2026 Diamond Bar Friends of the Library Year in Review

The Diamond Bar Friends of the Library would like to thank the community for all your support in helping us accomplish our mission in 2026, "to support the Diamond Bar Library, improve literacy, and encourage the love of reading."



Our year in review includes many facets of support for the library:

$20,000 on Library Materials – Books, DVDs, Magazines, Ebooks, Audiobooks
$15,000 on Library Programs
$3,000 on Special Projects such as seating reupholstery

Friends of the Library Bookstore

Our customers demonstrated a strong passion for reading. During the year, we sold 4,187 novels, bringing readers countless adventures, mysteries, romances, and literary treasures. Young readers also kept our shelves busy, with 4,187 children's books finding new homes and inspiring the next generation of book lovers. (Interesting that we sold the exact same number of novels and childrens' books)



Our commitment to cultural learning and language diversity was reflected in the sales of 540 foreign language books. Beyond books, our media collection remained popular, with 1,613 CDs and DVDs purchased throughout the year. Puzzles also continued to bring families and friends together, with 438 puzzles sold. Whether enjoyed around a dining room table or given as thoughtful gifts, these puzzles provided hours of entertainment and connection.

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Read Together Diamond Bar

Read Together Diamond Bar participated in LA County Library's "One Coast, One Book" program by hosting author Naomi Hirahara who discussed her book, Life After Manzanar in April. Many students submitted thoughtful letters in response to the "How a Book Changed My Life" essay contest. The three outstanding winners each spoke and were recognized by the Friends with $300 gift cards. Our annual Read Together Diamond Bar will take place again in April 2027.

Four Seasons Book Club

The Four Seasons Book Club is a quarterly book discussion that meets to discuss a wide variety of books. Our April book selection is part of Read Together Diamond Bar - we read and discussed George Takei's powerful graphic memoir, ***They Called Us Enemy***. Summer's chosen book was Naomi Hirahara's ***Crown City***. We were honored to have the author join us for the discussion. We all learned so much from her knowledge and insight about the history of the Japanese in Los Angeles. Our Fall selection is a Meet the Author with Wendelin van Draanen, who will introduce her newly published book ***Ghosted***. Our Winter program in January 2027 will be our second annual Local Authors talk. Come and hear them discuss their work!



Library Furnishings

We continue to make upgrades in the furnishings at the library. Two projects this year have been completed, with another one in the works. There are new chairs in the "Teen Room" and four chair tabletops by the bookstore have been refinished. By the end of the year, we should have newly reupholstered benches in the Children's section.





Librarian Luncheon

The annual Librarian Luncheon is hosted in November. The Friends hosts a luncheon for our outstanding Library Manager, Cynthia Yu, and all of her wonderful staff. It is our way of saying thank you for all you do!

Membership Events

In 2026 the Friends participated in numerous community events to promote our library and our mission. We sincerely thank our members, especially our 100 Lifetime Members, for their continued support and dedication to the Friends. Your generosity helps us carry out our mission and support our community.







Wine Soiree

June brought together a crowd of over 350 participants for our annual Wine Soirée *Sippin' on the Ritz*. This event is our major fundraiser each year, and 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales, auctions, sponsorships, and raffles go directly back to the Diamond Bar Library for books, programs and community outreach.



Community Engagement - Rotary Club Holiday Baskets

In 2026 the Friends donated 200 new books from Scholastic Inc., to help fill holiday baskets for underprivileged families within our community in partnership with the Walnut Valley Rotary Club. The recipients ranged from pre-K through high school.



