



Strengthening LA County Library with your support

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Dear Library Champion,

Wishing you joy!

And hope. That incredible, essential, life-affirming gift.

Sara W. found hope through the Library. Her *Library Story*, shared at the start of this year, seems a fitting close to 2021.

Here's a bit of what she wrote:

"...the Library saved me. Those books found ways to inspire me, distract me, teach me empathy and provide me with hope during the darkness.

That hope gave me a connection to life and helped me find the strength that humanity will come out of this better than before."

Hard hitting, determined, hopeful. Her story, and your Library. 2021 hasn't been easy. And your stories and actions have brought joy - to me, and to your Library and Foundation teams.

You love your Library, and it's here for you, with access to opportunity and resources that translate hope into countless successes.

Your generosity and commitment - with your gifts, your using Library resources and attending programs, and introducing family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to your Library - fuels that hope.

Thank you.

You're building a brighter today, and tomorrow. Because you care, and because you understand that your Library is essential - for the child learning to read, the young person and older adult battling isolation and uncertainty, the student and job seeker, the new parent, the life-long learner, you.

You're building hope and positive action. That's a powerful gift.

Again, thank you.

As a small thank you to you, I'm sharing a few Library treasures - gems your fellow Library Champions have shared with me. Read on!

They offer joy, and hope, my wishes for you in this wonderful season and throughout the coming year.

With gratitude for you,

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Andrea Carroll
Executive Director

P.S. In this season of giving, there's still a lot of need. [Your gift today will make a difference](#). Thank you!



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What's your Library Story?
We'd love to hear. Email us!

Check out *My Library Story* here.

Gifts for you: Library treasures



Images, left to right: top - Chris O'Brion/The Roanoke Times. Mary Yogi.

bottom - Monica Almeida: Maywood Cesar Chavez Library reopening celebration. LA County Library: Catalina Island Local History Digital Collection (Pauline Barrett with the black sea bass she caught, and fisher Jim Gardner). Monica Almeida: LA Opera presents Opera Tales in a park near Claremont Helen Renwick Library.

We love hearing from you!

You share your Library stories, you tell us why you give. And throughout the year, you share what you love best about your Library.

Often, you tell us about Library treasures, including resources we had never really explored - and we're glad you got us to look.

Below, we're sharing five of our favorites. Check them out. Let us know what you think, and let us know what other gems you find!

- [Book lists, book lists, AND book lists!](#) (and movies, too).
- Are you in the mood to learn something new? **Maybe start a hobby or even fix your car?** That's right, your Library will get you there, with [databases](#) that will soon have you speaking another language or tracing your genealogy or...you name it.
- **Interested in local history, culture, and a firsthand journey through old photographs and documents?** Check out the digital Local History archives, including [Catalina Island](#) (yep, your Library has a location in Avalon!).
- Next stop on your journey: **visit the Library's four Resource Centers** - online, or better yet, in person: [American Indian Resource Center](#) (Huntington Park Library), [Asian Pacific Resource Center](#) (Rosemead Library), [Black Resource Center](#) (A C Bilbrew Library), and [Chicano Resource Center](#) (East Los Angeles Library).
- And, oh yes, **cookbooks of every description and cuisine** - hard copy and digital. There are plenty of videos, too, like how to make a yummy bread pudding with [Chef Zapien](#).

While you're there, check out the amazing collection of videos on the [Library's YouTube channel](#) - from cooking to solar ovens, to making origami envelopes, to mindfulness. To

becoming fluent in Microsoft Office, to crafting your resume, to high energy Story Time.

And don't forget, **you have the luxury of 85 library collections to roam - virtually or in person.** So, find something you like, place a hold, and have it delivered to the library of your choice.

Have fun exploring!

What's your favorite Library treasure?

[Let us know.](#)

You create hope with your gift today.

Thank you!



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