

NEWSLETTER

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library, 4990 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712

Presidential News

Let's (Block) Party with the Libraries!

THE TASTE OF LAKEWOOD

We have held our major activities, (Fall and Spring Book Sales, and selection and announcement of scholarship winners, and now we're preparing for the Taste of Lakewood, (ToL), a major feature of the Lakewood Block Party. It is our "really big" season finale.

ToL is our foremost one-day event. It is not only a major source of the income that we donate to support and enhance materials and programs for Iacoboni and Nye Libraries, the 20 food vendors also comprise an

integral part of the amazing event. The annual Block Party held every year on the last Saturday in June , (6/30/2018), also features a kids' fun zone and live entertainment from 4 p.m. until just before the fireworks finale.

Outstanding food and beverages are presented by very special civic-minded Lakewood vendors. It is extremely difficult for them to staff a booth and their own locations on a Saturday afternoon/evening, and corporations are less and less supportive of their franchises' participation in local events. Foggia Deli and Italian Market chooses every year to very generously support our libraries as a Platinum Sponsor instead of trying to be in two places simultaneously.

They all must agree to not make any profit, most donate 50% of the money spent on tickets collected at their booths, and several go way above that. Applebee's, Costco, Jimmy John's, Raising Cane's, Souplantation and StoneFire Grill are donating 100%. Michael Osogwin also adds much more than 50% to the Round Table Pizza donation.

Some of last year's vendors can't participate this year, so we are very fortunate to have Souplantation

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**Join our community!
Celebrate & Volunteer!**

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back and two new vendors, Javatini's and Cane's. Please help us thank them by patronizing them throughout the year and telling them you appreciate their participation in the Taste of Lakewood. They are: Albertson's, Applebee's, Black Angus, Cassidy's Corner, Costco, Gourmet Churros, Javatini's Espresso, Jimmy John's, Mr. B's, Outback, Panera Bread, Pick-up-Stix, Raising Cane's, Round Table Pizza, Souplantation, StoneFire Grill, Sugar from the Heart, The Loft, WingStop, Yogurt Land.

If you have never attended the annual Lakewood Civic Center Block Party, be sure to put June 30th on your calendar, and if you are available to volunteer to commit to work one shift, please respond online (lakewoodlibraryfriends.org or volunteerwatch.org) or contact me (562-867-6541 or zstevens@verizon.net).

Join us won't you?

your VERY grateful president,
Margene Stevens

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Webmaster Dan Wamba's Corner

First off, I apologize if the website is starting to look a little busy. It might take a little work, but it is a goal of mine to get the website back to looking smart, crisp and accurate, just like our board members.



I hope you had a chance to review the FoLL website prior to the recent book sale. We had a call for donations of children's books, and I understand we had some positive results. If the website was helpful in this, then I look forward to crafting web items for any other needs we have.

As we march through our yearly FoLL events and approach the Taste of Lakewood (TOL) I hope you review our web page dedicated to that subject. We have logos and links to the websites of our food booth participants and our sponsor. Remember, an event like TOL takes great support, so my aim is to communicate our gratitude to those who are there to work with us.

A final point to remember is to check out our page for the Nye Library and play the short video of the fish swimming around in the aquarium! Of course you will realize it is probably more fun to just swing by and see the aquarium in person. I wish to offer a big thanks to Winnie for taking pictures at the recent Family Reading Festival at Nye Library. I have added those pictures to the Nye Library page of our website.

Also, thanks to Valerie for adding those pictures to our Facebook page. If you don't already have a way to get to our FoLL Facebook page, you may find a link at the bottom of our FoLL website, <http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/home.html>

Feel free to share this information with others.



Dan Wamba
FoLL Volunteer Webmaster



The FoLL Website is being updated by Dan (see article above). Access our website through your phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer at <http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/home.html>

FoLL Bookstore News

The FoLL Bookstore is happening! 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 display carts located outside the Bookstore loaded with "theme" books and items. Current carts are: Cookbooks, Gardening, Teen, and Puzzles. We also are featuring a small display of vinyl records as well as our DVD's and magazine selection.

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 – Lydia Leyn on the Wednesday afternoon shift, Jessie Hare on the Sunday afternoon shift, and Phil Wachovsky on Monday mornings. Be sure to stop in and say "Hi"!

2018 HONOR BOOKS LIST

Iacoboni Library has chosen these books to honor members and Taste of Lakewood participants for their generous contributions and continued support of our Lakewood libraries. The books will be on the shelves at Iacoboni Library in July.

- Deanne & Eric Bloomquist – *Ikigai* by Hector Garcia
- Ricky Campbell – *The Last Castle* by Denise Kiernan
- Christina Littrell – *Twenty-One Days* by Anne Perry

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The Friends of the Lakewood Libraries, (FoLL), is pleased to announce award of scholarships to six students of high caliber, both in character and academics. They all have strong desires to further their education and have volunteered to help Angelo Iacoboni and/or George Nye, Jr. Libraries. In alphabetical order, they are:

Matthew

Matthew Ayala has been accepted at three outstanding universities and is on the waiting list for two others. As the co-founder of the UNICEF Club at Mayfair High School, a tutor for AP courses, and a Summer Program Leader at the Iacoboni Library, he exhibits many leadership characteristics.

Matthew's teachers describe him as being kind, responsible, respectful and energetic. These traits will no doubt serve Matthew as he pursues a career in the medical field.



Ayala

Kade

Kade Castleberry will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from San Diego State University and hopes to pursue a career in their Office of Special Investigations. He has received numerous awards for leadership and service in the Air Force ROTC, as well as academic honors.

Kade has provided invaluable assistance to the Taste of Lakewood, beginning in 2013, and with FoLL book sales. His generosity and strong work ethic not only benefit the other numerous organizations that he volunteers for, but also make him a role model for others in his community.



Castleberry

Irene

Irene Mendoza employs a positive attitude, strong motivation, and maturity especially in leadership roles. She served as a Summer Reading Desk Volunteer at the Iacoboni Library for several years, as well as helped the La Palma Christian Center Little Lambs program.

Irene is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned recognition for her academic achievement. She is graduating from Lakewood High School with plans to pursue a degree in business and become a creative entrepreneur.



Mendoza

Outstanding Student Volunteers

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We ask you to join us in congratulating these excellent scholar-volunteers and thank the community for making it possible to honor them with scholarships.

Ashley Miller, a senior at Millikan High School, has consistently earned academic recognition and awards for her 4.58 GPA. She plans to become a lawyer which will enable her to make a difference in her community.

Ashley's AP teachers describe her as being diligent, ambitious, focused and an advocate for herself and others. Ashley has volunteered for many projects through her school and the Miss Greater Lakewood Pageant.

Ashley



Joelle Sabater has an impressive amount of experience in tutoring, literacy and learning. Not surprisingly, she hopes to pursue a career in teaching, and will begin her journey in Germany as part of the study abroad program at California State University, Long Beach.

She is already a skilled tutor both as a volunteer and employee. Joelle is a bright and engaged student who is a model of continuous improvement.

Joelle



Sabater

Brooke Sasse has already begun her plans for a teaching career by being a swim instructor at the Mayfair Pool during the summer. With a GPA of 4.14, she has received broad academic recognition and awards.

Administrators at Mayfair High School describe her as being a positive and diligent student of high caliber and with a strong work ethic. Volunteering is a natural part of her family life as both Brooke and her mother spend many hours working on library and other civic projects.

Brooke



Sasse

Ashton Seth Williams is successfully pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona, with his sights set on joining the medical field as an engineer to improve hospital network infrastructure and security.

He is a collaborative leader with a passion for volunteering, coordinating and tutoring. Volunteering is a family affair, as Ashton has logged many hours of invaluable volunteering for the Taste of Lakewood, alongside his mother and brother.

Ashton Williams



News from our Libraries...

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There's Always Something for Everyone at the Library!

Iacoboni Information

Regular Events include:

FAMILY STORYTIME
6:00 PM, TUESDAYS

TODDLER-PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
11:00 AM, WEDNESDAYS

BABY-TODDLER STORYTIME
11:00 AM, THURSDAYS

PUBLIC SPEAKING
4:00 PM, THURSDAYS

NOW SHOWING: MOVIE NIGHTS
5:30 PM, THURSDAYS

BEGINNING JUNE 18TH
READERS OF ALL AGES CAN COME
AND SIGN UP FOR OUR ANNUAL
SUMMER DISCOVERY PROGRAM

"READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE!"

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS AT
4:00PM. SO, JOIN US FOR ANIMALS,
MOVIES, MUSIC, SCIENCE, STORIES
AND MORE!

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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

News from Nye

Plans are shaping up for the Summer Discovery Program here at the George Nye Library. The theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere!" and we're excited to bring yet another fun summer for the community. The Fun Fri Programs will be as follows:

Fri, June 15 4-5 Buster Balloon
Fri, June 22 4-5 David Cousin, Juggler
Fri, June 29 4-5 John Abrams Animal Magic
Fri, July 13 4-5 Richard Woloski Puppet Show
Fri, July 20 4-5 Music with Christopher Yates
Fri, July 27 4-5 Zoomation
Fri, Aug 3 4-5 Book Give-Away and Art Activity

All are welcome and we also have summer reading programs for the teens and adults. Sign-ups begin

Tues June 12. Hope to see all of our Friends in the library, come by to chat and see the summer decorations. See you at the Taste of Lakewood!

Carol Burke
Community Library Manager
George Nye Library



Iacoboni Information

But like I always say, it's not just about the kids! We also have special teen and adult programs planned though out the summer. Weekly Teen programs will be held on Thursdays at 3pm beginning June 21st and be on the lookout for special programs for adults throughout the summer months.

With all the summer fun going on, don't forget that all our regular programming will continue as well- so you can see it's going to be a busy summer! For more information about these and all the other fun activities going on at your library please visit our website at <http://lacountylibrary.org/lib/iacoboni>, like us on Facebook, call the library at 562-866-1777 or come visit us in person - we always love to see our Friends!

Sarah Comfort
Community Library manager

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

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**Friends of the
Lakewood Libraries**

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

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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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June 30th

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