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Dear Library Family,

As we enter this holiday season, the **San Marino Library Foundation Board** would like to share with you ***Glad Tidings***:

- On October 15, the **Foundation Board** held ***Literary Libations*** which was attended by nearly 200 guests. This fundraiser included gastronomical delights catered by Alexander's Prime Meats and Catering, a plethora of libations, and opportunities to procure travel destination experiences and sought-after silent auction items. Proceeds will go to improve library services and offerings for the community. We are grateful to all the dedicated volunteers, patrons, and library and city staff who made this event so successful.
- In 2023, the **Crowell Public Library** will be celebrating its **90th anniversary!** Moreover, it is the **15th** anniversary of the current beautiful library building we all enjoy. It was the Foundation Board that spear headed the fundraising for the construction of the new library. This library was made possible by the generous donations by the Crowell family and library patrons like you, totaling \$10.5 million dollars. This effort is one of the rare events where the dedication of community volunteers helped fundraise to construct a public facility supplementing the City of San Marino's \$5.5 million budget.
- **Friends of the Library** is a nonprofit charitable group that operates the Library Book Shoppe. One of the best library used book shops in the San Gabriel Valley (and likely beyond) is celebrating their **65th anniversary**. Heartfelt 'Congratulations' to the Friends Library Board and its volunteers.

We often refer to the Crowell Public Library as the heart of our city which it appears to be since it located close to the center point of our town. The library is happy to provide programs and activities to the community which are made possible by donations.

The Foundation Board would like to express our best wishes for the Holidays, and for health and happiness throughout the coming year.

Su Viswanathan
 President

Happy Holidays!

MEET THE CROWELL LIBRARIANS



Linda Vera

Library Manager

I joined Crowell Public Library in January 2022 with 10 years of library experience. As the Youth Services Supervisor for the Monrovia Public Library, I oversaw a number of new initiatives, including the acquisition of an electric bookmobile and introduced library wide programming such as a Harry Potter themed Yule Ball and Star Wars Day.

I discovered my passion for supporting and mentoring at 16 while helping first-time roller skaters teeter around the rink. The joy and self-confidence I was able to give led to my desire to make a career of helping others. I am excited to hear from you as the Library team works to adapt Library services to meet your needs and wants as they evolve.

Currently reading: *The Beauty of What Remains: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift* by Steve Leder



Tera Torres

Youth Services Librarian

I oversee the collection development of the children's collection, provide reference, and plan and present programs for our youngest patrons. We offer family storytime and several programs each month for children and teens.

When I was in middle school I volunteered for the Monrovia Library SRC; that planted the seed early. I've always loved everything libraries stand for: open access to information, intellectual freedom,

community cornerstone, promoting literacy, etc. Once I decided I wanted to be a librarian, there was no question that I wanted to focus on youth services. I have the best job!

Currently reading: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley



Kim Nguyen

Part-Time Librarian

I joined the Library in August 2022 as a part-time librarian for youth services. My professional background is in libraries, academic publishing, and academic advising. In my free time, I love seeing live music and comedy shows.

Currently reading: *Daughters of the New Year* by E.M. Tran.



Zehila Canedo

Part-Time Librarian

I recently joined the library as a part-time librarian for adult services after receiving my Master's in Library & Information Science from San Jose State University. My background is in libraries and English Literature. In my free time, I love spending time with my family and cats!

Currently reading: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson



Jeff Plumley

Circulation Librarian

I've been working at the library since the late 1970's. I received my master's degree in library science in 2001 and was promoted to the librarian position some years later. Library science was, and still is, an attractive field for me because I sincerely like to help people, and I like to learn new things while working. Reference work has always afforded me these benefits.

My current responsibilities include Reference Librarian, Circulation Services Manager, Page Staff Manager (shelving crew) & U.S. Passport Services Manager.

Currently reading: *Stories That Stick* by Kindra Hall



Literary Libations

An evening of tastings

The San Marino Public Library Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization organized in 1995. The Foundation conducted the Brand New Library capital campaign which raised over \$10 million to help build the current Crowell Public Library. Since the opening of the building in 2008, the Foundation has funded several projects including the replacement of all the public and staff computers, replacement of the audio visual equipment in the Barth Community Room, access to the Dakim Memory software for seniors, purchase of collection management software and funding toward the RFID transition. The Foundation endeavors to fulfill its mission to raise funds to support and enrich the Crowell Public Library.

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San Marino Public Library Foundation presents
2023 Bookmark Design Contest
This year's theme is....

EXPLORE



The Crowell Public Library in San Marino is looking for six new designs to hand out in 2023.

Designs will be printed on limited edition bookmarks to be distributed throughout 2023. Will your design be one of them?

Entrants need to be 18 and under and have a Crowell Public Library card.

There will be six (6) winners chosen from three different age groups. The age groups are: 8 and under, ages 9-13 and ages 14-18.

Each winning designer will be awarded a \$100 gift card.

Entries for the Crowell Public Library Bookmark Design Contest will be accepted from November 21, 2022- December 15, 2022.

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Winners will be notified January 12, 2023.

Entry forms available at sanmarinopl.org on November 21, 2022.