



*Friends of the Lakewood Libraries*

# NEWSLETTER

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## Join Our Community! Celebrate & Volunteer!



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## Presidential News

Watch your mail for an invitation, and check our web page for exciting announcements: <http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/>

In case you haven't heard, here's news from the Lakewood City website: "At the Jan. 14 meeting, group members learned that the city has decided to not hold the Civic Center Block Party," (including the Taste of Lakewood) "this summer. The cost of the Block Party, including its professional fireworks show, is \$125,000. The city will review the decision on the Block Party next year, including whether to redesign the event in a way that is less costly." Very soon we will be revealing ways you can participate in a very special "event" to help us replace income we have been earning from the Taste of Lakewood. We hope you can join us!

Until then, here's a short statistical review of our 2018 accomplishments: Our major annual event, the Taste of Lakewood, is an integral part of the City Block Party. In addition to our very faithful sponsor, Foggia Italian Market & Deli, it involved seventeen returning vendors and three new ones. Because several of them increased the percentage they donated to us, our bottom line improved. The total income was \$40,311.30. After expenses, the libraries each received \$15,535.80! That is a lot of money for literacy material and activities for our city. The statistics regarding our volunteers is also impressive; On just the day of the event and counting of vendors' tickets the following day, 94 volunteers worked 413.5 hours! We are thankful to all who participated!

Our Bookstore has increased the number of hours per week it is open and therefore the number of volunteers evolved to mostly two-hour shifts. They are supported by additional behind-the scenes workers who select the donated books and magazines and use them to stock the shelves and special carts. Their sales produced over \$15,000! We have previously reported on our Spring and Fall book Sales, so we'll just include here that their bottom line was over \$6,000!

In closing, I want to repeat that we are grateful for your support and appreciate the expressions of thanks we receive from you and the staff members of the libraries. We definitely enjoy ourselves while volunteering and extend a warm invitation to anyone who has even a small amount of time and energy to join us. (How might you do that? Well, there's a place to respond on our web page, you may leave contact information in our Bookstore, or contact me at [zstevens@verizon.net](mailto:zstevens@verizon.net).) I look forward to volunteering with you!

Your very grateful president,

Margene Stevens

# The More You Know...

## Webmaster Dan Wamba's Corner

### **Give the Gift of An Amazon Smile**

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. This is a way of shopping on Amazon and generating charitable donations to worthy causes like Friends of the Lakewood Libraries.

Understand that Amazon Smile is a sister site to Amazon, so if you use an Amazon app on your phone or tablet to shop, you are not in the Smile environment for purposes of generating those donations. So please consider using your web browser with a shortcut to Smile to pursue your shopping action and select FoLL as your beneficiary when you check out.

We will really appreciate getting these donations without cost to any of us customers!

*Take care until next time,*  
Dan Wamba  
FoLL Volunteer Webmaster



Brought to you by the Friends of the  
Lakewood Libraries (FoLL)  
**2019 FAMILY READING FESTIVAL**



Remember how you enjoyed the touch tanks at the aquarium? You are going to **LOVE** our Family Reading Festival at the Nye Library!  
*-Bring the family-*

Look for the mobile tide pool truck from the Aquarium of the Pacific at the Family Reading Festival from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 4th

**Lakewood Family Reading Festival at Nye Library**  
→ **Saturday, 5/4/19 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

## Save the Date: Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

[www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org](http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org)



# 2019 Family Reading Festival



Come to Mae Boyar Park, adjacent to  
George Nye, Jr. Library,  
6600 Del Amo Blvd. Lakewood, CA

Look for the mobile tide pool truck from the Aquarium of the Pacific at the Family Reading Festival from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 4th

Reference: <http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/education/yourfieldtrip/aow>

## Current News From Our Libraries...

### Iacoboni Library

Happy new year from Iacoboni Library!

The start of a new year is the perfect time to remind everyone about the wonderful resources the library has available and some of the new programs we'll be offering.

New programs on the horizon include two new book clubs. We are excited to be adding an afternoon session of our current book club for adults and a brand-new book club for older adults and teens who love YA literature called "Forever Young." Book clubs are a wonderful way to interact with members of the community with a common love of books and be exposed to titles and authors you might never have picked up. Copies of the current book club selections are available at the library and meeting times are:

- **Iacoboni Book Club (adults):** The last Monday of the month at 3pm and the last Thursday of the month at 6pm (the same book will be discussed at each meeting)
- **Read This! Book Club (grades 6-9):** Meets the last Thursday of the month at 4pm
- **Forever Young Book Club (older teens and adults):** Meets the last Monday of the month at 5pm

We will continue to have our regular programs for all ages including story times, crochet, and MakMo visits, as well as special programming throughout the year.

Don't forget - you don't even need to leave your home to use the library! We have a wealth of resources on our website including online classes, genealogy resources, ebooks, magazines, streaming movies, and music. Don't forget the library has a new web address: [lacountylibrary.org](http://lacountylibrary.org)

For more information about our programming throughout the year, please visit our website at [lacountylibrary.org/angelo-m-iacoboni-library/](http://lacountylibrary.org/angelo-m-iacoboni-library/), our Facebook page, or come and visit us in person – we'd love to see you here!

Sarah Comfort  
Community Library Manager

### News from Nye

Well, we're starting out 2019 with a bang! On Fri. Jan. 18 at 4:00 pm, we had Susana Elena come to the library and present a Spanish Flamenco Dance Program. This was the first time that flamenco has come to George Nye Library and we were very excited! If you missed it, we hope to see you at the next educational family event!

Some of the other programs this spring include:

- Glass Fusion Bookmark Art Experience
- Get Safe Bullying Prevention Program for both parents and children
- Animal presentation

Our Family Place Parent/Child Workshops begin again this January, as do our Smarty Pants Storytimes. As you can see, we are very busy but happy to be bringing lots of interesting programs to our community!

Perhaps the biggest news is that the Long Beach Aquarium is coming to Lakewood! On Saturday, May 4th from 11am-1pm, the Long Beach Aquarium will be bringing their mobile tide pool truck to the Family Reading Festival. The children will get to experience the sea creatures in their natural habitat and it will be a wonderful experience for all! Thanks to the Friends for all the years of supporting the Family Reading Festival! This year's event promises to be even bigger and better! We're very much looking forward to it and once again thank you for all your support!

Please come on into the library and say "Hi!" We always like visits from our Friends!

Carol Burke  
Community Library Manager

### FoLL Weblinks

- Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLakewoodLibraries/>
- Website: <http://www.lakewoodlibraryfriends.org/>

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## **Teen Reader**

Reading takes me into a world where imagination is possible. It's like unlimited. It can be anything. If you read, you can imagine yourself in it. I like to read adventure and mystery because I'm always ready for what's going to happen next and I like to be suspenseful. Before anything happens, I stop and think and suspect if a person did it or another person. It's like clues and that makes it fun and exciting. I also like reading old comic strips, like "FoxTrot." I got a copy at one of the FOLL book sales because my mom recommended it to me. I can see myself in the characters, especially the older brother who plays sports. And it's funny too! My advice for others teens is to read more, unplug from the phones for a while and visit the library!

Roan Gutierrez  
Teen Volunteer

## **Board of Directors**

Margene Stevens  
Tess Croft  
Christina Littrell  
Winnie Heiss

## **Board of Directors Meetings**

All Board Meetings will be held  
at 6 p.m. in the Community Room  
at Iacoboni Library.

Visitors ALWAYS Welcome!