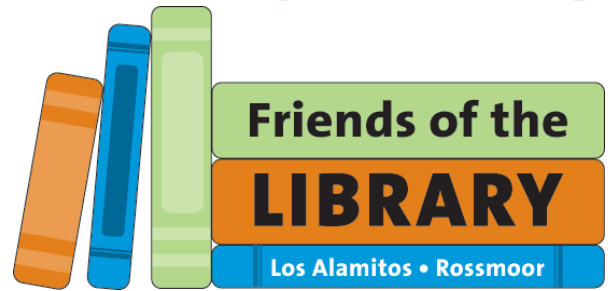


# Library News

## Fall 2021



### Preserve Your Archive with the OC Memory Lab

The OC Memory Lab provides our communities the ability to preserve their documents, photos, and audiovisuals through digitization. The OC Memory Lab is "a space for free do-it-yourself digitization" allowing users to safeguard their important documents and memories. OC Public Libraries has two labs, one stationary lab at Tustin Library and a mobile unit for outreach and convenience services.

**Why digitize and preserve?** Organizing your personal digital collection will help you locate, reference and re-use what you create. It also provides security. Losing track of your assets and online accounts is a threat to your online identity and personal security.

The OC Memory Lab is designated for users ages 13 and older. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. Appointments are required and you will need your own storage device (a USB or external hard drive). You must also have an active library card.

You can find answers to all of your questions at <https://ocpl.org/ocmemorylab>. This OC Memory Lab project was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

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FOL is supporting the Rossmoor Homeowner Association's Annual Holiday Toy/Book drive for the Los Alamitos Youth Center from **11/1-12/6 for ages 3-17. Donate unwrapped new items – toys, books or gift cards.** There will be a Holiday Box located on our Book Store patio. Thanks!

**Starting FRIDAY September 24th**

**We are back to regular hours.**



MONDAY	10am-7pm
TUESDAY	10am-7pm
WEDNESDAY	10am-7pm
THURSDAY	10am-7pm
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	9am-5pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED



## President's Message – Del Clark

Hello Friends,

Fall is my favorite time of year as we say farewell to Summer and welcome cooler days with colors muting to golds and ambers. Change is in the air.

And a major change will be the renovation of our Library and Book Store scheduled either later this year or early next year. Orange County Public Library is mandating these renovations for all libraries and FOLs within its system in order to comply with safety standards/ shelving height, aisle access, electrical modifications & HVAC upgrades, etc. However, the downside is that our Library and Book Store will once again be closed during the remodel. The actual date for our closure has yet to be determined, but our team will be coordinating with the County to assure a smooth transition. This project will require great effort by our volunteers in the removal and replacement of our books as we will call for all “hands on deck” to assist in this major effort.

We will continue to send updates and timelines to keep our community informed about this project!

*Be Well & Happy Reading! Del*

## Library to Close in January for Remodeling & Reimagining



Hello everyone!

Welcome back. The library is open now and soon back to regular hours. However, as you may know by now, the library will be closed in January for quite a few months while the Orange County Library System gives our library an entire remodel (more details in the Winter Newsletter). Talking to Cassandra, our librarian, I get the idea that we will be undergoing not just a superficial facelift or refresh, but a whole new reimagining and reinventing of our old library. This work will brighten and modernize as well as make better use of the existing space and bring it into the 21st century. After the remodeling, our library will be even more welcoming and inviting.



However, as far as programs go, they are on hold for the time being. We don't know when the library will be open again.

## Madam Alexander Dolls Donated to Friends of the LAR Library

On another note, a very nice lady has donated her lovely Madam Alexander Doll collection to the Friends of the Library. Even though she lives in Cypress, our Los Alamitos-Rossmoor library is her favorite. She also loves our bookstore. So she hopes that her donation will bring some funds to our treasury.

Her collection includes 18 Madam Alexander dolls; seven 8” dolls and six 14” dolls and a few others. We have arranged with the library to display the dolls in the showcase in the month of November and part of December. Oh yes, they are all for sale and make great Holiday gifts. So you will want to stop by and see these beautiful dolls in all their finery.

That's all for now but I will keep you updated as we are able to add a program or two in the next few months.

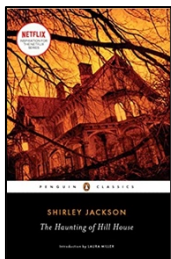
*Sandy Tessier, VP Programs*



# Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Book Clubs Are Now Meeting in Person

## Genre-Hopping Book Club

The Genre-Hopping Book Club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5 pm. Open to ages 18 and up. Questions or to join the email list for updates: [cathryne.ramirez@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:cathryne.ramirez@occr.ocgov.com)

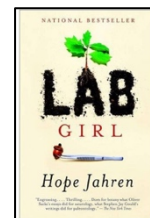


***The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson – Wednesday, October 20th at 5:30 pm**  
Get into the spooky autumn mood with our read, *The Haunting of Hill House*. This classic has been made into two feature films and a play, and is the basis of a 2018 Netflix series. Have you seen the show or the movie(s)? Want to see where it started? Described as a 1959 gothic horror, this book still brings some chills as a ghost story with aspects of psychological terror, really delving into the psyches of its characters.

## **Lab Girl by Hope Jahren – Wednesday, November 17th at 5:30 pm**

This bestselling memoir tells the story of a young woman who finds friendship in far-off places, battles bipolar disorder, perseveres through setbacks and relishes hard-earned triumphs, and becomes a respected scientist and passionate observer of the natural world.

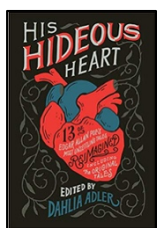
*Lab Girl* has been called one of the best books of the year by *Entertainment Weekly*, *Elle*, *Time* and NPR.



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## Teen Book Group

The Teen Book Group will be meeting in front of the library. Email [savannah.feiner@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:savannah.feiner@occr.ocgov.com) for more info!



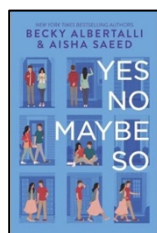
### ***His Hideous Heart* edited by Dahlia Adler – Date and time TBD**

Celebrate spooky season with these reimagined Edgar Allan Poe stories!



### ***Kingdom of the Wicked* by Kerri Maniscalco – Date and time TBD**

Twin witches live secretly among humans, until one of them is murdered. The remaining twin goes on a hunt for vengeance but must depend on another's help, someone claiming to be on her side.



### ***Yes No Maybe So* by Becky Albertalli & Aisha Saeed – Date and time TBD**

Too young to vote in an upcoming election, Jamie and Maya are paired to go door-to-door for political canvassing. As they master local activism, they let down their guard and really get to know one another.

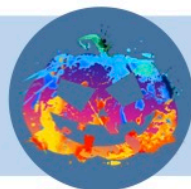
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## Rita Recommends a Teen Book: ***Jackaby*** by William Ritter

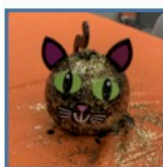
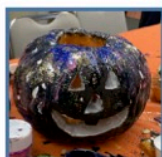
If you enjoy the *Lockwood and Co.* series, try this supernatural mystery being told from a first-person perspective. After dropping out of university against her parents' wishes, Abigail Rook arrives to the town of New Fiddleham, New England where she meets a paranormal detective who claims he can see supernatural beings. Their crossing places Abigail in a wild investigation of a supernatural serial killer. With her attention to detail and lack of supernatural eye and logic, Abigail becomes the detective's new sidekick in tracking down this killer.



# PUMPKIN DECORATING



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH  
10:00—1:00 PM **OR** 3:00—6:00 PM



Drop in from 10:00—1:00 pm OR  
3:00—6:00 pm to carve or decorate your  
pumpkin at the library!

Don't feel like carving? We've got paint,  
glitter, glue, and more so you can really  
get creative.

We'll provide the space, supplies, and  
even clean up the mess.

**BYOP: Bring Your Own Pumpkin!**  
**Open to ages 4—12.**

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SAT 9-5  
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# Bee Ceramic Pot

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October 2021



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(minus the water  
and the sunlight)



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# Virtual Author Event: Tina Athaide



**Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00pm**

With playful art and engaging characters (real and imagined), *Meena's Mindful Moment* is a charming story all about mindfulness that will be wonderfully relatable to anyone with a rambunctious hurly-burly hullabaloo of their own.

**Tina Athaide** is an educator and the author of middle grade novel *Orange for the Sunsets*, and multiple easy leveled readers.

**Register:** [ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com)

# Rita Recommends: *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May



When the author was five years old, her parents divorced and suddenly she found herself in the care of her grandfather, an eccentric beekeeper who makes honey in a rusty old military bus in the yard. In this inspiring memoir, May turns to her grandfather and the art of beekeeping as an escape from her troubled reality.

# Friends of the Library Board

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And click here to find us on Facebook



## Happy Dog Days of Summer

I hope is this newsletter finds all to be well and busy. This will be a "good news" "bad news" letter. Sooo, since we are all tired of bad news, I will start with the good!!!

Our upcoming Outside Book Sale is on a scheduled **September 16 (Thursday) and 18 (Saturday) from 9 am to 4 pm**. Halloween books, music and DVDs will be out. We can always use some help moving carts. If you are interested in helping (set up at 8 am and breakdown at 4 pm), please call the Book Store at (562) 430-1048 and leave your name (attention Kathryn or Frieda).

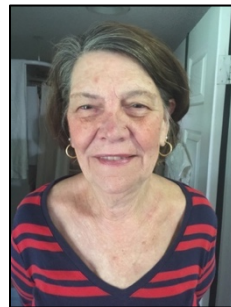
The LAST book sale of 2021 is scheduled for November 18 and 20 – Thursday/Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. All Fall and Holiday books will be featured and we have great inventory to put out.

Now the BAD news isn't really bad bad. Our Library and Book Store are due for some updates in terms of earthquake safety. Right now it appears we will be closing down again sometime in January.

Reopening dates are not known. We will keep you informed as we know more. Hopefully it will include some increase in area in the Book Store and the Patio space. We have some great new patio cabinets on our list.

Have a safe one and hope to see you at the Sept sale.

*Frieda*



## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Marley Dias, author, executive producer, and founder of [#1000BlackGirlBooks](https://www.1000blackgirlbooks.com), is joining the American Library Association and libraries nationwide in promoting the power of a library card this September.

As honorary chair, Dias wants to remind the public that signing up for a library card provides access to technology, multimedia content and educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens communities. "A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to make change and experience new stories," said Dias.

Visit <https://www.ocpl.org/cards> or the library in-person to see what's new and take part in the celebration. Libraries across the country are participating. Do you have friends who don't have library cards? Invite them to sign up during September.

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– MARLEY DIAS, Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair

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# Membership Dues are Vital to Ongoing Planning

... Sharon Westafer

We hope you've had a chance to visit the library and bookstore now that they're open and that you've stocked up on some great reading after coming to the outdoor book sale. We have some interesting materials and hope you'll find just what you're looking for in the store. Your dues support our children, teen, and adult programs, library materials, landscaping, and scholarships for high school students, as well as other items requested by the library, all to benefit library patrons. Dues renewal notices were mailed in April. Please check to see if you've renewed your membership and if not, please take a moment to write your renewal check and mail it to the library or drop it by at the checkout desk.



Follow us on Facebook and our website for up-to-date information.  
Thank you!

*Sharon Westafer, Membership Chair*

## Membership Application

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

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to volunteer in the following:

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## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 through October 15) with us as we offer an array of titles to enjoy in print, audiobook, eBook, eAudiobook and DVD format for all audiences. Click here: <https://ocpl.org/page/featured-books> to reserve your copy of any of the pictured books online today or contact your local branch for assistance. For more titles go to [ocpl.org](https://ocpl.org) to browse our entire collection.



### Hispanic Heritage Month Food & Drink Demo Thursday, October 14th at 6 pm

Join us for the virtual event hosted By Delilah Snell. Jamaica Palmer will demonstrate a **DIY Cheese Platter with Bean Dip**.

Delilah Snell is the owner of Alta Baja Market, a market and café that celebrates the flavors and makers above the US/MX border. She is a former Master Preserver having lectured and taught workshops on food preservation for over a decade. She published her first book *'Beginners Guide to Preserving'* in 2021.

Register at [ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com)



### Storytime Continues In Person and on Zoom

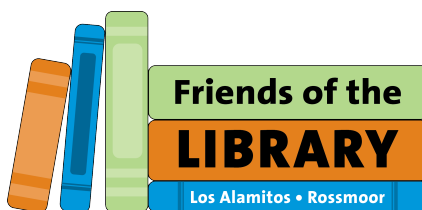
Join us at Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library on **Saturday mornings at 11 am** for Family Storytime.

You can also join us live on Zoom for a variety of fun family storytimes! Storytimes take place throughout the week and include Baby Lapsit, Music & Movement and

Bilingual programs. Register via email to [cplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:cplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com).

**Tuesdays at 10:30 am:** Baby Lapsit Storytime; **Wednesdays:** Kindergarten Readiness Storytime at 10:30am and A Chapter at a Time Storytime at 4pm; **Thursdays:** Bilingual Chinese Storytime at 10:30am and Bilingual Spanish Storytime at 6pm; **Saturdays at 11 am:** Music and Movement Storytime .

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## Outdoor Sale

**Thursday September 16 and Saturday September 18**

**9 am to 4 pm**

**Save the date: the next Outdoor Sale will be  
November 18 & 20**