



*Friends of the Lakewood Libraries*

# NEWSLETTER

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### **Locations**

Angelo Iacoboni Library  
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George Nye, Jr. Library  
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## **Presidential News**

This is an extraordinary thrill for me, and I hope it will assist and encourage many students and their families. Friends of the Lakewood Libraries, (FoLL) awards educational scholarships in various amounts between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 to students of high caliber, both in character and academics, and who have a strong desire to further their education. All applicants and/or immediate family members must have volunteered for FoLL and/or directly to the Lakewood Libraries.

These educational scholarships are not based solely on the highest GPA, but also require active citizenship in the community and at school. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate their desire to continue their education beyond high school. The student's graduation from high school and/or enrollment at any accredited college, university or trade school will be acceptable to meet this qualification.

Watch for more information on our web page (LakewoodLibraryFriends.org), future editions of this newsletter, posters in the library, etc. Applications will be available in the libraries and online, and donations to go directly into the FoLL Scholarship Trust account are enthusiastically encouraged.

Please consider being part of this valuable community effort. I highly recommend it! The 2020 recipients are briefly introduced on page 2. I'm sure you'll enjoy "meeting" them.

Your very grateful president,  
Margene Stevens

## **Scholarship Information**

Scholarship Information is available now on our website [www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org](http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org) and 2020 Application Forms will again be available at both libraries and online.

# The More You Know...

## Webmaster Dan Wamba's Corner

Hi FoLL Members,

We enjoyed a very tidepool-enhanced experience at the recent Family Reading Festival (FRF) at Nye Library on May 4th. It was fun to craft the website with some items to attract attention and educate readers about our event. I hope you had a chance to see what was presented, both on the website and at our FRF event.

New items recently added to our website include an introduction to our scholarship recipients and a congratulations to our L.A. County Library system for their recognition as Library of the Year from the professional journal for libraries. Follow the link from our FoLL website to read a description of the world-class services that are provided by our libraries which contributed to their receiving this prestigious award.

As a follow-up to Amazon Smile I am pleased to report that we are starting to see some benefits. And note that there are no extra costs imposed on the shoppers in conjunction with this benefit to non-profits. Please use Smile when shopping on Amazon in order to grow our future benefits. Information on how to sign up for Smile may be found on our website.

Take care until next time,  
Dan Wamba  
FoLL Webmaster

## Scholarship Recipients

This year's group of scholarship candidates is small, but very impressive. They excel in the amount and quality of volunteer and leadership work that they have provided, while maintaining very high grade point averages. They are smart, talented, dedicated students, and we are proud to present scholarships to them.

We look forward to their contributions in their future endeavors.



**Aaron Croft** has volunteered at FoLL Book Sales and the Taste of Lakewood during Block Parties. (His mom is a very faithful volunteer during FoLL events and throughout the year whenever help is needed.) Aaron is an Eagle Scout who maintains a high grade point average, has been recognized for his academic achievements, and received McBride High School's award for maturity. He is committed to his volunteer work with his church and has completed projects for the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House, and Airport in addition to his job at Subway, and involvement in school organizations. His supervisor at work describes him as being a quick learner with a strong work ethic who provides excellent customer service. He is a self-starter and a dependable leader. At UC Riverside, Aaron will study bioengineering and after gaining work experience, pursue a PhD.



**Joelle De Leon** continues to receive raves from the Iacaboni staff for over fifty hours of volunteer work organizing books and materials, as well as working with the STEAM workshops and book clubs at the library. She has participated in youth leadership programs and has been a member of St. Anthony High School's Academic Decathlon, the softball team, and theater group. Joelle has also worked as a receptionist at St. Cyprian Parish. Teachers describe her as mature, proactive, honest and thoughtful. These qualities, and her high academic achievements, will serve her well as she continues her education at UC Berkley, pursuing a science degree and ultimately becoming a neurologist.



**Brianna Lee** has been a weekly volunteer at the library bookstore for well over a year. She is an active student who participates in leadership and college prep programs and opportunities. Her other volunteering includes work at the Aquarium of the Pacific and The Boys and Girls Club. Her teachers know her as an organized, hard-working student, who enjoys meeting challenges in learning. Many of them admire Brianna's ability to balance academics and volunteer work, while still maintaining a high grade point average. After graduating from San Pedro High School, she plans to attend UC San Diego and major in Political Science. Her ultimate career goal is to be an attorney.

# Current News From Our Libraries...

## Iacoboni Library

Summer is finally here and we're so excited! Iacoboni Library has some great programs planned and no matter who you are there is something for you at the library!

Our Summer Discovery Programs for children, teens, and adults are already in full swing! This year's theme is "It's Showtime at Your Library!" Weekly programs for children will be held on Wednesdays at 3 pm through July 31st and special programs for teens will be held on Thursdays at 3 pm through August 8th.

If you can't make it into the library for Summer Reading checkout the library's online program at <https://lacountylibrary.org/summer-discovery-program/> There are online versions of the program for babies, kids, teens, and adults.

As many of you know most of these programs are sponsored in some way by the Friends and we are very thankful for your help in getting our community excited about reading during the summer!

All our regular programming will continue through the summer as well! Don't miss out on our regular movie showings, book clubs for children and adults, our crochet group meets every Wednesday at 6pm, and there's so much more!

To find out more about what's going on at the library please visit our website at [LACountyLibrary.org/angelo-m-iacoboni-library](http://LACountyLibrary.org/angelo-m-iacoboni-library), our Facebook page @IacoboniLibrary, or come and visit us in person – we always love to see you at the library!

Sarah Comfort  
Community Library Manager

## News from Nye

Good news! The LA County Library has been named the Library of the Year by Library Journal, the publication of the American Library Association! This is a national award and the first time that LA County Library has won! We are all so proud and grateful.....this is a good time to thank our dear Friends of the Lakewood Libraries. You all share this award with us and we are reminded anew of how much we appreciate your help and support. We love working in our community with you and enjoy your enthusiasm and inspirational work along side of us. On Wednesday, June 26th at 3:30 pm the George Nye Library will celebrate this award with a small reception, including refreshments and a book giveaway. We'd love you all to join us in celebrating the Library of the Year, LA County Library!

The Summer Discovery Program is going full steam ahead! Babies, children, teens and adults can all sign up online, or if you prefer you can come into the library and participate in person. Our Fun Friday programs have begun, we began last week with Buster Balloon and this week is the fabulous David Cousin, Juggler. These shows are held each Friday at 4:00 pm. We hope that by participating everyone will have a great summer of reading! The library is decorated and the staff is prepped, so come on in and say hi, we love visits from our Friends!

Carol Burke  
Community Library Manager

## Library of the Year Honor

Please go to: <https://lacountylibrary.org/library-of-the-year/> to learn more about this very prestigious national honor.

## FoLL Weblinks

- Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLakewoodLibraries/>
- Website: <http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/>

# Friends of the Lakewood Libraries

## Stay Home and Read Fundraiser

Friends of the Lakewood Libraries would like to thank friends, old and new who have participated in our on-going Stay at Home Event. So far we collected donations totaling \$1,800. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who reached out.

Children, young adults and adults will benefit from programs Angelo Iacoboni and George Nye, Jr. libraries hold due to the funds raised from this event.

Our community is generous with its time and resources. We regularly volunteer in many organizations and donate to various causes. Stay at Home event still need your help. We still have a long way to go. We hope you hear our call and make a donation.

Please send donation to:  
Friends of the Lakewood Libraries  
4990 Clark Ave, Lakewood, Ca 90712

## Board of Directors Meetings

Regular Board Meetings will resume  
September 5, 2019.

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

Visitors ALWAYS Welcome!

## FoLL Officers

Margene Stevens  
Tess Croft  
Christina Littrell  
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