

NEWSLETTER

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

Presidential News

We love our volunteers, and so does the community!

Statistics do not usually convey the whole story, which is surely true here. What is really significant is how much all of your volunteer efforts are appreciated and how much we enjoy working together to benefit the libraries and community. There is a great deal of overlap in volunteers from FoLL and other civic-minded groups; several of us work energetically on Lakewood's Volunteer Day and the Pan Am Fiesta, also. If you are not already involved, we would love to have you join our growing numbers. We guarantee you'll be appreciated and can almost promise

that you'll enjoy the experience.

There are many ways that Friends of the Lakewood Libraries help both Iacoboni and Nye Libraries and the community that are apparent, (by providing financial support for programs and purchases that their budget from the County Library system does not cover – over \$600,000 from 2004 to 2017). Besides raising these funds through our Bookstore and Book Sales and the Taste of Lakewood, we also provide direct volunteer support, such as Nye's Family Reading Festival and Iacoboni's Halloween program.

In 2017, 45 volunteers donated nearly 2,900 hours to our Bookstore, almost 740 hours were contributed for our two Book Sales, and 67 worked 433 hours for the Taste of Lakewood during the Block Party. Besides the dedicated regular FoLL volunteers, members of several organizations come to our aid. Many of the hours are provided by Lakewood High Naval Junior ROTC Cadets and Key Club members, Mayfair High School organizations, and the Larry H. Parker Office, etc. As volunteers, Beth and Michael Hacia even prepare and submit our



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

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necessary tax filings.

It is also a fact that volunteering benefits YOU! Growth, enrichment, learning, friendships are some of what you'll experience when you volunteer. Participants see growth and change over time, which can reinforce your own sense of worthiness and vitality in the program. You are enriched by seeing how much impact you can make, a few hours can turn into a lifetime of opportunity. You'll have the chance to learn new skills, such as organization and working with technology. When we get together we make friends, maybe even for a lifetime.

Join us won't you?

your VERY grateful president,
Margene Stevens

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Meet Dan Wamba...

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Volunteer AND Webmaster!



Dan Wamba is recently retired from an aerospace engineering career. As a new member of FoLL, Dan brings a past history of volunteering, mostly with an emphasis in youth organizations. From AYSO (soccer) to scouts, the key is to keep learning from all the participants, young and old.

The Wamba family took up residence in Lakewood in 1989 and delighted in finding adjacent neighbors on both sides were original owners. It is a main ingredient to the success of our community that we have supportive and well established residents.

Taking on tasks as a Bookstore Volunteer as well as Webmaster, Dan looks forward to many rewarding hours in support of FoLL.

Take a **LÔÔK** at our Website!

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>



Since We're Talking Techy

Going to the library is a time-honored tradition. Perusing the shelves, getting lost in the aisles, hoping the book you've wanted to read is on the shelves.

Technology is not going away and in many ways can make your life easier and more enjoyable, especially if you know if someone who can't get out to experience the joy of the physical library. By using OverDrive you can bring books to you - through your tablet or desktop.

Best-selling authors. New release titles. Classics and crowd-pleasers. Your local public library's digital collection has it all. Find your next book and start reading. Enjoy your favorite audiobooks in the mobile app, or on your computer. The desktop app supports transfer



to a variety of devices and in many cases, burning to CD for listening on the road. Choose from a large collection of movies and TV shows. Borrow feature films, comedies, documentaries, children's favorites, and more from within the mobile app. (on Android and iOS only).

Get the App, it's available for iPhone®, iPad®, Android, Chromebook, Windows 8 & 10, Kindle Fire HD.

Besides the technology, all you need is a library card!

News from our Libraries...

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

For more information call the library at 562-866-1777 or visit our website at <http://www.colapublib.org/lib/iacoboni/>

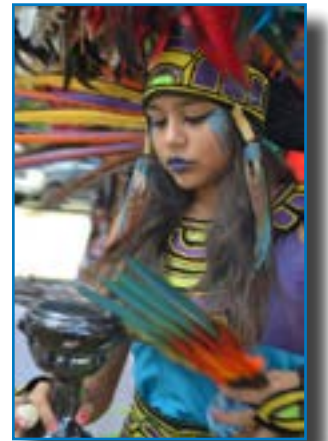
News from Nye

We're starting 2018 out with a bang! There are lots of programs coming up, including movie showings with popcorn, art activities and Danza Azteca Xochipilli in February.

We are once again hosting Family Place Parent/Child Workshops on Wednesday mornings and of course storytime on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm.

The 2018 Family Reading Festival is scheduled for Saturday May 19th 11-3pm. It will be a great family activity with games, animals, music, face painting and ballooning. It's always a fun day and we especially appreciate our Friends partnership.

We have two new pages at the library, Marla and Irais and they would love to meet everybody! So come on over to the library, we always appreciate visits from our Friends! Thanks once again for all you do, we truly do appreciate it!



Danza Azteca Xochipilli Dancer

Sincerely,
Carol Burke

Manager George Nye Library



Meet Deanne Bloomquist...

Volunteer AND Book Store Manager!

The FoLL website got Deanne's attention. She answered a volunteer query and before the ink dried on the paper she got a call from Margene Stevens, President of the FoLL board. In August, 2016, Margene and Sharon Roder, Book Sales manager, introduced Deanne to the workings of donation sorting and boxing of books destined for book sale. The following month Deanne attended FoLL Board meeting. She helped during the Fall 2016 Book Sale and by October she became a Member of the Board of Directors. Valerie Roy, then book store manager, asked Deanne to help out in the book store. By January the following year, Deanne became the FoLL book store manager, and we are so very lucky and ecstatic she answered our FoLL call for volunteers.

Deanne moved to Lakewood in 2003, part time. She owned and operated a medical records business in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas. Not until 2010 did she become a full time Lakewoodian. For five years, Deanne taught Medical Records at Cypress Community College. She has devoted her entire career to the Health Care industry. Her business background has benefited the book store tremendously.

She volunteers at Sonoran Wind Hospice in Orange County once a week. Deanne loves to read, almost anything fiction and bestsellers. Traveling is one of the joys she shares with her husband Eric. They share their home with two cats, Oliver and Dexter.

That she is an incredible recruiter of book store volunteers is indisputable! Deanne built a data base of volunteers to serve the book store. Through her planning and hard work, the book store now offers expanded hours of shopping opportunities. There is constant reorganization to better serve customers, manage the flow of books and schedule volunteers and maximize benefits derived from sales of books, DVDs and CDs.

Deanne is happy to be volunteering with friends at FoLL and we are delighted to work with her!

**Friends of the
Lakewood Libraries**

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

Put these dates in your calendar NOW!

Board Meeting February 1, 2018
Board Meeting March 1, 2018
Board Meeting April 5, 2018

SPRING BOOK SALE APRIL 12-14, 2018

Board Meeting May 3, 2018
Board Meeting June 7, 2018

TASTE OF LAKEWOOD JUNE 23, 2018

Board Meeting September 6, 2018
Board Meeting October 4, 2018

FALL BOOK SALE OCTOBER 11-13, 2018

Annual Meeting November 4, 2018



**TASTE of
LAKEWOOD**



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