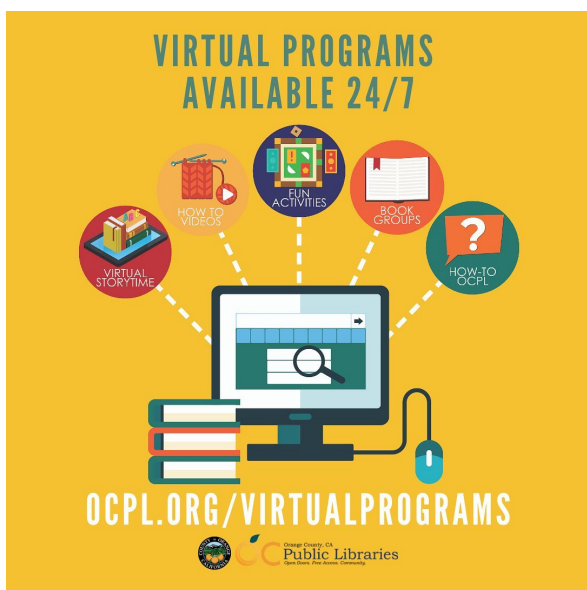


Library News

Summer 2020



We've All Gone Virtual



Do you miss Storytime? Book Club? Crafts? We do too! While the library is closed, we have still been working hard to keep the programs you love alive. Each day multiple programs are being put online for you to enjoy from the comfort of your home. OCPL staff have stepped up and are creating tons of digital content to keep you and your family entertained and engaged with the library. These programs are posted to several of our social media accounts, and are now accessible in one place through our website

Los Alamitos-Rossmoor
Library Hours

Closed until
Further Notice

Find us online at

www.ocpl.org

at <http://www.ocpl.org/virtualprograms>

Here you will find Virtual Storytimes, Craft Projects, Book Clubs, DIY Projects and fun activities! Check out what we've been up to, and keep enjoying the library from home!

You'll find our Virtual Programs page at <http://www.ocpl.org/virtualprograms>

Please know that this page is a breathing site that will be updated regularly and will evolve. Not all projects are currently up, but we will be working on getting these live on the site. This is continuing effort in providing quality virtual programs and digital content for OC Public Libraries.

Keep up with OCPL's social media accounts to see the great engagement between our library system and the community.

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Pinterest](#)
- [Youtube](#)

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President's Message – Del Clark

Hello Friends,

Congratulations to our newly elected 2020-21 FOL Board of Directors! These amazing Board members give countless volunteer hours managing our organization: meetings, programs, membership, publicity, newsletters, book sales & book store, committees, etc.

Also, kudos to our army of volunteers who assist in all of our activities: collecting & sorting books, working in the book store and bi-monthly book sales, attending programs, managing website, g-mail, face-book, and always answering the call to help.

Our FOL family looks forward to "Opening Day" when the locked doors to the Los Al-Rossmoor Library and Book Store swing wide to welcome us back!

Till then....

Happy Reading! Del

What Will Happen to Summer Reading?

With libraries across the country still being closed, we've had to change and adapt and make the most out of the situation we are all in. What does that mean for our annual Summer Reading Program? And will we even be open in summer? With all these uncertainties, the answer was clear. Just as we are currently doing with Storytime, and Bookclubs, we put it online! This year's Summer Reading Program, "Dig Deeper: Read, Discover, Learn" will be held entirely virtually. We've set up a website where patrons can create accounts to track reading, earn badges, and find activities. We are sad that we won't be able to offer our usual array of performers and programs in the branch, but we are still working hard to promote reading, learning and positive interactions with the library during the summer months. SRP 2020 will run from **June 15th to August 2nd**. You can sign up at OCLP.BOOKPOINTS.ORG Happy reading, and we hope to see you all soon.



Membership Remains Vital to Supports the Library & It's Programs

...VP Membership Sharon Westafer

Dear Friends,

We hope you've been doing well during these interesting times. Hopefully, you have enough books from the Friends of the Library bookstore to keep you entertained. Due to our library closure, our income stream from our book store and bimonthly book sales has been curtailed. Consequently, your membership dues are even more important now as we forecast our budget and make plans for our 2020-21 year. Your dues support our children, teen and adult programs; furnishings; materials; landscaping; etc., all to benefit the library patrons.

FOL looks forward to the reopening of our library and bookstore. Follow us on Facebook and our website for up-to-date information. Please take a moment to write your renewal check and mail it to the library. You can also give a membership for Father's Day or graduation as a way to demonstrate your love of reading and your support of the library!



All membership donations are tax deductible.

Thank you!

Sharon Westafer, Membership Chair

Membership Application

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

Donation _____ New Member Renewal

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There's Even More to Discover at OCPL.org

...Head Librarian Semra Bissel

eLearning resources

Exciting news! eLearning resources are here to provide assistance for all of your learning and educational needs. Please go to ocpl.org and then next click on "elearning" to get links varying from the Aquarium of the Pacific Live Cams, virtual museum tours, World Book, Mango to learn languages, digital magazines, Ancestry Library edition and virtual school activities. There are many more topics to meet your interest and needs. Just go to ocpl.org!



The New York Times

For all you New York Times fans, The New York Times is now offering unlimited access with your library card. To access from outside the Library, go to ocpl.org, then click "New York Times" and you're on your way to current and informative information published by New York Times.

OC One Stop

OC One Stop offers job search and career development for OC job seekers. This is free for OC residents. It is by appointment. so, please go to ocpl.org, then click on "OC One Stop" to get more detailed information including the email address of info@oconestop.com.

OCPL Promotes California State Library Career Online High School Program

OC Public Libraries will offer qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through Career Online High School, part of the world's first accredited, private online school district. Career Online High School is specifically designed to reengage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce.

OC Public Libraries will award up to 10 scholarships for Career Online High School to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers.

To be considered for the program, applicants must:

- **Be an adult aged 19 or over**
- **Be a resident of Orange County**
- **Have a library account in good standing.** If you do not have a library card, simply fill out the [online Library Card application form](#) or visit your [local library](#) to get one!

Once enrolled, COHS pairs each student with an Academic Coach, who assists with developing an individual career plan, offers ongoing guidance and encouragement, evaluates performance, and connects the learner with the resources needed to demonstrate mastery of the course material.

Classes are supported by board-certified instructors and students have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-growth, high-demand career fields, before progressing to the core academic subjects. Many students are able to graduate in as few as 4 to 6 months by transferring in previously earned high school credits.

To begin the online self-assessment and apply visit <http://www.careeronlinehs.gale.com/ca/self-assessment/>

To learn more about this program please visit http://education.gale.com/lc-orange_main/

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Nothing is Cancelled Virtual Book Tour

Novelist Caroline Leavitt saw her friends' book tours being canceled because of the coronavirus and decided she had to do something about it besides wash her hands. So recently, she launched the Nothing is Cancelled Virtual Book Tour. She's encouraging authors to submit short blog posts in which they talk about their new book, promote somebody else's book and recommend an indie bookstore. Leavitt is posting the authors' contributions on her [blog](#).

"It's just meant to let writers and the literary community know that they're not alone," she told Ron Charles of the Washington Post. "We're all swimming in the same ocean. So we might as well lift each other up so nobody drowns."

She says the response has been overwhelming —almost 80 writers have promised to submit video clips, including Lily King, Ann Hood, Scott Simon and Roxana Robinson. "Authors are such solitary people anyway," Leavitt says, "and it's difficult for indie bookstores even in the best of times, so why not make people feel they're more connected even though they can't shake hands or hug?"

Thank you to Ron Charles of the [Washington Post Book Club](#)

Podcasts on Books Around

Do you listen to podcasts? I know I am always looking for new ones and podcasts about books are just what I am wanting during these unusual times.

Check out this list:

<https://www.bustle.com/articles/77198-11-literary-podcasts-to-get-your-bookish-fix-throughout-the-day>

Or this one: <https://bookriot.com/2020/03/13/best-book-podcasts/>

And finally this list:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2019/feb/the-best-literary-podcasts-for-book-lovers/>

Plus check out my current favorite:
<http://www.chatteronbooks.com>

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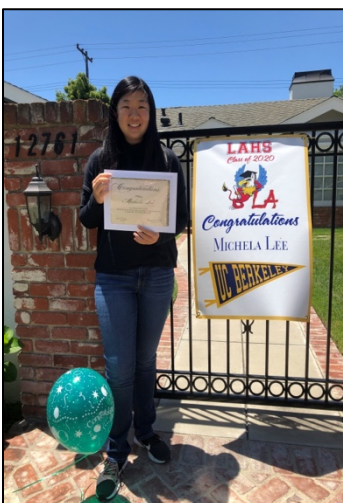
Congratulations to the winners of the FOL 2020 Scholarships

Recently the seven recipients of our Friends of the Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library 2020 student scholarships received their awards. This is a truly a gifted and delightful group of deserving students.

Brian Rogers is an active member of the Boy Scouts earning the rank of Eagle Scout. His scout project involved the Garden Grove Chapman Library where he set up hands-on interactive Lego tables and built an outdoor space to house the growing children's programs.

Running is also a passion for Brian. He says that running track on the Los Alamitos Cross Country track team taught him patience, diligence and determination.

He created the Outdoor Adventure Club that welcomes all comers to enjoy the great outdoors. An avid Java coder, Brian wishes to become an electrical engineer and eventually work for Google. The ambitious time line Brian has set out for himself charting his academic and vocational career goals for the next 20 years was very impressive. He will begin his college studies next semester at Cal Poly San Louis Obispo.



Michela Lee is an accomplished pianist and started a club called Los Alamitos Music Students Community Outreach Program (LAMSCOP). Every month they visit senior nursing homes and hold performances for the patients.

Active in the Growing Up STEM program at her school, STEM has become her passion. She participates in monthly science nights at local elementary schools, guiding students through scientific experiments and teaching them more about STEM.

The Teen Advisory Board at the Rossmoor Library is another of Michela's interests. This committee makes library resources more well known to teenagers and works on the summer reading program at the library.

To relax and take her mind off her studies Michela turned to tennis. Since her freshmen year she has used her time on the tennis court to take her mind off studies. Michela will be attending UC Berkley next fall and majoring in Environmental Science.

Kathryn Ball, a gifted ballerina, has been part of the Los Alamitos dance team throughout her high school years. She says that the dance team has brought her confidence, wonderful experiences and friendships that will last a life time. However, she also has a deep commitment to her church and helping others who are less fortunate.

Participating in the Midnight Soldiers, a program that provides food, blankets and clothing to homeless people on Skid Row, Kathryn developed a desire to find a way that she could impact the homeless in her community. Participation in School on Wheels, a program that pairs a volunteer tutor with a homeless student to provide academic assistance, allowed Kathryn an opportunity to fulfill that desire.

Kathryn has served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library for two years and she plans on attending Brigham Young University in the fall.



Katie and Laura Anne Kubiato are twins, winners and both recipients of this year's student scholarships.

Katie was the team captain of the Academic Decathlon and on the LAHS JV and Varsity Basketball teams. Basketball has taught her persistence and patience while the Academic Decathlon has fostered leadership, responsibility and has served as a catalyst for developing time-management skills. Taking her basketball interest into the community she volunteered for two basketball camps that provide special needs

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children and their families a fun and supportive environment to learn through playing basketball. Her involvement in Girl Scouts starting in the first grade helped Katie to develop a love of STEM and a desire to share her knowledge with those who live in underprivileged communities.

Katie's love of literature has expressed itself through her participation in Los Al's Literary Alliance club and her involvement on the OC Library Teen Advisory Board. She also served two years as student representative on the Friends of the Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library board.

Laura Anne, like her sister, leads a very active academic and social life. She is also a member of the Academic Decathlon team and is team captain of the LAHS Girls Basketball team. When Laura Anne was named Event Commissioner in her 11th and 12

grades she was able to use her skills to collaborate with companies and other clubs in creating fundraising events.

Outside of school, Laura Anne is also active in the Rascals Basketball camp and is on the OC Library Teen Advisory Board. Using her volunteer work with the kids at Casa Youth Center as a spring board, this enterprising young woman became an advocate for run-away teens. Taking this firsthand knowledge to school with her, she educated her peers on issues of mental health and substance abuse. She has also been an active participant in the UNICEF club and Growing Up STEM.

Both Katie and Laura Anne will be attending UCLA in the fall.

Mitchell Hein has been a member of the Los Alamitos High School Straight A Club for all four high school years. He is a member of California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society. For three years he has been a member of the Cross Country and Track Teams earning Scholar Athlete Awards all three years in both sports.

Combining his commitment to the Boy Scouts and his devotion to his church Mitchell earned his Eagle Scout badge by performing a remodel and renovating miracle on his church. His renovations included painting the interior, replacing the front doors, installing a fan and a TV, building cabinets and replacing 180 feet of rusty chain link fencing.

In his spare time, Mitchell enjoys art, hiking, scuba diving and is an environmentalist. He has been accepted to four California schools but as of publication, he hadn't made a final decision. However, he knows he will be studying Aeronautical Engineering and math.



Camila Vallejo is a very active student who, in addition to her involvement in the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and Spanish Honor Society, also volunteers to set up school and community events and tutor students. She loves her involvement in the Growing Up Stem program at local elementary schools.

However, her main love and talent lies in the Arts. This fall, she will be attending Cal State University, Fullerton. She is majoring in studio art with a concentration in animation and illustration. She is also developing personal projects in experimental animation.

Using the library has broadened her perspective, exploring different categories within the arts. This exploration sparked an interest in studying the fundamentals of art including perspective and anatomy. Her library endeavors lead to Camila's discovery of renaissance art, nature photography, graphic novels, Disney art collections and many more treasures.

