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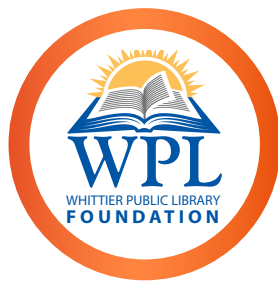
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# News

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## *Booktoberfest 2021*

For seven years in spite of flood, fire, or pandemic the Whittier Public Library Foundation has presented an evening of Celebration with Beer and Books.

**Booktoberfest** is more than an evening of great beer and great food, it has become a symbol of the importance of our public libraries and the patrons we serve.

This year on October 7th the Whittier Public Library Foundation will present **Booktoberfest 2021**. Tickets are now available for this “hybrid” version at [whittierplf.org](http://whittierplf.org). Foundation board members and other volunteers will be onsite at the Whittwood Branch Library for food and beer pickup. The hours for pickup are 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. on October 7th. Our silent auction items will be available starting Monday, October 4th for bidding.

At 7:30p.m. the online video presentation will begin. We will have words of encouragement from State Senator Bob Archuleta, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and Mayor Joe Vinatieri. In addition, our partner restaurants will tell you about the food and the pairing of the beers and our Library Director will share an update on the renovation of the Central Library.



Sponsorships for Booktoberfest are available. Sponsorship donations of \$500 or more will receive two free tickets. We are also accepting donations for the virtual silent auction. For more information, please contact the library at 562-567-9922 or check out the website at [whittierplf.org/booktoberfest](http://whittierplf.org/booktoberfest).

My encouragement to you, “break out the lederhosen, put on your trachten hat, tie the sash around your dirndl, lift your glass and say – *Prost!* as you do the *Der Ententanz* (Dance Little Bird, Chicken Dance.)” Join us as we celebrate the hard work and the soon to be harvest of a remodeled Central Library. Net proceeds from this event will be applied to the Renovation Campaign.

**Bruce A. Lazenby**

*Booktoberfest Committee Chairman*

## Central Library Update

Some of you have been wondering about the status of our Central Library's long-awaited modernization and renovation to our beloved Central Library. Yes, the library is currently closed for the renovation and modernization, and construction is currently underway. Our Director of Library Services, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, is working closely with our City Manager, Brian Saeki and the Construction Management firm for a projected time-line completion in Spring 2022 at a cost of approximately \$17,000,000.

The recent community-wide July matching fund fundraiser far exceeded our expectations. A huge "Thank you" goes out to our Whittier library supporters including those donors who will be recognized on our Donor Wall.

A thank you also goes out to our many community organizations who have given to our renovation campaign. Recent contributors include the *Assistance League of Whittier*; *BPO Elks #158*; *John Greenleaf Whittier Daughters of the American Revolution*; *East Whittier*

*Lions Club*, *Friendly Hills Woman's Club*; *Friends of the Whittier Public Library*; *Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club*; *Rotary Club of Whittier Foundation*; *Uptown Whittier Improvement Association*; *Whittier Conservancy*; *Whittier Republican Women Federated*; *Whittier Regional Symphony*; *Whittier Women's Club*; and *Whittier Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation*.

It is important to keep you up-to-date over the ensuing months as we continue to seek your support with an expanded children's library section, state-of-the-art technology, designated study rooms, a community room with 100+ seating capacity, and a Veteran's Resource Center room just to name a few of the major changes you will find.

For more information on how you can give to the Renovation Campaign please contact 562-567-9922 or email [suesettlage@gmail.com](mailto:suesettlage@gmail.com) or [read@whittierplf.org](mailto:read@whittierplf.org)

**Norm Kirschenbaum**

*President, Whittier Public Library Foundation*

## Matching Funds Update

Terrific, terrific, TERRIFIC, you library supporters really know how to come through! Your donations enabled us to reach our matching funds goal of \$100,000.00! In fact, you went a little over it!

Every day is new gift from one of you. My favorites are; first, the man who was just driving by and saw the construction. He then went online to find out what was happening, and made a donation because he remembered how much his son enjoyed the summer reading program. Second was the woman from San Francisco visiting her father who also remembered her good times at the library and made a donation. My personal favorite because I have known her since her high school days, is a young mother who went off to work in Washington D.C. She has come home to raise her family where she grew up and will have her name on the donor wall as well. It is wonderful so many people have so many great stories about the library and want to pass it on. Thank you! So tell all your friends your personal stories and encourage them to contribute! You can have your name on our donor wall at

the renovated library starting with a gift to the Renovation Campaign of \$500 or more. We are so close to our goal, and soon we will all see and appreciate our wonderful new library.

This month we are putting all our efforts behind our annual **Booktoberfest**, which will benefit the renovation. You have supported many of our programs this year including the "What's Cooking" program with some of our amazing local restaurateurs, and our "Author Series" organized by Diane Corral. Thank you Diane for organizing those authors!

This month, enjoy the online program including the premier of our new video about the renovation. Come pick up your food and drink for Booktoberfest! Tickets and sponsorships are still available on our website at [whittierplf.org/booktoberfest](http://whittierplf.org/booktoberfest).

Drive by and see what is happening to our building, the anticipation is building for the final reveal!

**Sue Settlage**

*Vice President, Fundraising, Chair, Renovation Campaign*

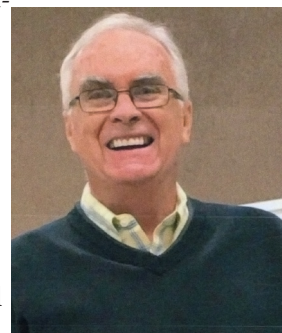
***Check with your financial or tax professional whether you need to make a Required Minimum Distribution this year.***

## In Memory

**Ruth B. Shannon** was born in Tollesboro, Kentucky and passed away at the age of 97 on May 25, 2021. She served on the board and as a trustee at Whittier College and a boardmember at PIH where she had a vital role in the Ruth B. Shannon Maternity Center and "Century Campaign" for the Ed L. Shannon Tower to honor her husband. She served at the Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda and the Huntington Library in San Marino and as a trustee at the Autry Museum. Ruth was honored as the California Legislature's Women of the Year for the 60th Assembly District in 2000. She was active in the East Whittier Women's Club, the Assistance League of Whittier and the PEO. She helped establish the Whittier First Day Coalition. Ruth B. Shannon was one of the founding board members of the Whittier Public Library Foundation since 1999. Her contributions to our board and community have been insightful and lasting. Thank you for everything, Ruth!



The Whittier Public Library Foundation is saddened to hear about the passing of **Doug Halliday**, active board member and supporter of our foundation on August 18 at the age of 77. Doug served the Whittier community in a variety of roles which included being an active member of Saint Matthias Episcopal Church and Vestry. He also served as a Commissioner for several terms on the Whittier City Parking and Traffic Commission. Doug was also active in serving on the Whittier Public Library Veterans Resource Center as one of our original volunteer Veterans Counselors. In more recent years Doug joined the Whittier Host Lions and was active with the various community fundraising events for high school scholarships and free eye exams. Doug and his wife Susan have been major donors and supporters of our Whittier Public Library Foundation and the Whittier Boys and Girls Club. Doug also was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. We are grateful for his service to our country and community. We will miss him.



## Extended Hours

Whittwood Branch Library located at 10537 Santa Gertrudes is now open with extended hours!

**Hours are as follows:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — 10:00 am to 8:00 pm**

**Thursday, Friday — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Saturday — 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Hours for passport services have been extended. Sign up at [www.whittierlibrary.org/services/passport-services](http://www.whittierlibrary.org/services/passport-services).

The Veterans Resource Center at Branch Library is now staffed **every Wednesday from 10:00 to noon**.

For information on upcoming programming please visit [whittierlibrary.org/events](http://whittierlibrary.org/events).

## Upcoming Fall Programs

- **Teen "Take and Make" craft kits while supplies last**  
*Ceramic Owl* 9/20 through 9/25  
*Manga Magnets* 9/27 through 10/2
- **Children's "DIY" craft kits while supplies last**  
*Marshmallow Engineering* — Starting 9/13
- **Adult CrafterHours - Potato Stamped Tea Towel Craft**  
Pick up in front of Whittier City Hall on Thursday, September 16th at 5:00 to 6:00 pm
- **Outdoor Storytime at Leffingwell Park**  
September 16 at 11:30 am
- **Outdoor Storytime at Broadway Park**  
September 30 at 11:30 am
- **Spooky True Crime Zoom** - October 12 at 6:00pm

## Renovation Update



*As of September 2021!  
Join us for Booktober-  
fest in October to get an  
exclusive update on the  
renovation process!*

Right: Interior View  
of the Main Floor, Future Ref-  
erence & Adult Reading Area.

Left: Exterior view of the east  
entrance with the community  
room expansion.





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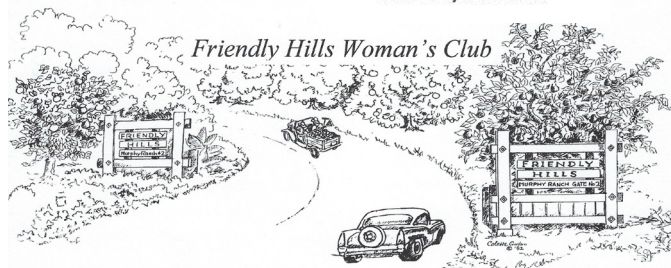
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