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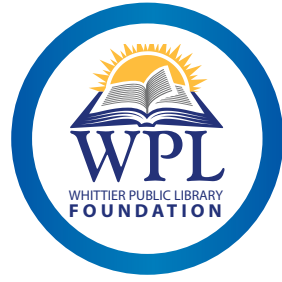
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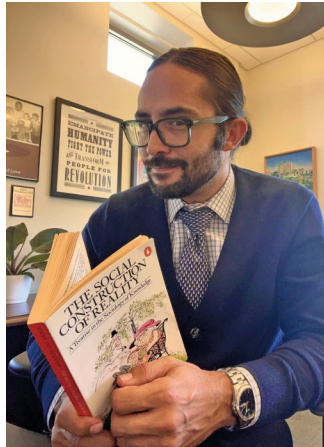
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President's Message

Dear Friends & Members of the Whittier Public Library Foundation,

Autumnal greetings! By now, many of you have no doubt visited the new Central Library. True, *technically* the main library is not exactly new—it's *renovated*—but the building has been transformed for the better so fundamentally that I think you'll agree it is appropriate to use this term. New!

If you *haven't* visited the Central Library, do come by when you can: In some ways it's the same Whittier Public Library you remember, with the same, wonderful staff dedicated to helping you; traditional

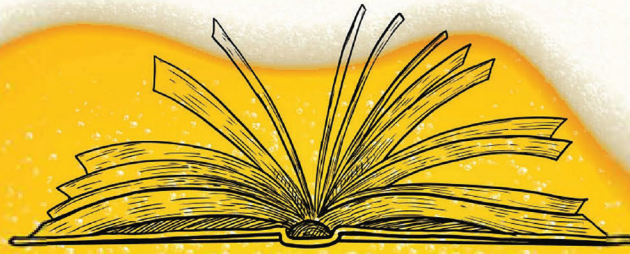
library materials like print books and magazines; great services and resources; and that unmistakable, pleasant hum of people learning, reading, and connecting to information and one another. However, the library's also been updated for the twenty-first century: It's a clean, well-lighted, comfortable, safe, indeed beautiful and new space designed to meet all your information needs!

In this newsletter, I wanted briefly to draw your attention to just one of the excellent services offered at the Library. Of course, November 11 is Veterans Day, so it is a germane time to highlight the *Veterans Resource Center (VRC)*. The VRC has a history at Whittier Public Library that precedes the renovation that was completed last June, but it is now in its own, dedicated office near the Washington entrance of the Library. Staffed by trained, volunteer vets, the VRC is a place for veterans from any military branch—whenever, wherever, and however they may have served—to get help with veteran-related information, including resources, services, and benefits for which they and their families are eligible. The VRC also helps vets with transitioning to civilian life, job searches, education, and housing. For more information, go to whittierlibrary.org/services/veterans-resource-center, send an email to vrc@whittierlibrary.org, or call: (562) 567-9905. And please do share this information with veterans among your friends and family.

The VRC is just one of the many wonderful resources and services at the Whittier Public Library whose purpose is encapsulated in the library's worthy mission to connect people of all ages and backgrounds "to knowledge, to ideas, and to one another." The mission of our Whittier Public Library *Foundation* remains "to help secure and maintain the funding required for the Whittier Public Library to realize [this] mission ... through private and public fundraising." Your membership helps directly in these efforts, as does your generous support of the Foundation via donations and our various fundraising opportunities throughout the year. If it's time to renew your membership, and/or you are interested in making a tax-deductible to the Foundation—especially as the tax year is coming to a close—please visit us online at whittierplf.org, where you can take care of either (or both!) activities entirely online.

As ever, thank you for your attention, and your continued support!

Mike Garabedian
President
Whittier Public Library Foundation



Whittier Public Library Foundation's Eighth Annual

Booktoberfest

The Next Chapter

Thank You, to everyone who participated in our 8th Annual Booktoberfest, The Next Chapter, on October 6, 2022! We made a successful return to an in-person event and sold out the evening. We were delighted to be able to spend a wonderful evening catching up with community friends, City Council Members, and Local Elected Officials supporting our beautifully renovated Library. The evening not only celebrated our Library; but also gave friends an opportunity to enjoy several of our Local Whittier Restaurants and Breweries who partnered and supported our event with their creative dishes and brews. We are thankful to Bizarra Capital, The Chicken Koop, Uptown Provisions, Aunties Bakery and Cafe, The Rusty Monk, California Grill and Crepes and Gapes for their outstanding dishes; and to La Bodega, Brewjeria Co. and Whittier Brewing Co. for their one of kind beers. Our Online Auction was a fun success offering a wide array of items that people could bid on; and Tours of the Library gave attendees the opportunity to experience all it has to offer. We were well supported and grateful for the many sponsors, donors and Whittier Public Library Foundation Board Members who shared their time, talent and treasure to make this a success. The evening proved that we are all part of an amazing community of people who come together for one another in celebration and fellowship. Booktoberfest has become an exciting Fall Event that starts off the season of holidays. We were able to reach our fundraising goal for the Library this year. We are already looking forward to next year's Booktoberfest 2023, on October 5th and have already launched its first ever website www.booktoberfest.org. Please mark the date for next year and check back periodically for exciting news. We look forward to celebrating again next year and, until then, we hope to see you at the Library.

Susanne Mendoza
Booktoberfest Chair




Upcoming Programs Sponsored by the Whittier Public Library Foundation




Introduction to Ukulele for adults

**Saturday, November 19th
Central Library
1:00 PM**

Ukuleles will be provided.
Space is limited.
Register at the Central
Adult Reference Desk.




CANNING Workshop FOR BEGINNERS



**Saturday, December 10
Central Library
2:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Spaces are limited, sign up at Central
Library Reference Desk




Happy Holidays

It is amazing how the year is coming to a close already. The Whittier Public Library Foundation has been full of celebrations with the Opening to the public. It was a joyful experience to watch each person as they entered “our” beautifully renovated library. If you haven’t had a chance to stop by, it’s truly a must.

As you think about the holidays and the tasks at the end of the year, I hope you consider giving a year end gift to the Whittier Public Library Foundation. Your thoughtful giving will help with the many programs made available for the community. Many of which are free of charge. It is because of the generous donations; we are able to provide programs that reach all the residents of Whittier. We also continue to improve the library with equipment and resources to keep the library state of the art. All possible, thanks to you.

In appreciation,
**Martha Patterson
VP Fundraising**



Ideas to Story with Anne Louise Bannon

**Saturday, November 19th
Central Library
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



Celebrate National Novel Writing Month and attend our workshop with writer Anne Louise Bannon. Space is limited. Register at the Central Adult Reference Desk.

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