



# 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

**Join our community!**  
**Celebrate and Volunteer!**  
**LakewoodLibraryFriends.org**



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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FoLL Greetings to everyone! I hope that you and your loved ones are all doing well. Autumn season is fast approaching, as we say good-bye to summer. I hope you had a chance to visit the Iacoboni Library bookstore and found those books of mystery, romance, fiction, humor, etc. that you have always wanted to read.

Our Fall Book Sale is scheduled at the end of September. Please see the attached flyer on page 5 for more details. We are joining the Public Safety Expo, so please visit their event, as well.

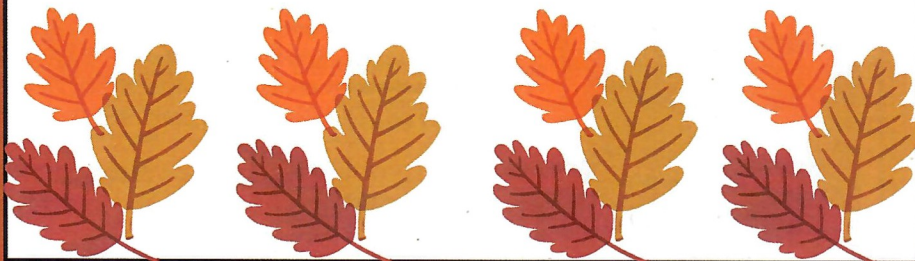
We are having our Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 2PM at the Mayfair Park Swim Pavilion, 5720 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712. We will elect our Officers at that time. Also, come and meet our FoLL volunteers.

We have a local Lakewood resident, Lori Castellon, who just had her first cookbook, Scare-Cuterie, published. Lori has always enjoyed cooking and Halloween is her favorite holiday. Please read her story on page 2.

I wish to thank Corinne Lewis and the Lakewood Women's Club for their support of our organization. Corinne spearheaded a campaign to collect books and many other items to donate to the library. The bookstore and our Book Sales have benefited from these valuable donations.

Thank you for your interest in our organization. Please visit our website: [www.lakewoodlibrariesfriends.org](http://www.lakewoodlibrariesfriends.org) for further information on becoming a FoLL volunteer.

Happy Reading,  
Vita Thomas, FoLL President



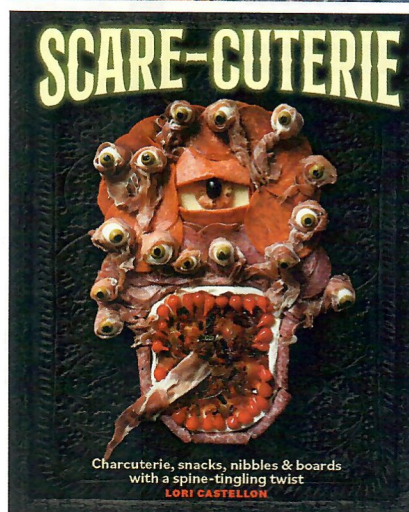


## A TASTE OF SPOOKY FUN—SCARE-CUTERIE

Hello Lakewood. I'm Lori Castellon, and I'm so excited to share something special with you—my very first cookbook! SCARE-CUTERIE- Charcuterie, snacks, nibbles and boards with a spine-tingling twist combines two of my favorite things: cooking and Halloween. I've always loved cooking. It's my creative outlet, a way to relax, and a way to bring family and friends together. And Halloween? That's my absolute favorite holiday. I love the costumes, decorations, the playfulness, and the chance to celebrate in a spooky way is a ton of fun for me! So, writing this cookbook was the perfect way to bring those passions together.

SCARE-CUTERIE is filled with over 45 eerie spreads packed with over 85 deliciously spooky recipes, each packed with layers of flavor, clever plating and festive garnishes. Everything from grazing boards, crudites, fruit and cheese platters, dessert and candy boards, snack boards, and even bread and butter boards, there's a spooky spread for everyone. One of my favorite recipes is my Baked Zom-BRIE. An ooey gooey baked brie topped with a bloody balsamic strawberry compote and a puff pastry zombie face. The real fun begins when your guests start to devour it, transforming it into an even more gruesome zombie. My Devilish Egg Board is another favorite of mine. It features five spooky varieties, from Miso Mummies, Beelzebub Eggs, Blue Moon Eggs, Zom-brains, and Spider Eggs. This Halloween appetizer board is a definite crowd-pleaser.

Putting this cookbook together has been a dream come true and I'm so proud of how it turned out. As a local author, it means so much to share this milestone with my community and I'm very excited to see people cooking from it and maybe even starting new Halloween traditions of their own. SCARE-CUTERIE will be in stores on August 26, 2025 and is available for preorder. You can also find more Halloween-inspired recipes and spooky inspiration all year long on my website [ghoulatheart.com](http://ghoulatheart.com).





## BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF: LAKEWOOD LIBRARY EVENTS

## GEORGE NYE JR. LIBRARY

## Adult 101: How to Build a Budget



Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Join us to learn how to create and balance a budget. We'll cover Microsoft Excel tips to help you keep your spreadsheets useful and up to date. Participants receive a free flash drive with budget templates to help you get started.

For teens ages 13 - 17.

## Let's Play Library Lotería!



Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a fun library-themed twist on the classic game of Lotería! After learning about the history of Lotería, play a special library-themed version featuring beloved children's books. We will practice counting and pattern recognition skills as you mark your points, connect with our community through stories and friendly competition, and enjoy the chance to win exciting prizes! Don't miss out on games, laughter, and celebration!

For children ages 5 - 12.

## Smarty Pants Storytime



Fridays, September 12 - October 17, 2025, 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.

This program is 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.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Please register everyone in your group. To sign up, register online at [Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events](http://Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events) and filter by location or event date.

## ANGELO IACOBONI LIBRARY

## ADULTS

Triple P Seminar: Raising Responsible Teenagers

Tue, Sep 02, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us to learn about raising responsible teenagers and explore strategies to take home and try with your family. This seminar will be led by an accredited Triple P Positive Parenting Program librarian. For parents and caregivers of teens age 13-18.

Citizenship Class

Wed, Sep 10, 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Learn the English, civics, and history requirements to pass the test to become a United States citizen. The classes will be taught in English, with language support in Hindi. Instruction provided by Saahas for Cause. For adults.

Listening is an Art: Audiobook Club

Tue, Sep 09, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us in the meeting room for our Audiobook Club, Listening is an Art! We'll be listening to the well known dystopian novel, "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury while we work on an art project. A variety of materials will be provided. For adults.

Tabletop Games for Adults

Sat, Sep 13, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Tabletop role-playing-game's popularity is on the rise, and you're invited for a session! Players take on the role of superheroes, using their imagination and the roll of the dice to defend an alien planet from catastrophe. For Adults.

Fiber Arts Club

Tue, Sep 23, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Have you been looking for a fun group to work on your fiber arts projects with? Join our monthly Fiber Arts Club to work on your crochet, knitting or embroidery projects. Participants will need to bring their own materials. For adults.

Iacoboni Book Club - The Women's March

Wed, Sep 24, 3:00pm - 4:00pm & Tue, Sep 30, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for our monthly book club! This month we'll be discussing "The Women's March" by Jennifer Chiaverini. Copies of the book will be available at the customer service desk. This program is for adults.

## CHILDREN

Rainbow Parenting & Family Program: Smarty Pants Storytime - In-Person Program

Wed, Sep 03, 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Let's get ready for school for this special Rainbow Parenting and Families Program Storytime! Meet other local LGBTQ+ families, share experiences, inspire & encourage each other! Registration Required. For ages 3 - 5 with their parent or caregiver.

Baby Band - In-Person Program

Thu, Sep 04 & 13 10:00am - 10:30am

Music helps your baby's brain make more learning connections, build fine and gross motor skills, and teach social skills. Come play with us! Registration required. For ages 0 - 36 months and caregivers.

Smarty Pants Storytime - In-Person Program

Wed, Sep 10, 17, 24 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. Registration Required. For ages 3 - 5 with their parent or caregiver.

STEAM Storytime: Hidden Messages in Plain Sight - In-Person Program

Tue, Sep 23, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Are you an amateur spy? Do you want to send secret messages to your friends? Learn about the science of color and create your own hidden message out of markers and colored glasses. Registration required. For ages 6 - 12.

## TEENS

Mosaic Art - In-Person Program

Thu, Sep 11, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Mosaic art has been practiced for 4,000 years and spans many cultures. Join us for this art and culture program and learn how you can create your own mosaics. For teens ages 12 - 18.

Teen Advisory Board and Paint Night

Thu, Sep 18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

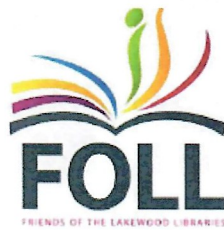
Join the Teen Advisory Board this month for an opportunity to voice your opinion! We'll then work on a fun paint project. All materials will be provided. For teens ages 12 - 18.

Crochet 101 - In-Person Program

Thu, Sep 25, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Do you love crocheting? Would you like to learn? Whether you are a beginner or an expert, come join us as we crochet and learn patterns together. For teens ages 12 - 18.





Dear FoLL Members:

The Friends of the Lakewood Libraries is excited to announce that we currently have several open positions on our Board for Members-at-Large. We want to take this opportunity to reach out to our members to see if you would be interested in joining our Board of Directors.

Members-at-Large typically attend Board meetings and actively participate in discussions and decision-making processes, holding the same voting rights as other Board members. They may be asked to complete various tasks and assist with special projects or initiatives, leveraging their skills and expertise. They also act as ambassadors for Friends of the Lakewood Libraries, promoting our mission and activities to the broader public.

If you've ever wanted to be part of the organization that raises money for our two libraries, helps with funding library programs and events, hosts several book sales per year, and manages our small, but very successful bookstore, **NOW** is the perfect time to join!

If you are interested in applying, please reach out to any of us by email or phone, using the information below. **Deadline for applying is Friday, September 19, 2025.**

As always, thank you for supporting our libraries!

*Nominating Committee Members:*

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# FOLL BOOK SALE



LA COUNTY  
FRAUD HOTLINE  
800-544-6861  
24/7

Memberships are available  
at the door for Friday shopping!  
Membership dues are 100% tax deductible.

ALL  
DISABLED  
CUSTOMERS  
WILL BE  
ADMITTED  
TO THE  
PRESALE  
EVENT

*Presale Event - Members Only*  
Friday, September 26, 2025  
10am - 4pm

*General Public*  
Saturday, September 27, 2025  
9am - 2pm

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library  
4990 Clark Avenue  
Lakewood, CA 90712  
(562) 866-1777

**CASH ONLY**  
*Please bring your own bags.*





## WEBMASTER'S CORNER

Happy Summer Greetings to Our Friends.

Summer is the perfect time to settle in with a good book, and I've been enjoying a couple that I'd love to share. A close friend recommended *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* by James D. Hornfischer, and I'm also deep into *Tornado: In the Eye of the Storm* by John Nichol. Both are compelling nonfiction accounts, carefully researched and filled with vivid stories of people rising to the occasion in times of great challenge. I'm inspired by how their success under pressure strengthened their communities—something that resonates with our own mission. Reading always reminds me to see the world with more depth and perspective, qualities I draw on when adding updates and photos to our FoLL website to help share our story. I invite you to visit the site for the latest news, reminders (like "bring your own bags to the Book Sale!"), and more ways to stay connected with us.

-Dan Wamba, FoLL Webmaster

To find our latest FoLL news and communications, check out our website:  
[www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/](http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/) or use the QR code below:

