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Check the library website and the Downey Patriot for weekly information regarding ongoing library programs.

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Board meetings are at 10:00 a.m. on the second Friday of the month in the library Cormack Room.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our winter raffle of an Amazon Black Fire HD 10 tablet was a big success thanks to the many friends and library patrons who purchased tickets. Look for future raffles in the future!



President Virginia Yoshiyama presents the tablet to raffle winner, Maricela Perez. Granddaughter, Camilla, seems interested in it, too!

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that due to increased printing costs we can no longer send our newsletter to those who do not have a current membership. We recently held our yearly membership/renewal drive and are pleased that so many responded so quickly. Please see our current membership list on P.7. If you think there is an error, contact our membership director at the email provided. If you still need to renew, please use the form on the back page. Thank you!



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"What refuge is there for the victim who is possessed with the feeling that there are a thousand new books he ought to read, while life is only long enough for him to read a hundred?"

-Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

From Our Bookstore Director, Ramie Johnson



Hello Friends,

As the cold winter days begin to fade away and the warmth of the sun begins to work its magic, we are delighted to see an increase in patrons visiting our bookstore and library. We rely on your patronage, which contributes to our significant financial support of library programs and services. There is always something new in the bookstore; whether it's a special sale, a collection of books in a particular genre that we're highlighting, an eclectic collection from a single donation, a rare set in a series, and the list goes on. Of course, I can't forget to mention my utmost and all-time favorite bookstore event, which is our periodic book giveaways, where, as the name implies, all books are

free to our patrons. Imagine that! Free books!! Thinking back to when I was raising my three daughters while working as a litigation legal secretary, I have so many memories of treating myself to a weekend night out at Borders, Crown Books, Waldenbooks, and Barnes & Noble where I would make a beeline to the bargain table and gaze lovingly at the treasures, painstakingly taking my time to select the one or two books that would fit in my budget. Now, years later, I find tremendous joy and personal fulfillment in holding my book giveaways where so many people have the opportunity to enjoy selecting books free of charge and, more importantly, being a part of such a magical event.

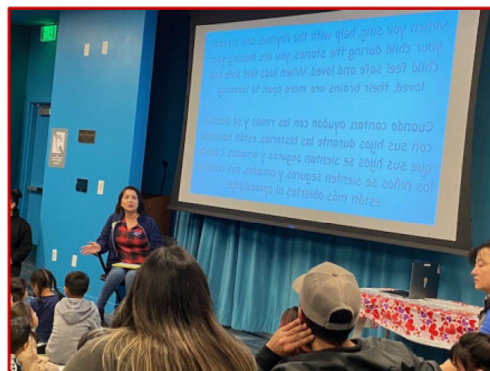
Continuing in this vein, I'm happy to report I made a donation of approximately 50 books to Positive Steps, a local residential treatment center for men. Also, I made a donation of approximately 300 children's, youth and young adult books to Father-Con, a local organization whose mission statement is to "inspire, inform, and equip men to be the best they can be for themselves, their families and their communities."

In closing, I'd like to request a little help with our monthly silent auction of books. Please, Friends, spread the word and consider supporting this fundraiser. Each month we feature eight specially curated items, which are set forth in detail in our newsletter and on our website. The books are kept on display in the glass cabinets of our bookstore, and bids are accepted by phone (562-299-6790) and in person until noon of the auction closing date, which is the last Saturday of each month.

As always, thank you for your continued support. You help make our mission a success! Hope to see you in the bookstore soon! Happy Reading!

Family Night at the Library

Thanks to the Downey Assisteens who donated and gave out books and activity packets to participants at this last event.



Restaurant Fundraiser – March 20, 2024

Bring your family and friends and join us for our bi-monthly restaurant fundraiser in March at the California Fish Grill in the Downey Promenade.

The Fish Grill serves fried and charbroiled seafood plus chicken and fish tacos, beer and wine. They also have vegetarian dishes! **Just bring the flyer on this page and be sure to give it to the cashier when you order to have your purchase count toward the restaurant's donation.**

Notice that if you order online or at one of the kiosks in the restaurant, you must use the code **FUND2024** to acknowledge your purchase is in support of the Friends and the Downey Library.



CALIFORNIA FISH GRILL IS PROUD TO SUPPORT

Friends of the Downey City Library

Wednesday, March 20, 2pm-8pm at
8990 Apollo Way, Downey, CA 90242

California Fish Grill will **donate 25% of sales** from this event back to the organization. Simply present this flyer or mention the organization upon ordering. **If placing an order online or via kiosk, please use code: FUND2024**

SCAN TO VIEW MENU



A BETTER WAY TO *Seafood*

Meet Our Volunteers!



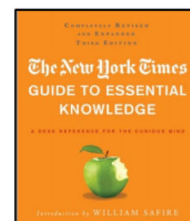
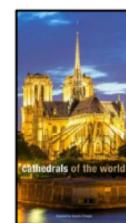
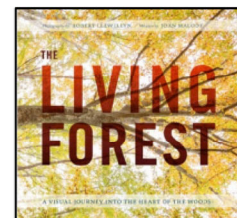
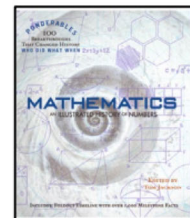
Diane Garcia grew up in Inglewood, attended catholic schools there and visited the County Library in Lynwood. Like most kids, bike riding and roller skating filled much of her leisure time. She was also a Girl Scout, remained involved when her daughter became one, and continues to be involved with scouting today. She worked for some time in Sears' corporate offices and eventually with the El Rancho School District in Pico Rivera, handling bookkeeping tasks and also serving as Assistant Food Services Director. Because she never moved far from Inglewood, she is fortunate to still have connections with many of her friends from elementary school. She and her husband, Tim, enjoyed a honeymoon in

Hawaii and, as "train buffs," have enjoyed train trips around the western U.S. They frequently made trips back to Sleepy Eye, MN, where her parents grew up and relatives still live. Sleepy Eye may ring a bell with you Little House on the Prairie readers! At a young age, she and some girlfriends took a memorable 21-day 7-country tour in Europe. Those were exciting times with great memories. Her daughter met her husband while both worked for Miss Claudia at the Downey Library years ago, and acknowledged that with a unique "library themed" wedding, including a special table for library personnel. Nowadays, Diane spends time attending school events and games for her three grandchildren, supporting her church women's groups, the Girl Scouts, and working in our Friends bookstore. She and her husband are great supporters of our bi-monthly restaurant fundraisers, which we deeply appreciate!

Silent Auction Items - March 2024

Closes: Saturday, March 30th at 12:00 p.m.

1. *The Selected Works of Samuel Beckett*, edited by Paul Auster. Few works of contemporary literature are so universally acclaimed for their expression of the human condition as Samuel Beckett's. This 4-volume boxed set includes the enduring canon of Beckett's work: novels, dramatic works, stories, novellas, poems, and criticism. **Minimum bid: \$25.00**
2. *Mathematics: An Illustrated History of Numbers*, edited by Tom Jackson. Here is the essential guide to mathematics, an authoritative reference book and timeline that explores the work of history's greatest mathematicians. Includes an updated removable fold-out timeline which traces the history of mathematics from the very beginning. Features some of the greatest mathematical enigmas and interesting facts about the world of numbers. **Minimum bid: \$10.00**
3. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Classics Reimagined series)*, by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Andrea D'Aquino. Enjoy this classic as you've never seen it before. This modern, illustrative interpretation of this classic tale follows Alice on her fanciful journey down the rabbit hole. The lush, multi-faceted images breathe new life into this classic novel, making it a collectible for readers and art lovers everywhere. **Minimum bid: \$12.00**
4. *The Vietnam War: An Intimate History*, by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns. This unique tour de force – filled with rare photographs, illuminating guest essays, and unforgettable firsthand accounts – will reshape your understanding of the Vietnam War, and of war itself. **Minimum bid: \$14.00**
5. *The Living Forest: A Visual Journey Into the Heart of the Woods*, by Robert Llewellyn and Joan Maloof. Through lyrical essays and arresting imagery, this book brings to some of nature's most remarkable feats: the interrelationships that make each forest a living, breathing whole. **Minimum bid: \$10.00**
6. *Through the Eyes of the Vikings: An Aerial Vision of Arctic Lands*, by Robert B. Haas. Breathtaking photographs and literary musings convincingly demonstrate that though human activities have wrought this primitive landscape more fragile than ever before, the utter fascination that it involves remains intact. **Minimum bid: \$12.00**
7. *Cathedrals of World*, by Graziella Leyla Ciagà. A valuable resource for architecture students, travelers, and anyone interested in religious heritage, this book takes an exciting journey through Christianity by way of its most impressive architectural creations, immersing the reader in an evocative panorama of Christianity. **Minimum bid: \$10.00**
8. *The New York Times Guide to Essential Knowledge: A Desk Reference for the Curious Mind*. An indispensable resource, this book offers in-depth explorations of many subjects. A must-have universal reference book! **Minimum bid: \$15.00**



Donations and Membership



We would like to thank the following Friends for their generous donations received since our last newsletter.

*Charlotte Atkinson • Miriam Chai • Michiele D'Angelo • Irma Day • Creszentia Devereux
Bertha Dorazio • Joyce Doyle • Judy Faust • Gustafson Family • Rose Latimer • Beverly Marshall
Sherry & Raul Martin • Cynthia Metzler • Albert Novak • Saldana Family • Nora Szechy*

We continue to receive ongoing donations from **Ralph's Markets** thanks to your participation in their *Community Contributions Program*.



Note: If you shop at **Ralph's** and would like to help out the Friends, simply register your store card with them and designate the Friends as your choice for donations. www.ralphs.com/i/community-contribution-program or call 800-443-4438 and use our organization code LI 697.



FODCL Membership Application

I would like to sign up for:

Date: 2024

- Student Membership (\$5.00)
- Individual Membership (\$15.00)
- Family Membership (\$25.00)
- Business Membership (\$75.00)
- Life Membership (\$500.00)

Please check one:

- New Member
- Renewing Member
- I would like to donate: \$ _____
- I would like to volunteer my time

NAME (please print)			
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE#

Please indicate how you would like to receive your bi-monthly newsletter:

- Hard Copy Only Completely Digital Hard Copy & Digital

E-MAIL: _____

Dues can be mailed to the Friends of the Downey Library at 11121 Brookshire Ave. Downey, CA 90241

For Office Use Only

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Thank You for Renewing Your 2024 Membership!

Your continued support of the Friends through your membership is gratefully appreciated. If you do not see your name on the list below, but believe you have renewed, please leave a message for our Membership Director, Daisy Arce-Camacho, at daisyfodcl@gmail.com. If you have not renewed yet, please consider doing so. Clip the form on the back of the newsletter and mail your renewal to the address listed. Thank you in advance!

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Linda Ballard

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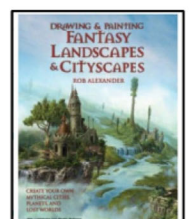
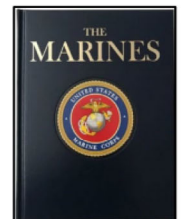
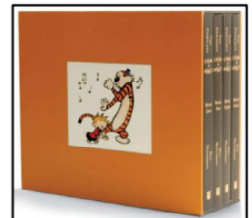
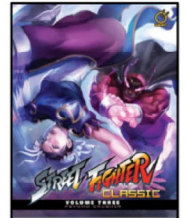
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Silent Auction Items - April 2024

Closes: Saturday, April 27th at 12:00 p.m.

1. *Celtic Oracle Book and Cards: Use Ancient Folklore to Foretell the Future*, by Gerry Maguire Thompson. Druids collected ancient lore on stars and constellations, rocks and stones, trees and plants, birds and beasts, and used this knowledge to rule their lives and to divine the future. Contains an illustrated book and 36 beautifully designed cards featuring trees and animals held sacred by the Celts. **Minimum bid: \$18.00**
2. *Street Fighter Classic Volume 3: Psycho Crusher*, by Ken Siu-Chong; Illustrated by Jeffrey Chamba and Corey Lewis. Presenting UDON's classic Street Fighter comics in a gorgeous, oversized hardcover. It's all the pulse-pounding martial arts action of the ultimate fighting game experience, presented through spectacular anime-influenced artwork! **Minimum bid: \$30.00**
3. *The Complete Calvin and Hobbes [Box Set]*, by Bill Watterson. The entire body of *Calvin and Hobbes* cartoons published in a truly noteworthy tribute. Composed of four paperback color volumes in a sturdy slipcase, featuring all the cartoons in this series that ever appeared in syndication. **Minimum bid: \$60.00**
4. *Sotheby's The Barry Halper Collection of Baseball Memorabilia Boxed Set*. This deluxe set of three volumes in a slipcase includes more than a thousand photos of baseball memorabilia sold at Sotheby's. The finest, rarest mementos from every era of baseball are individually described with a wealth of anecdotes and historical information. **Minimum bid: \$35.00**
5. *The Marines*, by Chris McNab. The United States Marine Corps is responsible for conducting expeditionary and amphibious operations through combined arms, implementing its own infantry, artillery, aerial, and special operations forces. This oversized book with padded cover makes a wonderful gift! **Minimum bid: \$15.00**
6. *Curse of Strahd: Revamped Premium Edition (Dungeons & Dragons Boxed Set)*. Bury yourself in Gothic Horror in this premium edition boxed set adventure for the world's greatest roleplaying game. This set splits the adventure into three parts: a softcover D&D adventure book with updated content, a Creatures of Horror booklet detailing monsters and NPCs appearing in the adventure, and a Tarokka Deck booklet. **Minimum bid: \$65.00**
7. *Dungeons & Dragons Core Rulebooks Gift Set*. Special foil covers edition with slipcase, *Player's Handbook*, *Dungeon Master's Guide*, *Monster Manual*, and DM screen. The absolute perfect gift for the Dungeons & Dragons fans in your life or as a treat for yourself. **Minimum bid: \$80.00**
8. *Drawing & Painting Fantasy Landscapes & Cityscapes*, by Rob Alexander. Interested in graphic novels and comic book illustration? Here is guidance and inspiration to draw and paint landscapes that evoke myths, legends, lost empires, dramatic dreamscapes, and more. Easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step illustrations demonstrate techniques for rendering a wide range of fantasy features. A must-have universal reference book! **Minimum bid: \$15.00**



Some of Our Library Children's Programs



Bilingual Story Time Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

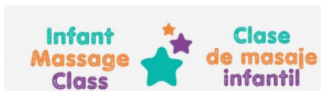
Children learned about
the Chinese New Year.



Family crafts for the Lunar New Year

New Children's Programs

Visit <https://www.downeylibrary.org/childrens> for more information



Join Ms. Coco Pacheco, our Children's Librarian, at the Library for our special infant massage program! Studies have shown that infant massages help support the health and well-being of babies and parents, as well as stimulate all the senses of both the baby and parents to promote bonding. This 5-week program will help parents learn massaging techniques they can incorporate into their daily routines. Parents will learn and build on different strokes and pressure methods for their baby, gain insights into their baby's body language, and will provide parents an opportunity to discuss relevant parent topics, ask questions, share experiences and get support from others.

Babies have a lot to say even before they can actually speak. With the Sign, Say & Play program, babies and toddlers will learn to communicate using simple, easy-to-learn signs – what they see, what they need and even how they feel. The program will help both adult caregivers and children as children learn how to communicate their needs, wants, and interests. This is a 12-week program, meeting once per week. Pre-registration is required.

