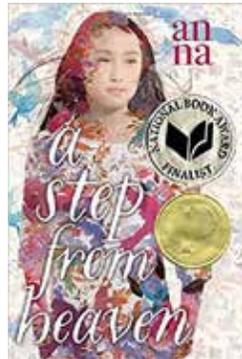
Diamond Bar Friends of the Library Presents Read Together Diamond Bar

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



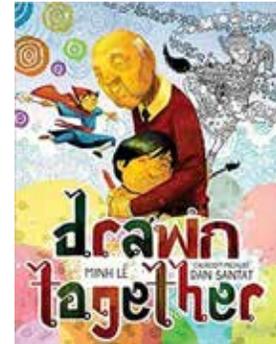
L.A. Son: My Life My City My Food
by Roy Choi

The co-founder of the Kogi BBQ taco trucks pays tribute to the city he loves, combining his appreciation of food and his evolution as a chef with recipes for everything from kalbi and kimchi to chorizo and carno asada.



A Step From Heaven
by An Na

A Printz Award–winning novel about a Korean girl who tells her firsthand account of trying to find her place and identity in America from the day she leaves Korea as a child to her rocky journey through the teenage years.



Drawn Together
by Minh Le

When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens—with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.

Student Essay Writing Contest: [How a Book Changed MY Life](#)

Write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author’s work changed your way of thinking about the world or yourself.

Students must be between the ages of 13 – 18. Essays submitted must be 1,000 words or less.

Submissions can be mailed or dropped off:

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Prizes: Three \$300 Scholarships!

Due Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019



Be sure to stop by the library or visit us online at lacountylibrary.org.

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How a Book Changed My Life

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Rules:

- * Open to students age 13-18
- * Must be 1,000 words or less
- * Must be mailed or dropped off at Diamond Bar Library
- * All entries become the property of LA County Library
- * This completed form must accompany all essay submissions



Due by Saturday, October 5, 2019

Write a personal letter to an author from any genre - fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed your way of thinking about the world or yourself. Winners will be announced on October 26, 2019 at 2 pm during the special afternoon with An Na, author of *A Step from Heaven*.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parental Consent*: _____

I consent to my child's participation in the Student Essay Contest. If my child is chosen as a winner, I consent to having his/her picture taken for use in a newspaper, magazine, or any other public document/presentation as part of the outreach activities of the Library.

*Parental consent is required to participate in contest.

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How a Book Changed My Life Student Essay Contest due by Saturday, October 5, 2019. Please check out: <https://4la.co/1TMW88> for the essay contest flyer/application.

RTDB PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER 2019



STEAM-y Food: Edible Paper – Tuesday, 10/1, 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Join LA Makerspace instructor to explore the science of food with no-cook projects such as making edible paper and other fun science experiments.

Registration is required. Ages 11-17.

Korean Mask Craft Workshop – Saturday, 10/5, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Join our celebration for the beauty of traditional Korean arts and crafts! Learn the history and culture behind Korean masks with our Special guest from Barnsdall Art. Design your unique mask to take home! Registration required. Ages 5-11.

Special Movie Screening – Wednesday, 10/9, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

A chef who loses his restaurant job starts up a food truck in an effort to reclaim his creative promise, while piecing back together his estranged family.

Street Food Remix! – Thursday, 10/10, 11:00am to 12:00pm

Kids, put on your chef apron and get ready to dive into the fun of L.A. street food! Decorate your personal food truck and make some delicious dishes of “paper plate” tacos and more! Join us for a special storytime and dramatic play program to help children learn through creative ways and enjoy a unique family bonding experience. Space is limited, first come, first served. Ages 1-4.

Korean Dance Performance – Saturday, 10/12, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Experience the grace and beauty of Korea with Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy. With their colorful costumes, vibrant music and elegant dance moves, this renowned dance troupe will perform traditional Korean dances. Let’s learn about Korean culture through this beautiful art form.

STEAM-y Food: Fruit Juice “Caviar” – Tuesday, 10/15, 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Come learn the principles of chemistry to make artificial “caviar” bubbles, similar to those in boba tea, out of fruit juices for a unique molecular gastronomy taste sensation! Registration is required. Ages 11-17.

Hanji Paper-Making Workshop – Wednesday, 10/16, 4:00pm to 5:30 pm

Hanji is the Korean traditional handmade paper made from paper mulberry trees. Join Artist Laurel Koss as she shares fun facts about Hanji and demonstrates ways to craft your own, unique and personal paper. After the demo, children will make their own paper to take home! Registration required. Ages 8-11.

Bojagi: Koran Textile Art Workshop – Saturday, 10/19, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us for a fun workshop where you will learn about bojagi, a traditional Korean wrapping cloth which is made from different pieces of cloth and is used for formal celebrations such as wedding ceremonies and birthday gift presentations. Each is a unique work of art and you will get to create your own bojagi to take with you! Registration is required.

Drawn Together: Discussion & Art Activity – Monday, 10/21, 4:00pm to 5:00 pm

Take a part as we read and discuss the Read Together Diamond Bar children book selection of the year - *Drawn Together* by Minh Lê and Dan Santat. See how the young boy form a bond beyond words with his family through shared passion of art and storytelling. Afterwards, pick up your paintbrush and get ready for a collaborative creative art workshop to make something magical! Ages 5-11.

Cookbook Discussion – Tuesday, 10/22, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Have a taste of reading and cooking? Check out Roy Choi’s *L.A. Son: My Life My City My Food*. Choose a recipe and make it. Then come to the meeting and have a conversation with others who share the same passion and expand your cooking knowledge and skills. Light refreshment will be served. Registration is required.

Author Visit: An Na – Saturday, 10/26, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us for a special afternoon with an acclaimed author An Na. She will discuss her award-winning book *A Step from Heaven*, 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.

For information on these and other exciting Diamond Bar Library programs, visit

Diamond Bar Friends of Library website:
www.dblibraryfriends.com

Diamond Bar Library website: LACountyLibrary.org



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Join the fun on
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