**Presidential News**

For the first time ever, the LA County Library System was named National Library of the Year, and now because of our continuing service to the community, Friends of the Lakewood Libraries has been included in Legends of Lakewood. We’re inspired by all this recognition and hope you will help us increase our efforts to keep raising our goals.

In the article on page 1, you can read about our very valuable Book Store. It’s open seven days a week almost every hour the library is open, and we have added several mini book sales for special interests. The size of our book sales has been increasing enormously; see page 2 for information about next month’s.

We are still searching for the best possible fundraiser for 2020. The income from our 2019 “Stay at Home and Read” campaign helped, but didn’t come near to reaching what we have been earning during each Taste of Lakewood. The City provides so many opportunities for all of us that it’s especially hard to offer something of value to the community, so please let us know if you have any suggestions for fund raisers.

And most of all, please continue to join our amazing, enthusiastic, fun, super-friendly volunteers at events at both libraries as a participant and volunteer!

Margene Stevens  
President

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**Bookstore News**

2019 was a GREAT year for the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries (FoLL) used Bookstore! Sales were UP, in spite of this time of decreasing high quality donations. The Bookstore finished the year strong with sales of $16,747.40. THANK YOU to the FoLL patrons and members who frequent our store for their support, we sincerely owe all of you our gratitude! Remember, with the loss of the “Block Party”, the Bookstore is now the main revenue generator for FoLL, and we need your continued support.

In 2019, 56 Bookstore volunteers worked an amazing total of 3,396.5 hours graciously volunteering for FoLL. It is entirely due to all their hard work that we have been able to expand our hours to cover almost all of the hours that the library is open, and we thank them!

We continue to run our specialty carts, such as Christmas, Halloween, Black History, Easter, and other subjects depending on donations at hand. We have a large stock of DVD’s both on our rack outside the store and special ones in store. Magazines are always for sale, and we are always looking for donations – we could use your good books, recent magazines, and other media – please consider us first!

We have some new faces in the Bookstore as well – Please do stop in and say “Hi” the next time you are in the Library!

Deanne Bloomquist  
Bookstore Manager
Hi FoLL Members,

As I work on bringing our new website up to speed to reflect our wonderful organization, I want you to know there is no change in the address, also known as the URL. What you used before will continue to get you to our homepage. We had an opportunity to save a little money, so I suggested we go with a different type of product which will still get our message out there.

There is good news about our Amazon Smile account. In February we received just over sixteen dollars from Amazon. This represents the holiday shopping yield for our registration with Smile. All this benefit is with no added cost to the shopper. Just start your shopping at https://smile.amazon.com/ and be sure you are pointed to our organization as your preferred charity. There are some expanded instructions on our website that will help you point to our organization.

Take care until next time,
Dan Wamba
FoLL Webmaster

The FoLL website monthly usage shows more interest in months when we have events.

Friends of the Lakewood Libraries (FoLL)

BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library
4990 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712
562.866.1777

Hardback Books $1.00 and up!
Paperback Bargains!

- Romance
- Computer
- Children
- Mystery
- Art
- Parent/Teacher
- Science Fiction
- Music
- Videos
- Textbook
- Poetry
- DVD’s
- Reference
- Unusual Books
- Collector Vinlys

Presale Event
❖ Thursday, April 2, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
❖ Friday, April 3, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Memberships
❖ Memberships are available at the door for Thursday and Friday Shopping!
❖ Memberships dues are 100% tax deductible.

All disabled customers will be admitted to this pre-sale event.

Please Bring Your Own Bags

County of Los Angeles Public Library
Colapublib.org
Hello from Iacoboni Library!

So often when thinking about library programs we think about all the great activities for kids! Weekly storytimes, art activities, and STEAM programming are just a few of the awesome programs we have for children, but what about adults? Well, believe me, we’ve got you covered! Here are just a few special and ongoing programs we have just for you!

During the months of March and April the library will hold several cultural arts programs for adults including music, cooking, painting, and dance. In May, be on the lookout for job search programming covering topics such as job search success and networking. Days and times will vary so check in at the library or visit our website.

Regular programming continues with our monthly book club for adults and monthly movie showings.

Join with your friends and neighbors to discuss books and enjoy light refreshment (provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library!) at our monthly book club for adults. We meet on the last Monday of the month at 3pm and the last Thursday of the month at 6pm. Copies of the current month’s book are available at the checkout desk.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries the Iacoboni Library hosts monthly film showings for all ages and interests. (Please check with the library for film titles.)

For Teens & Adults:
- **Based on a Book Thursdays** - Second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. So many movies are based on books! Join us for screenings of new and classic movies with book tie-ins.
- **Blockbuster Fridays** - Last Friday of the month at 3:30pm. Watch recent and classic blockbuster movies.

For Kids & Families:
- **Family Movie Matinee** - Last Saturday of the month at 2:00pm. Bring the whole family to the library and enjoy a movie together.

For more information about any of these programs and other programs throughout the year please visit our website at lacountylibrary.org/angelo-m-iacoboni-library/ or visit our Facebook page.

Sarah Comfort
Community Library Manager

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**News from Nye**

At the Nye Library we’re opening a brand new year and decade with lots of exciting programs! In Feb we’re having a Chinese Zither Musical Performance, in March there’s Origami and in April there’s the Master Gardening Class. The Mak-Mo STEAM Programs continue on Fri afternoons each month and along with our Family Place Parent/Child Workshops and Smarty Pants Storytime you can see that there’s something for everyone at the Nye Library!

We’re gearing up for spring with plans for the 15th Annual Family Reading Festival on Sat May 16 and the Summer Discovery Program for the summer months. We’ve had a mini refresh of the Children’s Area and it looks great so come on in and check it out! We’re so grateful for our Friends, the Legends of Lakewood! Come on by for a friendly visit anytime, we’re always happy to see our Friends!

Carol Burke
Community Library Manager

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**Library of the Year Honor**

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

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**FoLL Weblinks**

- Amazon Smile: https://smile.amazon.com/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLakewoodLibraries/
- Website: http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/
**Request for Volunteers**

Spring is just around the corner and what better way to celebrate than joining fellow FoLL members to make April’s semi-annual Book Sale the best ever? There are opportunities to help set-up and re-stock displays, be a cashier, and/or assist in breaking down displays at the end of the sale.

Here are the details:

◊ Thursday, April 2, 9:00-5:30  
  Set-up/stock displays, cashier

◊ Saturday, April 4, 9:00-4:00  
  Re-stock displays, cashier, breakdown displays

◊ Sunday, April 5, noon-3:00  
  Breakdown displays

Please contact Sharon Roder at 562-531-9641 with dates and times you are available to volunteer. Many thanks!

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**Board of Directors Meetings**

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

Visitors ALWAYS Welcome!

**FoLL Officers**

Margene Stevens  
Mary Lou Broyles  
Christina Littrell  
Tess Croft