



**Diamond Bar Friends of the Library**  
**23535 Palomino Drive No. 232**  
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**Four Seasons Book Group for Winter 2023**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
**11 a.m.**  
**CANCELLED**

We apologize that we need to cancel the Saturday, April 22 Four Seasons Book Group due to circumstances beyond our control. Stay tuned as we investigate how we will continue the book discussion group at the Diamond Bar Library. Thank you to all who supported and enjoyed this quarterly community literary gathering.

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Our famous Wine Soirée is coming back! Please see the invitation below and mark your calendars for Sunday, August 6, 2023, from 4 to 7 pm. Since 1994 the Friends have supported the Diamond Library with this unique fundraiser. It has also been a great event for the community to gather for a very afternoon and also support literacy. **Join us to celebrate at the Diamond Bar Library** and enjoy an afternoon of community celebration of literacy with music, silence, live and book auctions, and raffle. With each ticket, you will receive a souvenir wine glass. Tickets are not yet available. Please check our website [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org) in the future for when tickets will be available.

**CELEBRATE**  
**AT THE**  
**Diamond Bar Library**



**Friends of the Diamond Bar Library  
Invite you to the  
29<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Soirée  
Sunday, August 6, 2023  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**21800 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
(Note location change)**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**All proceeds directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library**

**Tickets are \$75 each**

**Must be age 21 or older to attend**

**Reserve early—tickets are limited**

**Tickets will be available soon. For more information  
visit [www.dblibraryfriends.org](http://www.dblibraryfriends.org) or call 909 629-2711**



## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION**

Diamond Bar welcomed the LA County Library Commission on March 15<sup>th</sup> in our library.

This was the first in-person meeting in three years for the Commission.

Eight commissioners from various cities were represented, including the Mayor of Baldwin Park

and the Mayor of Lakewood.

Our very own Nancy Lyons was honored for more than four years of dedicated service to the LA County Library Commission, providing advisement on matters of library policy and promoting library services to ensure that county libraries remain centers of learning and important community hubs. *Congratulations Nancy!*

The Commission members enjoyed a hospitality table sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library.

After the meeting adjourned, our interim Library Manager, Cynthia Yuan took the commissioners on a tour of our beautiful library!

All Library Commission meetings are open to the public.

## ***Friends of the Library Bookstore News***

### ***Located in the Diamond Bar Library***

Each book and item sold in the bookstore supports the Diamond Bar Library to enlarge their reading and media collections. Improving literacy in our community one book at a time.

### **Bookstore hours are:**

**Monday through Saturday 11 am to 5 pm**

**Thank you to all our customers who support our Friends of the Library Bookstore!**

**Look for the free Opportunity Basket in the Bookstore. Each customer is entitled to one free ticket per transaction. Friends' board member MaryKay Nichols makes these beautiful baskets.**



## **FROM THE BOOK NOOK**

“WE LOSE OURSELVES IN BOOKS. WE SOMETIMES FIND OURSELVES THERE TOO.”

Do you have books that you are reading that you would like to share? We would love to hear from you about our upcoming e-newsletters.

### **From Cynthia Yu, Interim Community Library Manager**

*The Little Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama XIV

This picture book is beautiful and inspirational! Nobel Peace Prize winners His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu shared their childhood stories and wisdom to show young readers that joy is everywhere, even during the most difficult of times.

### **From: Janet Ramirez-Manchan, Teen Services Librarian**

*The Love Match* by Priyanka Taslim

Just in time for Valentine’s Day comes this lively retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* as a modern day rom-com. Zahra Kha is trying to forge her own path in love, but her Bangladeshi mother is intent on saving the family from their financial woes by arranging an advantageous match for her. The problem is that her intended match leaves her cold, and she already has a love interest in mind. She works out an arrangement with the aloof target of her mother’s meddling to pretend to go along with the match to escape the relentless matchmaking. Soon, Zahra is getting what she wants and dating the person of her choosing but she soon realizes that her mother’s choice was right all along.

### **From: Patty Tye**

Patty is reading with her Granddaughter Brooklyn and enjoying *The Pigeon Needs a Bath!* This one of author Mo Willems many delightful children’s books that are full of fun, enjoyable to read to our children and grandchildren.

### **From: Kathleen Newe**

*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah Because I was planning a trip to Alaska, someone recommended this book to me. It is an exciting book set in 1974 Alaska about a family struggling to adapt to this very challenging environment. In their small cabin, covered in snow, blanketed in 18 hours of night, the family learn the terrible truth: They are on their own. I am sure my 6 day visit will be very different, but the book gave me a broad view of what it takes to survive in Alaska.

*Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout This is a poignant, moving, pitch perfect novel about a divorced couple stuck together during COVID lockdown—and the love, loss despair and hope that animate us even as the world is falling apart.

### **From: Nancy Lyons**

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

Hedy Lamarr was a stunning beauty, and she also possessed a stunning mind. Fleeing World War II, she escaped to Hollywood and became a famous movie star. She was also a scientist and knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis...if anyone would listen to her.

Whether you are interested in Old Hollywood or World War II, there is much to learn and enjoy here.

**From: Reading Between the Lines Book Group**

Karen Gerloff tells us that the April 24 selection will be *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts, a very unique true story of a 62 year old woman’s journey on horseback from Maine to California. The story is set in 1954 to 1955 as the interstate highway system was being built and cars were multiplying. Annie Wilkins lived in rural Maine in a farmhouse, really a shed, with no electricity, running water and owned no car. She was in poor health and had been advised to live a life of rest as she had only two years to live. Annie left on her journey across America with no flashlight, batteries, road map, cell phone and very little money. Her goal was to see the Pacific Ocean before she died. Was she brave or foolish? Did she make it to California? How in the world did her trip go with cars speeding past? How did she know which way to go?

Vicki Hoofner chose *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner for the May 22 meeting. It is a historical murder suspense set in eighteenth century London and also in the present day.

**From: Diamond Bar-Walnut AAUW Book Group**

The April pick is *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

“The Paris Library is a refreshing novel that celebrates libraries as cradles of community, especially when we need them the most. It shows how literature can be a means of escape, a catalyst for human connection, and a moral center in grim times. A thoroughly enjoyable read, kindhearted and brimming with delightful bookish allusions.” ....Matthew Sullivan, author of *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore*.



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for the support of the Library Programs.*

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**23535 Palomino Drive #232 Diamond Bar, Ca. 91765**

*The true meaning of life is to plant trees  
under whose shade you do not expect to sit.*

*Nelson Henderson*

**Thank You** to our library friends for their donations for the support of the **2022 Library Programs**. In 2021 over \$29,000 was donated by the Friends to the Diamond Bar Library for needed programs and materials for adults, teens and children. For 2022 the Friends have promised at least \$43,000 to the Diamond Bar Library.

<b>Diamond Bar Friends of Library website:</b> <a href="https://dblibraryfriends.org">https://dblibraryfriends.org</a> <b>Diamond Bar Library website:</b> <a href="http://LACountyLibrary.org">LACountyLibrary.org</a>		
<b>Diamond Bar Library</b> 21800 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765		<b>Diamond Bar Center</b> 1600 Grand Avenue Diamond Bar, CA 91765
<b>The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library monthly board meeting is open to the public. The meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of the month starting at 8:30 a.m. Some meetings will remain on zoom, and some will be held live at the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room.</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Ongoing	<b>Diamond Bar Friends' non-profit bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library</b>	<b>We are now open six days a week with an all-volunteer staff.</b>
<b>Saturday, July 22, 2023 11 a.m.</b>	<b>Four Seasons Book Group Summer meeting</b>	<b>Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room</b>
<b>Sunday, August 6, 2023</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Soirée Celebrate at the Diamond Bar Library!</b>	<b>Diamond Bar Library Tickets \$75 4 to 7 pm</b>
<b>October 2023</b>	<b>READ TOGETHER DIAMOND BAR</b>	<b>Our month-long celebration of community and reading. What book would you like to read together?</b>

Visit the Friends' website at <https://www.dblibraryfriends.org>

Find out more about Diamond Bar Library programs at <http://www.colapublib.org/libs/diamondbar/>  
Diamond Bar Library: 909-861-4978

#### **About LA County Library**

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its eighty-seven libraries and mobile fleet of eighteen vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 10 MāK Mō maker mobiles, and 5 Reading Machines. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit [LACountyLibrary.org](http://LACountyLibrary.org) and follow @LACountyLibrary on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



