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President's Message

Dear Friends of the Whittier Public Library Foundation,

I greet you at the beginning of what has been an eventful and inspiring fall season for the Foundation, filled with significant achievements and memories!

Our recent Booktoberfest fundraiser at the Central Library in early October was nothing short of *spectacular*. Thanks to the support of attendees and sponsors, we celebrated the written word, community, and locally-produced dishes and beers! We also raised funds that will go a long way in supporting the



Whittier Public Library's ongoing initiatives and programs, and are looking forward to the *tenth* annual Booktoberfest on October 10, 2024—save the date! Later in the month, we also had the privilege of coming together to commemorate the life and contributions of Ruth B. Shannon, a Whittier legend and cherished member of the Whittier Public Library Foundation. Ruth B.'s unwavering dedication to the library and her commitment to making knowledge accessible to all will forever be an inspiration to us. Finally, we are thrilled to announce that the Whittier Reads Committee has chosen a compelling book for our community read in 2024—stay tuned for the official announcement in the coming days! We can't wait to embark on this literary journey with you.

Speaking of engaging, exciting programming, the Whittier Public Library is *brimming* with exciting events in the coming weeks that the Foundation helps support! To find out more, head over to whittierlibrary.org. And while you're at it, go check out the Whittier Public Library Foundation website at whittierplf.org. As we look ahead to the rest of the year and beyond, let us celebrate our shared commitment to the Whittier Public Library. Your unwavering support—which you can register online at the Foundation website I just shared—allows us to continue our mission of making knowledge and culture accessible to everyone in our community. Together, we can achieve great things and create a lasting impact.

Thank you for being a part of the Whittier Public Library Foundation! Along with its first-rate staff, beautiful new space, and myriad provisions, resources, and programming, it's your dedication and passion for our library that makes it such a special place.

Sincerely, Mike Garabedian President, Whittier Public Library Foundation

Whittier Public Library Foundation's Ninth Annual Booktoberfest an exploration of books, brews and bites

Thank you to all our City Council members, Community Friends and Foundation Members who joined us for our 9th annual Booktoberfest, an Exploration of Books, Brews and Bites. The evening was a success, and we are grateful for our wonderful Sponsors and to our amazing Food and Beer Vendors who participated and prepared top-class dishes, desserts and beers. Friends spent the evening catching up, participating in games and our famous online auction, while raising money in support of our Public Library. Funds raised help to support our newly renovated Library that successfully serves over 80,000 people. We are thankful to the leadership of our prestigious Library Staff headed by Paymaneh Maghsoudi; and we are grateful to all our friends who come out year after year to support. Booktoberfest has become one of Whittier's most cherished and exciting Fundraisers. Thank you to all our dedicated Board Members and Booktoberfest Committee who give their time to make this event truly special. Please mark the date and join us next year as we celebrate a milestone of 10 years of Booktoberfest on Thursday, October 10th, 2024.

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Susanne Mendoza Booktoberfest Chair







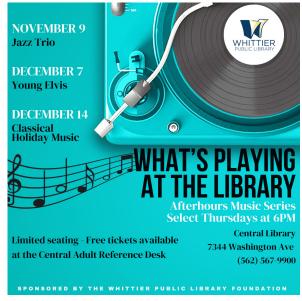


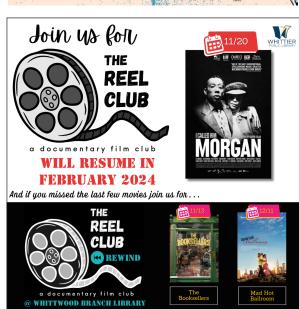


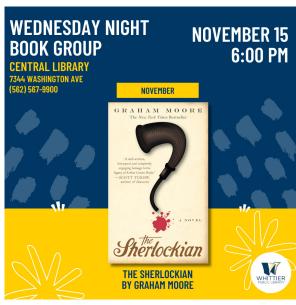


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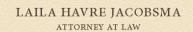


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