



# DIAMOND BAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2011

## 7th Annual Read Together Middle School Challenge

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library sponsored the 7th Annual Read Together Middle School Challenge on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 in the Clarke Theater at Mt. San Antonio College from 6:30p.m.to 8:00 p.m. Golden Springs, Chaparral, Lorbeer, South Pointe and Suzanne Middle Schools competed in the Jeopardy-style contest answering questions about “The Secret Life of Bees” by Sue Monk Kid. At the end of four fast paced rounds, Chaparral emerged the 2011 champions.

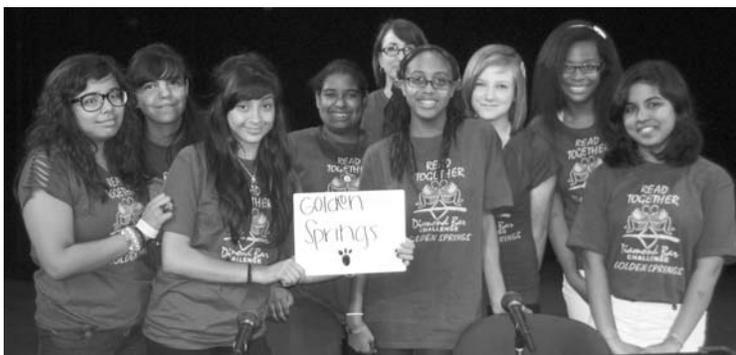
They received a plaque for their school and their name on the perpetual plaque at the Diamond Bar Library. All team members and advisors received school tee shirts to wear at the competition and each team received individual certificates and \$250 for their school libraries.

The contest is designed to promote literacy, a love for reading and provide friendly competition between the schools. The students also have the opportunity to compete at a college campus. Each event has been a spirited exchange for all the teams.

We appreciate the hospitality of Mt. San Antonio College, the city of Walnut and the Friends of the Walnut Library who graciously supported our efforts.



Marny Shay, VP RTDB Challenge congratulates the 2011 Champions, Chaparral Middle School!



Golden Springs Middle School



Lorbeer Middle School



South Pointe Middle School



Suzanne Middle School



## From the Librarian's Desk



November is here, the holidays are just around the corner, and things are in full swing here at the Diamond Bar Library. As you read this, we will have just finished up a month of programs to commemorate Dashiell Hammett's modern classic *The Maltese Falcon* as a part of our annual Read Together, Diamond Bar and our ongoing partnership with the Pomona Public Library NEA Big Read. This year, programs featured a Film Noir Film Festival of

classic detective movies, an author talk with novelist Denise Hamilton, a book discussion, and a 1930s theme party complete with depression-era games for kids. All of these programs were made possible through the very generous support of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library.

At the Diamond Bar Library we are always keeping busy by thinking of new ways to encourage reading and lifelong learning for all of the Diamond Bar community. Our Children's Librarian Julie McCasland recently introduced a new program called Books & Barks, which is already enjoying great success. Children ages 5 to 11 sign up for time to read one-on-one with a real, live dog! Studies have shown that practicing reading to a pet is less stressful for children than reading to a teacher, parent, or peer. We think this is a great—and fun!—way to encourage and support young readers. As always, our Teen Services Librarian Joshua Murray is offering a variety of programs for tweens and teens. Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 3 PM teens can find programs featuring videogaming, art activities, animated films and more. The library also continues to offer a special program for adults the last Saturday of each month. Recent events have included a cake-decorating demonstration, an urban farming workshop, and a Korean cooking demonstration and tasting. Be sure to check our calendar online at [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org) for more information about all of the many programs we've got going on at the Diamond Bar Library.

As we enter this holiday season, we at the Diamond Bar Library are thankful as ever for the community we serve and for the constant generosity of our Friends. Through the support of the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library we are able to offer the very latest books, DVDs, audiobooks, and music, as well as a variety of programs to entertain and to educate people of all ages. We would like to wish our Friends and all of the residents of Diamond Bar a very happy and healthy holiday season, and we hope to see everyone in the library in the New Year.

Jesse Lanz  
Community Library Manager



November 12

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

November 22

Book Discussion, Basically BOOKS  
*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand  
7pm

April 29, 2012

19th Annual Wine Soiree  
Diamond Bar Center  
4pm - 7pm



The Diamond Bar Library, the USO, the House of Ruth and local schools were all happy recipients of the books collected at the Los Angeles County Fair on Diamond Bar Day, September 15, 2011

# What is the Diamond Bar Friends Spelling Bee all about?

## **Scripps National Spelling Bee**

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion, administered on a not-for-profit basis by The E.W. Scripps Company and regional spelling bee sponsors in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Department of Defense Schools in Europe; also, the Bahamas, Canada, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea.

The purpose of this program is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. Regional spelling bee sponsors conduct community spelling bee programs, usually in cooperation with school officials for public, private, parochial, charter, virtual and home schools. The champion of each local spelling bee sponsor's program qualifies for participation in the Scripps National Spelling Bee near Washington, D.C.

## **Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee**

The Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee (IVRSB) is one of about 280 worldwide sponsors who conduct spelling bee programs for the purpose of qualifying regional champions to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program.

The IVRSB conducts the regional qualifying bee for 27 communities and 22 School Districts in the LA Basin/San Gabriel Valley ranging from the 605 Freeway eastward to Fontana, along the I210 Freeway, I10 Freeway, and the California 60 Freeway Corridor. This geographical area includes approximately 400 Public, Private, and Parochial Schools.

The competitions at all levels are conducted in English, and the competitors are English speaking students ages 14 and under, and in the 8th grade or below. Go to [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com) to see rules for Regional or Local Bees, including details on eligibility.

## **2012 IVRSB**

March of 2012 marks the fifth year this event has been produced by the Diamond Bar FOL. The event has grown in size and prestige each year. This year, the IVRSB will again be held on the Mt San Antonio College campus, and we anticipate enrollment in the program will exceed 100 schools. As usual, we will name a champion of the IVRSB, take steps to prepare our champion for the national competition (tutoring and study sessions), and send our champion and a chaperone to Washington DC to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

You are invited to go to [www.ivrsb.com](http://www.ivrsb.com) to get more information about our regional bee – the Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee.

## *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). Our **BLOW-OUT Book Sale** will be on November 12, 10am – 3pm. Gift certificates are always available.

All proceeds from Basically BOOKS go directly to benefit the Diamond Bar Library. Donations are always welcome. For more information, please call bookstore manager Mary Hackett at 909 396-9954 or email to [BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com](mailto:BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com).

Book discussions are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Basically BOOKS. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. The Tuesday, November 22 book will be *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. For more information, please call Alice Moffitt at 909 396-9954 or email to [BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com](mailto:BasicallyBOOKS@aol.com).

# Message from the President...



**Rosette Clippinger**  
President

Welcome back, hope your summer was fun and relaxing! The Friends sure had a busy summer. In August we hosted a picnic in Sycamore Park, honoring our Basically Books volunteers. It was a nice afternoon; everyone enjoyed one another and had a great time.

In September we had a successful membership drive at Basically Books and were able to sign up fifteen new members.

Recently, we finished up our Middle School Challenge. Once again, Marny Shay produced a highly spirited contest and the kids had a terrific time. This event has become a very important tradition in Diamond Bar, and all five Middle schools take it very seriously.

Next, we have our Librarian luncheon in November. We will be honoring our school and community librarians. Thank you so much to the board members, as well as the organizing committee for carrying on this great tradition.

The work is continuing on the development of our wonderful new Library. At our last meeting, the board voted to donate \$80,000 to the building of the new Reading Garden. The garden will be dedicated to the Friends of The Library. Hooray for us!

This summer has been very busy and successful, and it's a great way to start the holiday season.

***Aloha - the 19th Annual Wine Soiree is coming. Save the Date - April 29, 2012***

## **Diamond Bar Friends of the Library**

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