

# Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library Library News

Summer Edition



## Happy Summer!

The Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library ends another successful summer

The Los Alamitos Friends of the Library have been busy this summer! We started with our scholarship event, and throughout the summer, the library hosted various events and reading programs! We hope to continue our work this upcoming school year and grow our book sales and membership this fall!

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# FOL President's Message

## Donna Artukovic

Greetings and happy summer!

I am the newly installed president of our Friends of the Library and am happy and excited to begin this task. I am a great believer in libraries – they open their doors to all and provide books, books and more books!

Speaking of books, be sure to visit our bookstore.

Wonderful books at low prices . . . and the sale of those books helps us keep the Friends of the Library budget strong so we can provide our library with essentials the state of CA doesn't supply.

In early June we celebrated our seven scholarship winners with a wonderful, well-attended event at the Montecito Center. These seven graduating seniors were amazingly articulate and full of love for learning and libraries. It was exciting to see how well versed our students are and how their future looks bright. One of the questions put to both these graduating seniors and to our audience was, "How has the library affected you in your life?" The answers given were stunning – brilliant and poignant. Wow! What libraries can do!!!

The McAuliffe Choir under the able direction of Shannon Wallace sang beautifully to end our happy event.

Summer is here – a great time to read and let our imagination soar! Visit our library and remember – libraries are where adventure begins!

Donna Artukovic, FOL President

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# We'll miss you Del and Jasmine!

We wanted to thank both our former president for many years, Del Clark, as well as the FOL board's student rep, Jasmine Lee. Jasmine has just graduated from LAHS and will be continuing her education in hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher. Del will continue on the FOL board and Donna Artukovic will serve as our new president. We will miss you both!



# Visit us at the Bookstore!



Check out our wide selection of children's books, paperbacks, hardbacks, and magazines!

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 AM - 5 PM

Sat. 10 AM- 4 PM

## 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 2025 Scholarship Event

On June 1, the Los Alamitos Rossmoor Friends of the Library held their annual Scholarship Event at the Montecito Center. From the dozens of applicants, seven students from Los Alamitos High School were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship to use towards their higher education. The recipients included Maxx Fish, Ricardo Lopez, Owen Ingalls, Rylee Robles, Jasmine Lee, Siena Laws, and Kristen Chan.



After the students were awarded with their scholarships, they were each prompted to answer a series of questions such as their favorite book, a teacher that has made an impact on them and how the library has affected them. Each of the students amazed the audience with their articulate responses, and

parents in the crowd were even able to give their opinions on the questions asked. President Donna Artukovic then handed the students four note cards with famous quotes about books and each student was able to discuss which quote resonated the most with them.

The event then broke for refreshments and families were able to congratulate and catch up with each other, making the event a relaxed, familial affair. To close, the McAuliffe choir Sound Check entertained by performing four spectacular acapella pieces including “Just the Way You Are” and “Somebody to Love.” Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients! The Friends of the Library wish you good luck with all your future endeavors!





# FOL Board's Favorite Books

## Need a Book to Read?

Here are 11 books from our board members to help you jump into reading!

November Road by Lou Barney (Elise)

The Correspondence by Judith Mackrell  
(Donna)

What you are Looking For is in the Library  
by Michiko Aoyama (Mary)

James by Percival Everett (Sharon)

The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay  
(Sharlee)

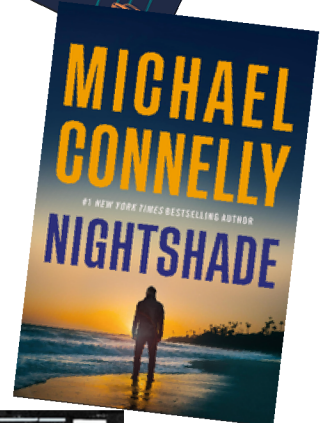
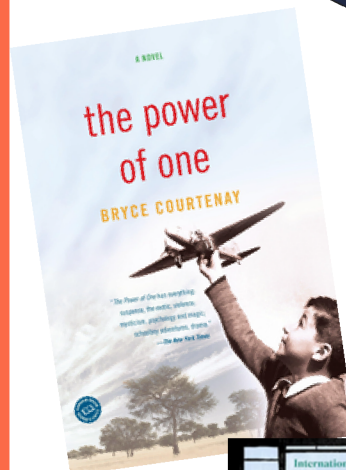
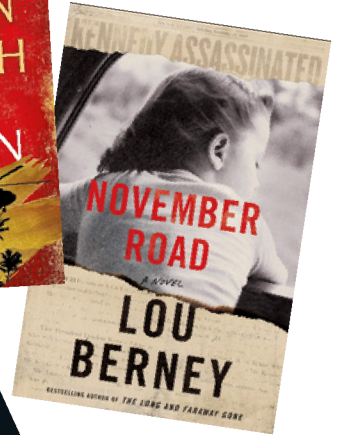
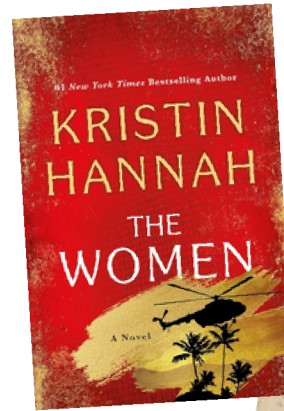
Nightshade by Michael Connelly (Sandy)

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge (Karin)

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (Jaya)

The Women by Kristen Hannah (Pat)

The Girl Who Fell from the Sky by Juliane  
Koepke (Del)





# August Events



Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

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10	11 Summerween Celebration 5:00 PM	12 Cookbook Club 4:30 PM	13 Read to a Dog 3:00 PM  Teen Advisory Group 4:30 PM	14 Tech it Out 10:00 AM  Hello Kitty Perler Bead Crafts 4:00 PM	15	16 Crafty Saturday 10:00 AM
17	18 Baby Art Crawl 11:00AM	19 Baby and Toddler Storytime 10:30 AM  Teen Book Club 4:30 PM	20 Kindergarten Storytime 10:30 AM  Genre Hopping Club 5:30 PM	21 Tech it Out 10:00 AM	22	23
24	25	26 Baby and Toddler Storytime 10:30 AM	27 Kindergarten Readiness Storytime 10:30 AM	28 Tech it Out 10:00 AM  Food Literacy for Littles 11:00AM  Teens KPop Kitchen 4:30	29	30
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# ✦Friends of Library Information✦

## 2024-2025 FOL Board:

President: Donna Artukovic

2nd VP Membership:

Sharon Westafer

4th VP Bookstore:

Mary Holzgang

Secretary: Karen Covey

Treasurer: Becky Allie

Director: Sharlee Bergman

Director: Del Clark

Director: Carol Hart

Director: Marie Fitch

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Rossmoor Library

## Visit Us!

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Beach, CA 90740

Opening Hours:  
Mon.-Thurs.- 10 AM - 5 PM  
Sat.- 10 AM- 4 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:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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