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March 2025 E-Newsletter

Lunar New Year Celebration at Diamond Bar High School

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our shared booth with the Diamond Bar Library on Saturday, February 8. We enjoyed meeting many members of the Diamond Bar community and giving out lots of children's books.



LA County Librarian Skye Patrick Honored

Skye Patrick, County Librarian & CEO of Los Angeles County Library, was selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2025 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award. This distinguished recognition honors individuals and organizations who exemplify exceptional leadership and are making a significant impact on critical issues across California.

Under Skye Patrick's visionary leadership, LA County Library has become a model for innovative and inclusive library services that break down barriers and create a sense of belonging for people of all backgrounds. LA County's library system showcases the invaluable role of libraries as essential community hubs for information, access, engagement and community support. The Diamond Bar Library

and the Friends of the Library are proud to serve our community by providing a place where all can belong.

As part of this Award, recipients will receive a \$350,000 grant to support their ongoing efforts. Librarian Patrick and the LA County Library were recognized at the California State Capitol and met with distinguished legislators, including Assemblymember Lisa Calderon and Senator Bob Archuleta.

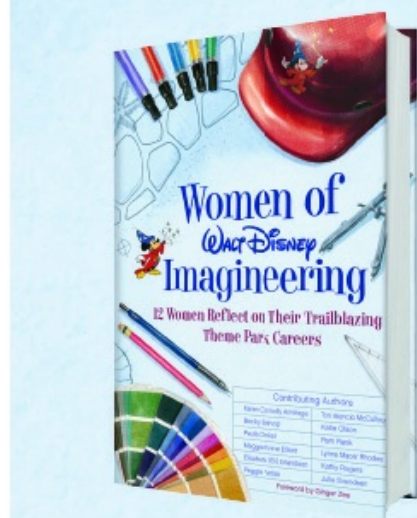
Congratulations to Skye Patrick for this well-deserved honor!

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 two authors of the book *Women of Walt Disney Imagineering*, Kathy Rogers and Elisabete (Eli) Minceff Erlandson, 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.

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 Friends, and is open to teens who are encouraged to write a letter to their favorite author about how a book they wrote changed their life. There are three \$300 gift card prizes available, and winners will be announced on Saturday, April 26th at 2 PM at the Read Together Diamond Bar closing event.

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Read Together Diamond Bar 2025

This year, the Read Together topic will be **Earth Day**, which is on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**. There are many exciting events scheduled to take place in the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room.

The City of Diamond Bar will proclaim April 2025 Read Together Diamond Bar month as we participate in many educational, and fun activities throughout the month. RTDB is part of a national movement that invites their community to read chosen books together and enjoy activities based on the book themes. **Please join the Friends at the Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 PM City Council meeting at the AQMD building, where the Council will honor us with a special proclamation.**

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 Wonders of Roots** by Evan Griffith (Middle Readers)

***Saturday, April 5, 11 AM:** Four Seasons Book Group. 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.

***Thursday, April 24, 6:30 PM:** Steve Williams is a UC Master Gardener and Professor of Horticulture at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. His topic will be *Trees in a Changing Climate*. Highlights include: Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity, Native vs. Non-Native Selections, Planting and Care, Pests and Diseases in a New Age, Fire Management in an era of Climate Change, and Forest Bathing with Crystal Singing Bowls. For adults.

***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.

Read Together Diamond Bar Kids Writing Workshop with Author Evan Griffith



Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Join Evan Griffith, author of this year's Read Together Diamond Bar children's book selection *The Strange Wonders of Roots*, for an illuminating writing workshop just for kids!

For Ages 8-12.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To sign up, see library staff, or register online at [Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Diamond-Bar-Library](https://www.lacountylibrary.org/diamond-bar-library).

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Read Together Diamond Bar

Meet the Author, Evan Griffith



Saturday, April 26, 2025, 2 - 3:30 pm

Join us as we meet Evan Griffith, author of the 2025 Read Together Diamond Bar middle-grade book selection *The Strange Wonders of Roots*. His books have received multiple starred reviews, nominated to several state reading lists, and recognized as Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selections, Bank Street's Best Children's Books of the Year, and National Science Teachers Association Best Stem Books, among other honors. Mr. Griffith will share stories of his books, work, and writing process. Afterwards, we will award the prizes for the winners of the "How a Book Changed My Life" essay contest.

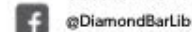
Recommended for school-age kids, teens, and families.

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Save the Date for the 31st Annual Wine Soiree!

Mark your calendars for the 31st annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction to be held on Sunday, August 24 at the Diamond Bar Center. It's the first time the Soirée will be held in the summer, so our theme this year is Splish, Splash, Summer Bash. Come join the fun! All proceeds directly benefit the Diamond Bar Library.

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)

\$15 -Family (Yearly)

\$250 -Lifetime

\$350 -Lifetime Family

Click [here](#) to make a membership contribution.

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.

Spring has Sprung inside our Bookstore! The Garden Opportunity Basket is on display from March 3-April 7.





Come visit us inside the Diamond Bar Library!

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

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Upcoming Events in the DB Library Windmill Room

- **Saturday, March 8, 2 PM:** The authors of *Women of Walt Disney Imagineering* tell their stories about one of America's favorite theme parks.
- **Saturday, April 5, 11 AM:** Four Seasons book discussion on *Harry's Trees* by Jon Cohen.
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Consider making a gift to support the Diamond Bar Library. Funds will go towards library programs, new books and media, capital improvements, and more.

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