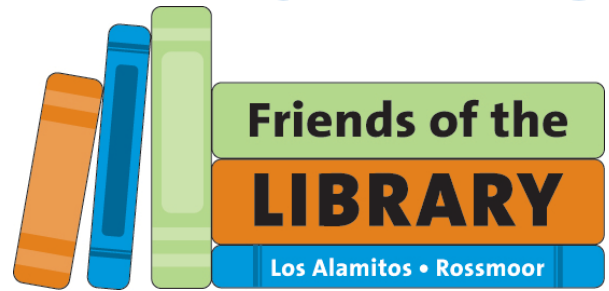


Library News

Winter 2020



President's Message – Del Clark

Hello Friends,

As we look forward to our “new normal” way of celebrating the season, FOL invites you to check out our holiday book cart in the library. An assortment of hard-back & paperback, children and cook books are great, inexpensive gifts for the holidays.

“Clutter Clearing” has been one of the most productive activities during these crazy times leading many of you to collect books to give to our library.

Unfortunately, at this time FOL cannot accept your offerings but we urge you to store these treasures and as soon as we get the “green light” we will open our doors and welcome your donations!

Also, be on the lookout for our donation brochure urging members to add FOL to their charitable giving this year. Our primary funding source is through the operation of our book store and bi-monthly outdoor book sales which have been severely curtailed; therefore, we are making an appeal to our “angels” to help during these unusual times.

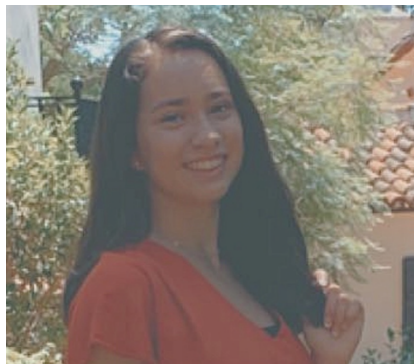
Los Alamitos-Rossmoor
Library Hours

Grab & Go Service
Now Available

Tuesday-Thursday | 11
a.m. to 7 p.m. & Friday-
Saturday | 9 a.m. to 5
p.m.

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday!
Del

Meet Kendal Villa, Student Rep to Friends of the Library Board



Kendal Villa, student representative to the LAR Friends of the Library Board, is currently a junior at Los Alamitos High School and is attending school in person. In the past, she has been involved in clubs including the H Project, Singing for Seniors, Helping Hands and California Scholarship Federation. Through the clubs she has had the opportunity to participate in environment projects, bringing joy to seniors and learning about preparing for college.

She has been a member of the dance program and dance team. Despite quarantine, she has tried her best to stay active at her dance studio, and with tennis lessons. The dance program and the dance studio have worked to provide practice both in person safely and online.

“At the high school, the drama program is doing an amazing job finding opportunities for us to perform” says Kendal. There was a virtual competition and they just finished their first show. People were able to

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Hoping January Will Bring an Outside Book Sale

...*Frieda Wray*



2020 has definitely been a very different year for most of us. In early November, we got permission to go into the bookstore area and see how things were holding up. We lost most of the books on the carts in the courtyard which was dismaying. Also, the books in the cabinets are very dusty.

Although the County said we could have a limited Outside Sale, we all came to the conclusion that the amount of work for a one-day sale was counterproductive.

Here is hoping that we can have a "real" Outside Sale in January. In the meantime, we are putting the winter holiday books on a cart which will hopefully be inside the Library for sale on the honor system. When the Library takes their sign off the cabinet I will post more information and we will also do an e-blast. Have a SAFE and wonderful Holiday season.

Hope we can see you in January. Frieda and Crew

NO DONATIONS

NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Please **DO NOT** leave donations in front of the bookstore, library, or inside of bookdrops



The news from the bookstore is that we are still **closed**. We have, just recently, been allowed to go in and check things out. We will go through the shelves, pull out the old books and get ready for the day we can open.

Meanwhile, if you can hold on to all those books you have bought during this Covid19 shutdown, please find a corner to store them in as we will have need of them. We have no idea when, but we will be back in business.

Please check out the cart in the library. It's filled with Holiday books, both paper and hardback, children's books, cookbooks and some cards for you to pick out and take home. Just leave a donation in the box and enjoy some holiday reading, maybe with a cup of tea or coffee.

Stay safe, wear your mask, wash your hands and enjoy that book.

Kendal Villa

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purchase tickets online and watch it live at home. Through the drama program, she has learned about publicity and production. She also has video editing skills.

"Kendal brings youth, creativity and enthusiasm to our team as we look forward to a productive year," says FOL President Del Clark.

Kendal is really looking forward to having the freedom to travel and see all of her friends and family without restrictions once the pandemic is over. "I miss seeing everyone together in one place."



Season's Reading Challenge for All Ages

'Tis the Season to be Reading! All ages are invited to join the Winter Reading Challenge. Read books and complete activities to earn badges. Collect five badges to be entered into the opportunity drawing sponsored by OCPL Foundation. How many badges can you collect?

Click [HERE](#) to register today!

Operation Santa Claus

The Los Alamitos Rossmoor Library is once again participating in Operation Santa Claus. This year may be especially difficult for people and receiving a gift may be something to lift their spirits.

A mini-tree has been placed on the table in front of the library. Take an "Angel Tag" and be Santa for someone in need. You can bring your gifts to the branch and place them in the Operation Santa Clause bin. Staff will handle them safely and the items will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours before distribution. Operation Santa runs until December 23rd.

WiFi Hotspots Available at Branch to Borrow

A Hot Spot can be borrowed by a patron for three weeks, with no renewals. Holds can be placed on Hot Spots and they can be returned to any branch in the system, limit one per card. Fines for overdue Hot Spots are \$.25 per day.



Rita Recommends

Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James

Tracker is known for his skills as a hunter, hired to solve the mystery of a boy who disappeared three years earlier, Tracker decides to break his rule of hunting alone and joins a group. The group consist of unruly, weird, and unusual characters including a shapeshifting man-animal known as Leopard.

Rita Recommends is a service providing reading recommendations designed personally for you by OC Public Libraries' staff. Fill out a survey of your reading tastes, and our staff will send you 5 personalized recommendations!

Overdue Fines Extended

Not done with your library books? OCPL is extending overdue fines indefinitely. Please note, for the safety of staff and library users, all materials will be checked in after 96 hours of being returned.



Let's close the book on 2020, opening a new chapter to face the hurdles ahead.

The Friends of Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library are asking you to help fill the financial gap created by the challenges of 2020 and COVID 19. We have been unable to hold our bi-monthly book sales and additionally, our bookstore remains closed.

The funds from these sales supplement library resources and pay for year-round children and adult programs including Summer & Holiday reading activities, crafts, movies and more.

Please help us by making a tax-deductible year-end gift to The Friends of the LAR Library.

<https://friendsoflarlibrary.com>

**Books are the plane,
and the train,
and the road.
They are the destination,
and the Journey.
They are home.**

Anna Quindlen

OC Public Libraries Have Many Online Databases

The Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Library has many online databases that are a great resource and two resources are highlighted below. Please go to <https://ocpl.org/elibrary> to access these and many other databases.



Practice DMV Tests can be found at

<https://ocpl.driving-tests.org/california/>

Whether you're cruising the streets of Los Angeles or Highway 1 outside Big Sur, the best way to get on the road is by taking the California DMV practice tests. They help you retain knowledge better than studying the manual alone, whether you're preparing for your Class C Instruction Permit test, driver's license test, or senior citizens' refresher test. The wide range of practice tests for car driving, motorcyclists, and for commercial driver's licenses (CDL) is perfect for anywhere in the state, as the written test is the same at all California DMV locations. Several of the tests are also available in other languages.

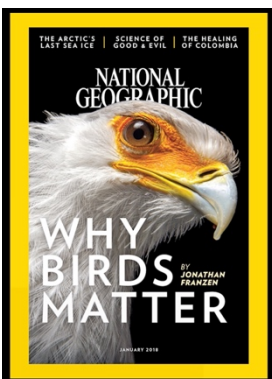
Chilton's Auto Repair https://link.gale.com/apps/CHLL?userGroupName=orange_main&authScheme=

Get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs.

Some of Chilton's Library's more popular features include the following:

- maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, and labor estimating tool to help you confidently determine your next move
- Vacuum diagrams to simplify troubleshooting
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support
- ASE test prep quizzes for the most popular certification exams
- A print button which allows you to easily print out what is needed

Please call the Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Library at 562-430-1048 Tuesday through Thursday between 12-6pm or Saturday 10am-4pm with any questions you may have.



National Geographic Virtual Library OC Public Libraries has digital rights to the National Geographic archive spanning the years 1888 to 1994. With content from National Geographic Magazine from 1888 to present, and more than 300 ebooks (which are cataloged in SIRSI), this collection brings together a complete archive of National Geographic magazine — every page of every issue — along with a cross-searchable collection of National Geographic books, maps, images and videos.

Since we're in the season, did you ever wonder how cranberries are grown?, click on the link <http://tinyurl.gale.com/tinyurl/DB7tq3> & log in w/ your library card and watch this video on the National Geographic Virtual Library! You can discover more than 430 brief videos introducing topics ranging from Dinosaurs to the History of Ancient Greece to the Legend of Bigfoot and more! This in-depth

resource contains:

- 187K+ pages in 1,224 issues 160K+ images, & 465 map supplements.
- Detailed indexing of feature articles, map supplements, images & advertisements.

By including vivid photographs, charts, maps, graphs, and videos, along with articles written by experts in their fields, National Geographic Virtual Library supports research in a wide range of academic disciplines - from history and geography to anthropology and biology.

Explore this resource at https://natgeo.gale.com/natgeo/archive?p=NGMA&u=orange_main

OCPL Provides eLearning Resources for All Ages

OCPL has put together a resource list to meet the needs of those who are learning and/or teaching from home during this time of social distancing: <https://www.ocpl.org/elearning>. Check back frequently as new resources are continually being added.

Membership and Donations are all Tax Deductible

... Sharon Westafer

Your membership with the Friends of the Library helps provide funds that enable the library to buy needed materials and to provide cultural programs of interest to the community. As you probably know, during the Covid-19 pandemic the Friends have been unable to open the store or to have outdoor book sales. This has greatly curtailed the income, which impacts our purchasing power for the library.

Earlier in the summer, membership renewal notices were sent out to our membership. While there has been a good response, there are still a number of people who have not renewed their membership. If you are one of those who has not renewed, we'd love to hear from you! We would also love to hear from the Friends' Life members in the form of donations. As mentioned previously, there has been no income from the bookstore or outdoor book sales since March.

With the holidays approaching, shopping for that person who has everything can be difficult. Why not give them a membership to Friends of the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library? Looking for year-end tax-deductible contributions? Your membership and donations to the Friends are tax deductible and are very much appreciated. Drop your membership renewal or donation by the library or mail it to the library at 12700 Montecito Road, Seal Beach CA 90740 or go online to <https://friendsofalarlibrary.com> We have a PayPal link.



We look forward to hearing from you! Wishing you and your family Healthy, Happy Holidays.

Sharon Westafer, Membership Chair

Membership Application

- Individual \$20 Family \$25 Sponsor \$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://friendsofalarlibrary.com/membership> and pay through PayPal. Our email is friendsofalarlibrary@gmail.com



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Virtual Book Clubs Flourish as We Spend More Time Online



Many OC Public Libraries Book Clubs are currently meeting online. Check them out at <https://ocpl.org/elibrary/virtual-programs/virtual-book-groups>.

Additionally, the internet provides an almost limitless array of virtual book clubs. There are “interactive author talks, online meetings, chat groups, and ongoing discussions over social media. There’s something for everyone: clubs that deep-dive into a single genre and others that aim to be as diverse in their reading material as possible. Some have members read at their own pace and others send weekly reminders with page goals. Most are totally free and there’s no limit on how many you can join; signing up for three virtual book clubs means three times the reading recommendations and events,” writes Amy Lin in a blog post [20 Virtual Book Clubs You Can Join Today](#).

“Why join a virtual book club?” she continues. “There are the **health benefits associated with reading** and the data we have on the growing **epidemic of loneliness** which itself is a **health hazard**. There’s the added accountability to help you achieve your reading goals. There are the cultural perks as outlined in last year’s *BookBrowse* book club **study**, which indicates book clubs tend to attract people who place high value on intellectual challenge and growth, good conversation, and exposure to new literary experiences and ideas. Book clubs are good and good for you.

“They’re good for the world, too. As our planet faces mounting challenges, a global community of enthusiastic readers engaged in an international free exchange of ideas flowing 24-7 stands as hope for the future. ‘Show me a family of readers,’ Napoleon wrote, ‘and I will show you the people who move the world.’”

What follows is merely a selection. You can google Virtual Book Clubs and find many more.

Lit Hub sponsors a **California Book Club** <https://www.altanline.com/california-book-club/a3450702/register/>. The November episode featured Reyna Grande talking about her memoir *The Distance Between Us*.

Now Read This – Each month, this **PBS NewsHour—New York Times** club <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/features/now-read-this/> focuses on one work of fiction or nonfiction “that helps us make sense of today’s world.” The club’s choices tend to be available in paperback; there are online discussion guides — useful if you’re interested in adopting their picks for your own book club — and author profiles. The author also answers reader-submitted questions at the end of the month on PBS NewsHour. You can join the club through its [Facebook group](#) or by signing up for the book club newsletter. December’s book will be *Severance* by Ling Ma.

Poppy Loves Book Club is a monthly club created by women for women. On the final Wednesday of each month, the **Poppy Loves Book Club** community comes together for a live Facebook discussion centered on the month’s selected book. **Poppy Loves Book Club** announces its monthly book through the Poppy Loves Book Club’s [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. January’s book is *The Heart’s Invisible Furies* by John Boyne and the online discussion date is Wednesday January 27, 2021 @ 11:30 am.

NYPL/WNYC’s Virtual Book Club. <https://www.nypl.org/virtualbookclub> isn’t restricted to New Yorkers.

Los Angeles Times Book Club <https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/books/los-angeles-times-book-club> hosts a community event with each author. On Dec. 15 at 7 pm, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio, author of *The Undocumented Americans* and Marcelo Hernandez Castillo, author of *Children of the Land* join book club readers for a conversation with Times editor Steve Padilla. The free event livestreams on The Times’ Facebook page, YouTube or Twitter.

There is also much to choose from in celebrity book clubs. Check out **Reese’s Book Club** at <https://hello-sunshine.com/book-club>; **Read With Jenna** from Jenna Bush Hager and the Today show at <https://www.today.com/read-with-jenna>; and, of course, **Oprah’s Book Club**. Check out the [complete list on Oprah’s website](#).



OC Public Libraries Now Offer Grab & Go

OC Public Libraries is now offering Grab & Go Library Service! Libraries will be offering designated browsing areas, self-checkout stations and distanced single-user computer stations by reservation.

Grab & Go hours are Tuesday – Thursday 11 am to 7 pm, Friday – Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. Curbside pick-up is still available Tuesday – Thursday noon to 6 pm, Friday – Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

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With Hoopla you can instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks and more, 24/7, with your library card!

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