



## Strengthening LA County Library with your support

**October, 2021**

Dear Library Champion,

Thank you for cheering your Library on, let's count the ways - checking out books, using Library services, spreading the word, making donations, and so much more.

It's full speed ahead as we barrel into fall!

Read on for a virtual field trip to the **Chicano Resource Center** at East Los Angeles Library. We're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15 (and with your Library, far beyond).

In ***My Library Story***, Shari F. talks about her discoveries at the Library as a recent retiree.

We offer you a few ***Fabulous Facts*** in answer to your questions about going fine free.

### **And turning the spotlight on you:**

Your generous gifts fueled the Library's *Spring & Summer Discovery Program*, encouraging kids, teens, and adults to connect with the Library.

**It was wildly successful, thanks to you!**

**41,081** books logged

**24,257** readers joined the program

**9,909** participants, from babies to centenarians, logged books and/or completed monthly challenges



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## ***Reading is for everyone!***

*Left: One of our 15 adult **Spring & Summer Discovery Program** Kindle winners and her family of readers.*

*Right: Calvin, six months old, was our youngest youth winner - he won a gift card.*

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Are you a teen or have a teen in your life? Or just want to know what might appeal to them? You're in luck.

October is **Teen Read Month** and your Library is on it – check out [recommended reads](#) - from graphic novels, to romance, to suspense, and nonfiction.

Download a movie or ebook, or head to your favorite library and pull something off the shelf that intrigues you – could be the art on a cover, a great title, or maybe a description on a book jacket.

Doesn't matter...just dive into reading and enjoy!

**Attention all LA County K-12 students!** Do you love books and reading?

Showcase your creativity...submit your entry for the **42nd annual Library Bookmark Contest!**

*The deadline is October 30, 2021.*

[Click here for details and to get your entry.](#) You can also pick up a form at your local library. Plus, many libraries are hosting in-person programs to [Design Your Own Bookmark](#).

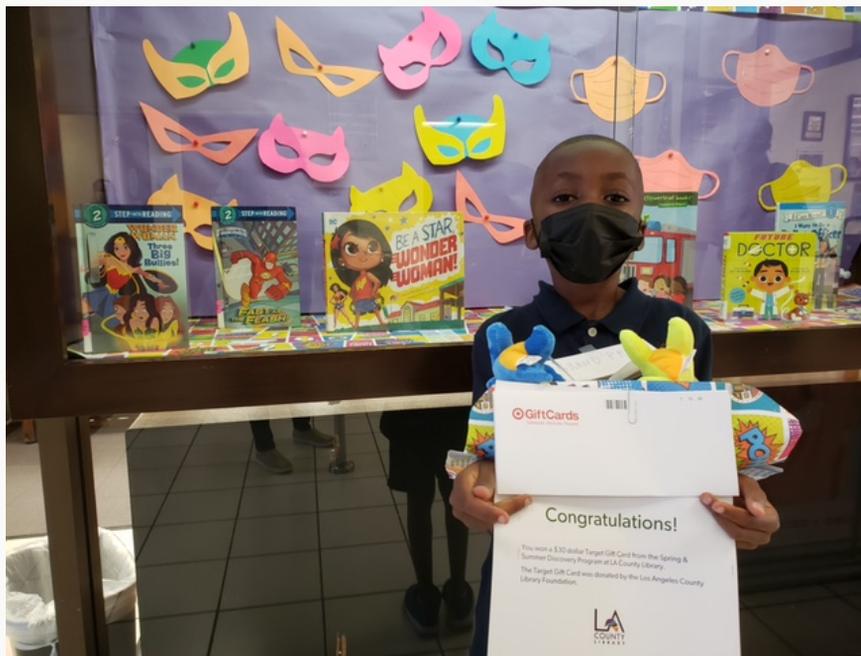


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*Congratulations! Cameron won a prize for participating in Spring & Summer Discovery Program. **Next up for students**, and a chance to win: the annual Library [Bookmark Contest](#).*

*Winning bookmark designs will be featured on printed bookmarks at your local library and throughout LA County. Enter today!*

***Thank you Union Bank and Library Foundation donors for supporting this program!***

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And there's more....

- [Get your flu shot](#) - free, no health insurance required - at one of 13 libraries.
- Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their adults can send out a cheer: **Smarty Pants Storytime is back in person** at more

than 40 libraries! [Register for a spot now, or join a wait list](#).

- October is also [LGBTQ+ History Month](#), with a trove of suggested books, movies, virtual programs, and activities - for children, teens, and adults to explore historical figures and important moments in LGBTQ+ history.
- And of course, there's all kinds of goodness on the [Library's YouTube channel](#), from career help to book talks, to a fun-filled [LA Opera Tales](#) filmed at La Crescenta Library.

**Stay tuned:** your generous support means LA County Library Foundation can step in to help - with in person and virtual programming, from arts and culture, to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and more.

Thank you!

I love to hear from you, so [get in contact](#) - let me know what you're reading, where you're exploring, why you give for your Library.

Thank you, Library Champion!

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Executive Director

P.S. [Your gift today will make a difference](#). Thank you!

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## ***Let's hear it for new arrivals on Library shelves!***

*They're a draw for readers like Karen who won a gift card in the Spring & Summer Discovery Program, and for Shari, a recent retiree who shares her Library Story below.*

*Looking for a good read? Put a hold on a [new release](#) or head to your local library and see what's on the new arrivals shelves. Enjoy!*

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## **My Library Story: Shari F. on Retiring and Rediscovering the Library**

“ I recently retired and started reading more, especially when the pandemic started. Now I probably read about a book every week or so, and many of these books come from the Library.

I discovered that I can place books on hold very easily and pick them up at the Library!

*And this includes new books that are very often on book club lists, bestsellers, and critically recognized.*

This is such a wonderful resource for people, to be able to read these types of books (often very soon after they are released)!

I am glad to be able to support the Library with my monthly donation to help make sure that these wonderful services continue to be available to so many.

Thank you again for all that the Library offers to those of us who love to read. It makes our lives richer and more meaningful. "

## What's your Library Story?

[Email us!](#)

[Read more Library stories here.](#)

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## Virtual Field Trip: Culture & History year-round with the Chicano Resource Center

[National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) - from September 15th through October 15th - recognizes and celebrates the culture, contributions, and heritage of Hispanic Americans.

Your Library doesn't stop there. It celebrates and educates all year-long, with reading lists, virtual programs, activities, and physical and digital resources.

Plus, your Library offers something unique - the [Chicano Resource Center](#) (CRC) at East Los Angeles Library.

Established in 1976, the CRC is for scholars and community members, with a collection rich with information for and about the Chicano (Mexican American) community.



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*Left: Jolene poses in front of a mosaic in the entry of East Los Angeles Library (middle), home to the Chicano Resource Center.*

*Right: Artist Héctor Arias, aka "Tetris," celebrates reading with a mural at Bell Library. [Listen to his conversation](#) with Library Peer Advocate Jake Montoya about that project, how his roots in Michoacan and Los Angeles have influenced his artistic journey, and the importance of reading to art and any endeavor.*

*Discover the art at your library!*

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**The collection covers a range of subjects, including:** immigration, the Chicano Movement, mural art, biographies, folklore and the history of Mexico.

You can get hard to find materials - English and Spanish language newspapers (on microfilm) going back to the 1800s, a full collection of *La Raza*, historical clippings about East Los Angeles, a range of fiction and poetry... just a taste of what's available.

**You can also put your hands on what's happening today.** CRC librarian Daniel Hernandez curates virtual programs, art exhibits, and author conversations.

Daniel, like the Library's three other Resource Center librarians (Black Resource Center, Asian Pacific Resource Center, and American Indian Resource Center), supports cultural and historical programming for the entire system - all year long.

**Celebrating our county's many cultures and histories doesn't end with a heritage month or day.** Indigenous People's Day (October 11) is a great example.

The Library's four Resource Center librarians and Pride Committee partnered with the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) to develop [Indigenous Peoples' Day booklists](#) for your education and enjoyment. They'll last you far into the future and encourage you to explore new authors, ideas, and geographies.

Consider a visit to the Chicano Resource Center at [East Los Angeles Library](#). In the meantime, take a digital trip to the neighborhood - check out [Foto East LA](#).

It's a community history project of one of the nation's most culturally rich communities. You're welcome to submit your pre-1980 images, too - of everyday or extraordinary moments in East LA.

You're also invited to [share your Immigration & Citizenship Story](#). Stories from any country of origin are welcome.

This is a great time to start, or continue, your exploration of histories and cultures. Check out a cookbook, read a novel, stream some Mariachi music, make a Guatemalan worry doll...[click here](#) to get started.

Have fun!

**Where do you want to go next?**

[Let us know.](#)

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**You make a difference.**

**Thank you!**

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## A Few Fabulous Facts: Fine Free Library

LA County Library joined an international movement when it went fine free last August.

For context, New York Public Library (the only public library system in the nation with more libraries than your LA County Library) went fine free this month.

*The reason for going fine free?*

To make it easier for everyone - especially young people, non-citizens, people of color, and low income families who are disproportionately affected by fines - to have access to knowledge and opportunity for socioeconomic success.

Some readers worried. *To answer a few of your concerns:*

- Fine free is demonstrated to work financially
- Materials are considered "lost" after 28 days
- Borrowers must still pay for lost materials
- After \$10 is owed, a library account is no longer in good standing

Thank you for your questions and comments! We appreciate the opportunity to share information.

[Click here](#) for more *Frequently Asked Questions* about going fine free

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