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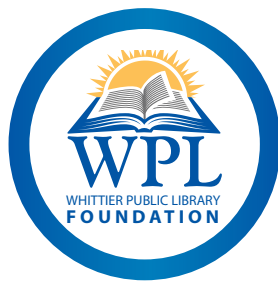
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# News

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## President's Message

Dear Friends and Members of the Whittier Public Library Foundation,

Greetings at the beginning of my tenure as president of this remarkable organization, and at the start of an exciting new chapter for our wonderful Whittier Public Library!

After literal decades of members' hard work, fundraising, advocacy, outreach, perseverance, and patience, one of the Foundation's primary and loftiest goals has been achieved: **The renovation of the Central Library is complete!** Whittierites now have a main library for the twenty-first century that is cozy, stylish, clean, and safe; with traditional library materials like print books and magazines as well as new media like e-books, online audiobooks, and streaming videos; in-library resources including Wi-Fi, connected computers, and a completely reimaged, expanded children's area; and spaces for quiet study, meeting/collaborating, children's story times, and the provision of services like homework help and veteran's assistance.

Simply put, it's a magnificent and a beautiful library, perfect for our extraordinary community, and worthy of the amazing WPL staff members dedicated to connecting Whittierites not only to information resources and services, but also to one another and our shared history.

In a real way, the goal of an updated library for the City of Whittier is related directly to the very genesis of the Foundation itself, and because this goal has been attained some might ask, "Well ... now what?!" Fortunately, this group's *raison d'être* is laid out in our mission statement: "*The pur-*

*pose of the Whittier Public Library Foundation is to help secure and maintain the funding required for the Whittier Public Library to realize its mission ... through private and public*

*fundraising.*" Specifically, the Foundation will continue fundraising efforts to make sure our Whittier Public Library is the best it can be by providing financial support for programming like Whittier Reads, the Summer Reading Club, author visits, films, and speakers; as well as funds for up-to-date technology, enhancements to the space, and amenities like an all-new Whittier Public Library bookmobile.

Your membership directly helps in these efforts, as does your generous support of the Foundation via our various fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

Speaking of which, I'm excited for the **Whittier Public Library Foundation's eighth annual Booktoberfest!** Mark your calendars: This year we'll celebrate in person at the new Central Library on **Thursday, October 6**. Look for the information in this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Booktoberfest, and honored to be leading the Whittier Public Library Foundation at such an amazing juncture in the history of this organization, and our beloved Whittier Public Library. As ever, thank you for your continued support!

**Mike Garabedian,**  
**Foundation President**





Whittier Public Library Foundation's Eighth Annual

# **Booktoberfest**

## **The Next Chapter**

**October 6, 2022**

**6–9PM**

Come celebrate in person at the newly renovated Central Library!

Enjoy an evening of fun and friendship  
with games, raffles, and an online silent auction.

Enjoy food and brews from your favorite  
local breweries and restaurants!

**Tickets are available at Whittier Central Library,  
Whittwood Branch Library, and online at [Whittierplf.org](https://Whittierplf.org).**

**9/1 - 10/3 \$65 WPLF MEMBER / \$75 NON-MEMBER**

**Attendees Must Be 21 or Over. Tickets are Limited.  
Tickets to the event are required to participate in auction.**

Sponsorship Opportunities are Available.  
Please Contact the Library at (562) 567-9900  
or Inquire via Email at [read@whittierplf.org](mailto:read@whittierplf.org)





## ***Diane Hara***

The Whittier Public Library Foundation Board members would like to thank Diane Hara for her assistance and hard work with Foundation projects over the years. Her genuine caring of the work the Foundation provides for the community will be greatly missed.

We wish her a wonderful retirement with her family!



## ***Central Library Grand Re-Opening***



*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on opening day.*



*Norm Kirschenbaum & Representative Janice Hahn.*



*Mayor Joe Vinatieri, Norm Kirschenbaum, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, & Sue Settlage.*



*Above: Donor wall inside the library entrance.*

*Left photo: Opening Day Presentation with Mayor Joe Vinatieri, Council Members Jessica Martinez, Cathy Warner, Fernando Dutra, Octavio Martinez, & Kyle Miller representing Senator Bob Archuleta.*



Whittier Women's Club



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Whittier Sunrise Rotary

