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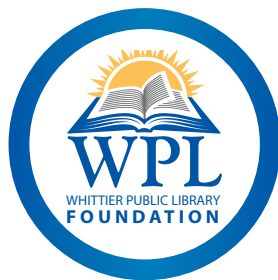
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# News

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Presentation to WPLF at the Friends Bookstore.

Left to Right:  
WPLF V.P. Fundraising Sue Settlage, Mayor Joe Vinatieri, WPLF President Norm Kirschenbaum, Nick Teel, Bookstore Manager John Marziliano, Friends President Selma Miner, Ronnie Tuppan-Jones, Alex Chavez, Susan McDonald, Scott McDonald

## President's Message

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of the Library recently made a \$50,000 donation to the Whittier Public Library Foundation for the renovation of the Central Library.

Sue Settlage, V.P. Fundraising, and I were invited to receive the check at the Friends Bookstore which was once the City of Whittier bus depot. Mayor Joe Vinatieri joined us in congratulating The Friends. The Friends of the Library sell pre-owned books, music, and movies at the Bookstore to support the Whittier Public Library. Everyone who works at the Bookstore is a volunteer. **Thank you, Friends of the Library!**

Standing in the Bookstore brought a nostalgic remembrance to me...

Seventy-three years ago a young lad lived in East Los Angeles with his family. School was tough until Mrs. Meinke, his third grade teacher, discovered that this young man had a problem with reading.

She suggested that this young lad attend a summer remedial reading program at Whittier College. On the first day accompanied by his mother, the young lad took a long bus ride from Whittier and Atlantic Boulevard to the City of Whittier bus depot at the corner of Bailey and Comstock. For the remainder of the summer he would make this journey by himself, 5 days a week to the Whittier College Reading Clinic.

With his improved reading skills, he began to move rapidly up the ladder of reading groups in the classroom. Following graduation from Montebello High School, attending college, being a teacher, principal, and Superintendent of Montebello Unified School District, and now President of the Whittier Public Library Foundation, it has been a wonderful and joyful journey, and I am most grateful for all the help along the way.

**Norm Kirschenbaum, President**  
*Whittier Public Library Foundation*

## Our Next Chapter!

Thank you, thank you to all who participated in our very successful “Sign the Beam” event! It was a wonderful success and in addition to your names on the columns, we heard many great stories about the Library and why it is important to you and your families. The photo which accompanies this article shows one woman for whom the Central Library holds a special place. When she was a child, her single mother needed to earn extra income to support them, so she cleaned the Library at night and sometimes her daughter would go with her. The Library made a great difference in their lives in a very unique way!

Our “What’s Cooking at the Library” series is also underway. It was a success thanks to the efforts of **Sonia Chaidez** who filmed and edited it all, and **Theola Kirschenbaum** who put it all together. It was great fun going into the kitchens of restaurants we love and seeing the chefs at work. Thank you to **Norm and Theola Kirschenbaum** for providing the lovely gift certificates to each of these restaurants for our drawing at the last show.

Now we are gearing up for our “Author Talk” series in **June**. These will all be live zoom events, and the authors will answer your questions at the end of their 30 to 40-minute talks. We are excited to kick our series off with a surprise



Claudia Banuelos Marin

author, then welcome **Tom Zoellner** talking about America’s highways, **Gustavo Arellano**, *L.A. Times* columnist talking about his book, then **Molly Knight** talking about her book on the Dodgers, and a special favorite **Lisa See** to wind it all up. Please join us on Wednesday evenings in June.

Look for a Matching funds month, summer outdoor events and more to bring us to our goal of completing the improvements and enhancements to our Central Library.

We can’t do it without you, so join the excitement!

**Sue Settlage,**

**V.P. Fundraiser and Chair, Renovation Campaign**

**Whittier Public Library Foundation**

**Virtual Author Series Fundraiser**

**Every Wednesday Starting June 2nd at 7:00PM**



**TBA**  
June 2nd



**Tom Zoellner**  
June 9th



**Gustavo Arellano**  
June 16th



**Molly Knight**  
June 23rd



**Lisa See**  
June 30th

**\$25 per Author Talk, or \$100 for all Five!**

**Register at [whittierplf.org/authorseries](https://whittierplf.org/authorseries) to reserve your spot!**



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## *Welcome Back!*

**Whittwood Library is Open to the Public Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Beginning May 3 the Whittwood Branch Library located at 10537 Santa Gertrudes will offer limited in-person services.

**The following services are available:**

- Grab and Go Books to Checkout – browse (up to 30 minutes) for books and audio-visual materials
- Public computer access (up to one hour per day per patron); printing and copying are also available
- Librarians available to answer Reference questions
- Passport processing by appointment only beginning May 10; sign up at: [www.whittierlibrary.org/services/passport-services](http://www.whittierlibrary.org/services/passport-services)
- Veterans Resource Center is staffed Wednesdays 10:00 am to noon beginning May 12
- Curbside Pick-Up is still available 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

For your safety and the safety of others, temperature scan is required for entry, face masks are required at all times on library premises, and library capacity is limited.

Curbside Pick-Up service is continuing to be offered at the Depot 7333 Greenleaf Avenue, the temporary location as the Central Library is being renovated. Staff is also available to take Circulation and Reference phone calls.

## *Demolition has begun at Central Library!*



*Stay tuned for more updates this summer!*

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