

# WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION NEWS

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FALL 2025

Our members are the heart of the Whittier Public Library Foundation. Thanks to your passion and generosity, we continue to grow, support, and serve our library community. This past month, we celebrated two faithful foundation members.

We were deeply honored to celebrate **Yosh Nakamura's 100th birthday**, a cherished member of the Library Foundation family. At 100 years old, Yosh Nakamura stands as a remarkable example of a life well-lived. **A veteran, artist, teacher, and long-time Whittier Public Library Foundation member,**

Yosh has touched generations with his wisdom, creativity, and commitment to service. We were honored to celebrate this incredible milestone with him at the Whittier Central Library. By the way, when you attend our library foundation events, you will see Yosh, front and center.

We remember and honor **Selma Miner**. At 101 years old, Selma was a long-time and devoted member of the Whittier Public Library Foundation and founding member of the Friends of the Library. Her dedication, determination, and unwavering support helped fund the library and strengthen our community. She will be deeply missed.



Mayor Joe Vinatierri and Yosh Nakamura

**Join us at Booktoberfest on October 9th!**

[Booktoberfest.org](http://Booktoberfest.org)



**Booktoberfest** is an annual fundraising event hosted by the Whittier Public Library Foundation and held at the Whittier Central Library. It features food and drink from local restaurants and breweries, live music, games, opportunity drawings, and a silent auction—designed as a fun, community-focused evening to support the library's mission.

See you at **Booktoberfest**. Be sure to don your Bavarian hats and lederhosen!

**Mary McCarthy**, President  
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## 2025 SUMMER READING CLUB

This summer, the Library's **Level Up** Reading Club closed out with a huge game-themed celebration worthy of a high score. With games, popsicles, and even a Level-Up Lounge for the adults, the Whittier Community showed up in droves—thanks in part to the Foundation's support.

**2,511**

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

**14,189**

BOOKS READ



## Books & Shelves:

### *A Library Adventure*

To spread the word, we debuted a whimsical 90-second promo starring Whittier's own Melissa Villaseñor, where puppets braved flying books, giant bookmarks, and scanner snakes in a Jumanji-inspired adventure called "Books & Shelves". Together, we leveled up at the library—and the results were a runaway success!





# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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



**MONDAY  
SEP. 8TH**

**BLENDED SESSION:**  
ADULTS, TEENS, & KIDS (10+)

**5:30 PM**

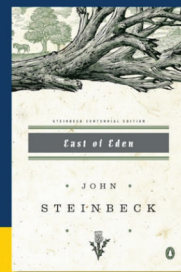
**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
7344 WASHINGTON AVE.

**SIGN-UP AT THE ADULT  
REFERENCE DESK**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
BOOK GROUP** **SEPTEMBER 17**  
**6:00 PM**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
7344 WASHINGTON AVE.  
(562) 567-9900

**SEPTEMBER**



**EAST OF EDEN  
BY JOHN STEINBECK**



## THE REEL CLUB IS BACK!



**Central Library 6PM**  
7344 Washington Ave

**09.18**

**LIVE Q & A  
WITH DIRECTOR**



**JOIN US FOR LOTERÍA AT THE LIBRARY—  
MEXICO'S COLORFUL, BINGO-STYLE GAME OF  
CHANCE - FUN, PRIZES AND LAUGHTER FOR ALL  
AGES!**

**20**

**SEPTEMBER**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY 7344 WASHINGTON AVE 562.567.9900**

## MAKER NIGHT



**THEME:**

**PAPEL PICADO  
Y HOJALATA**  
(MEXICAN TIN ART)

**MONDAY, SEP. 29**  
**5:30 PM-7:30 PM**  
**FOR ADULTS**  
**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
**562-567-9900**

**IN THE  
MakerSpace**  
Whittier Public Library

## KANOPY CLUB

Enjoy a night out at the library  
with a great film and snacks!



**SHOWING:**

**LOVING VINCENT (2017)**

**6:00PM**

**SEPTEMBER 29**

Tickets available at the Reference Desk



**Whittier Branch Library**  
10537 Santa Gertrudes Ave.  
562.567.9950

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025**

**6:00PM**

**WHITTIER CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
7344 WASHINGTON AVE

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**Booktoberfest**

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