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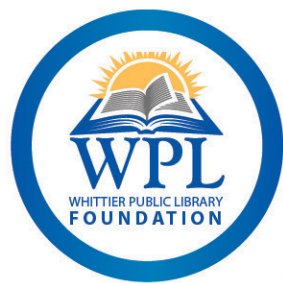
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# WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

# News

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*The Whittier Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce Mary McCarthy as the new president of the Foundation. With a wealth of experience in community service and a passion for literacy and education, Mary will assume the role of president for the next two years. Her leadership is poised to drive our mission forward, enhancing our ability to support and enrich the Whittier Public Library and its programs.*



### ***Thank you, Mike Garabedian, A Tribute to Our Outgoing President***

As we look back on the past two years, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mike Garabedian, whose tenure as President of the Whittier Public Library Foundation has been marked by exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment.

Mike's leadership has been instrumental in advancing our mission to support and enhance Whittier's library services. Under his guidance, we have seen increased participation in the foundation, bolstered fundraising efforts and great enthusiasm for our Whittier Reads program. His vision and passion have inspired us all to strive for excellence and to foster a love for reading and learning within our community.

Beyond his contributions to the foundation, Mike's warm and approachable nature has made him a beloved figure within our organization. His willingness to listen, collaborate and build consensus has strengthened our team.

In the spirit of continuing Mike's legacy, we are thrilled to announce the upcoming Booktoberfest, our annual fundraiser, celebrating its ten-year anniversary! Booktoberfest has become a beloved tradition, bringing together book lovers, community members and supporters of our library for an evening of fun, food and festivities.

This year promises to be our best yet, with great craft beers, locally prepared food, a silent auction and a chance to win three incredible gift card trees. We invite you to join us in supporting this milestone event. Your participation and generosity will directly benefit library programming. Together, we can make this year's Booktoberfest a resounding success. Also, Mike has agreed to don the traditional Bavarian 'lederhosen'. This is worth the price of admission!

Thank you, Mike, for your remarkable service and dedication. We wish you all the best as you complete your Ph.D., and look forward to your continued involvement with the Whittier Public Library Foundation.

See you at the library,

Mary  
*President, Whittier Public Library Foundation*

# Remembering a Founding Member of the Whittier Public Library Foundation and a Friend

Sue Settlage (born Susan Pamela Friedhof) , born in Hammond, Indiana, moved to Whittier, California as a child, where she attended local schools and graduated from Whittier High School in 1962. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science from Cal Poly Pomona and later a Master's Degree in Education from Pepperdine University. Sue began her career as a guidance counselor at Sherman Institute, later becoming a Motor Skills Development Coordinator for Los Angeles City Schools.

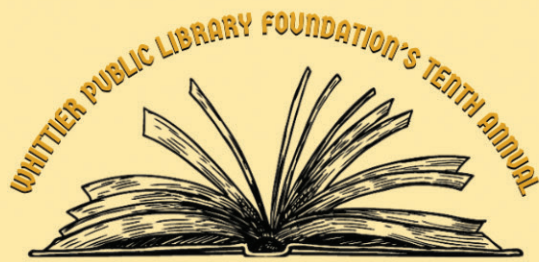
Sue was deeply involved in Greek folk dancing, leading the Olympian Dancers and working with the Avaz international dance and music company. In 1975, she married Robert Settlage, and they returned to Whittier in 1977, where she became a pillar of the community.

A passionate advocate for education and literacy, Sue was particularly dedicated to the Whittier Public Library Foundation, where she played a significant role in supporting the library's mission and programs. She played a significant role as the chair of campaign to raise funds for the renovation and remodeling of the Whittierwood Branch Library and the Whittier Central Library. Her commitment to the community extended beyond the library, with leadership roles in the Whittier Historical Society, National Charity League, and Whittier Cultural Arts Commission, among others.

Sue also volunteered as a docent at LACMA and worked nationally with the Friends Committee on National Legislation. She received numerous awards for her service, including the 33rd Congressional District's "Woman of the Year" in 2002.

Sue is survived by her husband Robert Settlage, their children Rachel Settlage, Chrysanthi Leon, Amanda Settlage, and grandchildren. Donations in her memory can be made to The Whittier Public Library Foundation, The Friends Committee on National Legislation, or Planned Parenthood.





# Booktoberfest

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF WORDS AND FLAVORS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 6:00PM**

**WHITTIER CENTRAL LIBRARY  
7344 WASHINGTON AVE.**

Join us in celebration at **Booktoberfest 10**, a *Celebration of Words and Flavors*. This milestone event to be held at our wonderful Central Library in Uptown Whittier on **October 10th, 2024**, will feature amazing food and drink from local restaurants and breweries, music, games, gift card tree drawings, a silent auction, and the fellowship we've all come to cherish at this annual event. Save the date and check the event website at <https://www.booktoberfest.org> for ticket prices and special VIP packages. We can't wait to celebrate with you at our tenth annual gathering in support of the Whittier Public Library Foundation.



## *Eileen Bigelow Speaker Series:*


Please join us for  
an evening with

# Melissa Villaseñor

**Thursday, November 14  
7:00pm  
Whittier Central Library**

## Fall Programs at the Library


**MEGA-MAKERS**  
LEARN 3D DESIGN FOR 3D PRINTING



**MONDAY  
SEP. 9TH**

**5TH-8TH GRADE  
4:30PM**

**TEENS & ADULTS  
6:00PM**

 **MakerSpace**  
Whittier Public Library

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**THE REEL CLUB**  
a documentary film club  
presents

**Monday,  
September 16**

6PM-CENTRAL LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM


**About the film:**  
The top-selling female artist in the world, Yayoi Kusama overcame impossible odds to bring her radical artistic vision to the world stage. People are experiencing her installation Infinity Mirrored Rooms, as she continues to create new work every day.

Kusama and experts discuss her life and work, from her modest beginnings in Japan to becoming an internationally renowned artist.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP** **SEPTEMBER 18**  
**6:00 PM**

CENTRAL LIBRARY  
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**SEPTEMBER**



**MAD HONEY**  
A NOVEL  
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