



Diamond Bar Friends of the Library

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READ TOGETHER DIAMOND BAR 2023



Please join us for the final event **for Read Together Diamond Bar 2023 on Saturday, November 18 at 2 p.m.** Crime fiction author Carl Vonderau will be the guest speaker at the **Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room.** Mr. Vonderau will discuss his new book *Saving Myles*. Mr. Vonderau is the President of Partners in Crime, the San Diego chapter of Sisters in Crime.

The three winners of the annual student **Essay Writing Contest: How a Book Changed My Life** will be awarded at that time. Each winner will receive a \$300 prize. This annual event is always interesting and inspirational as we hear from Mr. Vonderau and also the three winners of the essay contest.

Read Together Diamond Bar is based on the concept of One City, One Book where everyone in the community is suggested to read one book based on universal themes and then come together to discuss and participate with many interesting book discussions and various activities in the library.

What's New at the Library?

October was Banned Books Week (October 1-7) which is not something to celebrate but to recognize. We can celebrate the fact that your Library is standing strong in support of the freedom to read, to explore and to express oneself, to have free access to a spectrum of information, ideas, and other resources, building understanding about oneself and others. The Library's newest initiative is **Books Unbanned.** This initiative will provide a Books Unbanned Card to any teen (13-18) throughout California, giving them free access to the Library's digital collection.

The Library Foundation will add to the Library's collection, with e-books and e-audiobooks that cover a range of topics and genres, including books that are banned. The Library and Foundation are joining a national movement, started by the Brooklyn Public Library and San Diego Public Library.

In 2022, The American Library Association (ALA) documented 1,269 demands to censor library books and resources, the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about

censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago. Most of these censorship attempts targeted books for a teen audience and were by or about Black or LGBTQIA+ persons.

Reading and accessing a wide variety of content can help open doors and create opportunities for people to advance their education and careers. It also helps people obtain unfiltered information that they can use to thoughtfully contribute to civil discourse on a range of complex topics, such as the right to vote, the environment, and the history and origins of inequities in society. You can learn more about your freedom to read by reading [ALA's Freedom to Read Statement](#).



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. We are supporting 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!

Bookstore Manager Rosette Clippinger announces our November book sale specials:

All romance novels hard back and/or soft back (Trade) books are \$1.00 and paperback books are two for \$1.00. The exception is recently published books that are sold at our regular price—still a very good value.

Look for the free Opportunity Basket in the Bookstore. Each customer is entitled to one free ticket per transaction. This is a way we can thank our customers for their ongoing support.

Our own Gail Gowdy is the October winner of the basket. Gail is an original bookstore volunteer and also was the first president of the Diamond Bar Friends in the early 1980s.

Friends' board member MaryKay Nichols makes these beautiful baskets.

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

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

and mailed 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

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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.		
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, November 18 2:00 to 3:30 pm	READ TOGETHER DIAMOND BAR—Closing event The Friends will award the top three winners of the <i>Student Essay Writing Contest: How a Book Changed My Life.</i>	Author Carl Vonderau will speak about his new book, <i>Saving Myles.</i>
Saturday, TBD January 2024	Four Seasons Book Club meeting at Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room,	Any suggestions on books to read and discuss in 2024?

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

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

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dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit [LACountyLibrary.org](https://www.lacountylibrary.org) and follow [@LACountyLibrary](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

