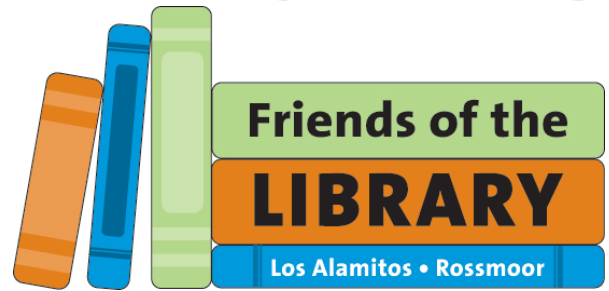


Library News

Spring 2022



Ukrainian Librarians Stay Strong

Editor's Note: With much attention focused on Ukraine, here is an inspiring story from Ron Charles, editor of the Washington Post Book Club Newsletter. If you would like this free newsletter, you can [subscribe by clicking here](#).

The Ukrainian Library Association was supposed to be holding a conference this week, but something came up. A note on the association's Facebook page explains, "The insidious, brutal and bloody aggression of the Russian Federation prevented us from realizing our plans."

But these are librarians we're talking about, so they're not discouraged: "The organizing committee has decided to hold the conference after our confident victory." Meanwhile, registration fees collected for the conference have been sent to support the Ukrainian army.

Nicholas Poole, the CEO of Britain's library and information association [CILIP](#), has been in contact with Yaroslava Soshynska, director of the Ukrainian Library Association. He tells me, "Her last request to me was to do everything we can to draw the world's attention to Ukraine's culture, identity, history and its right to exist as a sovereign people. I think their greatest fear, other than for their own safety and that of their families, is of erasure as a culture."



Rebecca Knuth observes, "The Soviet Union, in the interest of extinguishing national identity among its constituent nations, was guilty of some of the most egregious cultural destruction."

In 1940, the last time the world was at war, Librarian of Congress Archibald MacLeish wrote, "Keepers of books, keepers of print and paper on the shelves, librarians are

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Tragically, that fear is justified. In *The Library: A Fragile History*, Andrew Pettegree and Arthur der Weduwen write, "Libraries had always been a target of conquering armies." Although Russia is a signatory of the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property, Vladimir Putin's bombing of civilian targets in Ukraine aligns with his claim that it's not a real country. As a former KGB agent, he's just following the empire's old playbook. In *Libricide: The Regime-Sponsored Destruction of Books and Libraries in the Twentieth Century*,

OUTDOOR SALE

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Library Introduces New Services

Greetings and thank you for continuing to support the library. I'm happy to say that we will be resuming storytimes and other programming! Check our paper calendar or website for updated events. If you'd like to be put on our mailing list, please email ocpl.lar@occr.ocgov.com.

We have also added two new valuable services to our community, Books by Mail and Zip Books.

Books by Mail is a free service that delivers books and audiobooks on CD through the US Postal Service to homebound, eligible residents in Orange County who are unable to visit the library because of a physical disability, long-term illness, and/or lack of transportation. Go to <https://ocpl.org/booksbymail> or stop by a branch to fill out an application. Books by Mail patrons are limited to two (2) items at a time. If you have a friend, family member, or caregiver that can go to a branch for you, consider getting a Homebound card which allows up to twenty (20) items checked out at a time and longer checkout dates. Books by Mail is limited to books and audiobooks only.

Zip Books is a new service funded through the California State Library. If we don't own a title you are looking for and we place an interlibrary loan request, that can take 4-6 weeks. However, with this service, if the book meets certain requirements, it can be ordered directly from Amazon and shipped to your address. It will be checked out to you for 3 weeks. When done, place the book in the shipping bag, write Zip Book on packaging, and drop at any OC public library. It will be evaluated by staff and added to the collection. You can request 3 Zip books a month. Check here for more information <https://ocpl.org/zipbooks>. This service will be available through the end of June 2022.



Cassandra

President's Message – Del Clark

Spring is a time for renewal, clearing out the old, replacing with the new! Our Los Al/Rossmoor Library and FOL book store will soon undergo a renovation, updating and enhancing our space to make our area more assessable, convenient and safe for all patrons. We do not yet know the start date of this construction, but we are making plans for our closure and will keep you informed.

For now, we will proceed with our busy Spring schedule: Outdoor Booksales, Annual May Meeting including Board elections & Installations, Student Scholarship selections and presentations, membership drive, etc.

All of these activities are only possible because of the dedication of our volunteers! They are the heartbeat of our Friends. We can always use new individuals to help, so call (562-430-1048) or email us (friendsoflarlibrary@gmail.com) and join our amazing FOL family.

Happy Spring! Happy Reading! Del

FOL Announces the 2022-23 High School Scholarship Program

The Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Friends of the Library is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 scholarship program for area high school seniors. Friends of the Library will award five students each a \$1,000 scholarship.

Los Alamitos High School seniors can access the application through the College and Career Center at the high school. Applications can also be found on the Friends of the Library website (<https://friendsoflarlibrary.com/scholarships>) and Friends of the Library [Facebook](#) page.

The deadline to submit the applications is **April 4, 2022**. Late and illegible applications and will not be considered.

All are welcome to join the Friends of the Library for our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, May 15 at 2 pm** at Rush Park in Rossmoor as well as at our Board Installation and presentation of Scholarship Recipients on **Sunday, June 18** at the Los Alamitos – Rossmoor Library, time TBA.

In-Person Storytime Returns to Los Alamitos - Rossmoor Library



KINDERGARTEN READINESS STORYTIME Fun activity to follow
Tuesdays beginning March 8th 10:30 - 11:30 am

Our Kindergarten Readiness Storytime aims to support families in preparing kids for school using books, songs, movements, rhymes and of course... fun! Join Miss Katie each week, and get your kids on the path to success!

BABY AND TODDLER STORYTIME Sensory play to follow
Thursdays beginning March 10th 10:30 - 11:30 am

Our youngest patrons, birth to 3 years, and caregivers can join Miss Savannah for some storytime fun. Books will be read with songs, rhymes, and activities to get started on the path to Early Literacy!



Teen Activities are Back on the Calendar

TEEN BOOK GROUP

The Teen Book Group for ages 13 – 18 will be meeting the **4th Monday of each month: March 28th, April 25th, and May 23rd, 4:30 – 5:30 pm.** Email savannah.feiner@occr.ocgov.com for more info!

March – Select your own Fantasy read to share – **Monday, March 28th at 4:30 pm**



April - *White Smoke* by Tiffany D. Jackson – **Monday, April 25th at 4:30 pm**

The Haunting of Hill House meets *Get Out* in this chilling YA psychological thriller and modern take on the classic haunted house story.

May – *The Knockout* by Sajni Patel – **Monday, May 23rd at 4:30 pm**

"The beauty and power of being a high-school girl, an Indian woman, and a female athlete are all showcased in this triumphant novel." —Booklist



THE CRAFT

Wednesday, March 23rd - Pins and Zines
Monday, April 18th - Peeps Diorama Competition
Wednesday, May 25th - To Be Determined
All programs 4:30 - 5:30 pm



Open to ages 13-18, join us for a fun activity each month!

We'll have the majority of the supplies needed available. Email savannah.feiner@occr.ocgov.com for more info!

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

3rd Tuesday of each month: March 15th, April 19th, and May 17th
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Open to ages 13-18, teens can get volunteer hours by attending these monthly meetings. We will brainstorm teen programs, activities you want to see at the library, and anything else that interests you. Check with the Service Desk for a volunteer application if you're not already a volunteer.

Special Programs are on the Schedule Too!

EGG DECORATING

Thursday, April 14th
11 am – 1 pm OR 4 – 6 pm

Join us to decorate your eggs with dye, stickers, and other assorted decorations. Just bring your own hardboiled eggs and your creativity! The library will provide the supplies and the clean-up! **Open to ages 4 to 12.**



ADULT TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT WASHER NECKLACE

Kits available starting March 1st, while supplies last

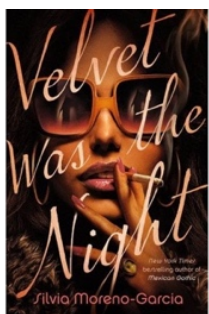
Stop by and pick up your craft kit for all the supplies you need to make a necklace using a washer and scrapbook paper. No crafting experience is necessary.

All supplies are provided by the library.



GENRE HOPPING BOOK CLUB

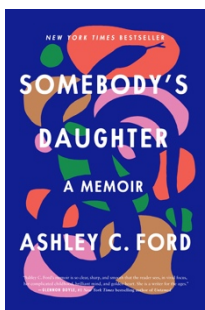
The Genre Hopping Book Club will be meeting the **3th Wednesday of each month: March 21st, April 20th, and May 18th, 4:30 – 5:30 pm**



March - *Velvet Was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia – **Wednesday, March 16th 5:30-6:30pm** Maite is a secretary who lives for one thing: the latest issue of *Secret Romance*. While student protests and political unrest consume the city, Maite escapes into stories of passion and danger. Her next-door neighbor, Leonora, a beautiful art student, seems to live a life of intrigue and romance that Maite envies.



April - *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley – **Wednesday, April 20th 5:30-6:30pm** *The Guest List*—set at a ritzy wedding-gone-wrong on a remote Scottish isle—starts with a murder, and then plays a game of keep-away with the victim's identity until the very last pages. This juicy murder mystery is a perfect Agatha Christie-esque read.



May - *Somebody's Daughter* by Ashley C. Ford – **Wednesday, May 18th 5:30-6:30 pm** Ford's new memoir, *Somebody's Daughter*, details her childhood growing up poor in Indiana and her complicated relationships with her mother, her grandmother and her own body.

ADULT SCRABBLE CLUB

Mondays, starting March 10 am – 12 pm

Join us for two hours of Scrabble play with like-minded, word-loving people at Los Alamitos - Rossmoor Library! We will set up Scrabble boards in the program room for adults of all ages to come and enjoy. No Scrabble experience is necessary.



Outdoor Sale

Thursday March 17 & Saturday March 19

9 am to 4 pm

Friends of the Library Board

- President – Del Clark
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Outdoor Sales Resume



People have been so generous with their donations! We are looking forward to our sale on Thursday, March 17th, and Saturday, March 19th, from 9 am to 4 pm. We are happy to report that our fiction Paperback Haven room will be open for business. On Saturday, beginning at 1 pm, all patrons will be encouraged to fill a bag with paperbacks of any size, for the low, low price of \$3.00.

We also have filled carts with non-fiction which will be available in the courtyard. Categories include History, Religion, Health and Wellness, Art, Wit and Wisdom, Antiques and Collectibles, and more...something for everyone. These carts are only available at our semi-monthly sales, so this is the time to shop, and see what is available.

Save the date for the next sale on third Thursday and Saturday of May: Thursday the 19th and Saturday the 21st.

Kathryn

From the Pages of the BookStore



Can you believe that Spring with soon be here? Around the library the trees are getting their new leaves and flowers are budding out. We have so many new books to choose from, just waiting for you. If you are planning a vegetable garden we have books for you, planning a trip we can provide a book on your destination, or just a great novel to read in the sunshine enjoying the weather.

Right now, we have shelves and carts of some very good DVDs, more than we have room for, so they are going for only 50 cents. They will also be available at the Big Outdoor Sale on March 17th and 19th.

Our bookstore volunteers are the best and many have been manning the store for years and years. Not that the pay (none) is great but because they love books, enjoy greeting you and most of all sharing the joy and love of books.

With the start of Daylight Savings Time, the bookstore will be open one hour later. The new hours are Mon. 12 - 5 pm, Tues. – Thurs. 10 am - 5 pm and Sat. 10 am – 5 pm.

We are not sure when the County will close the library for renovations, but it will be sometime at the end of the year. Until then come on “buy”.

Mary Holzgang – BookStore Manager

Want to know where to find the Friends of the Los Alamitos - Rossmoor Library?

Email:
friendsofalarlibrary@gmail.com

Phone: (562) 430-1048

Website:
www.friendsofalarlibrary.com

And click here to find us on Facebook



Thank You for Supporting Friends of the Library

... Sharon Westafer

We are so appreciative of the generous support so many of you showed for the non-event fundraiser! Over \$3900 was donated. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, it's never too late. Donations can be made through PayPal by going to the Friends' website, www.friendslarlibrary.org, you can mail in your donation to the library at 12700 Montecito Road, Seal Beach 90720, or you can drop your donation at the library. Stop by and check out the selections at the Friends bookstore. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the variety of books available.

Please take a moment to see if your membership is up to date. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so. Your dues are what fund the wonderful programs and so many other services provided by the library. While the membership period is from June to June, we are happy to accept renewals and memberships at any time. As a bonus, renewals received now will be good until June of 2023.



Sharon Westafer, Membership Chair

Membership Application

- Individual \$20 Family \$25 Patron \$50 Business \$200 Life \$250
 Donation _____ New Member Renewal

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to Friends of LAR Library. You can also join or renew on-line at <https://friendsoflarlibrary.com/membership> and pay through PayPal. Our email is friendsoflarlibrary@gmail.com. All membership donations are tax deductible.

You might also like to volunteer with the friends. You'll make new friends and have a great time. Who can resist working around books?

I would like to volunteer in the following:

- Bookstore Outside sales Event support Board member Publicity
 I'm not sure, please contact me



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YEAR LONG READING CHALLENGE

BOOK BY BOOK

100 BOOKS. 100 DAYS. 100 HOURS.



Book by Book: Join OCPL's Year Long Reading Challenge for 2022!

Rise to the challenge of reading all year long. Just imagine if you read 100 books, 100 days, or 100 hours. Pick your preferred reading challenge and earn badges throughout the year by reading Book by Book. You will log TITLES of books if you select the 100 Book Challenge. Check it out at <https://ocpl.beanstack.org/reader365>.

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keepers also of the records of the human spirit." In language that now sounds like the rallying cry of Ukrainian librarians, MacLeish went on to say, "When wars are made against the spirit and its works, the keeping of these records is itself a kind of warfare. The keepers, whether they so wish or not, cannot be neutral."

On Wednesday [March 2], the Ukrainian Library Association laid the groundwork for a National Digital Library of Ukraine. "Let the first collections be collections of this war and our victory!" the group announced on its [Facebook page](#). "No librarians are sitting with their hands folded today!" They admonished people to begin collecting documents, photos, videos, recordings, posters, anecdotes, jokes — *anything* to "demonstrate our innocence, our righteous rage and our unbeatable humor."

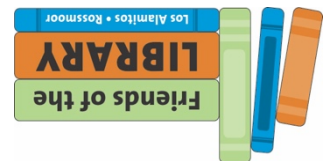
Looking for more? Books about Ukraine Abound

NPR shared a list of six books: <https://www.npr.org/2022/03/03/1084151893/books-about-ukraine>

The New York Public Library released an extensive list of books to help better understand Ukraine's history: <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2022/03/03/history-ukraine-recommended-reading>

You can find a comprehensive list on Lithub.com: <https://lithub.com/understanding-the-ukraine-crisis-a-comprehensive-reading-list/>

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