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Join Our Community! Celebrate & Volunteer!



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Presidential News

Our FoLL Annual Membership meeting always prompts me to reflect on the amazing contributions the members of our Board of Directors have made during the preceding year and what an honor and pleasure it is to work with them and all the volunteers who devote their time, energy and expertise to the Lakewood Libraries. The officers you elect get wonderful support from the City and members of the Board of Directors throughout the year. Because Iacoboni Library is the third busiest in all of the L.A. County Library system, and our City supports the Lakewood Libraries with additional funds, it is open seven days a week.

Because of our very effective Bookstore Manager, Dee Bloomquist and her dedicated volunteers, both behind the scenes and in the Bookstore, it is also open most hours the library is. So far in 2018, 45 volunteers have dedicated approximately 2,475 hours.

Before the shelves and carts are stocked, donated books go through a multi-step process. The library staff searches for ones that can be placed on their shelves, and then another "crew" takes over the cleaning and sorting for bookstore-ready, book sale-ready, and donate-to-Discover Books. We do not keep a record of the volunteers or hours because there is no pattern of how many and when books will be donated. Needless to say, Sharon Roder, Jack Allen and many others work a lot!

We estimate that including the immediate preparation for, during and the wrap-up after our two 2018 books sales, an average of 67 different volunteers contributed approximately 647 hours. During the annual Family Reading Festival at Nye Library, 8 Board Members and others worked approximately 30 hours. And in 2018, our big annual event, the Taste of Lakewood, (which is an integral part of the Lakewood Block Party), without counting all the prior preparation, 94 volunteers spent over 413 hours during the event and counting tickets the day after.

What may be a secret is that we truly enjoy working together and take pride in what is accomplished. It is an exceptionally fine group of people to work alongside, and we always want to share the experience with as many of you as can join us. We have fun!

Please come to the Annual Meeting, Nov. 4, and meet many of the above and especially those under the guidance of Winnie Heiss, who will be providing the great food, decorations and program arrangements. The theme, Reading Takes You Everywhere, is an extension of the libraries Summer Discovery Program. (For details, see p. 5.)

Your very grateful president,

Margene Stevens

The More You Know...

FoLL BookStore News

Halloween has come to the FoLL Bookstore! We have a “theme cart” of Halloween books for kids and adults devoted to the Spooky Holiday that will be on display until Oct. 31st, so please come by and check it out! We always stock the bookstore at least twice-weekly with your donations – be sure to check our “new arrivals” and displays for the latest and most current books available! In addition, we have several other display carts located outside the Bookstore loaded with “theme” books and items. Current carts are: Cookbooks, Teen, and Travel. We also are featuring a small display of vinyl records as well as our DVD’s and magazine selection. A Christmas cart will be in place in November.

Our wonderful volunteers graciously staff and run the bookstore most of the hours that the library is open. We have a few new faces among them – Annette Hadjimarkos on the Wednesday evening shift, Brianna Lee on the Sunday afternoon shift, and Violet Chiz on Thursday afternoons. Be sure to stop in and say “Hi”!

Dee Bloomquist
Bookstore Manager

Webmaster Dan Wamba’s Corner

Hi Friends,

I hope you occasionally check our website, <http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/> to stay current on the latest FoLL news and communications. Now please bear with me in this article because I want to discuss several wildly different subjects.

Taste of Lakewood

Sure, I like food. Why did it take so long before I discovered the Taste of Lakewood? Decent prices, lots of good products, and many happy customers. The volunteers do a great job and the food booth participants exhibit high energy in delivering their quality products. Plus there is a great fireworks show at the end of the evening. To view some photos that were taken during our last event, please visit our web page that is solely dedicated to the Taste of Lakewood, www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/taste-of-lakewood.html.

E-magazines

Our Los Angeles County Library system offers interesting technology that allows me to read magazines on my tablet. I downloaded the suggested app to my android device and I smile as I flip through pages of popular magazines. And when I am done reading the issue, it is very easy to click the return button. You may find a link on our ‘[Member Resources](#)’ page, or check out the library’s website to see the process used to view digital magazines on your device or computer: <https://lacountylibrary.org/digital-magazines/>.

Wireless Printing

I enjoy access to a black-and-white laser printer for some small print jobs, how about you? Printing up to ten pages a day is free with your library card. Yes, I am a geek who uses this service about once a week. Find details on this Los Angeles County Library website: <https://lacountylibrary.org/print/>.

Video of Fish in an Aquarium

Check out a short video of our FoLL aquarium at the Nye Library. Find our webpage for Nye, www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/nye-library.html, and look for a link to the video. I like to hit the replay button in the lower-left hand corner to see it play again. Hint, it looks really great in full screen mode on the monitor I use for my personal computer at home.

Take care until next time,

Dan Wamba
FoLL Volunteer Webmaster

FoLL On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLakewoodLibraries/>

FoLL Website

<http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/>

Annual Membership Meeting...

*Please Join Us For Our
Friends of Lakewood Libraries
Annual Membership Meeting
and
Election of 2019 Board of Directors*

*Sunday, November 4, 2018
2:00pm*

*Mayfair Park Activity Room
5720 Clark Avenue*



*Theatre Americana Presents:
Reading Takes You Everywhere -
A Musical Journey*

Refreshments provided by F.O.L.L.

*RSVP:
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Board of Directors Election...

Board of Directors Election

The Nominating Committee met September 29, 2018 at Iacoboni Library to put together a roster of candidates to fill the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The following have been asked to continue for the 2019 year.

Margene Stevens

Since moving to Lakewood , Margene Stevens has served as: Founder of Leaning Tree (after school program for BU SD), and Volunteer tutor for Operation Jump Start.

President of;	Chairman of;
Friends of the Lakewood Libraries	Taste of Lakewood since 2004
Bellflower Council PTA and 3 schools	Friends of the Norwalk Libraries Book Sales
Phi Delta Kappa (CSULB Chapter)	Citizens Acting for Responsible Education

Professionally, she has been employed as:

Teacher, Librarian, Reading Specialist, and District Administrator – Bellflower U.S.D.
Instructor – U.C.L.A., National University, Southwest College
Education Consultant - IBM, San Jose U.S.D., and Human Capital Development Corporation

Tess Croft

Tess and her family have been residents of Lakewood Gardens since 1986. Her work experience in accounting had varied from TV shows licensing to metal forge relating to the aerospace industry then working in the corporate offices of a large commercial roofing company. For 18 years, Tess values her experience as a Teacher's Aide at St. Pancratius Parish School.

The Croft family has been active as members of FOLL. Tess served as Secretary, Taste of Lakewood Volunteer Coordinator, Hospitality Chairman, Membership Chairman, Vice President, President, Director at Large and currently as Treasurer.

Christina Littrell

Chris has been a resident of Lakewood for over 50 years. She graduated from Cerritos High School in 1976, met and married her husband Steve Littrell 7 years later. She worked in office positions until 1984 when she left the work force to raise and eventually homeschool their three children from kindergarten through high school. During those 25 years most of her volunteer hours were devoted to their church and children's school.

Since 2005, Christina has been employed part-time in the Admissions and Records office at Cerritos College. In 2013 she became as a Director at Large for FoLL, has co-chaired the Nye Family Reading Festival and Taste of Lakewood, and is currently the secretary. Because of her appreciation for the Lakewood libraries and their staffs, she devotes many hours helping them to continue to provide services and remain open for the public to use.

Winnie Heiss

Winnie Heiss has been with the Friends of Lakewood Libraries since 2006 serving on the board in the capacity of Vice President and Chairman of the Membership. Winnie was honored as the Lakewood 2012 Woman of the Year by Assemblymember Furutani, 55 th Assembly District for her work in the community. Winnie and husband Phil have been residents of Lakewood since 1966. Community involvement began with Tot Lot at Bolivar Park and continued for decades, including three years as PTA president at Lakewood High School.

As an elementary school teacher, Winnie saw the need to become involved in the education of volunteers and professionals on the causes and effects of child abuse and domestic violence. She was the Volunteer Coordinator at Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center before she founded Domestic Violence Counselor Training to provide education and training for over 1000 professionals and volunteers. Winnie and her husband enjoy traveling and spending as time as possible on Catalina Island at their Bed and Breakfast, The Inn On Mt. Ada.

Current News From Our Libraries...

News From Nye

Our fall activities are going full steam ahead: The annual Bookmark Contest is gearing up with this year's theme of Shine Bright, Read! The Family Place Parent/Child Workshops for the little ones and their caregivers are scheduled for Saturday mornings this session to accommodate working parents. The library is eagerly anticipating the Halloween season with decorations and plans for costumes and treats. Being that Halloween is on a Wednesday this year we are encouraging staff, customers and children to dress up for the story times on that day! The season is capped off by a visit from Tony Daniels, children's magician when he brings his annual Halloween Spooktacular to the library!

Thank you Friends for all that you do, we truly appreciate your support and inspiration! Looking ahead, the Family Reading Festival in May will be graced with a visit from the Long Beach Aquarium Mobile Tide Pool Van and it's due to the generous help from the Friends that we are able to offer this to the community. So come on in and say hi, we always want to visit with our Friends!

Carol Burke
Community Library Manager

FoLL Annual Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors have another fantastic Membership Meeting for members and their family and friends on Sunday, Nov. 4th at 2:00 pm in the Activity Room at Mayfair Park.

There will be delicious refreshments provided by the FOLL board of Directors that you won't want to miss! The entertainment will be "Reading Takes you Everywhere- A Musical Journey", presented by the outstanding "Theatre Americana". Several members have had the opportunity to enjoy this group at the previous Membership Meetings, in 2011 with " USO Show " and in 2014 with "Alice In Wonderland and Disney Tunes"! We are guaranteed a wonderful musical entertainment again!

Members will also have the opportunity to elect the FOLL Board of Directors for the coming year! (See p. 4) Please plan to attend and RSVP, (See invitation on p. 3)"

Margene Stevens

Iacoboni News

Fall is finally here and I am so excited to share with you all the amazing things the library has in store over the next few months!

Along with our regular programs such as story times, book clubs, and movie showings, we have special programs planned for all ages! Here is just a sample of the things we have planned:

October 24—Free Medicare Workshop

The library will be hosting a free Medicare 101 workshop at 2:00 PM. No registration is required.

October 29—Kid Zorro Musical and Puppet Show

Families are invited to see a special performance of Kid Zorro Musical and Puppet Show at 4-5:30 PM.

November 7—Free Flu Shot Clinic

Iacoboni Library will once again be hosting a free flu shot clinic! If you, or anyone you know, plan to get the flu shot this year, you can do so free of charge at the Library on November 7, 2018 from 1 – 3 PM.

November 17—American Red Cross Safety Skills

The American Red Cross youth instructors will visit the Iacoboni Library to share lifesaving safety skills with young people ages 7-17. Registration is required.

October to November—MakMo Van

The library's MakMo van will be visiting the library to provide teen and children's STEAM programming on multiple occasions during October and November – check with library staff for dates and times!

For more information about these and other exciting programs please visit the Library's Website (lacountylibrary.org/angelo-m-iacoboni-library), Facebook page, or visit us in person – we love to see our Friends!

Friends of the Lakewood Libraries

Visitors Always Welcome!
All Board Meetings will be held at 6
p.m. in the Community Room at
Iacoboni Library.

Honor Books

Deanne & Eric Bloomquist – Ikigai by Hector Garcia
 Ricky Campbell – The Last Castle by Denise Kiernan
 Christina Littrell – Twenty-One Days by Anne Perry
 Bobbie Longbrake – Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans
 Nola Machale – Family Gathering by Robyn Carr
 Barbara Richley – Miss Julia Raises the Roof by Ann B. Ross
 Katherine Rupley – After Anna by Lisa Scottoline
 Oliver & Lyndra Seely – Dollars and Sense by Dan Ariely
 Albertson's – The Other Lady Vanishes by Amanda Quick
 Applebee's Grill & Bar – Hightide Club by Mary Kay Andrews
 Black Angus Steakhouse – Crooked Staircase by Dean Koontz
 Cassidy's Corner – Forest Bathing by Dr. Qing Li
 Costco Wholesale – I've Got My Eyes on You by Mary Higgins Clark
 Gourmet Churros – Franklin D. Roosevelt by Robert Dallek

Javatinis – Coming to My Senses by Alise Waters
 Jimmy John's – Happiness is a Choice You Make by John Leland
 Mr. B's Kettle Corn – It's All Relative by A.J. Jacobs
 The Loft – The Power of Moments by Chip Heath and Dan Heath
 Outback Steakhouse – Robert B. Parker's Old Black Magic by Ace Atkins
 Panera Bread – Ritz and Escoffier by Luke Barr
 Pick up Stix – Twisted Prey by John Sandford
 Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers – Wild Things by Bruce Handy
 Round Table Pizza – Stowaway by Laurie Gwen Shapiro
 Souplantation – Every Note Played by Lisa Genova
 STONEFIRE Grill – Run the Storm by George Michelsen
 Sugar from the Heart – The Cookie Cure by Susan Stachler
 Wingstop – Someone to Care by Mary Balogh
 Yogurtland – The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss
 Foggia Italian Market & Deli – Rescued by Peter Zheutlin

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