



Downey City Library
11121 Brookshire Ave.
Downey, CA 90241

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

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

www.downeylibrary.org

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

From Our Board President, Virginia Yoshiyama



Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you, your family and your friends staying well. We have several things to share with you in this newsletter.

First, and coming up soon, is our bi-monthly restaurant fundraiser, and this month it is at The Black Bear Diner on Wednesday, September 15th. This is one of the easiest ways for you to help us support the library. Bring your family or come with friends and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner and they will make a special donation to the Friends. The flyer for this one-day only event is on P.3 of our newsletter and must be brought with you and given to your server (or if you're sufficiently techy, take a picture of it and show them that). If ordering take-out, let them know you are supporting the fundraiser and give them the 9-digit code at the bottom of the flyer. Use the code if you are ordering online, too.

Next, I want to remind you that we are still making Dewey Lil' Libraries. We have five now installed in the front yards of homes around the city. On P.7 we are recognizing those five wonderful residents who love books and are sharing them with their neighbors. "Take One - Leave One!" If you are interested in sponsoring one in your yard or would like more information, contact us at friendsofthedowneylibrary@gmail.com.



GRAND OPENING! Yes, the library is open allowing enough participation that a Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 23. Lots of activities are planned and the Friends will be there, too, raffling off a TV and highlighting our bookstore. Bring the family and enjoy the fun!

Then, on Saturday, October 30th, the city is sponsoring Dia de los Muertos. This is a big event in Downey with lots of music, food trucks, and family activities. People come from neighboring communities and the Friends will be there, too, raffling off another TV and offering discounted books for sale.



The Friends have traditionally held their Marketplace fundraiser early in November. It is our biggest and most attended fundraiser. We had to cancel last year due to COVID and this year, too, due to a lack of preparation time...but we are going to sponsor a Marketplace of Ideas! We encourage you to start thinking about ideas for adult and children's book talks, fundraising, things you'd like to see in the Summer Reading Program, bookstore offerings, and what additional things you'd like to see in our library that we can help provide. Look for more details on this in our next newsletter.

Please enjoy the next months, be kind to your neighbors, and visit your library!

“Reading is one of my favorite pastimes. It helped instill in me a sense of the wonder, the humor, and the spirit of life.”

—Janet Reno, Former Attorney General of the United States

A Message from Our Bookstore Director



Hello, Friends!

Now that our bookstore has been up and running since June, we've had a chance to nicely settle in to our new open-design store location. A warm and heartfelt "thank you!" goes out to our volunteers who donate their time in staffing our store and welcoming the public Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. As most of you recall, our former store was open until 7:00 p.m. during the week, and we look forward to resuming those hours once the library extends its hours.

Thank you for your continued patronage; every sale counts towards our support of the library's programs and services for our community. Next time you visit our bookstore to browse our wide collection of books at deeply discounted prices, I'd love to meet you! Most days I can be found sorting through our donations, restocking the store, or just saying hello and catching up with our volunteers. See you soon!

Kind Regards,

Ramie Johnson

Bookstore Director

IT'S AN AFTERNOON PHANTOM TEA



Soon you will be receiving our *non-event* invitation to an Afternoon Phantom Tea in celebration of the Grand Opening of the Downey Library this October. Our yearly *non-event* invitations are fundraisers and we hope you find it a unique way to ask for your financial support. As with our past invitations, you don't actually go anywhere. There is no need to dress up, arrange for someone to look after the kids or your pets, or fight traffic to actually attend an event. Rather, enjoy your favorite tea and cookies at home and think about the good your donation will do for our library.

Look for your invitation in the mail and know that your support of our library makes a difference in our community.



Restaurant Fundraiser

Black Bear Diner

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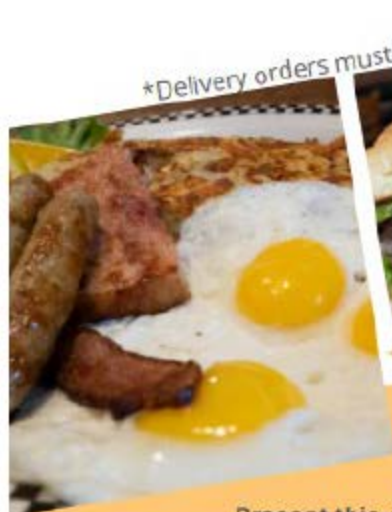
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Downey City Library
Wednesday, September 15

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*Delivery orders must be placed through BlackBearDiner.com.



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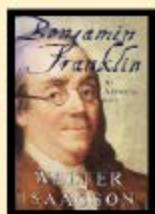
Present this code at the diner or enter the 9-digit number online at BlackBearDiner.com to credit 20% of your food order to this organization.

Silent Auction –September 2021

Friends of the Downey City Library



The Books of Earthsea, Complete Illustr. Collection,
Ursula K. Le Guin
Min Bid: \$23.00



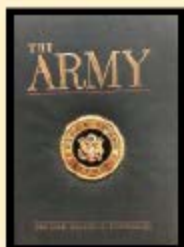
Benjamin Franklin, An American Life,
Walter Isaacson
Min Bid: \$10.00



Talk to Me, Jesus, Marie Chapain;
Jesus Today, Sarah Young
Min Bid: \$14.00



Frida Kahlo: The Metamorphosis of the Image,
Nadia U. Gomez,
Juan Rafael Rivera
Min Bid: \$15.00



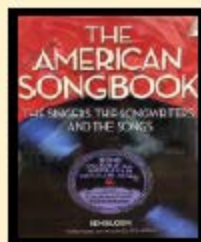
The Army, Editor:
Brigadier General
Harold Nelson
Min Bid: \$30.00



The Golden Age of DC Comics,
Paul Levitz
Min Bid: \$12.00



The Bronze Age of DC Comics,
Paul Levitz
Min Bid: \$15.00



The American Songbook, The Singers, Songwriters & The Songs,
Ken Bloom
Min Bid: \$10.00

Auction Bids Close at
12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25th



Silent Auction – October 2021

Friends of the Downey City Library



P.T. Barnum, America's Greatest Showman, Philip B. Kunhardt, Jr., et. al.
Min Bid: \$8.00



Speaking American, How Y'All, Youse, and You Guys Talk, Josh Katz
Min Bid: \$6.00



Dracula, Bram Stoker
Min Bid: \$8.00



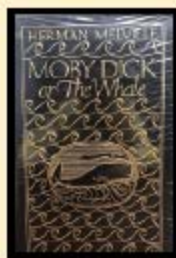
The Complete Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Min Bid: \$15.00



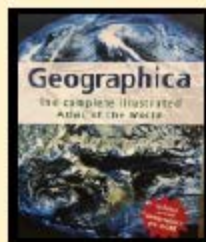
The American Heritage Chronicle of the Great Wars, American Heritage & Bonanza Books
Min Bid: \$15.00



The Who's Tommy: The Musical, Pete Townshend
Min Bid: \$8.00



Moby-Dick, Herman Melville
Min Bid: \$12.00



Geographica, The Complete Illustrated Atlas of the World, Philippa Sandall
Min Bid: \$10.00

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Visit www.downeylibrary.org to see everything the library has to offer.

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Rosetta Stone

As multicultural communities expand, interest in language learning increases. Language programs promote inclusive participation and strengthen community connections. Rosetta Stone meets this growing need, helping learners engage with confidence in multilingual settings.



LinkedIn Learning (Formerly Lynda.com) provides an extensive library of training videos on almost any program imaginable, including business software like Microsoft Office and design applications such as Adobe's Creative Suite. Downey City Library offers patrons unlimited access to over 100,000 high-quality, current, and engaging video tutorials from over 13,000 of LinkedIn Learning's courses taught by recognized industry experts in seven languages.



Dewey Lil' Libraries



Irma is always ready to support efforts to make Downey an even more family friendly city, so it was no surprise that she and her husband agreed to set up one of our Dewey Lil' Libraries. She also serves on the Downey Library Advisory Board and is an active supporter of the Friends. Thank you, Irma, for all the volunteer work you provide to the Downey community!



Cindy and her two daughters have just returned from piano practice. They keep a bin next to the post so that the many visitors and donors to their Dewey Lil' Library on Pangborn can help keep the books rotated. Thank you, Cindy, for cleaning and sorting all your donations!

Vivian is recovering from knee surgery and missed getting in this picture. Her Dewey Lil' Library is located on Marbel Avenue, a little windy street just east of Lakewood Blvd. There is a little birdbath in the background that shares space with many of her animal statues. An avid reader herself, Vivian keeps her library very full for young children and adults!



You may have read about Alicia and her husband in the February 4, 2021 edition of the Downey PATRIOT newspaper. She is co-author of "To Hobbyville We Go!", a quaint children's book they recently published. Their Dewey Lil' Library is planted in their front yard on Lyndora. We thank them for their support of the Friends and wish them much success with their children's book!



That's Daisy next to her Dewey Lil' Library. Her handy husband secured it in their low maintenance, water-wise front yard on Vista del Rosa. She has also created a separate adult, take-one-leave-one, bookcase on her porch so the Lil' Library is full of children's books!





Supporting the Friends

Recent Generous Donations



We would like to thank the following Friends for their generous donations to the Friends and/or Downey City Library, received since our last newsletter. They include all donations received with membership renewals, donations in memory of family/special friends, and our summer non-event donations. As is our policy, we acknowledge all donations of \$25.00 or more in our Friends newsletter. Thank you to

Stan Ellis • Wanda Iacovetti • Sue Kline



*Ongoing donations from Amazon and Ralphs thanks to your participation
in their Community Contribution Programs*



*A special thank you to the Downey Lions Club for their generous donation and to
Lazy Dog Restaurant for allowing our restaurant fundraiser in July.*



FODCL Membership Application

Membership Year: 2021

Please Check One:

- Student\$5.00
- Individual \$15.00
- Family \$25.00
- Business/Organization .. \$75.00
- Life Membership \$500.00

Please Check One:

- New Member
- Renewal
- Donation
- I would like to help

Enclosed is my membership in the amount of \$ _____ and/or my donation of \$ _____

Check here if you would like to receive your FODCL newsletter and special event notices via email.

NAME (please print)

ADDRESS

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E-MAIL

Join us by mailing your completed application and member dues to
Friends of the Downey City Library 11121 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241

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