



DIAMOND BAR

FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

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community
since 1977*

November 2025 E-Newsletter

President's Message



Dear Friends,

As the season of Thanksgiving is upon us, the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library are grateful for our wonderful librarians and volunteers who deliver excellent library services and bring creative, interesting, and fun programs to library patrons all year long. We will be thanking our librarians with a special luncheon in their honor later this month. Please pass on a kind word or a note of gratitude when you see them at the Diamond Bar Library. They will truly appreciate it.

This year, the Friends will have a special opportunity to share the joy of reading with families in our community. We will be collaborating with the Walnut Valley Rotary Club to deliver holiday baskets; Rotary will provide the goodies for the holiday dinner, and the Friends will provide the books for more family fun time.

It's not too early to think about holiday shopping. Our Friends' Bookstore is a great place to find gifts and stocking stuffers for the readers on your list. As always, all the proceeds benefit our library. Our bookstore is located inside the Diamond Bar Library.

Want to have some fun? The Friends will be hosting a booth at Diamond Bar's Snow Fest on Saturday, December 6th at Pantera Park. Please stop by and say hello!

The Friends of the Library are a community service organization. Please join us, we're always welcoming new members. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

With joy and thanks,

Sharing the Joy of Reading



This December, the Friends are collaborating with the Walnut Valley Rotary to deliver 175 holiday baskets to needy families. While the Rotary will be providing turkey dinners and the accompaniments, the Friends will be providing books for the children to enjoy during the holidays. Families will receive books that are specially chosen for their children. We want to inspire a love for books and learning, set up our children for success in school, and foster a lifelong joy and passion for reading.

Meet our Librarians



Our wonderful team of librarians, Ana Maria Aparicio, Cynthia Yu, Gabriel Allaft, Janet Ramirez-Manchan and Monique Ayala can help you find a book, find a CD, reserve a book, and generally answer questions. They create and lead special programs for babies and children, teens, adults, and seniors that celebrate the seasons, special hobbies, and interests. Above all, they're patient, helpful and friendly. The Friends will be hosting a luncheon to thank and honor them for serving the Diamond Bar community all year long. Please say hi and thank them for their work.

October Snapshots from the Library

Hygge Jigsaw Puzzle Race and Swap: Adult patrons celebrated all things cozy and comforting by trying their hand at speed puzzling! They also brought jigsaw puzzles from home and swapped with their fellow puzzle enthusiasts.



Anime Your Way: Kids joined a special workshop with former Simpsons' artist Carlos Nieto III as he showed participants how to create and modify their very own anime characters from scratch.



November Events and Programs at the Library

Our library celebrates Native American Heritage Month with special programs highlighting food and art this month. The Friends of the Library are pleased to bring these special programs and exciting classes to the Diamond Bar Library. Join us!



Smarty Pants Story Time is back! On **Wednesdays, November 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, 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.

Fiber Arts Meetup for adults is a hit! On **Thursdays November 6th and 20th, 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.

Adventures in Bookland is a book club for young readers. On **Friday, November 7th 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 *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month. On **Thursday, November 13th, from 11 AM-12 PM**, learn about Native American Food Sovereignty. We will explore how native communities are taking control over their food sources and production by revitalizing traditional, healthy, and localized food sources.

Smart Start, Baby Band is back! Come play with us on **Friday, November 14th 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!

Painting the Way for Teens: Yucca Paintbrush and Ochre Painting Workshop. On **Monday, November 17th from 4-5 PM**, we will learn to create a paintbrush from yucca leaves and paint on watercolor paper with red ochre. For ages 13-17.

Need just a little help getting around the digital library? **Digital Drop-In: Libby & Hoopla** are here to help. Come in on **Tuesday, November 18th at 1 PM** and have a librarian lead you through the process of downloading free eBooks, audiobooks, music and streaming videos to your TV, smartphone, tablet or computer. For Adults.

Cozy up at Pajama Storytime on **Thursday, November 20th, from 6:45-7:15 PM.** Bring your jammies and blanket and join us for a mellow evening of stories,



Four Seasons Fall Book Group

On **Saturday, November 8th at 11 AM**, our Fall Book Group selection will be ***Lonely Castle in the Mirror*** by Mizuki Esujimura. The discussion will take place inside the Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room.

Seven students find unusual common ground in this warm, puzzle-like Japanese bestseller laced with gentle fantasy and compassionate insight. *Lonely Castle in the Mirror* is a mesmerizing, heart-warming novel about the unexpected rewards of embracing human connection.

Limited copies of the book will be available at the Diamond Bar Library. Hoopla has eBooks and audiobooks available, and Libby has audiobooks. You do not need to have read the book to participate—everyone is welcome. Come and join us and bring a friend to two.

Do you have a suggestion for a book or a theme for our Read Together Diamond Bar 2026 month in April? You can email us [here](#) with your thoughts and suggestions. Call 909-576-8536 or visit our website at www.dblibraryfriends.org for more information.



Four Seasons Book Club

Sponsored by Diamond Bar Friends of the Library

Join Friends of the Diamond Bar Library
Four Seasons Book Group Fall Book Discussion

Lonely Castle in the Mirror by Mizuki Esujimura

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 11 am
Diamond Bar Library Windmill Room
21810 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765



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*Diamond Bar Library has some books to borrow.
Hoopla has ebooks and audiobooks
Libby has audiobooks*

Sponsored by the Diamond Bar Friends of the Library.
This program is free to the public.
Join us for a lively and interesting discussion on reading and books.



*Refreshments will be served.
For more information, please call 909 576-8536*

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.

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.

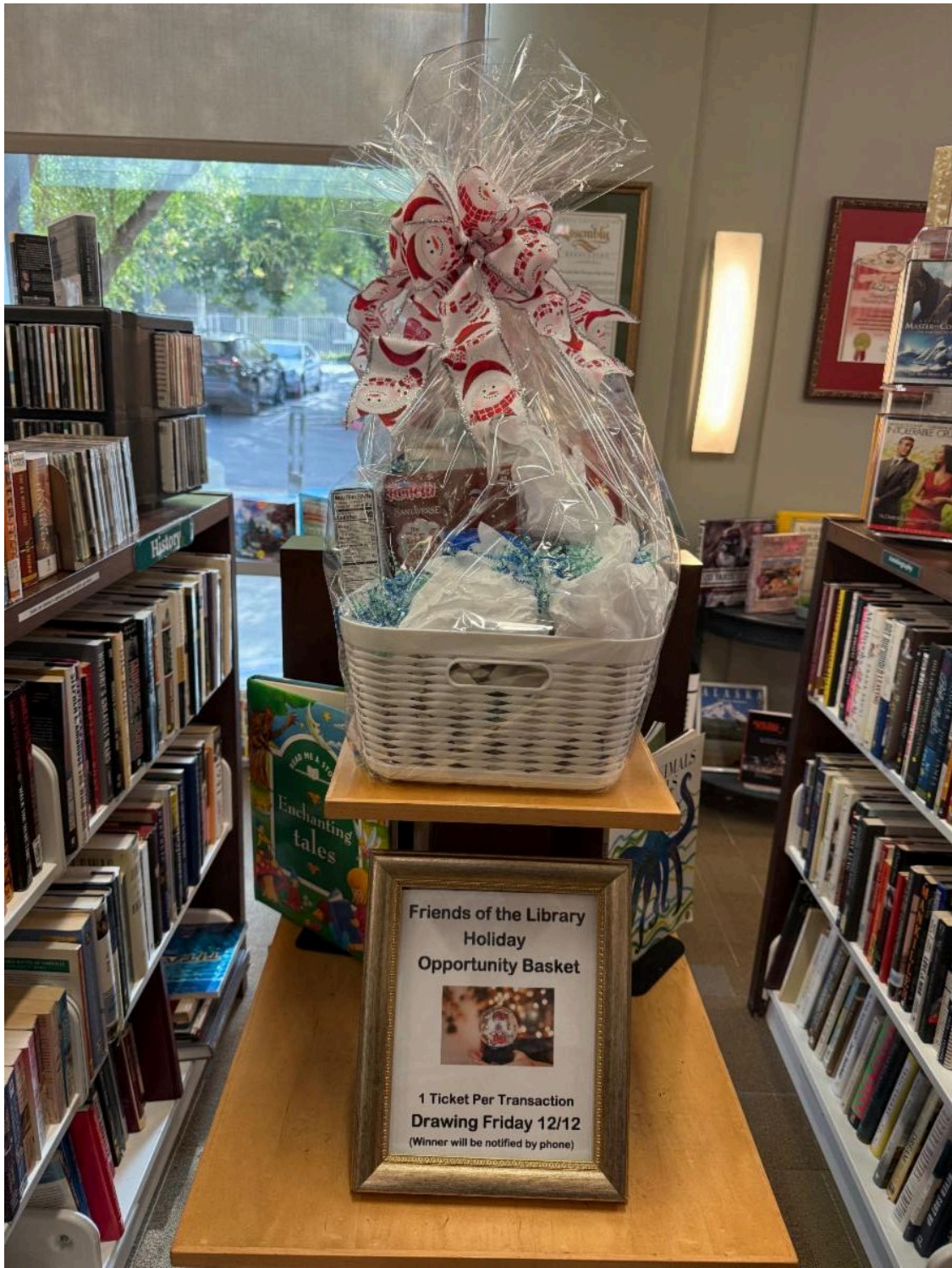
Our Bookstore



*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 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

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, November 8 at 11 AM:** Fall Four Seasons Book Group to discuss *Lonely Castle in the Mirror* by Mizuki Esujimura. Inside the DB Library

Windmill Room.

- **Sunday, June 7th, 2026:** 32nd Annual Wine Soiree & Benefit Auction 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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