



The Book Report

March Edition 2023



Messages from Margene

Margene Stevens
FoLL President

Greetings and salutations FoLL members from Margene Stevens. There is a lot of good news in this edition and one thing that may not be viewed as positive. Let's deal with it first.

The Board of Friends of the Lakewood Libraries (FoLL) has met and decided not to participate in the 2023 Block Party for the Taste of Lakewood (ToL). However, we have asked for right of first refusal for future Block Parties. We hope you understand our concerns about the event. briefly they are.....

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Membership Dues

Dear Friends,

The FoLL is thankful for your help in our effort to enhance programs, services and materials at our local Lakewood libraries. We haven't had a formal dues effort for a couple years!

Enclosed you will find a membership renewal envelope. Please take the time to complete and return it to us by mail, bring to the book sale, or drop off at the FoLL book store inside the Iacoboni Library.

We truly appreciate your membership and we look forward to seeing you during the Spring Book Sale April 1. Remember, only members can shop early on Friday, March 31.

Sincerely,

Diane Wamba - Membership Coordinator



Messages from Cont.

- The net income derived under last year's conditions was not sufficient to justify our efforts.
- Circumstances of the first Block Party held in four years made it difficult to develop volunteers for leadership roles for future events.
- The libraries are still operating at post-Covid levels, much lower than previous programming, so our current reserves make it unnecessary to engage in a major fund-raising event this year.

We would like to return to this event in the future and look forward to working with the City in years to come to ensure that the Block Party and TOL are successful for both the city and FoLL.

On the positive side, we are anxious to receive suitable book donations (no later than March 17) for our upcoming Spring sale on March 31 (members only) and April 1 (open to the public). We are looking for volunteers, not only for that event, but several other opportunities are available. Our Book Store is now staffed all hours and our libraries are continuing to return to former programming levels!

We want to thank all past volunteers, vendors, city employees and the public for your support. Without you, we could not continue to do what we do.

WebMasters Corner

Dan Wamba - Webmaster

Hi FoLL Members,

In lieu of an article about our snappy website - which needs some updates, I am sure - here are some fun facts to reflect on.

What is the Lakewood library that boasts of having a pristine salt water aquarium?

What is the Lakewood library that proudly displays a work of art in the entrance hall?

What website has a link to a short video of the exotic saltwater fish that observe the patrons of the George Nye Library in Lakewood?

Dan Wamba

FoLL Webmaster

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Library News

Welcome Return to Normalcy (Almost)

We are happy to report that both Iacoboni and George Nye Jr. library continue to see new and familiar faces in our aisles. If you haven't visited in a while, library staff welcome any and all to say hello, find a comfortable chair, and enjoy a book, a magazine, or a newspaper. Before you leave, check-in with staff to see if there's a take home activity kit for varying ages to enjoy. As we approach the summer, both Nye and Iacoboni Libraries will be hosting several special children's programs meant to engage and educate participants on a variety of topics. Along with special programming, Iacoboni library has regular monthly activities for all ages. Children ages 6-12 can enjoy hands-on learning at our monthly STEAM storytime, teens are invited to our monthly "Make & Take" program where we dive into our Activity Kits at the

library, and adults are invited to our monthly Book Club that meets at the library on the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Please visit the library for more information or visit our websites at:

LACountyLibrary.org/George-Nye-Jr-Library or LACountyLibrary.org/Angelo-M-Iacoboni-library



FoLL Book Store News

Hi from the Iacoboni Library Bookstore!

Come in to browse the bookstore and get super deals on the books, DVDs, puzzles, CD's, audio books and greeting cards. We get new books every week so come take a look! Members of the Friends of Lakewood Libraries get a 10% discount, and teachers get an extra 20% discount. You might even decide to become a volunteer in the bookstore (only takes 2 hours per week) and you get to see the books before everyone else. Looking forward to seeing you!

Corinne Lewis
Bookstore Manager

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The Final Word...

No long speeches or thoughts here this time, just another heartfelt and appreciative thank you to everyone who helps make our program a success. Members like you are what helps our libraries provide additional resources and support to our most precious resource, our children. If you know anyone who would like to become a member or loves supporting the library, send them our way!



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