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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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year, everyone! My name is Vita Thomas and I am honored to be your newly elected Friends of the Lakewood Libraries' (FoLL) President. It is a bit intimidating to follow the leadership of Margene Stevens, who has been FoLL's President for over two decades. However, with Margene's support, guidance and mentorship, plus teamwork provided by our current magnificent and industrious volunteers, I am eager to learn my new responsibilities and challenges, in order to continue FoLL's success and respect within the community.

We have a busy year ahead and I am excited to get it going. Starting with Angelo Iacoboni and George Nye Libraries' participation in the March 15, 2025 Earth Walk Day. Our fun loving volunteers will be happy to stamp your passports as you walk and learn about protecting our planet Earth.

Our Scholarship Committee will be accepting Scholarship applications in March.

FoLL's participation in the LeadHer Conference on March 27, 2025. Please stop by our booth to learn more about FoLL and the many opportunities we can offer you.

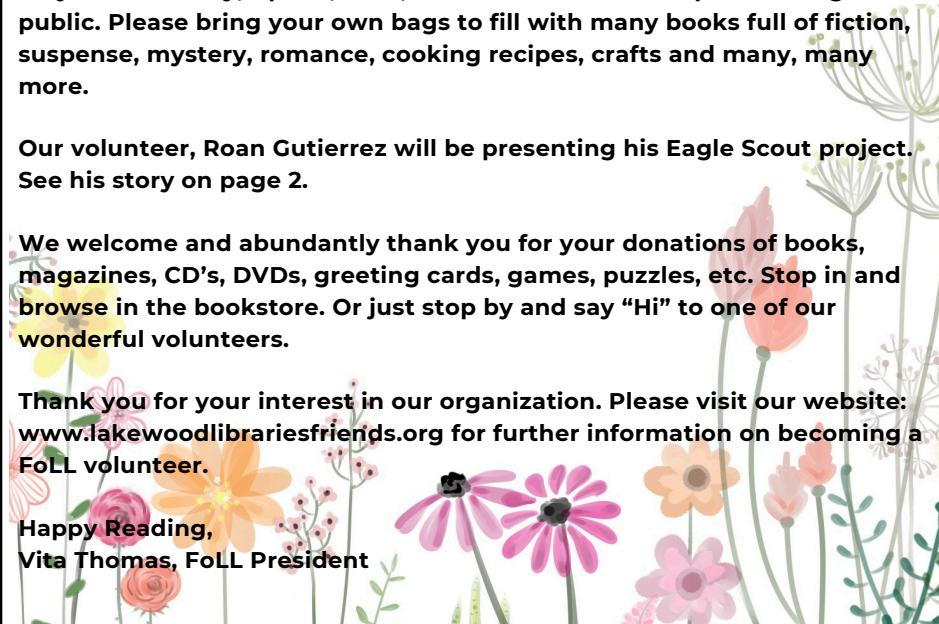
Our FoLL Spring Book Sale starts on Friday, April 4, 2025 for Members only. On Saturday, April 5, 2025, the Book Sale will be open to the general public. Please bring your own bags to fill with many books full of fiction, suspense, mystery, romance, cooking recipes, crafts and many, many more.

Our volunteer, Roan Gutierrez will be presenting his Eagle Scout project. See his story on page 2.

We welcome and abundantly thank you for your donations of books, magazines, CD's, DVDs, greeting cards, games, puzzles, etc. Stop in and browse in the bookstore. Or just stop by and say "Hi" to one of our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you for your interest in our organization. Please visit our website: www.lakewoodlibrariesfriends.org for further information on becoming a FoLL volunteer.

Happy Reading,
Vita Thomas, FoLL President



BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF

Hello from Iacoboni and George Nye Libraries! Spring is here and there's so much happening at your Lakewood libraries!

At Iacoboni, all ages are invited to our latest "Puzzle Swap" happening on Saturday, March 1st. Bring a puzzle or two to swap with other puzzle lovers in the community. In May, Iacoboni will be hosting our first ever "Baby Band Fest." The popularity of our Baby Band program has inspired us to hold a three day early literacy music festival for kids 0-5 and their caregivers. Be on the look out for more information as we get closer to the date.

If you have teens in your life invite them to join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB meets every third Thursday of the month to discuss ways the library can meet the needs of teens in the community, and there's also a fun activity after the meeting.

Adults are invited to join us for our monthly book club. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm and the last Wednesday of the month at 3pm. We also want to give a big thank you to the FOLL for your help with our very successful "Introduction to Scrapbooking" program held in January; there was so much interest we're looking to make it a recurring program!

George Nye is still excited about our recent makeover and, if you haven't seen our new look, maybe one of our upcoming special programs will be just the excuse you need to visit! In March, Nye will be hosting several special programs for all ages, starting with Toddler and Me Yoga on Wednesday, March 5th from 12:30pm - 1:15pm. Toddlers and their caregivers with any level of experience are welcome in this class for beginners (registration is required). For school age children, join us on Wednesday March 19th at 4pm for "Kid's Cooking with CrEATive Plate." CrEATive Plate will teach kids and their caregivers the fundamentals of cooking with a nutritional component; and not to leave out the adults, on Tuesday March 11th George Nye will host Danza Azteca Xochipilli at 6pm. Learn about the ancient traditions of the Aztec people in this colorful program combining authentic music, story and dance.



Finally, both libraries are excited to be participating in Lakewood's Earth Walk on Saturday, March 15th. Through the generosity of the FOLL, we'll have a community art activity at our table where we'll create murals to hang at each of our libraries.

For more information about these and other programs, please visit the library or visit our websites at LACountyLibrary.org/George-Nye-Jr-Library or LACountyLibrary.org/Angelo-M-Iacoboni-library. We look forward to seeing you!

SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

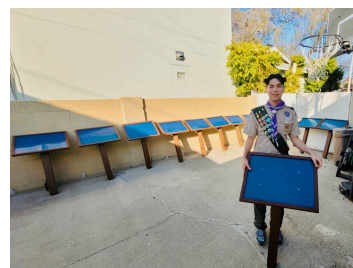
The Friends of the Lakewood Libraries (FoLL) is now accepting applications from either high school seniors or those who are out of high school who would like to continue their education in any kind of college, university, or trade school. All applicants must demonstrate a strong desire to further their education by enrolling in an institution of this kind. The scholarships will be in amounts ranging from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00. **All applicants and/or an immediate family member must have volunteered for FoLL or one of the Lakewood libraries, which are the Angelo Iacoboni Library or the George M. Nye Library.**

Applicants will be judged on not only their GPA in school, but also their active citizenship in the community and their school. Letters of recommendation will be required to show character, effort, leadership, and academics. There is also a photo submission requirement and an essay requirement. Because of the frequency of the use of artificial intelligence, extra scoring points can be obtained by writing the essay in the library with Terry Stuyvesant supervising. **She should be contacted for an appointment by Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 562-441-1697. Contact may be made by either text or phone call.**

Applications will be available at both Lakewood libraries and online at LakewoodLibraryFriends.org. Please see the FoLL Scholarship Information section of the FoLL website for more information.

Completed applications must reach the Iacoboni Library by 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Roan Gutierrez, an Eagle Scout candidate from Lakewood, has completed an impressive project that will benefit his community and showcase his dedication to service. For his Eagle Scout

project, he built 16 StoryWalk boards, a creative initiative that combines outdoor exploration with reading. These boards, designed to hold pages of a story, encourage children and families to walk and read together, enhancing both physical activity and literacy.

The young scout's commitment to community service runs deep. He, along with his mom and brother, have been volunteering with the Friends of Lakewood Libraries since he was a young child. Over the years, they've supported library events and helped foster a love of reading within their community. By completing this project, he not only fulfilled the rigorous requirements for Eagle Scout but also left a lasting impact on his city—an inspiring testament to his passion for service and love of reading.



SCAN ME

PRESALE EVENT - FOR MEMBERS ONLY

FRIDAY • APRIL 4, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM



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FOLL Book Sale

SATURDAY • APRIL 5, 2025

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library

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book bargains!

HARDBACK BOOKS

Start at \$1.00



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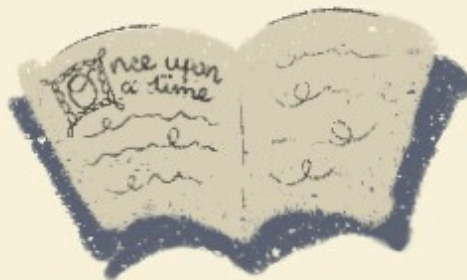
- Memberships are available at the door for Friday Shopping!
- Membership dues are 100% tax deductible

LA COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE
800-544-6861
24 hours, 7 days

ALL DISABLED CUSTOMERS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THIS PRESALE EVENT

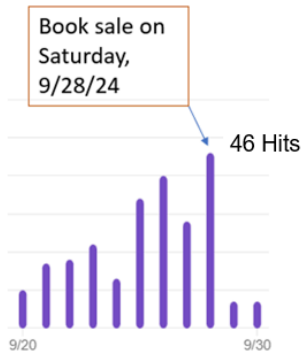
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.

Cash Only!



WEBMASTER'S CORNER

Hi Friends of our Local Libraries in Lakewood, Here is a graphic that shows increased visits to our website that confirms my hunch that at least some members and non-members are checking the website for the latest information on our FoLL activities.



It makes sense that this chart shows an increase in site visitors as the book sale date approaches.

Please visit our website and enjoy the current information.
Submitted by,
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To stay current on the latest FoLL news and communications, check out our website:

www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/

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