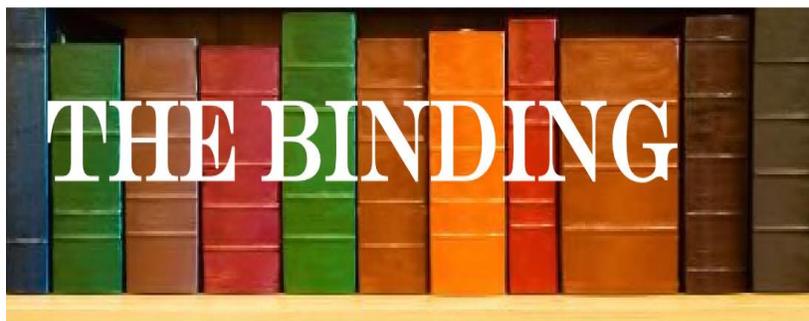


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## The President's Messages – Donna Stapleton

### Ribbon Cutting for the Outdoor Musical Instruments

The four outdoor musical instruments that we have been writing and talking about for nearly a year are finally installed thanks to the City Maintenance Department. I was at Mesa Verde Library the day they anchored the instruments on their stands, and believe me, they look great! Young and not-so-young, will love to play and enjoy these unique instruments.

You are invited to the Ribbon Cutting and unveiling on Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30. The Friends, the City and the Mesa Verde Library staff are planning a fun-filled day of activities, and we hope you will be there for the fun. Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details.

### Special Author Event sponsored by The Friends at Lion's Park

The Friends are thrilled to sponsor author Victor Villaseñor who will speak at an outdoor event at Lion's Park and the Donald Dungan Library on the morning of October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:00. Mr. Villaseñor was born in the barrio of Carlsbad, California in 1940. He was raised on a ranch four miles north in Oceanside. Since his parents were born in Mexico, Villaseñor spoke only Spanish until he enrolled in school. After years of facing language and cultural barriers, heavy discrimination and a reading problem, later diagnosed as dyslexia, Victor dropped out of high school his junior year and moved to Mexico. There he discovered a wealth of Mexican art, literature and music that helped him recapture and understand the dignity and richness of his heritage. Victor returned to the U.S. at the age of 20. He began to feel the old frustration and rage return as he continued to witness the disregard directed towards those who were poor and uneducated and especially toward the Mexican people. Then a chance encounter with James Joyce's *Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man* changed Victor's life. It awakened a desire to use literature to confront the problems associated with his cultural heritage that continued to plague him.

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*Once you have  
read a book you  
care about, some  
part of it is  
always with you  
-Louis L'Amour*

## The President's Messages - Continued

After producing nine novels, 65 short stories, and receiving 265 rejection letters, Villaseñor sold his first novel, *Macho!*, which the Los Angeles Times compared to the best of Steinbeck. This began a journey that would eventually lead to the publication of the national bestseller, *Rain of Gold*. Published in seven languages and used by thousands of teachers and school systems across the nation as required reading, *Rain of Gold* tells the story of Victor's family. He takes the reader from war-torn Mexico during the Revolution to the present day. Villaseñor's body of works include a number of nonfiction books which are all used in schools throughout the country. His books include: *Wild Steps Of Heaven*, *Rain of Gold*, *Thirteen Senses*, *Jury: The People vs Juan Corona*, *Macho!*, and *Walking Stars*, a collection of short stories written especially to inspire youth. *Burro Genius*, was national best seller and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

**Please join us for an inspirational talk about *Rain of Gold* and Victor Villaseñor's life on Saturday, October 12 10:30**

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## Your Membership Matters!

**By Stephanie Campbell**

First of all, thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership and especially those who have joined for the first time. Our libraries need us and it's through our membership program that we can continue to support the libraries by doing exciting things such as the upcoming musical instruments at Mesa Verde and the interesting events organized by our wonderful V.P. of Programs.

Members are our life blood. I would like to ask each of you to consider upgrading your membership to the next level, when you next renew, if you are able. Consider that almost 25% of our members are already "life" members, but if that's outside your budget you might want to consider upgrading to "patron" which is \$50. You will be rewarded not only with knowing you are helping the Friends and the libraries but you will also receive one of our new beautiful tote bags. You can always renew or upgrade your membership at our Mesa Verde bookstore as well as at the Dungan Library!

Because we think membership is important, and that our members are critical to our success, I'd like to take the opportunity to ask you two questions:

1. As a member, what are the benefits you would like to receive?
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Please let me know what you think by sending an email to [friendscmlibraries@att.net](mailto:friendscmlibraries@att.net) with "Questions" in the subject line.

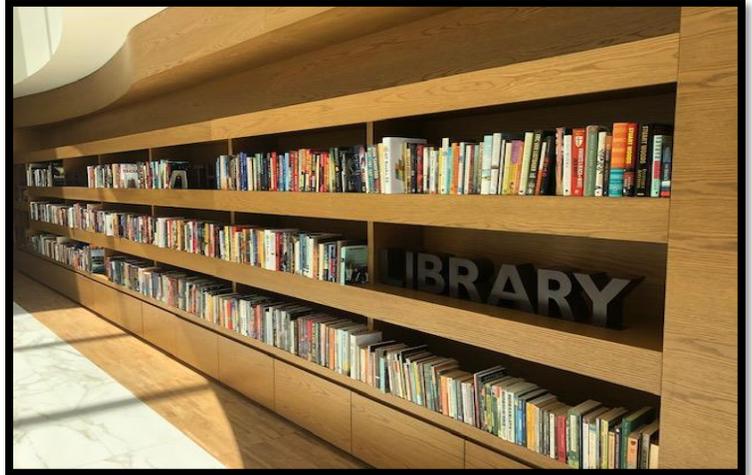
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## Donald Dungan Friends Bookstore-The Great Wall

**By Mary Leshure**

Our great wall, where our books are for sale, is up and running and available every hour the library is open. Books on the wall are \$2 each unless specially priced. If no one from the Friends is available, please leave your payment in the cash box.

Dungan's bookstore now has collectibles! Volunteers at Dungan have been reviewing and evaluating hundreds of books. Our goal is to see which are worthy of the collectible title. A collectible book is one that is worth far more than it was originally sold for because of its rarity, beauty or the interest it invokes. We also have some first editions! This is genuinely an exciting time for the Dungan team. If this is something that is of interest to you, you might want to volunteer for this project. If you do, just email us at [friendscmlibraries@att.net](mailto:friendscmlibraries@att.net). We will get you trained on this and other opportunities at the Dungan bookstore.



If you are more interested in acquiring collectible books, you can visit the website and go to the bookstores link at <https://friendscmlibraries.org/our-bookstores>. Page down until you get to the section on "Collectibles at Dungan." We are currently featuring a wonderful group of books on beautiful drought-tolerant gardening in California. If you are interested in purchasing one of our collectibles, or just coming to look through them, email us at [friendsofcmlibraries@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcmlibraries@gmail.com). We will be adding more books to the website and we hope to include a complete price list of all of our available books. We hope you will take a look at our collectibles and find something that inspires you. See you soon at Dungan!

## Volunteer in the Spotlight – Alison Wright

**Mary Ellen Goddard**

Alison Wright is this newsletter's "Volunteer in the Spotlight." As our Vice President in charge of Programs (since last October), she coordinates author talks and events hosted by our Friends group. She also volunteers at the Donald Dungan Library bookstore, the Newport Beach Public Library Bookstore, the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, and the Newport Mesa ProLiteracy Program. She says that she loves volunteering for the opportunity to meet new people, learn new things, and help others in her community. She believes volunteering is the "ultimate exercise in democracy".

Alison's stint as a Big Sister during her undergraduate days led her to want to be an educator. Working with students from K through 12, some with special needs, taught her how important it is to set a strong foundation for children in their early years. Alison credits her parents for serving as great role models for her and her brother.

Alison was born and raised mostly in Montclair, NJ and got both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Vermont. Her hobbies are books, films, theater, hiking, photography and travel. She met her mechanical engineer husband Andrew after moving to the Boston area. When asked how she got to Costa Mesa, she said, "I travelled to California when I was about nine years old and loved it. I talked about moving here most of my life." After her then boyfriend got a job in California, she came out for a vacation and ended up staying – for almost 12 years so far. "Best decision I ever made."

Alison is very passionate about education for all ages, believes that we never stop learning, and that the power of words transforms lives. Make a point of attending a program she has arranged, and meeting her. I am sure you will be glad you did.



So Many **Events** this October!! -Check out the programs on the **following pages**

We are very lucky and honored to have four great Events this October in Costa Mesa.

October 9 at 9:30--Ribbon Cutting for the Outdoor Musical Instruments at the Mesa Verde Library.

October 12 at 10:30 outside at Dungan Library--Author Victor Villasenor.

October 15 at 5:30-6:30 at Costa Mesa Women's Club. Author talk with Jeanne Blasberg.

October 20 at 2:00-3:30 --Author talk with Abbi Waxman, facilitated by Marrie Stone, at Costa Mesa Women's Club.

**Please RSVP for events at [cmfolevents@gmail.com](mailto:cmfolevents@gmail.com).**

Also, please see the program for the No Small Matter documentary that is being screened at the Donald Dugan Library on October 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30. This is being put on by Early Childhood OC, Hoag, and the Orange County United Way.

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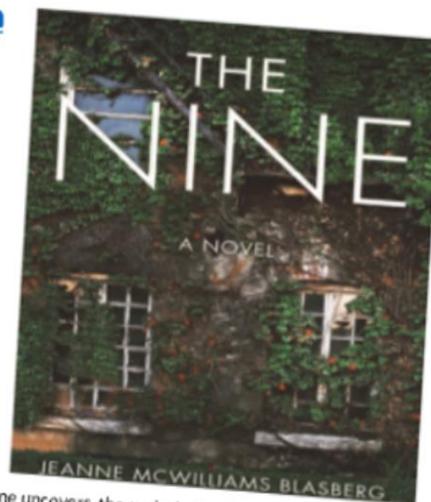
**MEET THE AUTHOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Costa Mesa Women's Club: 610 W 18th Street Costa Mesa**

**We will be asking for a \$5 donation at the door from Friends of the Library members, and \$10 from nonmembers. Thank you**

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A graduate of the Newport Harbor High School class of 83, Jeanne went on to Smith College, and then embarked on a career in finance. Even as she worked in the world of numbers, she always had an interest in writing. She's made stops on Wall Street, worked with Macy's, and wrote case studies at Harvard Business School before turning more seriously to her writing. Eventually taking inspiration from the journals she kept all her life, she turned to her childhood writings to pen her first novel, *Eden*. Jeanne is the founder of the Westerly Memoir Project as well as a board member of the Boston Book Festival. She is a student and board member of Grub Street, one of the country's pre-eminent creative writing centers where she wrote and revised her second novel, *The Nine*, which was released by She Write Press.



*"The Nine uncovers the underbelly of an elite private school, revealing decades-long corruption, while also exposing how the fervent dreams of mothers for their children can shatter families. Jeanne Blasberg delves with unflinching precision into the chasms between parents and children, a novel revelatory for the author's willingness to scrutinize both mother and son and their stifling bond." — Randy Susan Meyers, bestselling author of The Widow of Wall Street and Waisted.*

# MUSICAL INSTRUMENT CELEBRATION



## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019



### 9:30 - 10:00 AM RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Visit the library for the unveiling of our new outdoor musical instruments! Coffee & light refreshments provided.



### 11:00 - 11:30 AM SPECIAL MUSIC STORYTIME

Join us on the library lawn for songs, stories, & music interaction!



### 11:30 - 12:00 PM DRUM MAKING ACTIVITY

Create your very own drum! All materials will be provided.



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### 3:00 - 3:30 PM FREE ICE CREAM DRUMSTICKS

Enjoy a sweet treat! While supplies last.



### 5:30 - 6:30 PM MEDITATION SOUND BATH

Guided meditation & breathwork with a variety of instruments, such as gongs & crystal bowls for deep relaxation. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Suitable for adults & teens.



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# EARLY LEARNING IS NO SMALL MATTER

Join the launch of the Costa Mesa Early Childhood Coalition and learn more about the importance of Early Childhood in our city! *No Small Matter* is the first feature documentary to explore the most overlooked, underestimated, and powerful force for good in America today: early childhood education.

Immediately following the film screening, please stay for an engaging panel discussion featuring: **Kim Goll**, First 5, Orange County; **Kathleen Leary**, Newport Mesa Unified School District; **Michael Silva Rose**, DrPH, LCSW, Hoag Hospital; and **John Stephens**, Costa Mesa Mayor Pro Tem.

*Light dinner will be provided.*



**Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm Check-in and Refreshments

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm Film Screening

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Panel Discussion

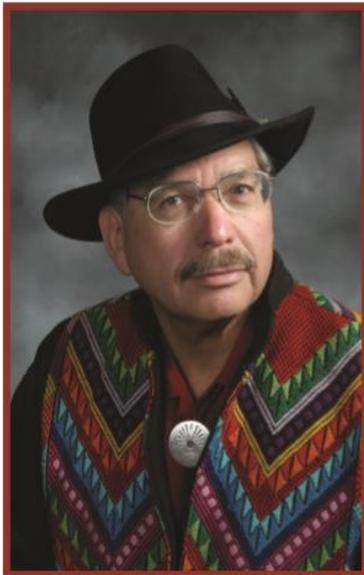
**Costa Mesa – Donald Dungan Library (Adams Room)**

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/no-small-matter-screening-tickets-70548016015>

If you have any questions, contact [info@earlychildhoodoc.org](mailto:info@earlychildhoodoc.org).





Victor Villaseñor is a critically acclaimed local, Southern California author and public speaker. Nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, he is best known for the national bestselling books *Rain of Gold*, *Burro Genius*, and *Crazy Loco Love*.

His public speaking and lectures offer candid perspectives on cultural heritage, discrimination, and overcoming adversity.

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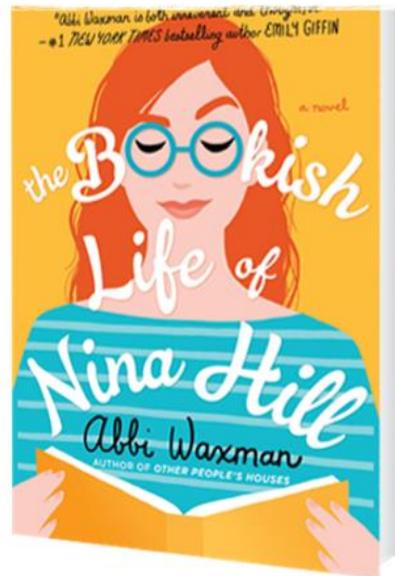
#### ACTIVITIES

10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Mobile Recreation Van, Entertainment and Snacks

10:30 a.m. -12 p.m. | Author Talk

12-1 p.m. | Book Signing in Adams Room

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**MEET THE AUTHOR**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**  
**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

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*Book Signing: Books available for purchase from Lido Village Books*

In her first two novels, *The Garden of Small Beginnings* (2017) and *Other People's Houses* (2018), Abbi Waxman tackled widowhood, grief, and infidelity with wicked honesty and irrepressible humor. Both novels were indie bookseller darlings, filled with endearing characters that felt plucked from real life. In her third novel, Waxman returns to the suburbs of Los Angeles—this time to tackle themes of isolation and connection through the eyes of a confirmed introvert: a young bookseller whose carefully plotted life is about to go way off-script. Set in a bookstore based on the real-life Larchmont shop, Chevalier's, **THE BOOKISH LIFE OF NINA HILL** (Berkley Trade Paperback Original; July 9, 2019) boasts a narrator that promises to be Abbi's most relatable and beloved character yet.

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