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## **February 2025 E-Newsletter**

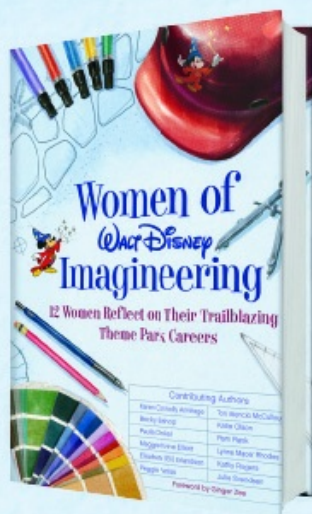
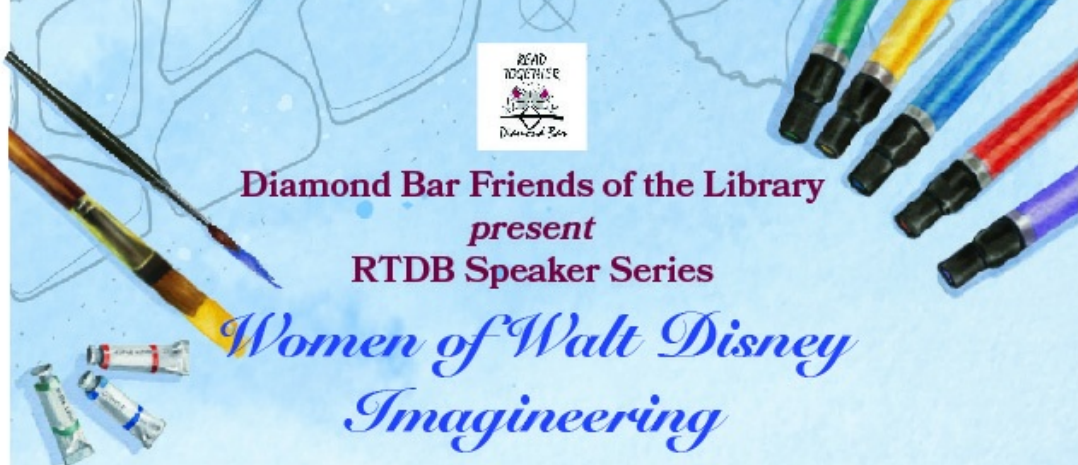
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### **Women of Walt Disney Imagineering Panel**



**Diamond Bar Friends of the Library**  
 present  
**RTDB Speaker Series**

*Women of Walt Disney  
 Imagineering*



**WHEN:** March 8, 2025  
**TIME:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Diamond Bar Library  
 Windmill room

**Book Talk with the Authors**



**Kathy Rogers**



**Elisabete (Eli) Minceff Erlandson**

Come meet the amazing trailblazing women from Walt Disney Imagineering. Their long careers cover an extraordinary time in the history of the company. They contributed to all of the Disney Parks around the world.

**On Saturday, March 8, at 2 PM** the authors of *Women of Walt Disney Imagineering*, Kathy Rogers and Elisabete (Eli) Minceff Erlandson, two authors of this book, will reflect on their trailblazing theme park careers. Ms. Rogers was Executive Show Producer and Ms. Erlandson was Principal Concept Architect at Disney. Please join us in the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room to hear the lively stories about one of our favorite theme parks and the women who helped make it all happen.

## Four Seasons Book Group

The Four Seasons Book Group is Diamond Bar Friends of the Library's quarterly book discussion. It is also part of our annual Read Together Diamond Bar program scheduled for April. Please join us in the Library Windmill Room for our lively discussions. Refreshments will be served, and you do not need to have read the books before joining us.

**Saturday, April 5, 11 AM:** We will discuss *Harry's Trees* by Jon Cohen. A lifelong lover of trees, a fiercely determined girl, a courageous librarian and a fairy tale book come together in a redemptive story of love, family and friendship. For adults.

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### Student Essay Contest "How a Book Changed My Life"

# How a Book Changed My Life Student Essay Contest:



## Letter to an Author

**Prizes: \$300 (3)**  
**Sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends  
of the Library**

**Rules:**

- \* Open to students ages 13-18
- \* Entries 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 Tuesday, April 15, 2025

If you're a book lover, you've likely read something, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary, that has left its mark on you. Now's your chance to express your appreciation to the author with an essay **in the form of a letter**. In this letter, you'll describe how the author's work has altered your worldview or personal life. Who knows - the author may even read it! Don't miss out on the opportunity. Winners will be announced on April 26, 2025.

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 and essay 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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The "How a Book Changed My Life" student essay contest is sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library and is an integral part of the annual Read Together Diamond Bar program. It is open to teens 13-18 who are encouraged to write a letter to their favorite author about how a book they wrote changed their life. There are 3 \$300 gift card prizes available.

If you're a book lover, you've likely read something, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary, that has left its mark on you. Now's your chance to express your appreciation to the author with an essay in the form of a letter. In this letter, you'll describe how the author's work has altered your worldview or personal life. Who knows - the author may even read it! Don't miss out on the opportunity. Winners will be announced on Saturday, April 26th at 2 PM at the Read Together Diamond Bar closing event.

#### Rules:

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\*Entries must be 1,000 words or less

\*Must be mailed or dropped off at the Diamond Bar Library

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**All entries are due Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

Applications are available at the Diamond Bar Library or for download [here](#).

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## **Read Together Diamond Bar 2025**

This year, the Read Together Diamond Bar topic will be **Earth Day**, which is on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**. We will have book discussions and other interesting programs planned!

There are many exciting events planned for RTDB 2025. Here are the books chosen:

- **Harry's Trees** by Jon Cohen (Adult Fiction)
- **Fault Lines** by Nora Shalaway Carpenter (Young Adult)
- **One Day This Tree Will Fall** by Leslie Barnard Booth (K-2nd Grade)
- **The Strange Wonder of Roots** by Evan Griffith (Middle Readers)

**Saturday, April 26, 10:30 AM:** Writing Workshop by Evan Griffith, author of *The Strange Wonders of Roots*. Evan will conduct a workshop for children ages 8-12.

**Saturday, April 26, 2 PM:** Final event for RTDB where author Evan Griffith will discuss his book *The Strange Wonders of Roots* as well as his work as a writer. Also, the winners of our annual "How a Book Changed My Life" Student Essay Contest will be recognized and awarded their prizes.

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**Become a Member!**





Please be a “Friend” of the Diamond Bar Library and join today! Membership dues are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law, tax ID 95-4611640. Your contribution will support programs, materials, and improvements for the Diamond Bar Library.

### **Membership Dues:**

\$10 -Individual (Yearly)

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\$250 -Lifetime

\$350 -Lifetime Family

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## **Our Bookstore**



\*Check out our \$5-a-bag section! You can fill up a bag of books for just \$5.

\*Come in and browse our specially priced book sets. They make great gifts or collectors' items!

\*Every season we will have a special themed basket for one lucky customer to win! Visit our bookstore, purchase a book, and enter to win the basket. One ticket per transaction can be entered into the opportunity drawing.

**Come visit us inside the Diamond Bar Library!**

We are open Monday-Saturday 11 AM-5 PM.

Diamond Bar Library  
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## Upcoming Events in the DB Library Windmill Room

- **Saturday, April 5, 11 AM:** Four Seasons book discussion on *Harry's Trees* by Jon Cohen.
  - **Saturday, March 8, 2 PM:** The authors of *Women of Walt Disney Imagineering* tell their stories about one of America's favorite theme parks.
  - **Tuesday, April 15, 7 PM:** Submission deadline for "How a Book Changed My Life" Student Essay Contest to the Diamond Bar Library.
  - **Saturday, April 26, 10:30 AM:** Writing Workshop by Evan Griffith, author of *The Strange Wonders of Roots*. Workshop for children ages 8-12.
  - **Saturday, April 26, 2 PM:** Final event for RTDB 2025 where author Evan Griffith will discuss his book *The Strange Wonders of Roots*. Also, the winners of "How a Book Changed My Life" Student Essay Contest will be recognized and awarded their prizes.
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