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Renovation Update

As we are coming to the end of 2021, I hope you will remember the wonderful renovation we are doing at our Central Library for your end-of-the-year gifts.

We are progressing well, but we still need your help to furnish all the many special areas. As you enter from the parking lot, you will see our Donor Wall and the entrance to our expanded Community Room. This is the space where many of the library programs will take place. It will have all the latest technology and will be available to other community groups to rent for their activities. Wouldn't you like to have your name on a special plaque on the wall here, as well as on our donor wall for all to see every time they come to a program? If you designate your gift to go to the Community Room, that

can happen. Please contact me for this and other naming opportunities.



Watch, also, for a fun family fair to benefit the Renovation early next year. We want to include children in our fundraising efforts, so as they grow they will remember that they helped build this wonderful Library!

Sue Settlage, V.P. Fundraiser and Chair, Renovation Campaign

Booktoberfest Success

The 7th annual Booktoberfest, our "hybrid" celebration of great beer and food, was "sold out" at 200 tickets! It included an amazing silent auction, opportunity drawing for a gift card tree valued at \$1,000, and interviews with brewers and chefs, plus bites and brews from your local breweries and restaurants with curbside pickup! This year the net proceeds will be applied to the Central Renovation.

To quote **Bruce A. Lazenby, Booktoberfest chairman,** *"'Esbaucht ein Dorf' translated... 'it takes a village.'"* **Bruce** goes on to say:

"Many, many, many thanks to the many hands, specifically the committee. **Suzanne, Charles, Laila**, **Pany**, with tech support from **Ross** and **Ryne**, direction from **Diane**, **Paymaneh**, muscle from the library staff and of course the consummate wisdom of our fearless leader **Norm**. It has been a privilege for me to chair this committee for the past six years. I have now passed the stein onto **Susanne Mendoza**, and I am completely confident the now Iconic Whittier Public Library Foundation's **Booktoberfest** will continue to be a highlight of the 'Harvest Season' in our wonderful little town. As Chair, I bid you adieu, as committee member I stand at the ready."

In addition to the recent success of our **7th Annual Booktoberfest**, we could not have imagined the positive community response to the interview with local podcaster **Bob Ruiz** from **#mywhittier**. In this episode Bob explored



Boardmembers Pat Beck & Bruce Lazenby



Laila Jacobsma at Booktoberfest

the current status of the library construction and renovations with **Sue Settlage, Vice President Fundraising** and myself asking the question, *"What is going on at the library?"* The answer to this question and many others can be found at <u>youtube.com/watch?v=HdxUhGTkh-s</u>. Some of the answers may surprise you!

We are also including some photos of the library's workin-progress and renderings of the renovated library. We are looking forward in great anticipation for the re-opening of the library in **Spring 2022.** It will be truly amazing!

Please know we have the deepest appreciation and gratitude for the amazing community support we have received throughout the renovation process. On behalf of the Library Foundation Board, we extend our best wishes to you and your family for a safe holiday and New Year's celebration.

Sincerely, Norm Kirschenbaum, President



Norm Kirschenbaum, Sue Settlage, & Bob Ruiz

Winter Schedule for Whittier Public Library

Whittwood Branch and the Depot Hours: December 20, 21, 22 are 10:00 to 5:00 pm December 23 9:30 to 12:00 pm

The library will be closed December 24 through January 2. Whittwood Branch and the Depot are back on Monday, January 3. Whittwood Branch is open to the public and Curbside; the Depot is open for Curbside Pickup only.

Need a craft for the holidays? Pick up an Adult Crafterhours Kit during the week of December 13th! The Accordian-Fold Paper Christmas Tree craft will be available while supplies last at the Whittwood Branch Library or call 562-567-9900 to pick up at the Depot.

Central Library Renovation Photo Update

Take a look at the current construction happening at Central Library and a sneak peek at what's to come!



Clockwise: Rendering of Homework & Teen Center, Community Room, & Adult Reading Area near the west enterance. Construction photos of Adult Reading Area near the parking lot & Young Adult Area on mezzanine, & Circulation Desk Area.







