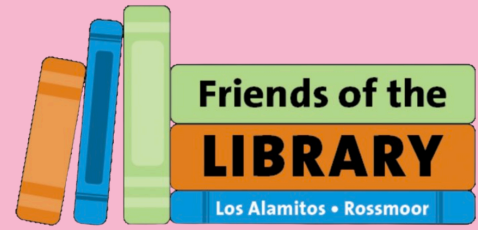


# Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library

## Library News

March 2025 ✨



## Happy Spring!

**The Los-Alamitos Rossmoor Library flourishes after it's latest innovations**

After months of waiting, the library is back and better than ever! With daily OCPL events, to the renovated FOL bookstore, the Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library has returned to it's role of helping the community prosper through a love of books.

This special edition newsletter contains an additional calendar for the month of May along with the standard info about the FOL bookstore, "catch up with LAUSD", and board member messages.

Enjoy!

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# FOL President's Message - Del Clark

After eight months of major renovations to our Library & Bookstore, our bookstore is opened for business. Last February, 2023 our FOL had a “fire sale” of books, shelving, book cart, tables, etc. prior to the closing.

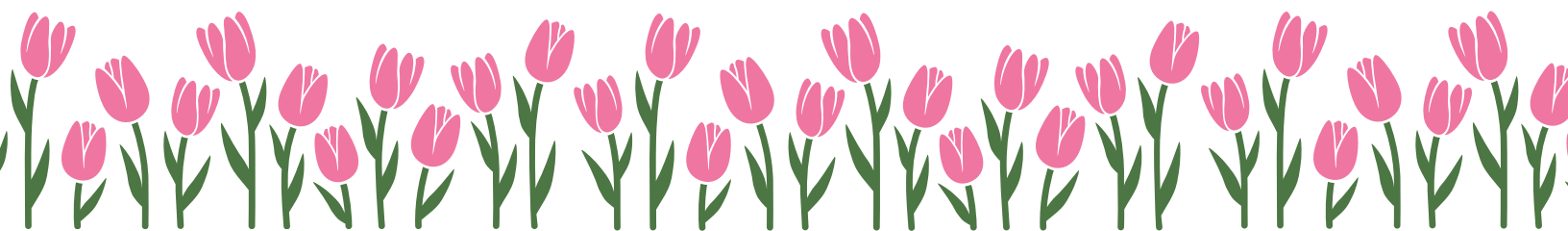
We have been in a suspended state during this period with the board meeting occasionally to keep current with our regular business; bank statements, tax filings, insurance deadlines and contributions of items needed for our new areas.

Our new store is located in the former community room. The area is much smaller than our original store which had a patio & shed for sorting and storage. With this limited space we will have to adapt and adjust operations. Storage will be our greatest challenge in this space.

We ask for your patience as we create a system to accommodate book donations, book sales, operating times, etc. We will send our email blasts to all members for immediate notification.

\*If you are not a member, please see the Membership information in this edition. I encourage you to join our FOL family by becoming a member! How exciting to have a newly remodeled, state-of-the-art library and book store for our community! A real treasure....

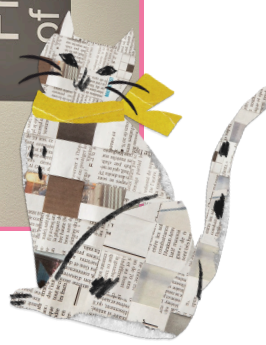
Happy reading!  
Del Clark



# Support the FOL Bookstore!

The Friends of Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library Bookstore is opening up alongside the library. The 63 year old organization focuses on fundraising the financial support of the library through the sale of used books, contributing children and adult education programs, and communicating with the local community about special functions.

If stopping by the library, make sure to swing by the bookstore and follow up on how to best get involved, either through donating or volunteering, any effort is appreciated!



## Message from Bookstore VP: Mary Holzgang

Reading has never been easier. The bookstore is blooming with books for your reading pleasure. Whatever you are interested in knowing more about, rereading an old favorite, finding a new recipe or delighting a young child with a book, the Los Alamitos Bookstore is the place to start.

Right now, we have a great many books for kids of all ages, board books, picture books, early readers and series. Surprise your kids or grandkids with a book tucked under a pillow for a morning surprise from the “Book Fairy”. Or a snuggle time to read to a young one at night.

Planning a trip? We have many travel books to help give you some ideas of where to explore wherever you may go.



# FOL Scholarships Open

The Friends of the Library annual scholarships are back! Each year, we support seven students with \$1,000 scholarships to encourage continuing education and acknowledge superior accomplishments. The application is open to all current seniors and can be found on our website ([friendsoflarwebsite.com](http://friendsoflarwebsite.com)) under the scholarships tab. The deadline is on



March 23, 2025, so make sure to apply soon! Turn in handwritten or typed applications by emailing [friendsoflarlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflarlibrary@gmail.com).

Pictured: Scholarship winners from 2024

## Read Local News

As local news continues to die out in our modern world, make sure to support the newsrooms dedicated to serving your community and stay informed about current events. Below are 4 sources of news to keep you updated.

- **Spotlight Schools** - Spotlight Schools is a hyper local newsroom dedicated to covering education in Orange County.
- **The Griffin Gazette** - The Griffin Gazette is the award-winning, student-run newspaper produced by Los Alamitos High School's journalism class.
- **Sun Newspapers** - The Sun Newspapers has been a local voice for the community since 1967.
- **The OC Register** - Orange County Register Communications, Inc. is a leading news and information company that publishes a diverse portfolio of newspaper, magazine and Internet products.

All information from each newsroom was taken from their respective website. To read more and support, visit their websites and catch their latest stories.



# ✧ LAR April Events ✧

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Tech it Out 10:00 AM  Food Literacy for Littles: Snacklaces 4:00 PM	4	5
6	7 Death and Donuts Mystery Book Club 10:30 AM	8 Cookbook Club 4:30 PM	9 Kids: Read to a Dog 3:00 PM	10 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	11	12 Kids: Craft Saturday 10:00 AM
13	14 Kids: Campfire Storytime 5:30 AM	15 Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament : Teenfest Kickoff 5:00 PM	16 Genre Hopping Club 5:30 PM	17 Graham Cracker Bunny House 3:30 PM  Trivia Match Game 4:00 PM	18	19
20	21 Earth Day Slime 3:30 PM	22 Baby and Toddler Storytime: Earth Day 10:30 AM	23 Kindergart en Readiness Storytime: Earth Day 10:30 AM	24 Tech it Out 10:00 AM  Food Literacy for Littles: Dirt Cups	25	26





# LAR May Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	29	30	1 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	2	3
4	5 Death and Donuts Mystery Book Club 10:30 AM	6	7	8 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	9	10
11	12	13 Cookbook Club- Official Disney Parks Cookbook 4:30 PM	14	15 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	16	17
18	19	20	21 Genre Hopping Club 5:30 PM	22 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	30	31





# CATCHING UP WITH LAUSD



## Looking Back: The School Year so Far



8th Graders' Elective Fairs at McAuliffe & Oak



Boys Varsity Basketball CIF Division 1 Champs!



All district Improv Show

## Other Events

- LAHS Advanced Drama's California State Thespian Festival
- LAHS's Spring Showcase and Open House for families to tour the school and info for incoming freshmen
- All-district choir, band, and orchestra were a success! Groups from throughout the district were able to perform

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## Los Alamitos USD

- Los Alamitos, Lee, Hopkinson, Rossmoor, Weaver, and McGaugh Elementary Schools
- McAuliffe and Oak Middle Schools
- Los Alamitos High School



# ✦ Friends of Library Information ✦

## **2024-2025 FOL Board:**

President: Del Clark

1st VP Programs: Donna Artukovic

2nd VP Membership: Sharon

Westafer

4th VP Bookstore: Mary Holzgang

Secretary: Karen Covey

Treasurer: Becky Allie

Director: Michael Coover

Director: Kathie Gibson

Director: Sandy Lamoureux

Director: Pat McMaster

Director: Elise Storey

Student Rep: Jasmine Lee

Student Rep: Jaya Eapen

## **Contact Us!**

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562-430-1048

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[www.friendsoflarlibrary.com](http://www.friendsoflarlibrary.com)

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Rossmoor Library

## **Visit Us!**

Address:  
12700 Montecito Rd, Seal  
Beach, CA 90740

Opening Hours:  
Mon.-Thurs.= 10 AM - 7 PM  
Sat.= 10 AM- 5 PM



Friends of the Library Membership  
Sharon Westafer, Membership V.P.

We hope your weeks were filled with good health and good cheer. While sales from the bookstore help support the library, your membership dollars are immensely helpful in supporting library programs such as the extremely popular Children's Summer Reading Program, and entertaining programs and workshops presented by the library at various times of the year. Membership dollars also provide funding for furniture and other supplies for the library. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so, and invite your friends and neighbors to join as well. The library and bookstore are such a wonderful asset for Los Alamitos-Rossmoor.

Your entire membership fee is tax deductible.

Annual Memberships will be good thru June 2026

You will receive the Friends e-mail notifications.

Quarterly newsletter

Join or renew today by mailing a check to the library at 12700 Montecito Road, Seal Beach CA 90740. You can also drop it off in person. Please include your current email address as we've found that emailing the newsletter and news of Friends events is a great way to keep our members up to date.

Thank you again for your past support. We hope to hear from you soon.

Membership Application

Individual \$20 \_\_ Family \$25 \_\_ Patrons \$50 \_\_ Business \$200 \_\_ Life \$250 \_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Please Print:

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Make checks payable to Friends of LAR Library. You can also join on-line at [www.friendslarlibrary.org](http://www.friendslarlibrary.org).

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