



Diamond Bar Friends of the Library

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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 fund raiser. 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, silent, 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 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

29th 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

To purchase tickets or for more information

visit www.dblibraryfriends.org or call 909 629-2711

WELCOME TO THE 2023/2024

FRIENDS OF THE DIAMOND BAR BOARD

The Friends are very fortunate to have a wonderful, dynamic officers and board for the coming two years. Under the leadership of our new president, Julia Gomez, we are busy planning literary activities such as Read Together Diamond Bar and the Four Seasons Book Group along with events to support the Diamond Bar Library such as our Friends' Book Store in the Library and the 29th annual Wine Soirée. Several events such as a Holiday Craft Fair are also in the works.

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Four Seasons Book Group for Winter 2023
Saturday, April 22, 2023
11 a.m.

The Friends of the Diamond Bar Library invite everyone to read ***A Man Called Ove*** by Fredrik Backman for the **Spring Four Seasons Book Group**. We will meet in the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room on Saturday, April 22 at 11 am. to discuss this interesting book.

At first sight, Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet, a curmudgeon with staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People think him bitter, and he thinks himself surrounded by idiots.

Ove's well-ordered, solitary world gets a shake-up one November morning with the appearance of new neighbors—a chatty young couple and their two boisterous daughters—who announce their arrival by accidentally flattening Ove's mailbox with their U-Haul. What follows is a heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unlikely friendships, and a community's unexpected reassessment of the one person they thought they had all figured out.

A word-of-mouth bestseller that has caused a sensation around the world, Fredrik Backman's irresistible novel about the angry old man next door is an uplifting exploration of the unreliability of first impressions and a gentle reminder that life is sweeter when it is shared with other people.

All are welcome and encouraged to join us on Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m. in the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room. Refreshments will be served.

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 for 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 for 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 maybe her mother's choice was right all along.

From: Kathleen Newe

Trespasses by Louise Kennedy

This is a story about Northern Ireland during the Troubles when a young woman is caught between allegiance to community and a dangerous passion. *Trespasses* is a heart-pounding, heart-heartrending drama of thwarted love and irreconcilable loyalties, in a place where what you come from seems to count more than what you do, or whom you cherish.

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 reported that the group had quite a discussion about **Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan**. Karen said, "If you missed book club and did not read this book, I would suggest that you go ahead and read it. It is a mind bender, and you will learn a lot about bees.

Our book club will meet on **February 27** to discuss **Truly Madly Guilty by Liane Moriarty**. A page turner that looks into the lives of three happy couples and how their lives are changed forever after a neighborhood weekend barbeque. Moriarty's characters are well drawn, and her talent is in closely observing the lives of very ordinary people. A Goodreads Choice for Best Fiction and New York Times bestseller." Chosen by Annel Ortega.

From: Diamond Bar-Walnut AAUW Book Group

Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult

This was the January pick for our group and led to a very lively and interesting discussion ranging from lost mothers to elephant lore. The love of a daughter for her mother transcends even death in the novel "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult. Psychic Serenity Jones believes she has lost the ability to communicate with spirits when thirteen-year-old Jenna Metcalf comes to her for help in locating her mother, Alice Metcalf. Alice had disappeared the same day another woman was killed on the grounds of the New England Elephant Sanctuary. Jenna can't believe her mother would have abandoned her willingly. Her hunch turns out to be right as she, Serenity and Virgil Stanhope, one of the cops who originally investigated the incident at the sanctuary, work together to unwind the mystery of Jenna's past. The plot of the novel takes the reader through a variety of twists and turns in Jenna's search for answers.

Here is one of the interesting programs at the Diamond Bar Library this month:

✿ **Library Lovers Month: DIY Mini Library**

○ **National Library Lover’s Month: DIY Lino Stamp Art**

Wednesday, February 22, 11 am – 12 pm

Did you know that February is NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVER’S MONTH? That right! The entire month of February is set aside to celebrate libraries, books, and book lovers. Come in and proclaim your love for libraries and all things bookish by designing and making your own linocut stamp for block printing and decorating a canvas book bag to celebrate library lover’s month. For Adults.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Registration open one week before this program. To sign up, see library staff, or register online at Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events and filter by location or event date.

Looking at the library offerings above you can truly see that there is something for everyone at the library. Do not forget to check out all the great programs available through the Los Angeles County Library and at the Diamond Bar Library.

A BIG
thank
you
♥



*to our library friends for their donations
for the support of the Library Programs.*

<https://dblibraryfriends.org/donate/>

Checks can also be made out to “Diamond Bar Friends of the Library”

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*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.**

Diamond Bar Friends of Library website: <https://dblibraryfriends.org>

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Diamond Bar Center
1600 Grand Avenue

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<p>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.</p>		
Date	Event	Notes
Ongoing	Diamond Bar Friends' non-profit bookstore at the Diamond Bar Library	We are now open six days a week with an all-volunteer staff.
Saturday April 22, 2023 11 a.m.	Four Seasons Book Group Spring meeting <i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Fredrik Backman	Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room
Saturday, July 22, 2023 11 a.m.	Four Seasons Book Group Summer meeting	Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room
Sunday, August 6, 2023	29 th annual Wine Soirée Celebrate at the Diamond Bar Library!	Diamond Bar Library Tickets \$75 4 to 7 pm
October 2023	READ TOGETHER DIAMOND BAR	Our month-long celebration of community and reading. What book would you like to read together?
November 4 9 am to 3 pm	Friends' Holiday Craft Fair	Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room

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

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