



DIAMOND BAR

FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

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since 1977*

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## December 2025 E-Newsletter

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### President's Message



Dear Friends,

It is so wonderful this time of the year! Our homes, our streets, our stores are full of beautiful and fun decorations, music, laughter and good cheer. Especially at our library, we can't help but smile with anticipation at the holiday programs this month. From making greeting cards to making Hug-in-a-mug to the Winter Holiday Family Sing-Along to the Noon Year Countdown, our library is offering special seasonal programs and classes for everyone. December is really the most joyous time of the year.

We have some exciting news to share: the Friends were chosen as the Outstanding Volunteer Award in the Nonprofit/Community Group Category by the City of Diamond Bar. Our dedicated board of directors and volunteers are privileged to enrich the lives of our community by our mission: to support our library and literacy in our community. We are truly grateful to everyone who supports our efforts and participates in our activities. The Award will be presented on **Saturday, December 6th at 9 AM** at the **Winter Snow Fest Event** at **Pantera Park**.

Our Friends' Bookstore, located inside the library, is a great place to find books and gifts for the readers on your list. This month, we are raffling off a beautiful Winter Basket, filled with goodies, created by our talented designer MaryKay Nichols. Just drop by our Bookstore for a raffle ticket with a purchase. As always, our gently used books will stretch your holiday shopping dollars, and all sales proceeds benefit our library. Scroll down below to see photos of the bookstore decked out in holiday cheer and the winter basket to be raffled off.

The Friends of the Library send you and your family warm holiday greetings. Merry Christmas! And very best wishes in the New Year!

Always merry and bright,

Susan Pantages  
Diamond Bar Friends of the Library President

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## Librarian Luncheon

From School Liaison/Special Projects Chair MaryKay Nichols:

The Friends of the Library honored our librarians with a luncheon on Thursday, November 13th. Lunch was catered from “**My Lunch Spot**” in **Walnut**. Delicious sandwiches and two kinds of salad were on the menu. The dessert table had several delicious homemade treats. Goodie bags were distributed to the staff and there were four raffle prizes and a drawing. We appreciate our Library Manager, Cynthia Yu and all of our staff! Thank you all!





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## More Books to Explore

From Secretary Pro Tem Nancy Lyons:

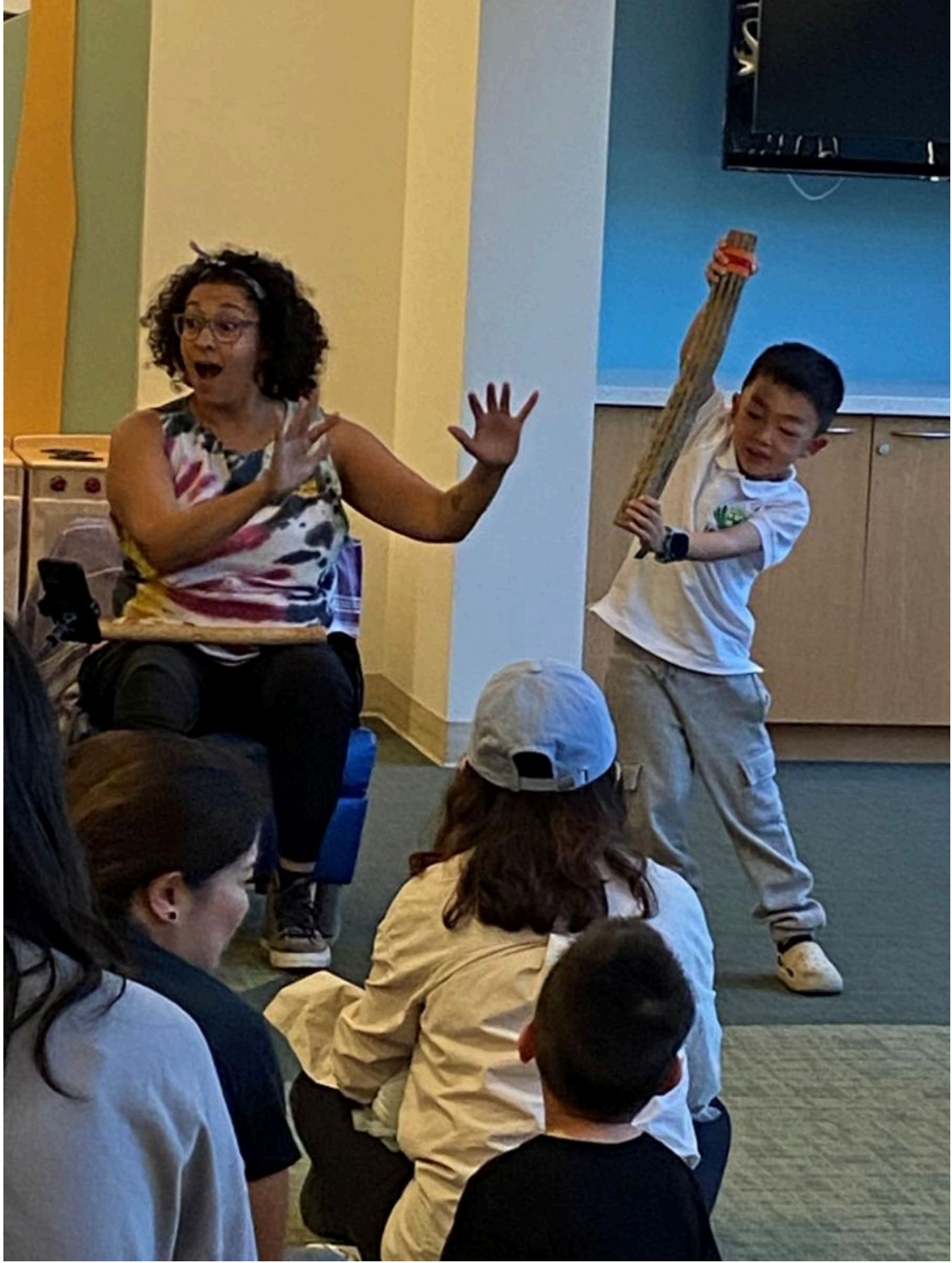
The LA County Library has a service called "More Books to Explore." I recently tried it and I found it to be easy to use. The service recommends books for you based on your reading preferences. To use it, patrons fill out a short form and then your local librarians return title recommendations within 7 days by email. The books are suggested just for you; how cool is that? I tried it out and received the description of 6 books that looked interesting. One of the 6 was so interesting that I had read it earlier in the year. I got to the form by googling "Los Angeles County Library More Books to Explore"

Try it; I think you'll be pleased.

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## November Snapshots from the Library

Native American Heritage Month: Indigenous Instruments with Iwalani





**K-Pop Dance & Craft Party:** It was really hopping! Over 100 attendees sang and danced to the best music!





The Dinosaur who cried "Asteroid"



## December Events and Programs at the Library

Our library celebrates the winter and holiday season this month with special art and music programs for the whole family! The Friends of the Library are pleased to bring these special programs and exciting classes to the Diamond Bar Library. Join us!



**Winter Pop-Up Greeting Cards** for a special person! On **Tuesday, December 2nd from 4-5 PM**, come craft with us as we make winter-themed pop-up greeting cards with Barnsdall Arts. Make one to keep or to send to a loved one this cozy season.

**Smarty Pants Story Time** is back! On **Wednesdays, December 3rd and 10th, from 10:15–10:45 AM**, let's get ready for school. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. This program is especially for ages 2 – 5 with their parent or caregiver.

**Adventures in Bookland** is a book club for young readers. On **Friday, December 5th from 4-5 PM**, come join this exciting book club. We will meet monthly to discuss a special book and participate in journaling, crafting or games. This month's book is *The First Rule of Punk* by Ceclia C. Perez.

Learn new ways to get around our digital library. **Digital Drop-In: Libby & Hoopla** are here to help. Come in on **Tuesday December 9th at 1 PM**. and have a librarian lead you through the process of downloading free eBooks, audiobooks, and music. For Adults.

**DIY Hug in a Mug** to celebrate the holiday and cozy season with a hands-on workshop. On **Thursday, December 11th from 11 AM – 12PM**, join us for a community building craft session. You will decorate a cup and learn how to create a "hug in a mug" to keep or give away to a friend or other loved one.

**Fiber Arts Meetup** crafts again! On **Thursdays December 11th and 18th from 1-2:30 PM**, come and get crafty with us. Whether you crochet, knit, embroider, or otherwise work with fiber, bring your project and work with other fiber artists. And make a new friend or two as well. This program is for adults.

**Smart Start, Baby Band** makes holiday music! Come play with us on **Friday, December 12th from 10:15-10:45 AM!** Did you know that music helps your baby's brain make more learning connections, build fine and gross motor skills, and teach social skills? Play time is music time!

**Play & Explore** fun from books and rhymes. On **Saturday, December 13th from 10:30-11:30 AM**, bring your curiosity and enjoy a special time of books and rhymes,

followed by playtime with an assortment of developmentally appropriate toys and activities.

**Sandbox Playdate** is full of sand fun and friends! On **Wednesday, December 17th from 10:15-11:00 AM**, join us for a fun playdate in the sandbox! Dig for treasures, explore sand toys and enjoy this special sensory experience while bonding with other families.

Cozy up at **Pajama Storytime** on **Thursday, December 18th from 6:45-7:15 PM**. Bring your jammies and blanket and join us for a mellow evening of stories, songs, and rhymes. Don't forget your favorite stuffy!

**Winter Holiday Family Sing-Along** at the Library! On **Saturday, December 20th, from 2-2:45 PM**, learn about winter holidays that are observed around the world and join musician Aaron Tallada for a special family sing-along. Celebrate all the holidays this season through the joy of music!

**Family Craft Party: Piggy Banks** are works of art. On **Tuesday, December 30th, from 2-3 PM**, join us for a family crafting session where we will decorate piggy banks that you can take home with you! After the program, check out some books on money, savings and budgeting so you can keep your piggy bank filled with cash.

**Family Storytime: Noon Year Countdown** to ring in the New Year! Would you love to count down the New Year but don't want to stay awake until midnight? We got you covered! On **Wednesday, December 31st from 11:15-12:15 PM**, join us for a special family story time where we will read books, sing songs, make fun crafts, and ring in the New Year together at 12 noon.

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Look for Read Together Diamond Bar in April 2026. Do you have a suggestion for a book or a theme for our next Read Together month? You can email us [here](#) with your thoughts and suggestions.

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## **Save the Date – Sunday, June 7th, 2026**

Mark your calendar for the best party of the year, the Annual Wine Soiree on **Sunday, June 7th, 2026**. Join us as we will be **Sipping on the Ritz** at the Diamond Bar Center.

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## Become a Member!



Please be a “Friend” of the Diamond Bar Library and join today! 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.

Membership dues may be tax deductible as permitted by law, tax ID 95-4611640.

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## Our Bookstore



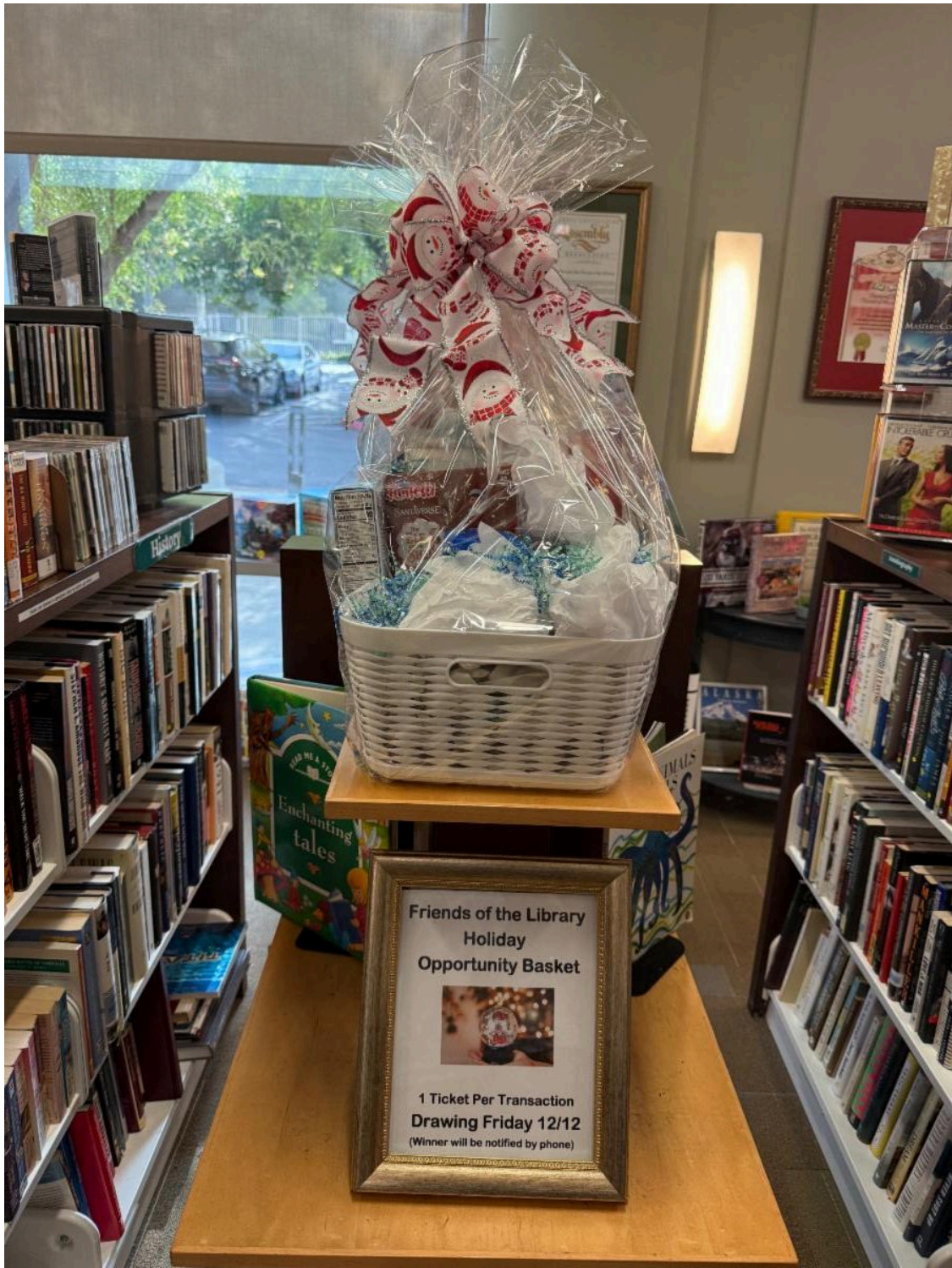
Check out our \$5-a-bag section! You can fill up a bag of books for just \$5.

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 for unique holiday gifts and receive an entry ticket to win the basket. One ticket per transaction can be entered into the opportunity drawing. Entries for the winter opportunity basket will be accepted until **Friday, December 12th**.



**Friends of the Library  
Holiday  
Opportunity Basket**



**1 Ticket Per Transaction  
Drawing Friday 12/12  
(Winner will be notified by phone)**



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

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

Diamond Bar Library  
21800 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Bookstore: (909) 612-0276

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## Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, December 6th, 2025:** Stop by our booth from **8 AM to 2 PM** at the Winter Snow Fest at Pantera Park. Volunteer Award presentation will take

- place at **9 AM**.
- **Sunday, June 7th, 2026:** 32nd Annual Wine Soiree & Benefit Auction at the Diamond Bar Center.
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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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