



March 2026 E-Newsletter

President's Message



Dear Friends,

In March, our librarians have put together a month of programs that will surely appeal to everyone in our home and in our community. We will honor families starting with a program to acquaint new parents with library services and programs, a relaxing parent-child experience featuring Toddler & Me Yoga, a musical storytelling of *The Cat in the Hat* featuring live instruments, and two art projects.

In Japanese culture, cranes represent longevity, happiness, and good fortune. The tradition of folding 1,000 origami cranes, known as Senbazuru, is believed to bring blessings. All family members can make these beautiful art creations at home and at your leisure. You can pick up an origami kit from the library starting March 16th. These kits are available during the entire month of March.

The second art project is a collaborative art poster we can work on together! We will learn about the life and legacy of Cesar Chavez and celebrate by making a poster. The completed art project will be displayed in the library for everyone to admire.

Read Together Diamond Bar's Essay Contest for students 13-18 years begins in March! If you've read a book that has left its mark on you, enter our Essay Contest! Enter by writing a letter to the author to express your appreciation for their literary work. You might be the winner of the contest! Scroll down for more details.

Sunday, June 7, 2026 - Save the Date!

The Wine Soiree Planning Committee is hard at work on the **32nd Annual Wine Soiree**. It will be held at the **Diamond Bar Center on Sunday, June 7th!** Co-chairs Dennis Giardina, Lee Mao and I are thrilled about this year's theme: *Sippin' on the Ritz*. This fundraiser supports the library all year long, and it's the best party of the year. We would love to have you join us. Please reach out to me if you would like to help or to donate.

Sincerely,

Susan Pantages
Diamond Bar Friends of the Library President

February Snapshots from the Library

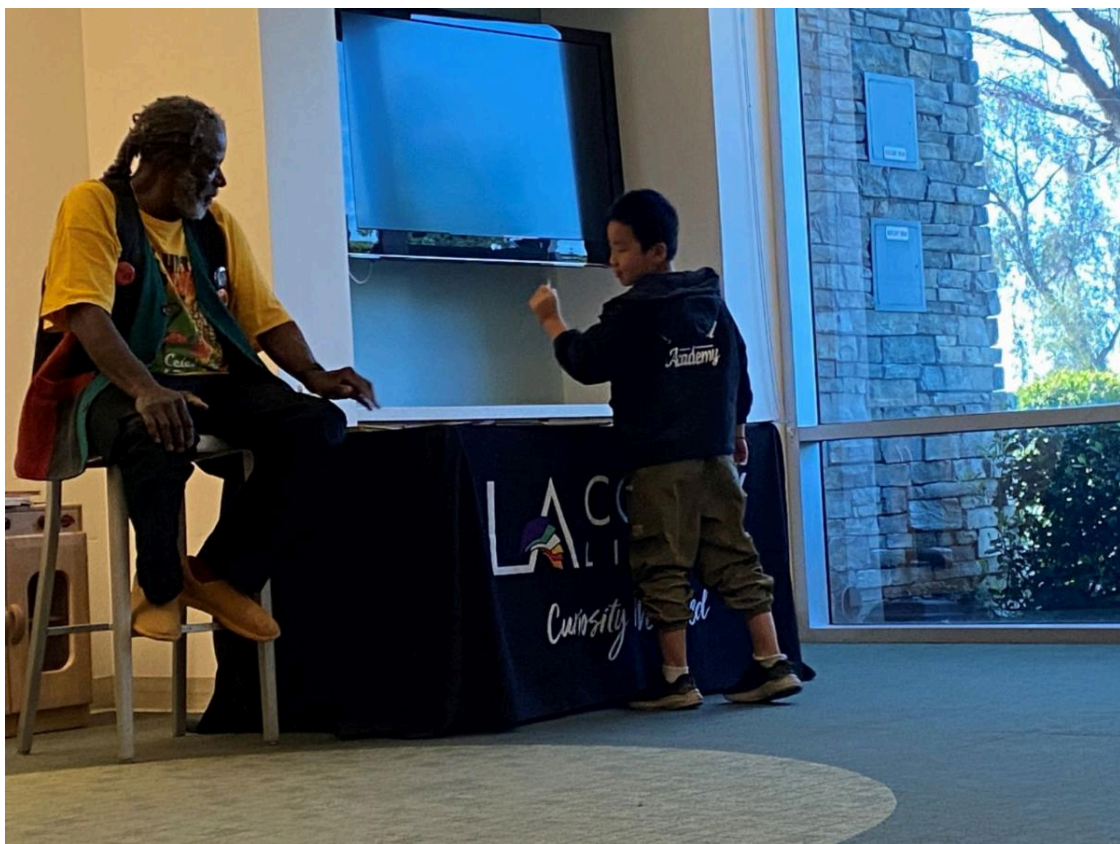
Lunar New Year Celebration



Book, Be Mine



Storytelling From Around the World



March Events and Programs at the Library

In March, our library honors families with a program for new parents, and for the whole family, a musical storytelling of *The Cat in the Hat*, and two art projects. We have a new class: *Toddler & Me Yoga* for a relaxing parent-child experience. The

Friends of the Library are pleased to bring these special programs and exciting classes to the Diamond Bar Library. Join us!



These are two special programs featured **all month long that you can do at home:**

1,000 Cranes Community Art Project: In Japanese culture, cranes represent longevity, happiness, and good fortune. The tradition of folding 1,000 origami cranes, known as Senbazuru, is believed to bring blessings. Pick up a folding kit at any service desk starting **March 16th!** Our art project is for all ages in the community.



1,000 Cranes Community Art Project

**Monday, March 16 —
Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

In Japanese culture, cranes represent longevity, happiness, and good fortune. The tradition of folding 1,000 origami cranes, known as Senbazuru, is believed to bring blessings.

Pick up a folding kit at any service desk starting March 16! Return your finished origami cranes by April 15 to join our 1,000 Cranes Community Art Project. The display will take flight in the library as a centerpiece of the Read Together Diamond Bar community reading program.

For all ages

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At the library:

Smarty Pants Story Time is back! On **Wednesdays, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 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, March 6th 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 **Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo.

Circle of Two: Toddler & Me Yoga. On **Saturday, March 7th, from 2- 3 PM**, join us for a fun and relaxing parent-child yoga session with professional yoga instructor

Dolly Lai. Participants will learn yoga stretches and poses for both caregivers and children in this unique family bonding experience.

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

Fiber Arts Meetup crafts again! On **Thursdays March 12th and 26th 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 music! Come play with us on **Friday, March 13th, 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!

Family Craft Party: Cesar Chavez Collaborative Poster. On **Saturday March 14th from 3-4 PM**, we're celebrating Cesar Chavez Day (March 30) at the library by learning about his life and legacy. We will then work together on a collaborative poster, which will be proudly displayed in the Children's Area of our library. Join us and be a part of this art project!

What's a **Junk Journal Workshop?** We will celebrate Women's History Month by creating personalized junk journals. A junk journal is unique to its owner and can be used to collect and record memories, thoughts, ideas, and inspiration or as a daily diary. Join us at **4 - 5 PM on Monday March 16th.**

Write a Letter like Abigail Adams. On **Thursday, March 19th from 11AM -12 PM**, come in and get inspired by the letters of Abigail Adams as we celebrate Women's History Month and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For adults.

Cozy up at Pajama Storytime on **Thursday, March 19th 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!

A special program for new parents! **New Parent Engagement: Learn about Library Programs & Services.** On **Saturday, March 21st from 10:15 - 10:45 AM**, bring your new baby and learn about all the great programs and services we have for parents, caregivers, and children, and connect with other new parents/families in the community.

The Cat in the Hat: Musical Storytime Adventure. Come enjoy this special musical storytelling of the Cat in the Hat on **Saturday, March 28th from 2 - 3 PM.** We will be featuring live instruments. During the show, families will learn about basic music concepts and early literacy skills. You don't want to miss this amazing musical program!

Enter our Essay Contest! How a Book Changed My Life Student Essay Contest: Letter to an Author. If you're a book lover, you've likely read a book, fiction or non-fiction, classic or modern, 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. For students 13-18 yrs. Entries are due by **Saturday, April 11th, 2026.** More information can be found [here](#).



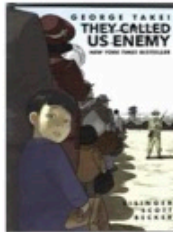
Read Together Diamond Bar is an innovative, month-long annual program to unite people of all ages and backgrounds to encourage reading and discussion regarding a specific topic.



Diamond Bar Friends of the Library Presents

Read Together Diamond Bar

"The idea is that the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."
Mary McGory, *The Washington Post*, March 17, 2002



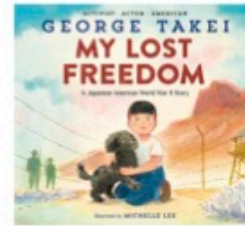
They Called Us Enemy
George Takei

George Takei's graphic memoir is a riveting firsthand account of the time he and his family spent in Japanese American incarceration camps during WWII and how that time helped shape him.
For Adults and Teens.



Stealing Home
J. Torres

Eight-year-old Sandy Saito's world in Vancouver, Canada is turned upside down when he and his family are forced into a Japanese internment camp during World War II, until baseball brings



My Lost Freedom
George Takei

Follow four-year-old George Takei and his family as they navigate life in several Japanese American internment camps in this powerful yet accessible nonfiction picture book. For ages 4-8.

Student Essay Writing Contest: [How a Book Changed My Life](#)

Write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre—fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed your way of thinking about the world or yourself.

Student must be between the ages of 13–18. Essays submitted must be 1,000 words or less.

No AI writing assistance.

Entries must be emailed to ReadTogetherDB@library.lacounty.gov, mailed, or dropped off at:

Diamond Bar Library | 21800 Copley Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Prizes: \$300 (3)



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They Called Us Enemy by George Takei is our teen/adult book for Read Together Diamond Bar. ***Stealing Home*** by J. Torres is the book selection for ages 8 to 12, and ***My Lost Freedom***, also by George Takei, is the picture book selection for young children. Cynthia Yu and her staff will be providing many activities and programs related to all of these books for adults, teens, and children throughout the month of April as usual.

Four Seasons Book Group



The Four Seasons Book Group is the quarterly book discussion organized by the Friends of the Library to discuss a wide range of books. You do not need to have read the book to participate—everyone is welcome. Come and join us and bring a friend or two.

The next Four Seasons Book Club meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 18th at 11 AM** in the library reading garden. The book selection for this meeting is George Takei's graphic novel, ***They Called Us Enemy***. This is a memoir and firsthand account of the time George and his family spent in a Japanese-American incarceration camp during World War II.

Please mark your calendars for the Four Seasons quarterly meetings as follows on **Saturdays at 11 AM:**

- **Spring-April 18th at the Friends' Reading Garden**
- **Summer-July 25th at the Windmill Room**
- **Fall-November 14th at the Windmill Room**

How a Book Changed My Life Student Essay Contest

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
- Entries must be emailed to ReadTogetherDB@library.lacounty.gov, 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
- No AI writing assistance



Due by Saturday, April 11, 2026

If you're a book lover, you've likely read a book, 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 affected your life in a meaningful way. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Winners will be announced on **April 25, 2026**.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

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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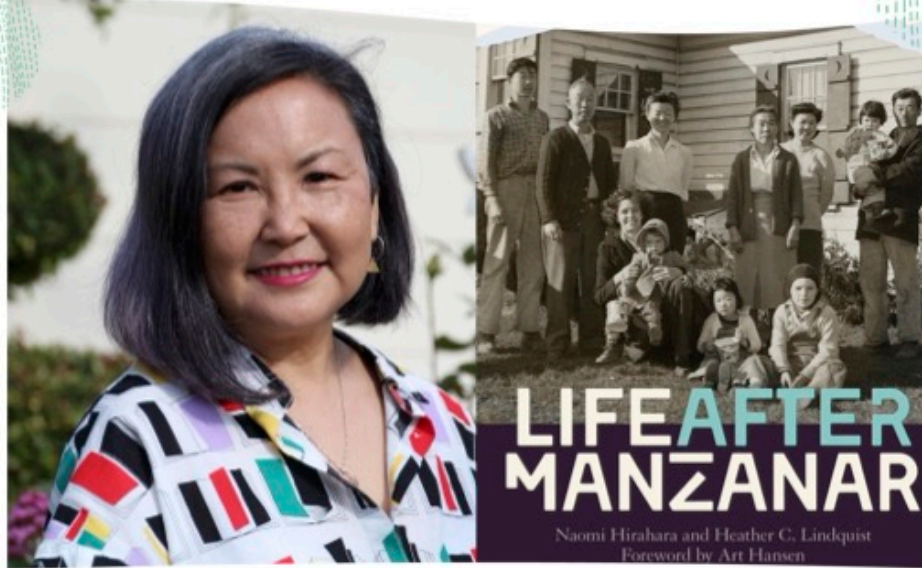
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Our annual student essay writing contest, "How a Book Changed My Life" is taking essay submissions until **Saturday, April 11th, 2026**. Three essay winners will be chosen and presented their \$300 awards at our culminating event on **Saturday, April 25th at 2 PM** in the Windmill Room. The guest speaker at the event will be Naomi Hirahara, who will discuss her book *Life After Manzanar*. You can download an entry form [here](#). Entries must be mailed, dropped off at the Diamond Bar Library, or emailed to ReadTogetherDB@library.lacounty.gov.

Read Together Diamond Bar

Meet the Author, Naomi Hirahara



Saturday, April 25, 2026, 2 - 3:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon with Naomi Hirahara, the Edgar Award-winning author and former editor of *The Rafu Shimpō*. She is best known for her Mas Arai mystery series, the bestselling historical mystery *Clark and Division*, and her deep exploration of Japanese American history. She will discuss her prolific career and dive into her moving non-fiction book, *Life After Manzanar* (co-written with Heather C. Lindquist), which illustrates the lives of former Manzanar internees as they rebuilt after the war. Afterward, she will award the prizes for the winners of the "How a Book Changed My Life" essay contest.

For adults and teens.

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Save the Date – Sunday, June 7th, 2026

Mark your calendars for the best party of the year, the Annual Wine Soiree on **Sunday, June 7th from 3-7 PM**. Join us as we will be *Sipping on the Ritz* at the Diamond Bar Center.



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.

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 and receive an entry ticket 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.

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Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, April 11th:** Submission deadline for *How a Book Changed My Life* Student essay contest.
- **Saturday, April 18th at 11 AM: Four Seasons Book Discussion**
They Called Us Enemy by George Takei. Inside the DB Library reading garden.
- **Saturday, April 25th at 2 PM:** Essay winners presentation and the final Read Together author event with Naomi Hirahara. Inside the DB Library Windmill Room.
- **Sunday, June 7th at 3-7 PM: 32nd Annual Wine Soiree & Benefit Auction.** Mark your calendars for the best party of the year! Join us as we will be

Sipping on the Ritz at the Diamond Bar Center.

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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