

THE MONTEREY PARK LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESENTS
a benefit for the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

MONTEREY PARK LIBRARY FOUNDATION GALA



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OCTOBER 13, 2023

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WELCOME FROM MONTEREY PARK LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT BOB GIN

On behalf of the Monterey Park Library Foundation, I would like to welcome you to the Foundation annual Gala. The Foundation was created to support the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library in its endeavor to provide service and a climate of reading in Monterey Park and the surrounding communities.

This year the Foundation will be honoring the Monterey Park Fire and Police Departments for their dedicated service to the residents of this city but also for their quick response in the face of the tragedy that Monterey Park experienced on January 21, 2023. Growing up here, I always remember how residents were very proud of the services provided by these departments but also especially of the men and women serving.

The Foundation partners with the Library, Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library for a common goal: to ensure that the Library has the necessary resources to serve the community. The funds raised tonight will continue to support the Library in maintaining current programs as well as supporting future programs. One of our goals is to raise at least \$80,000 to purchase a bookmobile to better serve all residents and our local schools. The Foundation has begun the process by designating \$10,000 towards this purchase.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the supporters of the Library for making this event a success. This evening could not have been possible without the dedication of the members of the Monterey Park Library Foundation Board and the support of the Library staff, Interim City Librarian Kristin Olivarez and Interim Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia.

When I see residents, students and children in the Library, using its resources, I am reminded of how important literacy is to the lives of humanity. The smiles of children reading and playing in the Library are priceless!

You are all the pillars of the city of Monterey Park. Best Wishes.

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOSE SANCHEZ

Greetings! We know that today libraries stand for more than just the wealth of knowledge that exists within their walls or in their bookshelves and that is definitely the case for our Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. President Obama called libraries "citadels of knowledge and empathy." Libraries for many of us growing up have served not just as beacons of hope, but they helped open many pathways for opportunities. As a child, libraries were a haven for the son of a single mother; the library was a place where I could go and get homework help after school while I waited for my mother to get home from work. As I grew older, libraries became a place where I could get the help I needed to apply for colleges. I know that our

Library still serves in that capacity for so many and they do so much more, so I thank our librarians and library staff for their service to our community.

Our Library has learned to adapt during hard times. During the pandemic, the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library found creative ways to serve our community. And, when our community was reeling from a mass shooting that left us grieving, our Library served as a refuge offering mental health services and counseling. Our Library continues to serve the needs of our residents, offering ESL classes in many different languages, children's programs for young kids like my daughters Mia, Dolly and Bella, college preparation courses for many of the same age students that my wife and I teach, and even legal advice for those in need.

Lastly, I wish to say that while we are here tonight celebrating our Library, libraries nationwide have been on the attack from demagogues who wish to ban books in the name of liberty. We know that books provide a refuge for many people who wish to find stories about themselves. According to the American Library Association, 1,269 books were challenged in 2022, an unprecedented number according to ALA's Intellectual Freedom department. Most of the books challenged were about African American and LGBTQ+ topics. So, if ever we needed libraries more than ever, it is today!

So again, we thank our Library staff for all you do to inspire minds daily and despite such challenges, you have an amazing City Council and community that is here to support you!



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THE MISSION OF THE MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY
is to create opportunities for learners of all ages and backgrounds, to foster
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140,872 visitors

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MESSAGE FROM INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER DIANA GARCIA

Diana Garcia, City Librarian, is currently serving as the Interim Assistant City Manager.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2023 Library Foundation Gala on behalf of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and our dedicated team.

As the City Librarian and Interim Assistant City Manager, I am honored to join you tonight and celebrate the enduring spirit of our community and the vital role our Library plays within it.

This year's Gala holds special significance as it marks a return to our tradition after a four-year hiatus. This evening's festivities are the result of many hours of work by the members of the Library Foundation to bring this event to fruition and are a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Foundation throughout the year to support Library services.

Tonight, we also honor the bravery and dedication of the Monterey Park Fire and Police Departments. These selfless individuals not only ensure the safety of our neighborhoods but actively engage with our residents throughout the community on a daily basis. This year demonstrated just how vital our Fire and Police Departments are and we deeply appreciate their service and commitment to our City.

As we come together this evening, let us remember the profound impact libraries have on our lives and communities. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers, sponsors, staff, Library Trustees, City Council and library supporters who have made this event possible. Your support underscores the importance of our Library as a cornerstone of our community, and we look forward to continuing this awesome work together as a team.

Thank you for being here, and here's to a memorable evening of celebration, festivity, and a shared love for our Library and community.



MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CITY LIBRARIAN KRISTIN OLIVAREZ

Kristin Olivarez, Senior Librarian, Children's Division, is currently serving as Interim City Librarian.

After a four-year hiatus, I am very pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Library Foundation Gala.

Despite the difficulties imposed on us all by the pandemic, the members of the Library Foundation have remained steadfast supporters of the Library and have worked tirelessly to bring you this year's gala. Additionally, the Foundation has sponsored giveaways for students and teachers at Alhambra Unified School District's (AUSD) Read Across America event, AUSD's Library Card Drive, and the Library's Educator Night. The Foundation also recognizes the importance of expanding the Library's services beyond its four walls and has earmarked \$10,000 towards the acquisition of a bookmobile, which would enable staff to address one of its strategic goals of making it easier and more convenient for every resident to use the Library.

Tonight, we recognize and honor the commitment and courage of the members of the Monterey Park Fire and Police Departments who not only keep our neighborhoods safe, but also engage with the community at City, school and Library events whenever possible. We thank you for your service and dedication to the community.

On behalf of myself and the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library staff, I extend my deepest thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, staff and library supporters who made this evening possible and acknowledge the crucial role the Library fulfills in our community.

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THE MISSION OF THE MONTEREY PARK LIBRARY FOUNDATION

is to raise funds to support the programs and activities of the Library. The Foundation aims to enrich the educational and cultural fabric of our community.

The Monterey Park Library Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization which raises funds to supplement the Library's budget. The Foundation accepts contributions of any size. Organizations, businesses and individuals who make significant donations can have their name listed on the donor board inside the Library. In the past, the Foundation raised more than \$600,000 for the expanded and renovated library and also raised funds for the mural over the west entrance, new furnishings for the Teen Area and Career Center, new computers, children's educational play equipment and new books and media including eBooks. Currently, the Foundation has earmarked \$10,000 towards the Library's acquisition of a bookmobile to serve all areas of Monterey Park.

Recent Foundation Contributions to the Library:

Books for Read Across America event
Prizes for Educator Night

Incentives for AUSD Library Card Day
Performer Fee for Monster Mash



On Sunday, April 2, 100 community leaders and devotees of afternoon tea attended a Novel-Tea at the Library. This celebration featured a trio of musicians who performed classical pieces while attendees chatted, posed for photographs and enjoyed exquisite teas and lemonade, savory canapés and salad, seasonal fruit and delectable desserts. Due to the generosity of participants, the Library Foundation raised a record \$5,390 for this event. The annual tea party will be held again in Spring 2024 - we hope to see you there!





MESSAGE FROM MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF SCOTT WIESE



The men and women of the Monterey Park Police Department provide first class public safety and community engagement services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Besides the traditional law enforcement services, the police department is committed to community engagement and has developed many programs to address the ever-changing partnerships between the public, our community partner organizations, and the department. We lead the way in providing comprehensive mental health, homeless engagement, and "wrap around" services to all our community. Our personnel truly believe that community partnerships and trust are the basis for success.

All the members of our police department family are committed to providing safety and security to the community, taking into account our core values of honor, integrity, and accountability.



MESSAGE FROM MONTEREY PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF MATTHEW HALLOCK



The men and women of the Monterey Park Fire Department are deeply honored to be recognized by the Monterey Park Library Foundation for our work in our community. This gesture not only honors our dedicated firefighters but also underscores the importance of community appreciation and support for those who selflessly serve and protect. The Monterey Park Library Foundation's acknowledgment serves as a reminder of the invaluable partnership between our local library and fire department, both pillars of our community. Together, they ensure our safety, knowledge, and cultural enrichment. We applaud the Foundation for their commitment to strengthening our bonds and expressing gratitude to those who keep our city safe.

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PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Mike Eng

Pledge of Allegiance

Jose Sanchez, Mayor, City of Monterey Park

Inspiration

Monterey Park Fire Chief Matt Hallock

Monterey Park Police Chief Scott Wiese

Welcome

Bob Gin, President, Monterey Park Library Foundation

Kristin Olivarez, Interim City Librarian

U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu

Acknowledgment of Elected Officials and City of Monterey Park Directors and Staff

Acknowledgment of Library Board of Trustees, Library Foundation Board, Friends of the Library and Library Staff

Dinner

Presentation to Honorees: Monterey Park Fire Department and Monterey Park Police Department

Bob Gin, President, Monterey Park Library Foundation

Carol Sullivan, Vice President, Library Foundation

Acknowledgment of Sponsors and Donors

Live Auction

Silent Auction and Opportunity Raffle Drawing

Closing

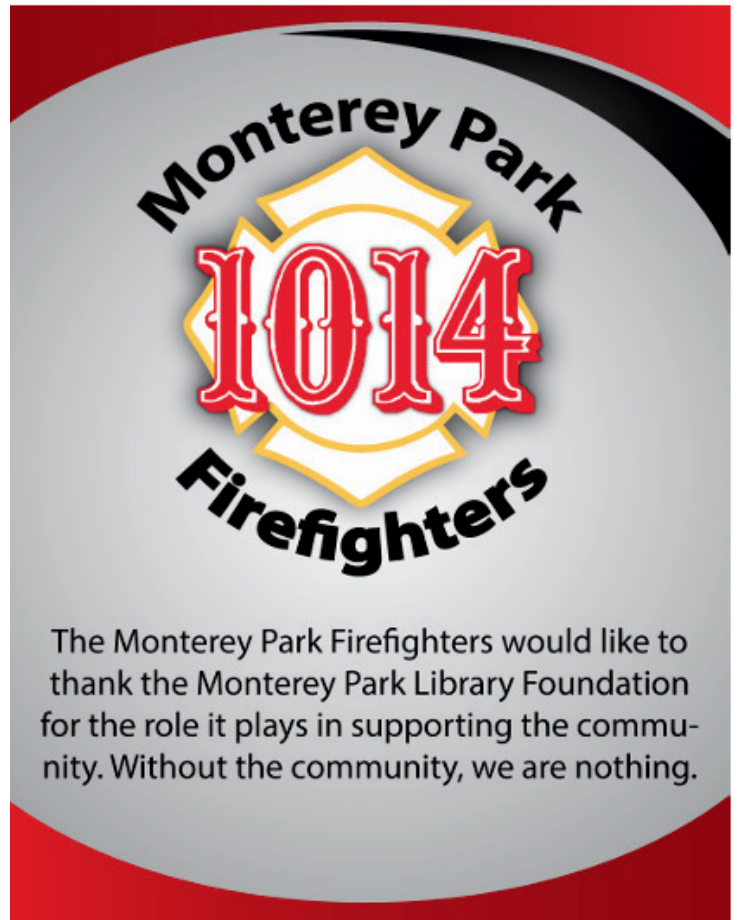
Music/Dancing

Rodney Durand



"Congratulations to the Library Foundation for a great Gala in support of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

This message was approved by
MPPOA President Troy Grant.



The Monterey Park Firefighters would like to thank the Monterey Park Library Foundation for the role it plays in supporting the community. Without the community, we are nothing.



The Monterey Park Professional Chief Officers Association proudly supports the Monterey Park Library and Foundation



The Monterey Park Police Mid Management Association would like to thank the Monterey Park Library Foundation for honoring the men and women of the Monterey Park Police Department at the annual Library Gala.

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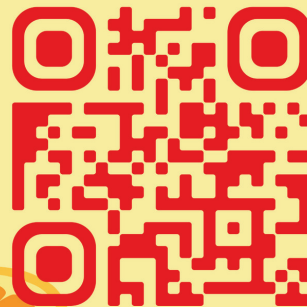
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Carol Sullivan, Larry Sullivan, Jason Dhing, May May Lee, Lila Leong-Iizumi and Shirley Hwong for your efforts in soliciting prizes and assisting with the raffle and auctions.

Junior Friends of the Monterey Park Bruggemyer Library for assisting at the event.

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FALL 2023

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Wednesday and Friday, 3:00-5:00 pm
Teacher Richard
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Conversation III



Thursday, 3:00-4:30 pm
Teacher Daisy
Recommended level: ESL 2-3 (Beginning-High/Intermediate-Low)

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