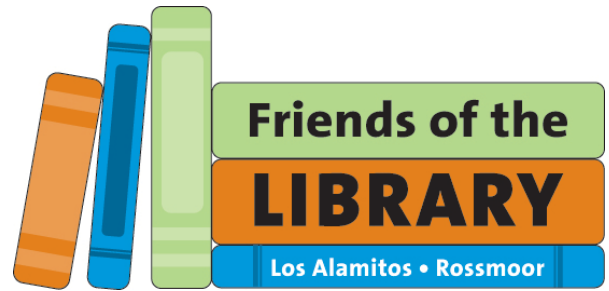


Library News

Winter 2019



OC READ Offers Free Assistance with Reading and Writing Skills to Adult Learners

Are you looking for a way to give back? For a volunteer activity where you can share your love of reading? OC READ offers **free** assistance in basic reading and writing skills to adult learners throughout Orange County.

OC READ's services are offered through three main programs:

1. Adult Basic Literacy Skills which provide personalized tutoring for any Orange County adult learner who needs help with their basic reading and writing skills. With the help of an individual tutor, learners are able to achieve life goals such as:

- Reading to their children
- Reading a newspaper
- Getting a better job
- Registering to vote
- Overcoming any reading and writing challenge

2. Working for Inmate Literacy Now (WIN) gives individual tutoring to help inmates in the Orange County jail system gain a second chance by improving their skills.

3. Family Literacy which provides:

- Tips and tools to help adult learners bring literacy into everyday family life
- Library events and programs to help parents engage with their children in the world of learning
- Family tutors work with school-aged children of adult learners

All three programs are completely free for learners. The service is confidential. No information about a learner is shared unless requested by the learner. No teaching experience is required to become a tutor and training is provided to all volunteers. Tutoring sessions take place in any public location, such as a library. Tutor/learner pairs meet weekly according to their availability. The need is great. An estimated 400,000 adults in Orange County do not read or write well enough to meet their needs as workers, family members and members of the community. To become a volunteer, call OC READ at (714) 566-3070.

Los Alamitos-Rossmoor
Library Hours

Monday -Thursday
10 am – 7 pm

Closed Friday

Saturday 9 am – 5 pm

Closed Sunday

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President's Message – *Del Clark*

Hello Friends!

The holiday season is in full swing and our FOL family is grateful for all of our loyal members who support us with their donations, membership dues, program participation, library usage and book sale purchases. We are also grateful for our amazing volunteers who give countless hours of their time in service to the FOL.



And don't forget, as you put your "gift list" together, remember to include one of our FOL Book Store gift certificates! Perfect stocking stuffers!

Have a Happy, Safe, Healthy Holiday Season!
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Get Lucky with the Library's Lucky Day Books *...Head Librarian Semra Bissel*

Feeling lucky?!?

The Library has "LUCKY DAY" books just waiting for you. These are the hottest new bestsellers books for your viewing, browsing, and checking out:

- You don't have to be waiting on a hold list
- You can come in today and check it out
- Three-week checkouts
- Each library card holder can check out three items maximum.
- No renewals on these items.

Often, we have two copies of a title so if it's popular so you can have a higher chance of getting lucky. But if you wanted to check out the same book again, you do need to wait till the next day to come back to check it out. These LUCKY DAY books are located in the adult fiction area right when you walk in this area, you won't miss them. Make sure to come by to see if it's your LUCKY DAY since these books are not searchable in the catalog.

The Library also has NEW books that are located in a separate section right next to the HOLDS shelves. These are books that are new to the collection, not only fiction but books such as on how to grow cactus, finance management, and many more topics that you will find helpful or fun to check out. The NEW books are not necessarily best sellers but they are NEW so make sure to browse the area before leaving the library as there are always fun and interesting topics and subjects to consider reading.

FOL December program features *The Fabulous Esquires*

Our December program this year features wonderful combo band "The Fabulous Esquires". The Esquires started some 60 years ago when a group of teenagers asked Paul Colaluca if he would help them start a band.

Thinking the idea was a crazy one, he sent the teens off with the mission of recruiting instruments and students who could play them. He didn't plan on seeing them again. But the teens were persistent and persuasive. They returned a month later, with enthusiastic players ready to rehearse. The rest, they say, is history!

It was Stan Kenton who suggested to Paul Colaluca that the training program become a non-profit foundation, giving many generations of students access to and training in big band swing music. The Esquire Music Foundation was formally established in 1967.

We are indeed fortunate to have a combo from the ranks of the Esquires entertain us with their unique renditions of holiday favorites from the Great American Song Book in the famous Glenn Miller style.

As usual we will provide delicious refreshments. Hope to see you Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2 pm.

We appreciate the support of our members of the Friends of the Library. Your membership helps provide funds that enable the library to buy needed materials and to provide cultural programs of interest to the community. It's never too late to renew your membership if you haven't already done so.



With the holidays approaching, shopping for that person who has everything can be difficult. Why not give them a membership in Friends of the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library? The memberships are only \$20 for individuals, \$25 for Families, \$50 for Patrons, \$200 for Business and \$250 for Life Memberships. Looking for year-end tax deductible contributions? Your membership and donations to the Friends are tax deductible and are very much appreciated. Those of you who are already life members are also invited to make a tax deductible contribution.

Drop your membership renewal or donation by at the front desk in the library or with the volunteer in the bookstore. Donation envelopes and informational brochures can be found in the bookstore.

Thank you for supporting the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library. We look forward to hearing from you.
Happy Holidays!

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 _____

Make checks payable to Friends of LAR Library. You can also join on-line at www.friendslarlibrary.org. Renewals and donations can also be made through PayPal. Our emails is friendsoflarlibrary@gmail.com

I would like to volunteer in the following:

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



Do your holiday shopping and benefit the Friends of the Library.

Every time you shop on [AmazonSmile*](#) with Friends of the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Public Library listed as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of all your eligible purchases to support our programs. [Learn more here.](#)

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Stories & Play for the Littlest Ones

Preschool Storytime and Craft Time

Storytime is a simple and fun way to get your kids excited about books and reading. Each week we'll read funny books and sing silly songs. Parents/caretakers can chat with one another and make friends. Stay after and join us to take part in a craft activity! All supplies are available. Open to ages 2-6.

12/1, 12/9 and 12/16; 1/6, 1/13 and 1/27; 2/3 and 2/24 11:30 – 12:15 pm

Baby and Toddler Storytime

Our youngest patrons, birth to 3 years, and caregiver can join in on storytime fun. Books will be read with songs, rhymes, and activities to get started on the path to Early Literacy.

12/5 and 12/12; 1/9, 1/23 and 1/30; 2/6 and 2/27 11:30 – 11:50 am

STORYTIME

Little Architects

Drop in to get creative with Legos and Duplos. Free build for creative play or follow one of our themes for fun. The possibilities are endless! Ages 4 and up. 12/4 and 2/5 (no January Session due to the holiday 4 – 5 pm)

Sensory Play

Expand your child's learning through hands on activities that stimulate the senses! Open to ages birth to 5 years old, different activities will be provided based on age range. 12/5, and 12/12; 1/9, 1/23 and 1/30; 2/6 and 2/27 12: 15pm

Read to a Dog

Come and have your reluctant reader read to a dog! Children can improve their reading skills and build confidence by reading to a trained therapy dog. Even if they read fine, it is such a joy to read to these dogs! Reserve your 10-minute slot. Call the library to schedule your time. Walk-ins are welcome.

Ages 4 and up. 12/7, 1/4 and 2/1 11– 12 pm



Don't forget the Outside Book Sale:

January 16 & 18

Volunteers always welcome – we need help
setting up & cashiering—

Send an email, call or stop by the Bookstore

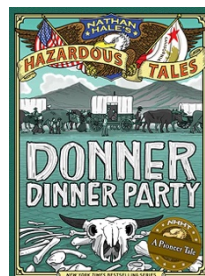
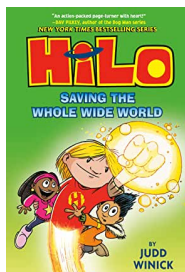
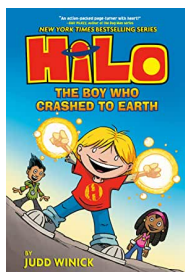
School-Age Kids & Teen Programs Too

Discovery Club

STEAM program intended for ages 5-10 where we get creative with fun projects. Supplies are limited so call us at 562-430-1048 to save a spot at least a week prior to each session. 1/21 and 2/18 4 – 5 pm

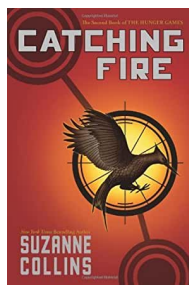
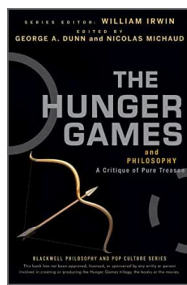
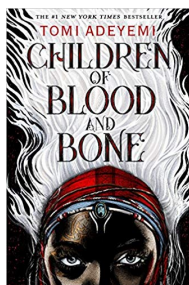
Kids Book Club

Open to ages 8 – 12, grab a copy of the current book club choice at the Service Desk. 1/30 and 2/27 4 - 4:45 pm



Teen Book Club

Join us as we discuss the chosen book or whatever you're currently reading. Open to ages 13-18, books can be found at the service desk. Snacks will be provided. 12/12, 1/9 and 2/13 4 -5 pm



Stay tuned in March for *The Mockingjay*, Part three of *The Hunger Games*.

Teen Volunteer Training

Teens, ages 13-17, needing community service hours can attend a once-a-month training session to sign up for shifts. Grab an application from the Service Desk and return it completed to the training session. Must attend a training session before being able to sign up for shifts. 12/5 and 2/6, no January training 5 – 5:30 pm

The Craft: Teen Spa Day Workshop

Get in the holiday spirit by making bath bombs and body scrubs to keep for yourself or if you're feeling really nice, to give as a gift. All materials provided. Snack and a movie will be on hand. Open to Ages 12-18, registration not required. 12/10 4 – 5 pm

The Craft: Teen Tape Resistant Art

Tweens and teens can release some stress after their holiday break with this process art activity! Sign-up at the Service Desk beginning 1/16 to participate. All supplies will be provided, but the program is limited to 15 participants. Open to ages 12-18. 1/14 4 – 5 pm

The Craft: Teen Cake Pops

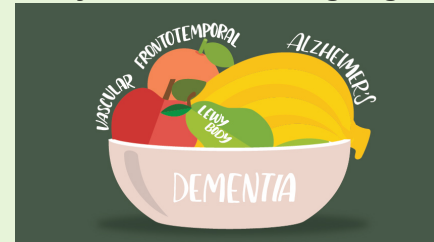
Tweens and teens are invited to show off their creativity in decorating their own cake pops! We'll have different toppings and supplies provided for the program. Stop in sometime before the program to vote on a movie selection! Open to ages 12-18, registration not required. 2/11 4 – 5 pm

Adult Programs

Spare Time Crafts

Adults, do you need a moment to relax? Drop in for some bath bomb making to keep for yourself or give as a gift. All supplies and snacks will be provided. 12/18 4 – 5:30 pm

Alzheimer Series – Healthy Living for your Brain and Body: the 10 Warning Signs



Learn more about basics of memory loss, stages, risk factors, and available resources. This informational series is facilitated by the Alzheimer's Association, Orange County Chapter. Free and open to all ages 1/28 and 2/25 2 – 3:30 pm.

Declutter Program

Need a Plan to Get Organized? Diana Carlos, professional organizer, will share her 5-step plan for helping you start and finish your next organizing project.

She will cover:

- basic planning
- tips on scheduling your organizing time
- overcoming de-cluttering obstacles
- how to incorporate organizing systems into your space.

This presentation will provide you with the basics on how to organize your space and conquer your clutter 1/29 4 pm



Gingerbread House Decorating

We want to help you get into the holiday spirit! Come on by and get creative in decorating your own gingerbread house! We'll provide the space, supplies, music, snacks, and even clean up the mess. Ages 4 to 12. Sign up required. You will pick one 30-minute slot between 11 am to 1 pm, or 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm on December 19th. Call the library to reserve your space starting December 2nd.

Genre Hopping Book Club

The book club for adults tackles different genres on the first Monday of every month. Copies of the book for the month can be found at the Service Desk. Please call the branch at 562-430-1048 with any questions. 12/2, 1/6 and 2/3 5:30-6:30 pm

Classic Monsters Film Club

Brand new film club showcasing classic monster movies from the 1920s – 1960s, open to teens 13 and older and adults. 12/16 4:30 – 6:30 pm – Dracula; 1/28 4:30 – 6:30 pm – Young Frankenstein; 2/24 4:30 – 6:30 pm – The Bride of Frankenstein



Inside the Bookstore and Out

...Mary Holzang



Come into the bookstore for Christmas and Holiday books, cards, puzzles and maybe even that special classic you have wanted to re-read or share with a loved one. We also have a new selection of books on CD.

Please note: **The Bookstore will be closed on Christmas Eve. Tues. Dec. 24th as well as Christmas Day and New Year's Day.**

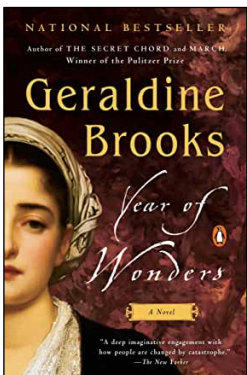
Bookstore Hours: Mon. 12-6, Tues-Wed-Thurs-Sat 10-4

Save the Date: Next Outdoor Sale—January 16 & 18...Frieda Wray

Happy and Safe Holidays to All our donors and buyers. You have made this a wonderfully successful year and because of this we can continue to support programs and projects at the Library. Our calendar for outside sales for 2020 is posted in the cabinet by the gates to the Bookstore. Be sure to pick up a bookmark in Book Store or Library for 2020.

Check the cabinet in the Patio for Holiday books with great cookbooks, crafts and other Holiday preparations. There is also a cart out there with all sorts of Holiday fiction. Happy New Year!!!

See you in 2020, Frieda

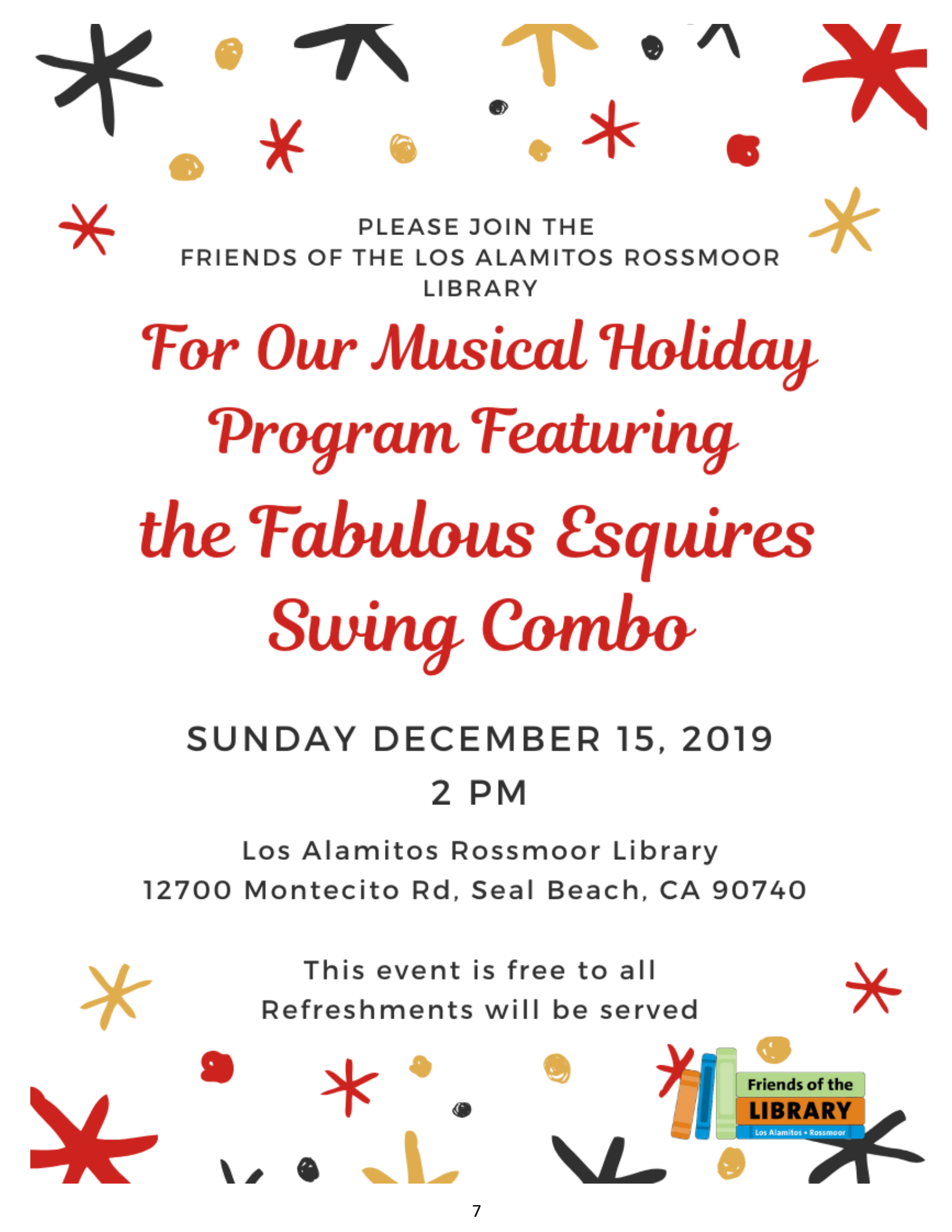


Year of Wonders: An Unforgettable Tale of Bravery

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks is not a new book but it is representative of the finds you can discover through the Friends of the Library book sale which takes place every other month.

I recommend this book because it is based on the small village of Eyam, England which was reduced by half during the plague year of 1665-1666. It is an astonishing recreation of what is must have felt like to be a victim and survivor of that year. The title is a reference to God's word to Moses: "Thou shalt do my wonders"—which included calling down upon the Egyptians the first plague in recorded human history. The heroine of the story, Anna, would have been familiar with that event.

--Kathryn St. John



PLEASE JOIN THE
FRIENDS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS ROSSMOOR
LIBRARY

*For Our Musical Holiday
Program Featuring
the Fabulous Esquires
Swing Combo*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2019
2 PM

Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library
12700 Montecito Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

This event is free to all
Refreshments will be served





Fall Fun: Pumpkin Decoration and Tote Bags! Check out other fun programs on pages 5 and 6.

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