



THE BOOK REPORT

FRIENDS OF THE LAKEWOOD LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER

Lakewood Library Locations

Angelo Iacoboni Library
4990 Clark Ave.
Lakewood CA 90712
562-866-1777

George Nye, Jr. Library
6600 Del Amo Blvd.
Lakewood CA 90713
562-421-8497

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FOLL PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to ALL our Friends of the Lakewood Libraries! On behalf of all our FoLL volunteers, we would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude for ALL your support and generosity with our Spring Book Sale, which was very successful. A Readers' Corner booth was added by JoAnn Angeli and the Fundraising Committee.



FOLL PRESIDENT'S CORNER CONTINUED

A **Juneteenth mini Book Sale** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 20, 2026** from 10AM – 2PM at the Iacoboni Library.

FoLL's Scholarship recipients have been chosen. Thank you to Margene Stevens and the Scholarship Committee for selecting these qualifying recipients. Please refer to page 4.

Our FoLL's **Quartermania Extravaganza** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. Please see the flyer on page 3 for more details.

We continue to welcome all your many donations of books, puzzles, records, DVDs, CDs, cards, magazines and other items.

Thank you for your interest in our organization. Please visit our website at www.lakewoodlibrariesfriends.org for further information about becoming a FoLL volunteer and/or member.

*Happy Reading,
Vita Thomas, FoLL President*

FOLL WEBMASTER'S CORNER

Hi All,

Keeping the website updated with current photos and upcoming event dates is rewarding because it ensures everyone has the most up-to-date information. We also have a new group of scholarship recipients for you to meet, along with several fundraising efforts planned by our organization. These updates are combined with a mini-book sale flyer and a large collection of recent photos from our hard-working board members.

Now for a pop quiz to keep you inspired: What do you see on every poster and event item? The answer is our bookstore and book sale mantra: "Cash only – bring your own bag."

Dan Wamba



Friends of the Lakewood Libraries
presents...

**QUARTER^{25¢}
MANIA!**
EXTRAVAGANZA



Sat, Oct 3, 2026
11:00am – 2:00pm

Lakewood Youth Center
4658 Woodruff Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90713

11:00: Registration, view prizes, lunch
12:00: Game starts



Tickets: \$25

Ticket Price includes:

- Light Lunch
- 1 Bidder Paddle (you may purchase more at event)
- 1 Grand Prize Drawing Ticket
- 1 Quarter (to start the game off)
- A little special gift from FoLL

**Tickets will be available on our website (lakewoodlibraryfriends.org)
and at our Library Book Store, beginning July 1, 2026.**

What is Quartermania?

Quartermania is a cross between an auction and a raffle, where people "bid" anywhere from \$0.25 to \$1.00 on the item they want to win.

So, bring your quarters and join the fun!
(Quarters may also be purchased at the event!)

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to enhance the current activities, programs, services and materials of our two Lakewood Libraries.

2026 FOLL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are proud to announce the five outstanding recipients of this year's FoLL Scholarships. This cohort includes two local high school graduates and three students continuing their higher education. Each has demonstrated remarkable academic progress while remaining dedicated to the library's mission—volunteering their time to mentor others and promote library resources.

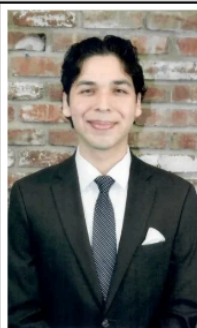
The essays submitted by these recipients reflect a deep understanding of our public libraries and a commitment to their growth. Their words highlight how essential volunteer support remains to our community's success.

Please join us in celebrating these future leaders as they pursue further education and continue their dedication to improving our community.



Roque Gutierrez: A third-time recipient and honors graduate from LBCC, Roque is currently pursuing a Bachelor's in Studio Arts. His mentors highlight his leadership and initiative, particularly during his two impactful internships at LBCC.

Roque Gutierrez
Long Beach City College



Roan Gutierrez: Returning for his second year as a scholar. Roan is working toward a career in clinical psychology. This year, he completed a StoryWalk for the Lakewood Libraries as his Eagle Scout project and continues to support organizations like Alzheimer's Buddies.

Roan Gutierrez
University of Southern California



Jeffery Mattison: A dedicated husband, father, and library professional, Jeffery is pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Science alongside a Teacher Librarian credential. Currently working at the Cerritos High School library, he is praised for being an inspiration to his students and a tireless FoLL volunteer.

Jeffery Mattison
Post-High School



David Perez: Graduating from Mayfair High School as a standout scholar-athlete, David is recognized for his creativity in producing his school's weekly podcast. Community service is a family tradition for David, who consistently balances athletics with his volunteer work for FoLL.

David Perez
Mayfair High School



Danielle Phan: As the NJROTC Commander at Lakewood High School, Danielle leads over 170 cadets and has a long history of service with FoLL. An aspiring mechanical engineer, she recently developed a professional website for industry leaders and volunteers with Nuvision and the Ronald McDonald House.

Danielle Phan
Lakewood High School

Congratulations to each of our 2026 FoLL Scholarship Recipients!

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon 10 am - 6 pm
 Tue - Wed 12 - 8 pm
 Thu - Fri 10 am - 6 pm
 Sat & Sun Closed

HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

Friday, June 19

For Children

Comedy Juggling with David Cousin ^

Tuesday, June 3, 4 - 4:45 pm

Join us for our Summer Discovery Program Kick-off with Juggler David Cousin performing amazing routines, including his world record bounce juggling! **For ages 5 - 12.**

Music with Iwalani

Friday, June 5, 10:30 - 11:15 am

Join us as musician, Iwalani teaches about indigenous drumming techniques! **For ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver.**

Daddy + Me Storytime *

Tuesdays, June 9 & 23, 5 - 5:45 pm

Enjoy special storytimes, arts & crafts, music, and playtimes designed to help children ages 0 - 5 build early learning skills and create unforgettable memories together. **For children ages 0-5 and their dads or male caregivers.**

Smarty Pants Storytime*

Fridays, June 12 - July 17, 10:15 - 10:45 am

Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. **For ages 2 - 5 with their parent or caregiver. No storytimes on June 19 or July 3.**

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Please register every member of your group. To sign up, register online at Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events and filter by location or event date.

Fire and Ice with Mad Science ^

Wednesday, June 17, 4 - 4:55 pm

Join Mad Science and enjoy a fascinating science demonstration with air pressure, fire, bubbling potions, and more! **Ages 5 - 12 with a caregiver.**

*These programs are part of **Smart Start at the Library**, LA County Library's collection of programs and services for early learners ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers.

For Teens

Fused Glass Pendant Necklaces ^

Tuesday, June 2, 4 - 5 pm

Join us for an educational and fun hands-on glass-making workshop with artist and glassworker Ana Parkinson. Teens will learn about the history and process of glasswork and create their own beautiful and unique pieces of art! **For teens ages 12-18.**

featured event...



Comedy Juggling with David Cousin
 Wed, June 3, 4 - 5 pm



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For ADA accommodations, call Monday - Thursday, 562.940.8462 (voice) or 562.940.8477 (TTY).

For Teens (continued)

Summertime Henna ^

Tuesday, June 30, 4 - 5 pm

Learn about the history and cultural significance of the art of henna design. Have fun using henna to design a temporary tattoo to show off this summer! **For ages 12 - 18.**

For Adults

Pride Month: Ellsworth Kelly Inspired Art

Tuesday, June 16, 4 - 5 pm

In celebration of Pride Month, join us as we learn about the life of artist Ellsworth Kelly. Afterwards, create your own work of art inspired from Kelly's use of grid-like compositions. **For Adults 18+**

All materials will be provided.

For Everyone

Don't forget to sign up for our Summer Discovery Program!

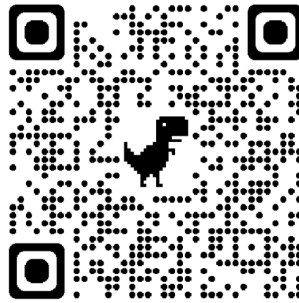
Join our free game for all ages! Earn badges and prizes as you log reading & activities. **Visit LACountyLibrary.org/Summer-Discovery to learn more and sign up!**

^Programs generously sponsored by the Friends of the Lakewood Libraries.

To stay current on the latest FoLL news and communications, check out our website:

www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/

or use the QR code below:



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