

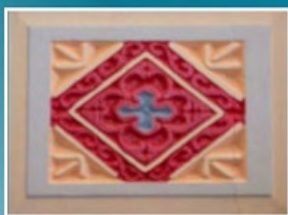
# PLACITAS *Community* LIBRARY



## NEWSLETTER SEPT/OCT 2024

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*I am not afraid of storms for I  
am learning how to sail my ship.*

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT



### **PLACITAS COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOURS**

**SUN: 1 - 4**

**TUES: 10 - 7**

**WED/THURS/SAT: 10 - 5**

## ADULT PROGRAMS

- **SEPT 6 & OCT 4 (5:30 PM):** Dance Out! All ages (adults and children) welcomed, with or without partners. No cover charge, no reservations required. Just come and dance to the music with DJs, Ken Grimes (KUPR) and Neal Solomon.
  - **SEPT 8 (9 AM – 4 PM):** Placitas Garden Tour
  - **SEPT 14 (2 PM):** Exploring Story as Medicine – *The Soulful Child: Twelve Years in the Wilderness* with Chloe Rachel Gallaway
  - **SEPT 28 (1 PM):** Giving Makes Us Happy – Let's Talk About Sharing Wealth Without Worries
  - **OCT 5 (1 PM):** Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) – Charitable Giving as a Tax Strategy
  - **OCT 6 (2 PM):** Poetry at the Library featuring Hilda Raz, Katherine Seluja, and Sarah Kotchian
  - **OCT 12 (2 PM):** *A Whirlwind History of the Universe and Mankind: From the Big Bang to the Higgs Boson* with Dr. Tom Sanford
  - **NOV 23 & 24 (10 AM – 4 PM):** Save the Date – Placitas Holiday Market
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## ART EXHIBIT

- **AUG 31 – SEPT 26:** Out and About the Gardens – Placitas Garden Tour Artists' Exhibition
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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- **SUN, SEPT 8 (10 AM):** Seed Ball Making, as part of the Placitas Garden Tour, from 10 AM through 3 PM (or until supplies run out)
  - **TUES, SEPT 10 (10 AM):** Pre-K Story Time for infants–5 years. Join us for the story of *Johnny Appleseed* and the book, *Ten Apples Up on Top!*, an apple tree craft, and apple snacks.
  - **SUN, SEPT 29 (1–3 PM):** Geology Fest – rock and mineral identification, fun activities, special displays, and giveaways! If you have a special rock or stone you want help identifying, our experts can help you.
  - **TUES, OCT 8 (10 AM):** Pre-K Story Time for infants–5 years. Join Placitas artist and author, Kyle Hollingsworth, who will read the book, *Ebenezer Finds a Reason*. There will be an activity and snacks.
  - **SUN, OCT 27 (1 PM):** Annual Halloween Party – scary stories, lots of fun Halloween games and activities, and of course, candy!
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## RECURRING EVENTS

- **Social Justice Discussion Group** (3rd Tues of each month at 1 PM): Meet to discuss issues of social justice and how we can make a difference in the world today!
- **La Parranda: Club de Español** (Every Wed at 10 AM): Use and learn español with Diane Herrera Shepard and other guests. Open to anyone, especially beginners. No registration or regular attendance required!
- **Drumming Circle** (1st Sun of each month at 4 PM): Bring your own drum or use one of the many we have.



## NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY BOARD

By Lynnette Fields, PCL Board Chair



As many of you are aware, the Placitas Community Library (PCL) is a 501(c)(3) organization and is managed and governed by a Board of Directors. You can read about our Board Members on our [website](#). These Board members assume a fiduciary responsibility, a legal obligation to act in the best interest of PCL in order for the library to grow and thrive in service to our community.

The Board of PCL has been investigating the best ways to manage and grow PCL's finances. With input from several investment planners, it was determined that we needed an investment firm to work with us, using their expertise to help us develop an investment policy. The Board charged the Sustainability Committee with this task. The Sustainability Committee is a Board committee whose purpose is to advise the Board on financial matters including fundraising for PCL.

After interviewing potential investment firms, the Sustainability Committee recommended Altalune Wealth Advisors, Kelley and Ric Tredwin to the Board as the firm that best fit our need to help us to develop our investment policy. The Board approved the selection of Altalune at our May 2023 Board meeting unanimously. Altalune is a small firm with years of experience with nonprofit organizations. They understand the unique challenges that PCL as a 501(c)(3) organization faces serving a diverse community with growing needs.

With their guidance, PCL now has a Statement of Investment which was completed and approved by the Board at our August 2023 meeting and we have begun implementing it. At our September 2023 Board meeting the Sustainability Committee made the recommendation that we hire Altalune Wealth advisors as our certified financial advisors. The Board approved the recommendation unanimously.

After working with the Tredwins over this time, we continue to be impressed with their knowledge and commitment to us at PCL. With their expert advice, we are better able to position PCL for the future and our growth so we may better serve our community.

The Tredwins will be presenting two workshops for the community in September and October. Please see the flyer below. I hope you are able to join us for these programs and see for yourselves how fortunate we are to have them as our certified financial advisors. They bring us their wisdom from their experience and share it with you, our community. Please join us.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

The Strategic Planning Committee has completed their work on eliciting feedback from you, our community, through 24 one-on-one interviews, 5 community focus groups and the patron survey, both in English and Spanish. We received 292 responses with a lot of quality data from each of the 12 questions asked on the survey.

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the patron survey, either online or on paper. We also

extend our heartfelt thanks to the focus group and interview participants who have provided their time, key insights, and vision of our future throughout this process. It has been a pleasure working with each of you to bring the next iteration of the library forward.

Preliminary analysis shows strong community support for PCL. Now that all this data has been collected, the hard work of summarizing, analyzing, and determining key priorities and areas of growth begins.

Our next steps will be:

- Summarizing, analyzing, and determining key priorities and areas of growth from the data collected in S.W.O.T. analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats)
- Defining strategic goals, the measures of success, and key actions to bring the plan together
- Detailing a communication plan to share the plan with leadership, volunteers/staff, patrons and community partners
- Writing and reviewing the drafted plan with stakeholder groups, and then refining the draft from their input
- Finalize the plan and bring it to the Board for approval for adoption
- Implementation of the plan anticipated in October, marking a significant milestone in our journey

Your insights are helping us craft a plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of our community, ensuring the library remains a vital resource for all.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing our preliminary findings from all we've learned about the community's needs, desires and wishes. Your continued support is important as we share the results and refine our plan online and through this newsletter.

We are committed to maintaining transparency throughout this process and will provide regular updates as we progress toward finalizing and implementing the Strategic Plan. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Again, the Committee would like to thank everyone in the community who has helped us so far with this project. As we progress through these steps, your feedback will continue to be our guiding light.



invites you to attend

# FINANCE WORKSHOPS

*presented by*

**KELLEY & RIC TREDWIN**  
ALTALUNE WEALTH ADVISORS



## GIVING MAKES US HAPPY

Let's Talk About Sharing  
Wealth Without Worries

**Sat | Sept 28 | 1 - 3 PM**

Knowing how, when and how much you can really afford to give can be worrisome.

Join us for a conversational workshop to talk about income and tax issues that worry us as we age.

We will address issues like:

- Living gifts
- Charitable giving opportunities
- Cost basis
- Distribution strategies
- Estate planning
- Portfolio analysis for unexpected expenses

## QCDs

Charitable Giving  
as a Tax Strategy

**Sat | Oct 5 | 1 - 3 PM**

A Qualified Charitable Distribution, QCD, can be a great way to donate to a charity and reduce your tax burden at the same time.

QCDs are taken from your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), which is the distribution you are required to take from your Traditional IRA every year after you turn 72.

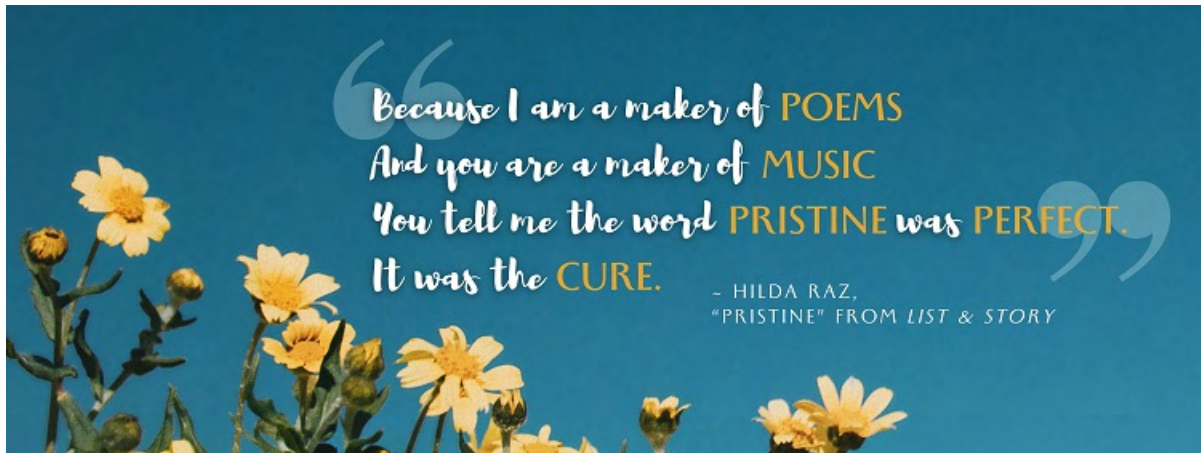
As part of your financial planning, a QCD could be beneficial to you, as well as to community organizations you are donating. There are some complicated little caveats that are worth considering however. Join us to learn more.

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*Library*  
**BOARD  
OF  
DIRECTORS**

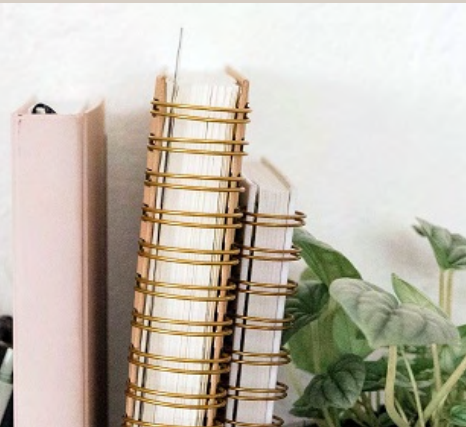
Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Gracie Lee Community Room. The public is invited and welcome to attend. Agendas are posted [here](#) and at the library.

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:  
THURS, SEPT 19, 6:00 PM  
THURS, OCT 17, 6:00 PM**



**Lynne's  
Letters**

MESSAGE FROM  
THE DIRECTOR



**A New Display at the Library**

In each issue of our newsletter, "Susanne's Selections" highlights books in the library that would be of interest to our patrons.



The titles in Susanne's Selections have been added to our [online catalog](#). Each book on display is **available for checkout with your library card**.



Thank you, Susanne, for your **reading recommendations** each month.

Happy reading everyone!!!

*Lynne*



**YOU'RE INVITED TO BOOGIE AT**

# DANCE OUT!



**FIRST FRIDAYS**

**Drop In 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**STARTING SEPT 6**

**CLUB GLCR**

**Gracie Lee Community Room  
at Placitas Community Library**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

ALL AGES (ADULTS & CHILDREN). ALL STYLES.  
WITH PARTNERS. WITHOUT PARTNERS.  
NO COVER CHARGE. NO RESERVATIONS.

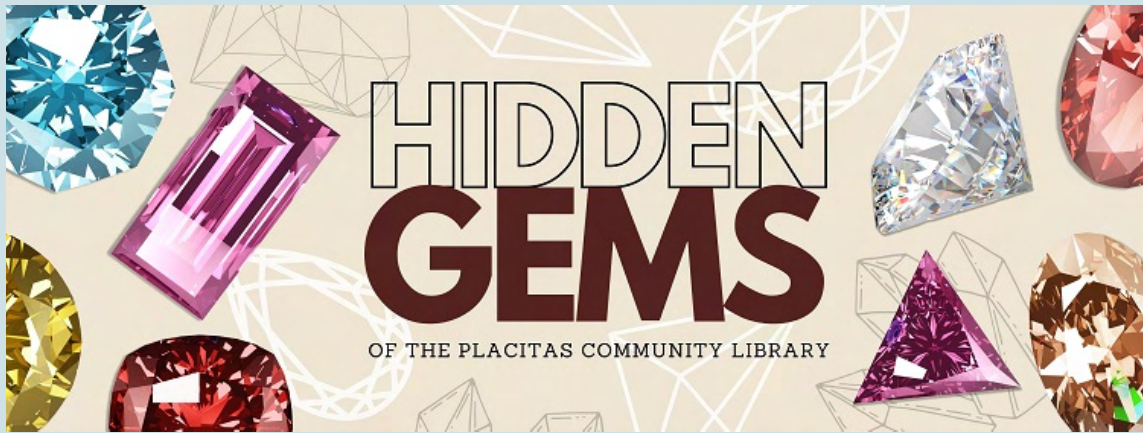
**JUST COME AND DANCE  
AND MOVE TO THE MUSIC!**

DJS KEN GRIMES (KUPR)  
AND NEAL SOLOMON



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### **The Processing and Cataloguing Committee**

Have you ever wondered how all of the new books, audio materials, and videos magically end up on the shelves of the library? Well, the dedicated members of the Processing and Cataloguing team are an integral part of this process. This group of volunteers not only assists in ordering books, they also process those materials when they arrive at the library. In addition, they enter materials onto the library catalogue, help keep our library catalogue current, assist in filling patrons' individual requests for materials, and complete a variety of other behind the scene tasks.

In order to keep our shelves stocked with books from new and popular authors, as well as books on "hot topics," this committee is responsible for physically ordering these materials from a variety of vendors. On average approximately 150 books are ordered monthly. About 25 videos are ordered quarterly. Additionally, patron requests are also ordered if possible.

New and donated books are processed by this group as they are delivered. This process includes downloading books, etc. into the library catalogue, printing and fixing correct labels on materials, and putting protective covers on books as needed. On average, the group processes about 60 books a week.

A few of the other many tasks this committee undertakes are repairing books, withdrawing books as needed, and assisting in keeping our library catalogue up to date.

As you browse the library shelves of fiction and nonfiction books, videos, children's books, audio books, and other library materials, remember that the Processing and Cataloguing committee is working behind the scenes to help make this possible. Please take the time to thank the committee chair Suanne Bryden and members/volunteers BJ Firestone, Carole Alt, and Linda Spaulding, for volunteering their time to serve on this committee.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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## DISCUSSION GROUP

Meet to discuss issues of social justice and how we can make a difference in the world today!

Please contact Anne at [annegrey3@gmail.com](mailto:annegrey3@gmail.com) for more information

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the Collin Meeting Room

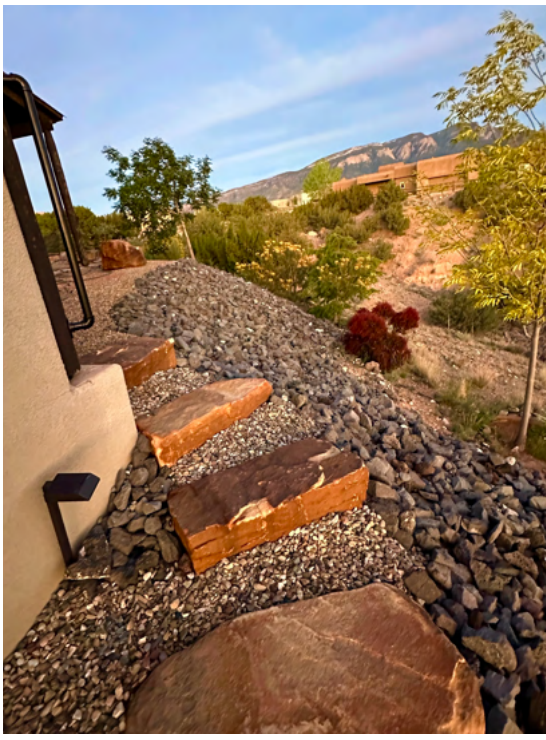


## PLACITAS GARDEN TOUR

SUNDAY, SEPT 8, 2024  
9AM-4PM  
[PLACITASGARDENTOUR.COM](http://PLACITASGARDENTOUR.COM)

**The Placitas Garden Tour Welcomes You to the Eighth Annual Placitas Garden Tour  
on Sunday, September 08, 2024, 9 AM – 4 PM**

Seven distinctly beautiful gardens will be on display along with artists at work. The intriguing garden names include the Legacy Color Garden, Seeding for Sustainability Garden, Maggie's Garden, Ridgeline View Garden, 'Zenful' Garden, Books, Blooms and Seeds, and The Placitas Stonehenge.



Out of respect for our Placitas natural landscapes, the tour theme will focus on “Seeding for Sustainability.” Participants will have the chance to visit gardens that exhibit examples of “Seeding for Sustainability” by native plant self-sowing, human reintroduction, and assistance.

Seeding for sustainability also includes seed saving, harvesting water, mulching to build healthy soils, planting pollinator-friendly blooms, and encouraging the naturalization of surrounding spaces for the protection of watersheds and wildlife.

PCL is furthering its contribution to sustainability by the introduction of a Seed Library and the launch of a plant data base consistent with its award-winning native landscape.

Experience how seeding for sustainability works within the seven beautifully-designed gardens on Sunday September 8, 2024.

Enjoy the following activities at the tour:

At PCL:

- Gallery of Garden Art and a Free Raffle Gift Basket
- Seed Library
- Daylily Sale
- Sandoval County Extension Fall Cooking Demos
- Seed Ball Making for Children (and Adults)
- Docent-led Plant Tours

At the Gardens:

- Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners
- Friendly Garden Owners, Greeters, and other Volunteers
- Bernalillo County Extension Master Composters at the ‘Zenful’ Garden

Visit [PlacitasGardenTour.com](https://PlacitasGardenTour.com) to learn more about the tour, the individual gardens, the artists, how to purchase advanced tickets on sale now, and to view the tour map.

Advanced tickets (guide booklets) are currently on sale at PCL. Day of Tour tickets (guide booklets) will

be sold at the Homestead Village and PCL starting at 8:30 AM on Sunday September 8, 2024.

*The Placitas Garden Tour is a 501(c)3 profit dedicated to hosting an annual tour of exceptional gardens. Ticket proceeds from the tour benefit our participating volunteer organizations: PCL and the Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners.*



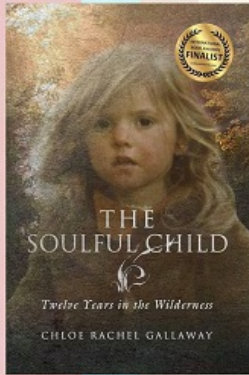
**¡BIENVENIDOS!**  
PCL is excited to welcome you to our Spanish club:

**LA PARRANDA**  
*Club de Español*

Open to anyone, especially beginners. No registration or regular attendance required. Come when you choose to improve or learn Spanish skills and have FUN!

**Every Wednesday  
10 AM - Noon**

A colorful graphic for the Spanish club. It features a light blue background with a red and blue border. The text is centered and surrounded by various decorative elements including colorful flowers, a skull, and patterns. The text reads: '¡BIENVENIDOS! PCL is excited to welcome you to our Spanish club: LA PARRANDA Club de Español Open to anyone, especially beginners. No registration or regular attendance required. Come when you choose to improve or learn Spanish skills and have FUN! Every Wednesday 10 AM - Noon'.



## Exploring Story as Medicine

### *The Soulful Child: Twelve Years in the Wilderness* with Chloe Rachel Gallaway

SEPT 14 | 2 PM

**PCL welcomes author Chloe Rachel Gallaway on September 14 at 2 PM**

Chloe describes herself as an author and 'Story Medicine Guide.' This book talk will offer an opportunity for engaged discussion about using 'story as medicine' in our lives. The core messages of Chloe's breathtaking memoir speak to loss, forgiveness, resilience, and transcendence of trauma through the healing power of Mother Nature.



Imagine living the first twelve years of your life in the wilderness. Imagine that your father, a musician on the verge of fame, gives up a life of opportunity to walk with your mother right out of San Francisco and into the far-off woods of Northern New Mexico. Imagine that he is granted a lifetime lease to live on property owned by the actor Dennis Hopper for the price of one original song. Wild horses run on these native lands where pink, purple, orange, and yellow clay mountains rise up from the earth. Imagine a mother giving birth to six children with no medical supports. All six children grow strong with the spirit of nature inside of them, yet they crave—and one even dies in a tragic accident—to experience what they're missing in the world. The story illuminates the eternal crux of all humanity: there is no place to hide from one's internal struggles; we must come face-to-face with ourselves, to evolve, and heal. Gallaway leads by brave example, using her own life story as the lesson.

Her award-winning book is making an impact and inspiring readers by helping them to see life through the eyes of the Soulful Child. Her story became the foundation for her unique story medicine process, in which, she is assisting aspiring writers to reclaim their voice, truth, and power through the writing of their story. Readers may connect with her on Facebook or [email](#) her directly.

Gallaway's narrative is touching the hearts of readers worldwide:

- Expect beautifully captured scenes of a simpler life, like the perspective of our fast-food lifestyle from a child who is trying it for the first time, all contrasted with the sharp reality that even when we try to leave the world, it often will find us anyway. —*H. Shaw*
- Gallaway, the author, the woman, the writing coach, is a fine example of what it means to draw from the past and build bridges into the future. [She] takes us through the many ups and downs of life in the wilderness...siblings, parents, relatives, the outside world, lifestyle and challenges. If you love a book based on experience and reflection, you'll definitely want to read *The Soulful Child*. —*D.A. Hickman, author*
- Her attention to detail and powers of observation were undoubtedly heightened by such an extraordinary childhood. I found myself captivated with the depth and complexity of all of the

family members, and had a deep empathy for all. Our human story is one of imperfection and mistakes, and Chloe writes in a way that allows grace to exist along with pain. In writing her story and sharing it with the world, she invites us to find our own voices regarding our stories so that true healing can begin. —J., Amazon reviewer

*The Soulful Child: Twelve Years in the Wilderness* was a 2019 International Book Awards Finalist in Narrative Non-Fiction. Please join us to meet Chloe on September 14 at 2 PM.

**DRUMMING CIRCLE**

**JOIN US!**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4 PM**

Bring your own drum or use one of the many we have!

\*Children are welcomed but parents should be aware this is an adult, meditation-like experience

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**FINANCE WORKSHOPS**

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ALTALUNE WEALTH ADVISORS

**GIVING MAKES US HAPPY**  
Let's Talk About Sharing Wealth Without Worries

**Sat | Sept 28 | 1 - 3 PM**

**QCDs**  
Charitable Giving as a Tax Strategy

**Sat | Oct 5 | 1 - 3 PM**

by Maggie Huber, PCL Treasurer

Please join us for two programs at PCL on September 28 at 1 PM and October 5 at 1 PM, presented by Kelley and Ric Tredwin of Altalune

Sharing our resources, giving to causes and people we love, makes us all feel good. With that joy may come worry. Often, we worry about how to share our wealth without getting into trouble on our taxes. We worry about how much we can truly afford to give without running out of money later, especially if we have a big healthcare event or something else unexpected.

At PCL, we depend on the generosity of our community to exist. It is only through your generous donations and volunteer commitments that we can keep serving our community. We want you to be able to share your resources without worrying that you are jeopardizing your future needs. We want to support you generously, just as you have supported us over the last three decades.

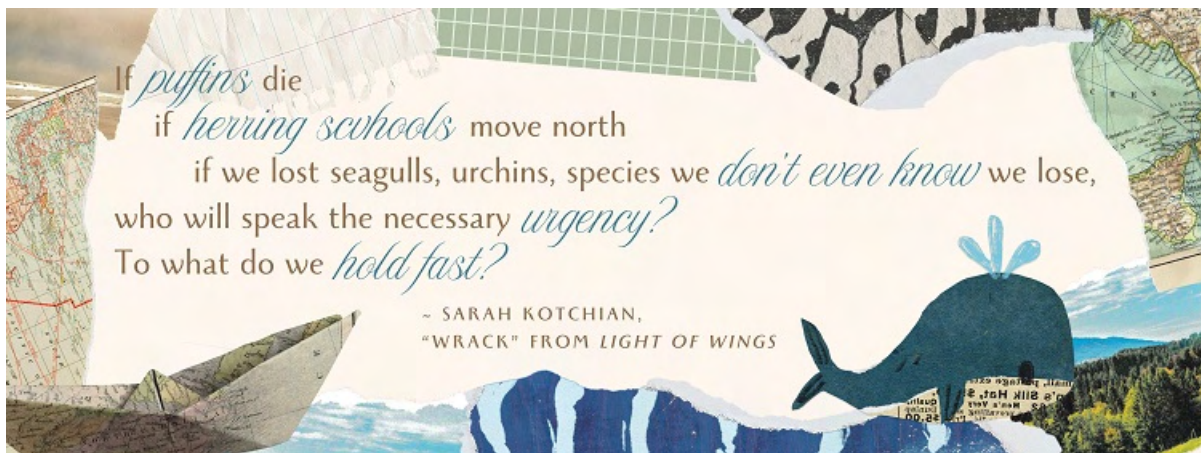
We are offering a two-part series to help you understand how you can share wealth and still make sure that you are taking care of yourself and your family. This topic, transferring wealth, is a common discussion in the media, but it is challenging to know what is really true and even more difficult to know how it applies to each personal situation. We want to provide you with information that is trustworthy and personal. This two-part series serves that need.

Altalune Wealth Advisors, Kelley and Ric Tredwin, will lead us through these discussions. Currently, they are advising PCL about long-term investment strategies and building a legacy plan for this library. Their mission is to alleviate financial worry when it comes to investing, retiring, and sharing wealth. They want everyone to embrace a confident financial future.

The first workshop, on September 28, 2024, at 1 PM, entitled *Giving Makes Us Happy: Let's Talk About Sharing Wealth Without Worries*, will address the range of giving, from gifts for loved ones to giving to charities we care about. It will talk about how to feel confident in distributing wealth while having enough for unexpected events. In the second workshop on October 5, 2024, at 1 PM, *QCDs: Charitable Giving as a Tax Strategy*, will go more in-depth about this specific giving strategy when you have IRA assets and Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

We hope you'll join us to learn more.

Please visit the Adult Programs page on the PCL website for more information. If you have questions, contact Kelley Tredwin at (505) 554-1134. You may also contact Kate Miller, Board Member and Chair of the Sustainability Committee for PCL at (505) 867-2403.



**POETRY AT THE LIBRARY**

SARAH KOTCHIAN  
HILDA RAZ  
KATHERINE SELUJA

In recognition of **National Mental Illness Week**, some of the poems will honor the role of poetry as a witness to mental health challenges.

**END THE STIGMA MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

**OCT 6 | 2 PM**

by Sarah Kotchian

**PCL invites you to an afternoon of poetry on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 2 PM, featuring New Mexico poets Hilda Raz, Katherine Seluja, and Sarah Kotchian**

In recognition of National Mental Illness Awareness Week, some of the poems will honor the role of poetry as a witness to mental health challenges.

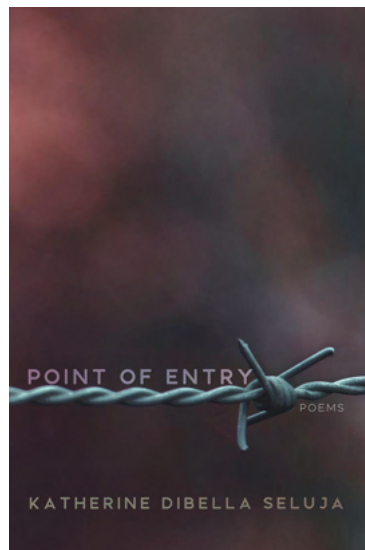
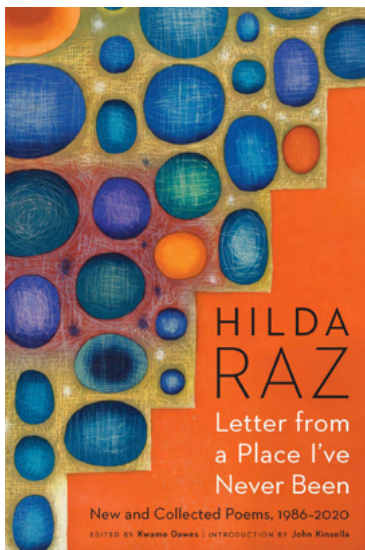
Hilda Raz lives in Placitas, New Mexico, and is currently the Series Editor for Poetry at the [University of New Mexico Press](#) and Poetry Editor for [Bosque Press](#). Prior to her move to New Mexico, she was


the editor of the literary journal *Prairie Schooner* from 1987 to 2010 and is the founding director of the *Prairie Schooner Raz–Shumaker Book Prizes* in poetry and short fiction. In 1993 she was named the first Luschei Professor and Editor in the Department of English at the University of Nebraska where she has worked intensively with graduate students in the Ph.D. program. She has published fourteen books as a poet, nonfiction writer, and editor. Her recent books include *Letter from a Place I've Never Been* and *List & Story*.

Katherine DiBella Seluja is a poet and a micro fiction writer. Her most recent poetry collection, *Point of Entry* (UNM Press, 2023) focuses on issues of immigration and ancestry. Her previous book, *Gather the Night* (UNM Press, 2018) is dedicated to her older brother who lived with schizophrenia and substance use disorder. She is co-author with Tina Carlson and Stella Reed, of the award-winning collaborative collection, *We Are Meant to Carry Water* (3: A Taos Press, 2019). Katherine's poem, "November Fruit," is on permanent display at the Helen Wurlitzer Foundation as part of the Taos Poetry in Nature project. Recent work can be found in *South 85 Journal*, *Medmic*, *Cutthroat*, and *Taos Journal of Poetry*. Katherine has worked in pediatrics for over 40 years. She is a poetry editor at *Unbroken Journal* and lives in Santa Fe.

Sarah Kotchian is an Albuquerque writer whose creative work arises from the solitude and beauty of walks in the New Mexico mountains. Her most recent book of poetry, *Light of Wings*, reflects the abundant beauty of the world and the grief of losses that are at once personal and universal. *Camino*, her book of poetry and photographs about her 500-mile solo pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain, received the New Mexico–Arizona Book Award and the Seven Sisters Book Award. A contributor at the 2019 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and a Pushcart nominee, her writing has appeared in numerous journals and on the podcast "The Unruly Muse."

Mental Health Awareness Week is recognized annually during the first week in October. Begun by an Act of Congress in the US in 1990, this week is dedicated to increasing awareness and education regarding mental health and its challenges. It is part of the larger month-long awareness campaign for depression and mental health screening. October 10<sup>th</sup> is recognized as World Mental Health Day in over 150 countries and works to stop the stigma against mental illness.





My **heart** is occupied with the **ones I've lost**, each with its own **celestial sphere**, their pulse **echoes** the meridian.

I keep rearranging you like a **favorite satellite**, dragging you into **good orbit**, your solar panels deployed to the **stars**.

– KATHERINE DIBELLA SELUJA,  
"DO OUR ANCESTORS LISTEN WHEN  
CALLED" FROM *GATHER THE NIGHT*





By J. Neal

**PCL will feature a Book Talk by Dr. Tom Sanford on October 12 at 2 PM**

*A Whirlwind History of the Universe and Mankind: From the Big Bang to the Higgs Boson* is essential to anyone who is curious about how we humans came to exist, and to understand the science and social evolution which now enables us to demonstrate that a Big Bang occurred 14.7 billion years ago!

Dr. Sanford's book explains the transitions between the many evolutionary plateaus: from our universe's beginning at the Big Bang, to the emergence of Homo Sapiens—highlighting the Mediterranean civilizations of Greece and Rome, the European Renaissance, the English industrial revolution, and early European science discoveries. Of particular note are discoveries in physics, including the Manhattan Project (right here in New Mexico) and the subsequent development of the new field of high-energy particle physics. This entire history, which eventually culminated in the discovery of the mass-giving Higgs boson, is clearly articulated in this monumental but concise work—and in language for educated lay audiences.

Thomas Sanford received his Ph.D. in physics from Columbia University under Nobel Laureate Leon Lederman. After his graduation, he conducted high-energy physics experiments at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in England, the CERN (European Council for Nuclear Research) Laboratory in Switzerland, and the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, participating in the discovery of the charm quark. He then joined Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, as a senior member of the technical staff, becoming a Distinguished Member in 1991. While at Sandia, he engineered a breakthrough in the physics of Z-pinches, opening wire arrays as possible drivers for inertial confinement fusion. In 2000, he became a fellow of the American Physical Society and in 2005 was awarded the Hannes Alfvén Prize by the European Physical Society. Tom is now retired from Sandia and currently lives in Albuquerque.

Tom Sanford's presentation will highlight key elements of his book, allowing ample time for questions and refreshments, plus signing copies of the book.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## *Placitas Holiday Market*

Sat Nov 23 | Sun Nov 24 | 10am to 4pm

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

1. Wild Hearts Gallery
2. Placitas Community Library
3. Placitas Winery
4. Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
5. San Antonio Catholic Mission
6. Placitas Elementary School
7. Placitas Senior Center

*Learn more at [PlacitasHolidayMarket.com](http://PlacitasHolidayMarket.com)*



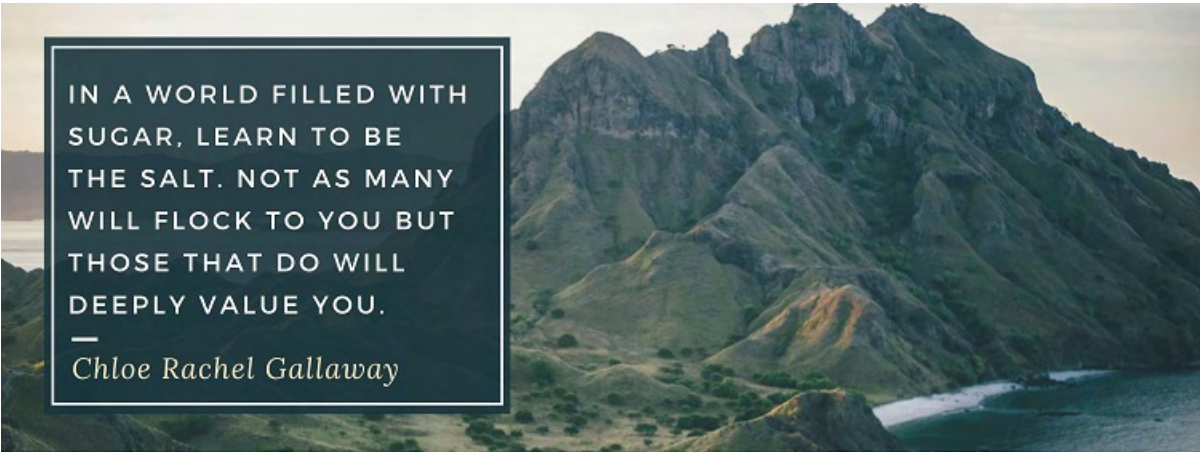
### **The NM Forestry Seedling Program**

Where can you purchase 49 small seedlings for \$90—a mere \$1.84 per seedling? New Mexico's Conservation Seedling Program, of course!

Twice a year, the New Mexico Forestry Division Conservation Seedling Program makes low-cost, native seedlings available to landowners for purposes of “...*reforestation, erosion control, windbreaks, streambank restoration, and wildlife habitat improvement.*” The program, which started in the 1960s, has made millions of trees, shrubs and other plants available to landowners. In return, these plants “...*store carbon, provide cooling shade, and help with water infiltration. Further, seedlings can be used for reforestation projects after catastrophic wildfire and/or tree mortality due to insect and disease epidemics.*”

The Fall distribution starts in September, and orders are being taken now, on a first come, first serve basis. View the available seedling list [here](#). Conservation seedlings available this Fall include same species lots and “packages” that combine several seedling types together. So, get your order in now for Fall planting!

Happy Gardening!



IN A WORLD FILLED WITH  
SUGAR, LEARN TO BE  
THE SALT. NOT AS MANY  
WILL FLOCK TO YOU BUT  
THOSE THAT DO WILL  
DEEPLY VALUE YOU.

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*Chloe Rachel Gallaway*



# PLACITAS

## GARDEN TOUR

The PCL Art Committee invites you to join us "Out and About the Gardens: Placitas Garden Tour Artists' Exhibition" from August 31 – September 26

"Gardening is the art of sowing hope and anticipation," opines an anonymous source, and according to Sue Ortiz, it seems natural to apply the same notion of "hope and anticipation" when considering the accomplished work of the seven artists featured in this year's Placitas Garden Tour Exhibit. The exhibition begins August 31 and continues through September 26 in PCL's Gracie Lee Community Room.



Exhibition coordinators Ortiz and Sandy Johnson have also paired this year's artists— Seung Youn, Dana Patterson Roth, Jay Leutwyler, Barbara Morrow, Karen Melody Shatar, Steve McKibbin, and Dale Laitinen—with gardens on the annual tour. The artists will be making new work in their assigned gardens on Sunday, September 8, the day of the Tour, and interacting with visitors. Details about each destination are available [online](#), including enticing images of the gardens and examples of each artist's work. Expect to find delightful sculptures, watercolor and pastel landscapes, photography, and fused glass creations.



Volunteers will be available at the library on September 8 from 10 AM to 4 PM to assist those who want to purchase works from the exhibition. Art may also be purchased from the library help desk during regular hours. Thirty percent of all sales will be gifted to PCL and the Placitas Garden Tour as a donation.

Advance tickets to the Garden Tour cost \$15 and can be purchased online, at PCL and the Merc, or in Albuquerque at Alameda Greenhouse, Jericho Nursery, Osuna Nursery, Plants of the Southwest, and Rehms Nursery. Tickets purchased the day of the tour at an outdoor ticket table at the library will cost \$20. The Tour's ticket holders who visit the library may also enter to win a garden-related gift basket with items donated by local businesses and volunteers. The winner does not have to be present for the drawing which will occur at the close of the Tour (4 PM).



# KIDS' COLUMN

by Nora Timmons, Children's Program Coordinator

## SEPTEMBER

**SUN, SEPT 8 (10 AM):** Children accompanied by a parent are invited to the library as part of the Placitas Garden Tour to help make seed balls from 10 AM - 3 PM, or until supplies run out. Everything to make the balls will be provided, as well as garden tour helpers to advise the children. Participants will be able to take home one or two seed balls to place in their own yard next Spring. Children will be invited back to help throw out the seed balls in the open areas of the library grounds next Spring.



**TUES, SEPT 10 (10 AM):** Pre-K Story Time for infants–5 years. *A Barrel of Fun: All About Apples* is the theme. Join us for the story of *Johnny Appleseed* and the book, *Ten Apples Up on Top!* and an apple tree craft. The snack will be apples, of course!

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# A BARREL of FUN

## All About Apples!

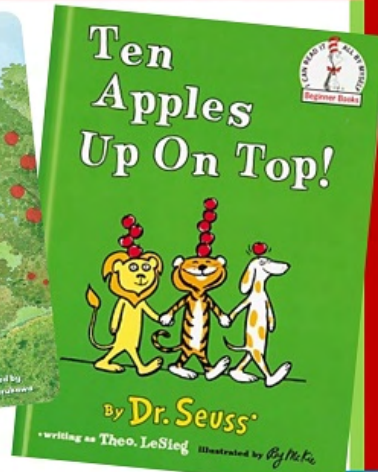
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APPLES!  
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Join us for books and  
an APPLE TREE craft!

We'll read *Johnny  
Appleseed* and *Ten  
Apples Up On Top!*

We'll have APPLE  
snacks, too!



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**SUN, SEPT 29 (1-3 PM):** For all children and their families. Come to Geology Fest! Placitas rocks with all kinds of rocks, crystals, and geologists! Our patron, Colleen Rust, and several colleagues will be here to help kids identify various rocks and minerals. If you have a special rock or stone you want help identifying, our experts can help you. We will have fun activities including exploring geology in your own backyard, special displays, and more. And there will be giveaways!

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Geologist and patron Colleen Rust, along with fellow Placitas geologists, are planning several fun activities, including rock and mineral identification and exploring geology in your backyard.

Have you found a special rock you want to identify? Bring it with you and our specialists will help you do that.

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## OCTOBER

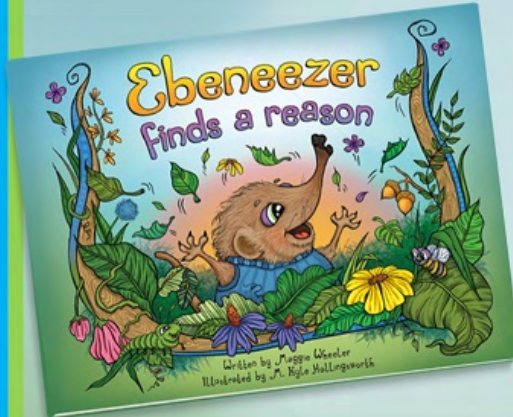
**TUES, OCT 8 (10 AM):** Pre-K Story Time for infants–5 years. Placitas artist and author, Kyle Hollingsworth will read the book, *Ebenezer Finds a Reason* written by her friend, Maggie Wheeler, and illustrated by Kyle. This is a whimsical tale about a young shrew with a terrible sneezing problem. Ebenezer and his mother set out on a journey to find a cure, making friends with forest creatures as they travel. Kyle will provide an activity and there will be snacks.



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Join Placitas author and artist,  
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as she reads the book she illustrated!

Written by her friend, Maggie Wheeler,  
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on a journey in search of a cure and meet  
many wonderful forest friends along the way.

We'll also have an activity and snacks!



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**SUN, OCT 27 (1 PM):** Our Annual Halloween Party! There will be scary stories with a new storyteller and lots of fun Halloween games, activities, and of course, candy! We are still planning this event so stay tuned to your email for more information. Please come in costume if you like. This party is for the entire family.



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# HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 27 | AT 1:00 PM

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HALLOWEEN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES,  
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# CHILDREN'S BOOK NEWS

**By Nancy Guist**  
*Children's Collection Coordinator*



Kate DiCamillo is the author of many popular books for young readers. She has received several awards including the Newbery Medal and the Theodor Geisel Medal. Perhaps one of her most well-known books is *Because of Winn Dixie*, which was also made into a movie.

Kate DiCamillo once said, "The smallest act of kindness can change the world." Such a sense of hope and belief are often reflected in her books. Below are thoughts on two of her newer books this year, as well as an old favorite she wrote with a fellow author.

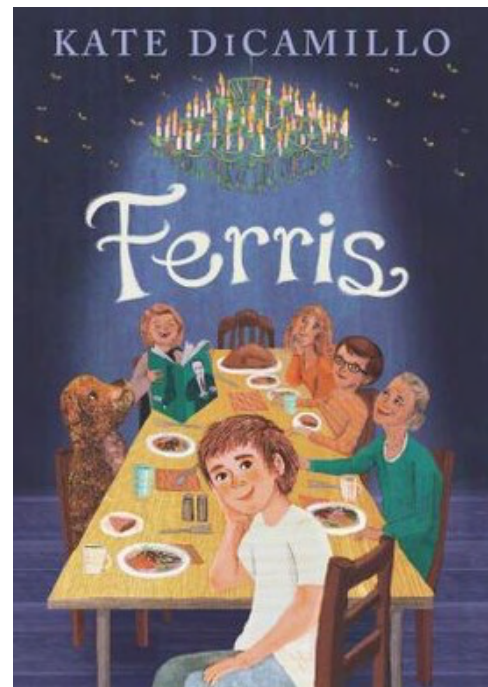
## **Ferris**

**by Kate DiCamillo**

**Suggested ages: 7-10 years**

Ferris's summer, before entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade, evolves into a memorable one! Pinkey, her younger sister, is determined to become an "outlaw." Her Uncle Ted, now living in the basement, is engrossed in a self-imposed project of painting the history of the world. And Charisse, Ferris's ailing grandmother, has seen a ghost whose command is to light the dining room chandelier with real candles. Ferris and her friend, Billy Jackson, wind their way through one challenge after another as they encounter the desires of Ferris's quirky family.

DiCamillo fills her tale with humor and unexpected antics along with weaving in challenging vocabulary. Mrs. Mielk, Ferris, and Billy Jackson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, presented her class with the "gift of words." And so, words from ludicrous to bereft, are among the delightfully descriptive words which are interwoven into Ferris's story of her summer.

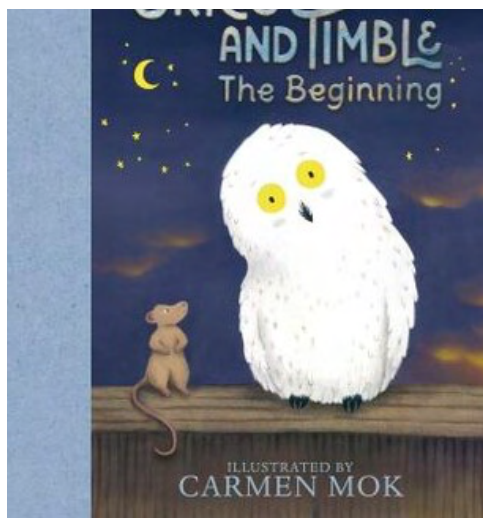


Ferris is wise beyond her years, partly due to the wisdom which Charisse imparts to her granddaughter. The reader sees the world through Ferris's forever questioning but honest eyes. Gradually, Ferris comes to the realization that there is magic in following one's own tune and staying true to oneself whoever you may be. She discovers that "every story is a love story." *Ferris* is a tender and uplifting gift to all, young and old alike.



***Orris and Timble: The Beginning***

**by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Carmen Mok**



**Suggested ages: 3-7 years**

“Make the good and noble choice!!” is imprinted on an old sardine can with which Orris, a rat, has adorned his cozy nest in an abandoned barn. Little did he think such words would foretell of events to come. One evening, a desperate call for help comes from a small white owl, Timble. His foot is caught in a rat trap. He is scared and helpless. Recalling Aesop’s tale, the Lion and the Mouse, and glancing over at his colorful tin can, Orris revs up his courage and goes to the rescue.

Orris is a gritty, practical fellow, but his tenderness wins out and a new friendship blooms. Perhaps this is truly “the beginning” and young readers will have more Orris and Timble tales to look

forward to. The full-page illustrations are done in muted tones with the exception of the “Imperial Sardine Can,” shining with its wise words. Monk skillfully expresses Orris and Timble’s changing emotions as the story unfurls. Young readers will easily perceive this evolution of feelings by the pictures alone.

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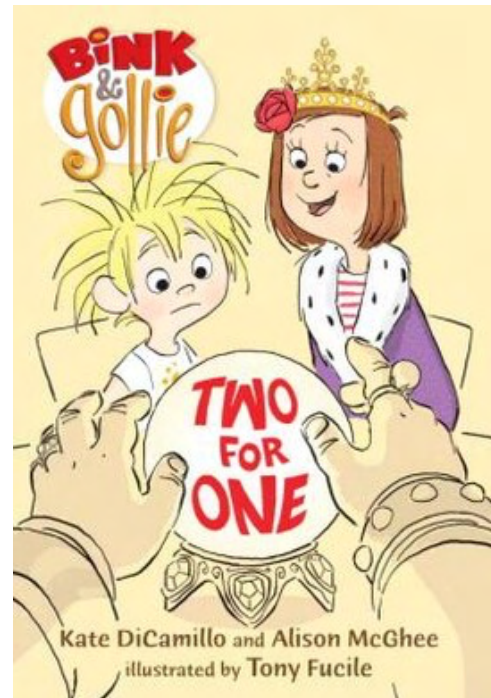
### ***Bink & Gollie: Two for One***

**by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee,  
illustrated by Tony Fucile**

**Suggested ages: 4-7 years**

Bink and Gollie are two irrepressible friends who have been part of the literary world for beginning readers for over 10 years. They are opposites in many ways, but are both energetic and ready to embark on new experiences which will bring forth smiles and giggles to all. *Two for One* takes place at the state fair where the two friends are there for each other as they each find themselves in unforeseen and embarrassing situations.

Fucile’s illustrations are laced with energy and humor. They carry the action along, supporting the limited text. A non-reader will find delight in Bink and Gollie’s adventures through pictures alone while the beginning reader will experience an added depth to these two friends’ stories.



# Susanne's Selections

Reading Recommendations  
By Susanne Domínguez



## Available for e-Checkout!

The titles in *Susanne's Selections* have been added to our [Online Catalog](#) (which you can access with your library card).



## Fly Girl

by Ann Hood

*"The job gave me things I never could have imagined: the ability to talk in front of a couple of hundred people and navigate the subways and streets of foreign cities with ease. It taught me to listen, to be kind and helpful and compassionate. For every love story I heard, there was a tale of cruelty, or a broken heart. I learned there are misogynists in the world, sure, but that most people are pretty wonderful."*

Memories of walking in high heels over a million miles, knowing how to deliver a new born baby, handling both amorous and irate customers with aplomb, and seeing the world as a flight attendant – or as they were known then, a stewardess – Ann Hood realized her lifelong goal to become a stewardess. In her charming and enlightening memoir, she addresses the negative experiences she encountered, such as sexism, the restrictions and demands of the job, and the positive, thrilling experiences, such as romantic interests, travel opportunities to exotic lands, meeting inspiring passengers, learning "to laugh at human

foibles," and "to stop taking small things too seriously." In the "golden age" of travel during the 1970–1980's, the passengers dressed up to fly and stewardesses were considered the epitome of glamour. Hood also discusses the airline industry during that time and how and why it changed, including the devastating airline bankruptcies. I thoroughly enjoyed this delightful, informative book.

## The Diving Bell and the Butterfly

by Jean-Dominique Bauby



In 1995, 44-year-old Jean-Dominique Bauby was the editor-in-chief of the legendary French "Elle" magazine. A bon vivant and father of two young children, he was admired for his savoir faire and passion for life. Sadly, he suffered a stroke causing him to be capable of communicating only by blinking his left eyelid. He was diagnosed as suffering from the rare condition called "Locked-in Syndrome," unable to breathe, swallow, or eat without assistance.

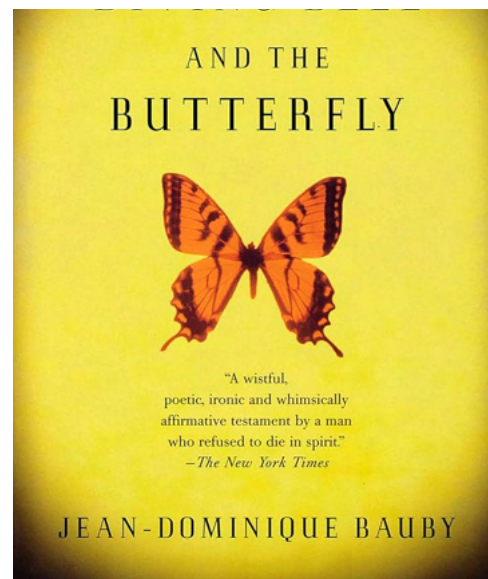
The medical staff created a special alphabet with the understanding that Bauby would blink at letters he wanted written down. Repeating the process resulted in words, sentences, and entire discussions. With the help of a special nurse, Claude Mendibil, and friends, he was able to write his book, using only his ability to blink at the most frequently used letters of the alphabet: E, S, A, R, I, N, T, etc., while Mendibil or a friend pointed to them on a screen: one blink for "yes," two blinks for "no."

Demonstrating incredible spirit and resoluteness, Bauby's profound memoir, with its beautiful poetic prose, is a moving testament to the human spirit. Somewhat reminiscent of the brilliant memoir, "When Life Becomes Breath" by Paul Kalanithi, it's one of the most extraordinary, memorable, and affecting books I've ever read. Yes, it's a poignant book, but full of insight and humor. Bauby doesn't focus on his condition, instead he pokes fun at it, and his creative self soars to imaginings of sharing time with his family, being transported to his favorite haunts, and savoring his favorite foods (he was fed via a feeding tube and drooled incessantly).

Metaphorically, the book title imagines an immobile deep-sea diver weighed down in an old-fashioned diving helmet and suit and Bauby's mind, moving like a butterfly from letter to letter, to ultimately write a 100-page masterpiece. Bauby died two days after the publication of his book in France on March 9, 1997.

Admirably, while bedridden, Bauby created the first association in the world for people suffering from Locked-In Syndrome: ALIS (Association du Locked-In Syndrome) and became its first president, stating his objectives thus: *"To collect all the present information about the syndrome, to allow sufferers to communicate better with one another, to create means of breaking the solitude and isolation, and to make them true citizens of the 21st century."*

I originally watched the movie based on the book, "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death," in French with subtitles many years ago and was utterly entranced by it. I later read the book. Not bleak by any means, it's a testament to one man's incredible accomplishment and courage.



## A Great Country by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

The Shah family has relocated from a lovely, middle-class city in Southern California to Pacific Hills, a wealthy (fictional) enclave (think Newport Coast in Orange County, California) where their lives are "turned upside down." The three teenagers in the family are not thrilled about the move, since they will miss their friends from the old neighborhood, while the parents are extremely pleased that they achieved the "American Dream," and can afford to live in such a prestigious neighborhood.



Arriving in the U.S. from India 20 years ago, through hard work and determination, they believe they have reached the apex of their lives. Unbeknownst to them, they didn't consider the social challenges they encounter.

After twelve-year-old Ajay is erroneously arrested, the family is shocked and confused at the treatment both they and Ajay receive by the judicial system. They don't know whether or not

their treatment is based on being immigrants. And then to make matters worse, the neighbors demonstrate conflicting behavior as they witness police cars visiting the Shah's new palatial home.

A worthy read, it delves into numerous aspects of life and examines how each one affects the family: cultural differences, success, ambition, class division, family dynamics, prejudice, and social status. What I particularly appreciated were the many questions and excellent points the author raised regarding the challenges immigrants face in their lives. Gowda is an extraordinary writer and I look forward to reading her future books.

Gowda "holds an MBA from Stanford University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was a Morehead-Cain scholar. She has served on the Advisory Board of the Children's Defense Fund, and is a Patron of Childhaven International, the organization for which she volunteered in India."

 <p><b>Sandoval County Historical Society &amp; Museum</b></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY SEPT. 29, 2024 @ 2 PM</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY SEPT. 8, 2024 @ 2 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Flint Knapping</b> Presented by <b>Daniel Vallo</b> of the <b>Acoma Pueblo</b></p>  
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