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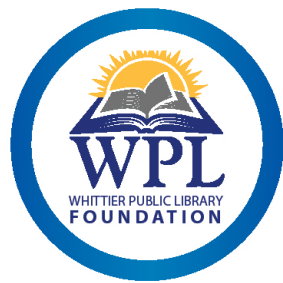
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# News

Spring 2025

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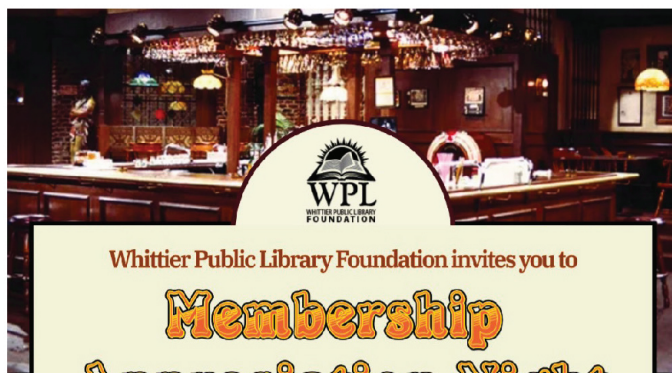
## Upcoming Events

We hope you were able to join us for the evening with Melissa Villaseñor. The Library Foundation appreciates the support from those who attended, and for the many new folks who joined the foundation. Events like the Eileen Bigelow Speaker Series are such a wonderful way to connect the community with inspiring individuals like author and comedian, Melissa Villaseñor. Your membership and support helps to strengthen our ability to offer our programs as well as support the library's programming and initiatives.

The Library Foundation and Whittier Libraries have many exciting evenings planned in the coming months. You won't want to miss the Member Appreciation Dinner on March 6th, the Annual Tea on March 13th and Whittier Reads in April.

Thank you for your support and see you at the library,

Mary McCarthy, President  
Whittier Public Library Foundation



Whittier Public Library Foundation invites you to

## Membership Appreciation Night

*"Where Everybody Knows Your Name"*

Thursday, March 6, 2025

6:00pm

Dinner

7:00pm

Guest Speaker

*James Castle, Emmy Award Winning TV Art Director*

Whittier Central Library  
7344 Washington Ave.  
Whittier, CA 9060

RSVP by February 27th

Email [Library-admin@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:Library-admin@cityofwhittier.org) or call 562.567.9920

## Remembering a Foundation Leader

Norm Kirschenbaum, a dedicated educator and community leader, was born and raised in East Los Angeles to Irving and Mollie Kirschenbaum. As the youngest of three children, he grew up alongside his older brother, Larry, and sister, Phyllis, all of whom attended schools within the Montebello Unified School District. After graduating from Montebello High School in 1958, Norm pursued higher education at Los Angeles City College, East Los Angeles Junior College, and California State University, Los Angeles.

Norm's passion for education led him back to the Montebello Unified School District, where he embarked on a distinguished career. In his twenties, he began his administrative journey as Principal of Grandview Elementary School, followed by tenures at La Merced Elementary School and Colmar Elementary School. His leadership skills propelled him to the District Office, where he served as Director of Instruction and Assistant Superintendent. In 1995, he was appointed Superintendent of the Montebello Unified School District, a role he held for four years.



Norm Kirschenbaum

After 36 years with the Montebello District, Norm continued his educational leadership as Superintendent of the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District and the Charter Oak Unified School District. Even after a brief retirement, his commitment to education persisted, leading to his appointment as Superintendent for the Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program, serving the Whittier Union High School District and the El Rancho Unified School District.

Beyond his professional achievements, Norm and his wife, Theola, were active residents of Whittier. They contributed significantly to the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier and the Whittier Public Library Foundation. Norm was particularly instrumental in fundraising efforts for the Whittier Central Library, serving on the foundation's board for 16 years and as its president for four years.

Norm is survived by his beloved wife, Theola; his five children, Karen, Alisa, Jeff, Vicki, and Rodney; twelve grandchildren; and numerous cherished friends.

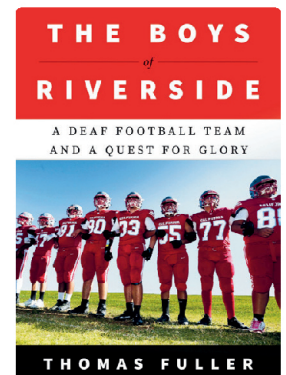
## Whittier Reads returns April 2025 with a new exciting book **The Boys of Riverside** A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory By Thomas Fuller

The Boys of Riverside, by Thomas Fuller, is the story about an all-deaf high school football team's journey to an undefeated season, their inspiring brotherhood and the indefatigable coach who led them to triumph. The book provides an opportunity to learn about the deaf community --the obstacles and prejudices they face and the assumptions that are made about them, and once again, we are reminded that the whole is greater than the sum of individual parts.



THOMAS FULLER is a Page One Correspondent for The New York Times. Before moving to California he reported from more than 40 countries for The Times and International Herald Tribune, mainly in Europe and Southeast Asia.

Copies of **The Boys of Riverside** are available for checkout and for purchase at Whittier Central and Whittwood Branch Libraries. Grab a copy today and join us in April for a series of events featuring the book!



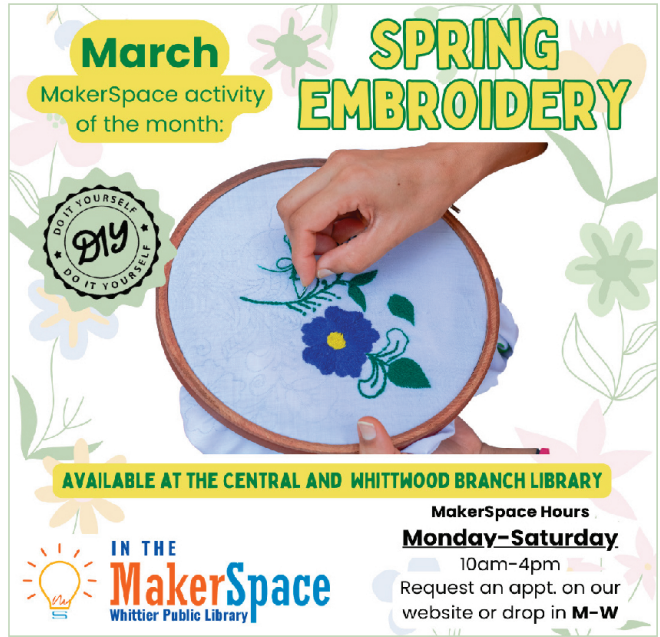
Stay tuned for more information on upcoming Whittier Reads events and programming! The **Author Talk with Thomas Fuller** will be held on **April 24 at 5:00PM**. Following the talk will be a ticketed **Reception and Dinner with the Author!** The **Reception and Dinner** tickets will be available for purchase online at [whittierplf.org](http://whittierplf.org) and in person at Whittier Central Library and Whittwood Branch Library during the first week of March.

# Upcoming Spring Programming at Whittier Public Library



You are Cordially Invited to  
**Whittier Public Library's**  
**Annual Spring Tea**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 13 AT 6PM**  
 Whittier Central Library

*\*SEATING IS LIMITED\**  
 Tickets on sale now at both libraries  
 and online at [WHITTIERPLF.ORG](http://WHITTIERPLF.ORG)



**March**  
 MakerSpace activity  
 of the month:

## SPRING EMBROIDERY

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 DIY  
 DO IT YOURSELF

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MakerSpace Hours  
**Monday-Saturday**  
 10am-4pm  
 Request an appt. on our  
 website or drop in **M-W**

**IN THE MakerSpace**  
 Whittier Public Library



## PYROGRAPHY BASICS

Art of woodburning  
 beginners class  
 WHITTWOOD BRANCH

**MAR 18 th**  
**5:30 pm**

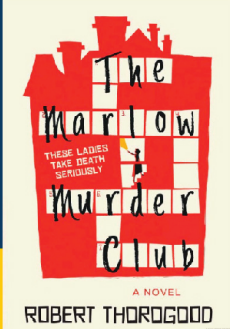
Get hands on experience of  
 designing artwork with a heated pen  
 on a wooden surface.

Adults 18+ Register at Adult Reference Desk

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP**  
**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
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**MARCH**



**THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB**  
 BY ROBERT THOROGOOD

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## KANOPY CLUB

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



**SHOWING:**  
**13 GOING ON 30**

**6:00PM** **MARCH 24**

Tickets available at the Reference Desk

Whittier Public Library  
 Whittwood Branch Library  
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