



Strengthening LA County Library with your support

October, 2020

Dear Library Champion,

Thank you!

Your generosity - supporting the Library with donations to meet community needs; your notes of gratitude; and your stories of action and compassion - brings a lot of joy.

Your thoughts matter.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to all the librarians and staff....We couldn't do without you!"

-Shelley K.

I love hearing from you...and so does your Library staff. We couldn't do without you, either!

Thank you, too, for sharing your "finds" with me, especially on those days when I feel like shouting, "I miss my Library!"

You remind me of the goodness the Library offers, even when physical doors are closed.

And your Library has a lot to offer...read on! Join me on a Virtual Field Trip to explore [BiblioBoard](#). There, you can read Indie books, publish your own, and celebrating [LGBTQ+ History Month](#), add your coming out story to *LA County Library Community Collection* and keep the celebration going.

October is also [Teen Read Month](#) - and don't worry, your Library has good stuff for teens all year long. Check out what's on for young people, including a ***Make at Home series*** sponsored by Edison International and you, Foundation supporters.

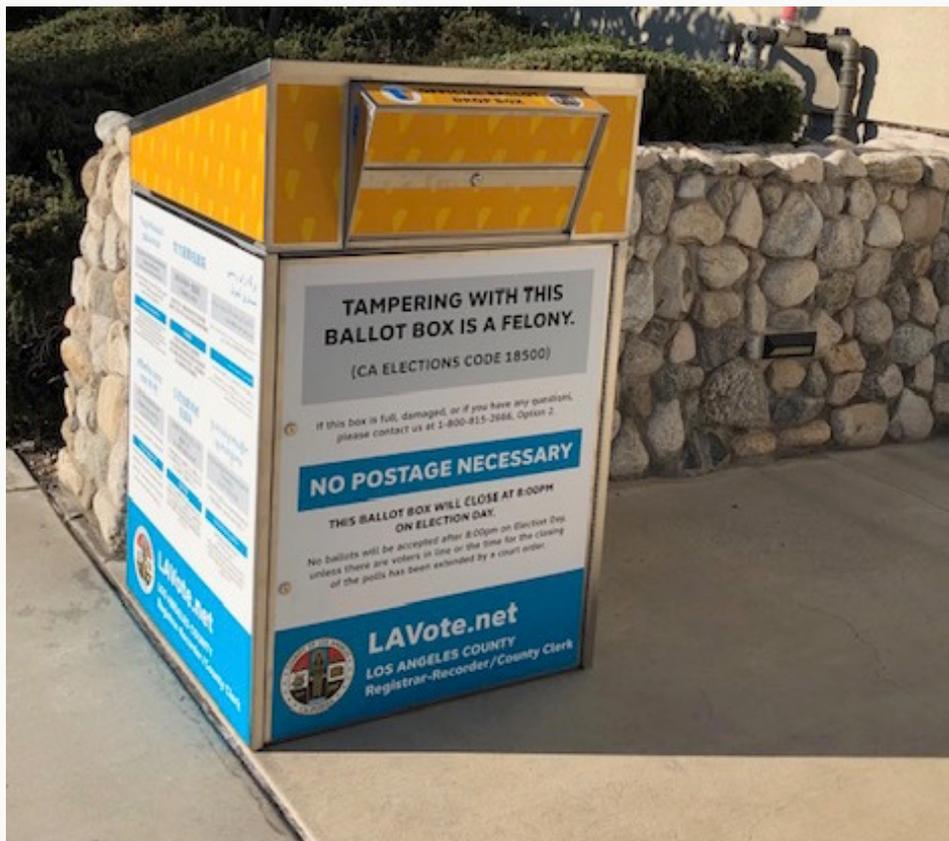


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Make sure to vote! Your Library makes it easy: 16 vote centers and vote-by-mail ballot drop boxes at 63 libraries. Get details at [Voting at your Library](#).

Looking for some [Great Reads](#) or other ways to explore? [Virtual Programming](#) has something for every age and interest.

I'm looking forward to learning about our feathered friends with [Discover the Birds](#) next week, and tomorrow, to [Storytime for Grown Ups: Halloween Edition](#) with Librarian Paul.

Calling all K-12 artists: design a bookmark for the annual LA County Library [Bookmark Contest!](#) Submissions are due November 15.

Plus, don't forget - you can connect with:

- **Library staff** - by [chat, phone, email, or text](#);
- **An online tutor** in real time through [Homework Help](#) (for students of all ages);
- **Positive Parenting Program librarians** will [consult with you by phone](#) (check out the online [parenting tips](#), too, and for things to do - [Kids Corner](#));
- **A Career specialist** for personalized, online [resume help, job coaching, and real-time interview practice](#).

And, of course, there's **picking up your holds and now...** drum roll, please...your [Special Edition 19th Amendment Centennial Library Card](#) at one of 67 Sidewalk Service locations!

Wondering if your vote counts? Consider this...women in California got the vote nine years before the 19th Amendment passed. And they got it by a narrow margin: about ONE vote per precinct!

VOTES FOR WOMEN A SUCCESS

SUFFRAGE GRANTED:

1869
WYOMING
1893
COLORADO
1896
IDAHO
1896
UTAH
1910
WASHINGTON
1911
CALIFORNIA



SUFFRAGE GRANTED:

1912
ARIZONA
1912
KANSAS
1912
OREGON
1913
ILLINOIS
1914
MONTANA
1914
NEVADA

Would any of these States have adopted EQUAL SUFFRAGE if it had been a failure just across the border?

IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FLATTERY!

National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company, Inc., 505 Fifth Avenue, New York

Schlesinger Library

on the History of Women in America

YOUR vote counts - create the future you want for yourself and your community. Cast your ballot, and even if you're not eligible to vote, you can encourage your family and friends to vote.

Stay safe and stay well - [get your free flu shot](#) at one of several library locations.

Read on...and when you get a chance, let me know what you love about your Library and what you'd like to see in a future e-news. Email me at acarroll@iacolibraryfoundation.org.

Thank you,

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Executive Director

P.S. Forward this to a friend, family member, or coworker (they can [sign up here](#)).

P.P.S. [Your donation](#), one-time or monthly, makes an impact. Thank you!

Spring & Summer Discovery Program: Thank You



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Thanks to you, your Library Foundation cheered on readers of all ages as part of the 2020 Spring & Summer Discovery Program.

The Library knew - with physical doors closed, school online, and social distancing in place - that this year's program, to keep kids and adults reading and engaged, would be especially important.

Library staff started the program early **and with your generous support**, the Foundation built excitement, providing grand prizes to readers of all ages - gift cards for children and teens, and Kindles for adults.

Pictured are six of the 10 adult grand prize winners (clockwise from upper left): from Baldwin Park Library, Bell Gardens Library, South Whittier Library, Hermosa Beach Library, Quartz Hill Library, and San Dimas Library.

11,619 readers participated in this year's program!

Thank you. Your donations fuel opportunities for children, kids, and adults (and babies and toddlers, too!) to stay engaged and excited to learn and explore in these rugged times.

Virtual Field Trip: **BiblioBoard**

Have you ever put a hold on a book only to find yourself far down a long waitlist? There's a little gold mine your Library offers: [BiblioBoard](#).

BiblioBoard hosts thousands of independently published books... and there's never a waitlist. Create an account to browse and instantly read eBooks.

Enjoy curated collections - including LA County Library Featured Authors, top read Indie Books, Recovering the Classics, and more.

In celebration of [Teen Read Month](#), here are a few suggestions: *Our Lives Matter*, an anthology of essays by students from a DC high school, engages and enlightens; Comics & Graphic Novels; and *On the Go*, a collection of short stories and poetry.

Discover new authors by exploring self-published eBooks in the Indie California collections. **You can even submit your own work!**



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Check out the Library's [Writer's Corner](#). If you're a local author (of any age - child, teen, or adult), submit your eBook using [Indie Author Project](#). It's quick and easy. Need help formatting your book? Use [Pressbooks](#) (it's also free with your Library card).

October 11 marked National Coming Out Day - Library customers with a coming out story are invited to add it to [LA County Library's Community Collection on BiblioBoard](#).

Send an anecdote, poem, painting, video, or song – whatever best spotlights your journey – and build this special *Coming Out Story* collection.

Be sure to take a look at the Library's other special collections on BiblioBoard - they range from children's bookmark winners to a teen photo exhibit, to works created by incarcerated youth.

Another reason to check out BiblioBoard? This platform benefits authors, as well as readers. Independent, self-publishing writers don't have the promotion and backing of large publishers.

So when you borrow from Biblioboard, you're building support and recognition for an independent author – particularly when you recommend a book to another reader or post a review online.

Who knows, you may help catapult a fellow Library Champion to fame!

Where do you want to go next?

[Let us know!](#)

Spotlight on Teens: **Makers in the Creative Economy**

When the Library closed its doors to in-person services on March 14, your Library staff went into high gear - keeping customers safe while meeting community needs.

Programming went virtual, including STEAM for Youth, a program **sponsored by Edison International and you - Library Champions.**

How to take hands-on learning online and keep it engaging and effective? Library staff created a virtual weekly STEAM series for tweens and teens - [Make at Home.](#)



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Make at Home programs, like using a lemon to make a battery, or creating your own sock puppet, take common household items and explore scientific and creative concepts that set young people up for 21st century careers.

What's next? **Cardboard Loom**, on Friday, November 6 at 4pm. [Register here.](#)

LA County Library programs like *Make at Home* feed the minds and nourish the spirits and creativity of our community's "soon-to-be" adults.

Thank you for contributing to this feast!

And there's **more for Teens!**

- Need a good read? [Find a Good Book](#) has reviews *by teens* (grades 7-12) *for teens*. Consider recommending a read. The Library posts reviews each month. Yours could be next!

- Check out [Activities at Home](#) - from Adult 101 (including financial savvy, mindfulness, and social etiquette, to name a few) to Cooking, to Career Resources, to creating *papel picado* for *Día de los Muertos* or another celebration.
- Curious about the [Battle of the Books](#)? The winner is...[All Your Twisted Secrets](#) by Diana Urban!

Most important: if you're registered, exercise your right to vote and cast your ballot for the General Election. You make a difference!

Fabulous Facts: **Your Library, by the Numbers**

- Digital usage is through the roof! In August, Library customers **downloaded 2.4 million items**. Compare this to 532,000 in February, before library locations closed.
- Librarians are standing by.... Your **phone calls skyrocketed: to 14,000-16,000 each week**. That's triple the 5,154 calls logged the last week Library doors were open.
- Sidewalk Service is available at **67 locations**.

Thank you for loving your Library!



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Consider making your gift a monthly donation.

Thank You!

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