



BOOK REPORT

FALL 2017



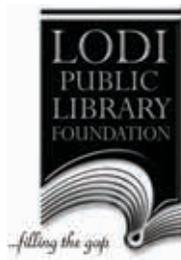
Plan to Attend the Lodi Public Library Foundation's
17th Annual Evening at the Library Fundraiser

A C E L E B R A T I O N O F

The Art of *Storytelling*

O C T O B E R 7, 2017

DONNA WASHINGTON



Donna Washington has performed at thousands of schools & libraries and numerous storytelling festivals throughout the country.

Join us for an evening with this acclaimed performer, and support the Lodi Library Foundation's signature fundraiser of the year.

5:30pm

- LOCAL WINES
- CHAMPAGNE
- HORS D'OEUVRES
- RAFFLE PRIZES

6:30pm

- STORYTELLER
- DINNER

\$85
per person

CATERING BY
PAPAPAVLO'S

**Proceeds from this signature fundraiser
will benefit current and future
Lodi Public Library programs and projects.**

Save the
DATE!

WHO IS DONNA WASHINGTON?



Donna Washington is an author, storyteller, and multicultural folklorist. Her amazing vocal pyrotechnics and dynamic physicality make her stories come alive to enthrall and delight audiences of all ages.

She was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As an Army brat, however, she traveled all over the world with her parents. Her father would sit at the dinner table and spin the wildest yarns imaginable. He taught his daughter

Arthurian Legend and Greek Mythology by telling the stories in the first person. She thought he was thousands of years old and had actually been with Merlin and Oedipus. From second to sixth grade Donna and her family lived in Seoul, Korea. During these years her parents adopted three Amerasian children, and she added Korean stories to her growing repertoire of Greek myths and Arthurian legends.

In the four years Donna spent at Northwestern University, she made storytelling a central part of her performance life. Over the years she has also produced four award-winning wordless picture books: *A Pride of African Tales*, *The Story of Kwanzaa*, *A Big Spooky House*, and *Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa*. Besides telling stories and producing books, Donna has recorded numerous acclaimed CD's which have won Children's Music Web Awards.

This versatile storyteller has performed at thousands of schools and libraries and at numerous storytelling festivals, notably the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesboro, Tennessee, and at the 2017 Mariposa Storytelling Festival in California. She also offers workshops in storytelling, writing, education, and creative drama for libraries and educators.

Donna lives in Durham, North Carolina, with her husband Dave and college-age daughter. More often these days, though, you can find Donna at festivals, schools, conferences, and libraries throughout the United States telling stories and giving workshops for anyone who is willing to listen to her.



Donna will perform at the Evening at the Library–

A Celebration of the Art of Storytelling

at the Lodi Public Library on October 7, 2017. Don't miss it!



LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



What a year it is shaping up to be! In July the Lodi City Council approved construction of the new Teen Scene. Diede Construction will handle the project, and we expect construction to start any day now. The contractors will first build the two study rooms, the lounge, and the media studio. Most of this work will take place inside the Library, but we also will be moving the footprint of the Library further north about five feet. After this first phase is completed, the contractor will construct the outside patio, and all should be finished sometime in November.

Be sure to check out two recent enhancements to the Library: 1) Just outside the entrance to the Library, the Lodi Crane Festival has installed a beautiful new art piece. 2) As you enter the Library, notice the remodeled lobby, including a new wooden mural in the shape of a tree. Check out the flying cranes, too! Children seem to like this new mural, and its 3-D dimensions have enhanced the overall look of our Library.

The Library continues to broaden its mission. I recently mentioned that libraries should not be just centers to house books; they should also be learning centers. From everything I continue to see, that is where the future is leading us. We have a renovated building that looks great to its patrons, some programs that show great promise, and some excellent ideas about how to “sell” the Library to this community in order to bring more people in.

I once wrote that “change favors those who can adapt to the inevitability of a different future” and “change is inevitable, but failure is not.” We at the Lodi Public Library are adapting to that future. We are moving forward, maybe not in a straight line, but gradually we are adapting to the inevitable changes the future will bring.

Thank you for everything that so many of you do!

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Director

Lodi Public Library Foundation

LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT



We are off to another exciting year at the Lodi Public Library Foundation. As always, the focus of our foundation has been to support the Library staff with capital projects and improvements the staff may not be able to complete on their own. This allows the Library to be a true destination in Lodi that meets the educational, social, and cultural needs of our community. In addition to donating our own time and money, fundraising is a major part of this effort. In the last year we created a Library Lover's program, increased our volunteer hours, hosted our annual Storyteller Dinner, accepted our first stock gift, and kicked off our Teen Scene fundraising campaign. These exciting programs will carry on to this year as we build our Legacy programs and work toward fully funding the Library's Teen Scene project.

Working with the Library truly is a collaborative effort. We have partnered with the Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, and the city of Lodi to ensure the new Teen Scene meets the needs of this underserved population in our community and is fully funded by the time construction begins. So how can you help? This project will cost approximately \$900,000, and we are looking for supporters of the Library to help us get there. The Foundation's commitment to the Teen Scene is \$310,000, and we have raised approximately \$150,000 toward this goal. This is a seminal project for the Library that will allow them to provide the necessary knowledge and skills our next generation will need to be successful. There are many ways to support this great project: You may attend our annual Storyteller dinner (tickets go on sale soon), respond to one of our direct mailers, or drop off a donation at the Foundation office at the Library.

As exciting as this time is for the Library, please don't forget all of the other great programs the Library offers that need continual support. We are proud to support the many resources the Library provides, including Adult Literacy, Homework Help, and the Bookers' Club.

We hope that our efforts have helped the Library grow into a place you will want to visit and spend time.

Please come see all of the exciting things your Lodi Public Library has to offer and be a part of this amazing transition.

Sierra Brucia

President

Lodi Public Library Foundatio

Coming to the Lodi Public Library ... THE TEEN SCENE

Construction of the Lodi Public Library's new Teen Scene will begin very soon. It has been a long and arduous journey to reach this point, but Library staff and City of Lodi officials have steadily progressed through a multi-year planning and construction process:

- Complete renovation of the Computer Learning Center, the Adult Section, and the Children's Section of the main Library from 2009 through 2014
- Addition of a mural to the Community Room in 2012
- Remodel of the Michael David Family Foundation lobby in 2015
- Refurbishment of the Rott Family Children's Area in 2015
- Conversion of unused west patio to expanded Homework Help area in 2016
- In 2016 and 2017 construction planning for a Teen Scene Area designed and equipped to meet the educational and literary needs of Lodi's teenagers



Future Teen Scene Users

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE NEW TEEN SCENE:

- Media room for online instruction, video production, and computer graphics training
- Reception lounge and conversation space
- Multi-use patio and lecture area
- Two group study rooms, two multi-person study booths, and two study nooks
- Three "Linkedin" tables equipped for individual and group use.

Lodi Public Library Trustees and the Lodi City Council approved the Teen Scene design and construction drawings earlier this year. On Wednesday, July 19, 2017 the Lodi City Council agreed to accept the low bid of \$930,000 from Diede Construction. Both public and private sources will fund this project. The City of Lodi and the Library Trustees will provide approximately two-thirds of the budget, and the Lodi Public Library Foundation has undertaken a Teen Scene Campaign to raise the remaining \$300,000.

Architectural Renderings of the New Teen Scene Vision



Teen Lounge



Teen Studio/Study Rooms



Patio view from Library



Patio view from alley



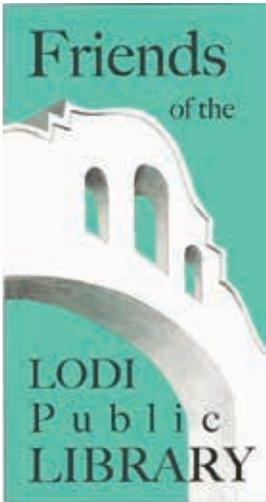
JOIN US FOR THE HOME STRETCH OF THIS EXCITING NEW PROJECT

The Foundation's Teen Scene Campaign has been in progress for months, and leadership gifts totaling \$150,000 have already been secured. Please join us for the following related events and receptions as the Home Stretch of the campaign continues through the end of the year:

1. Lodi Academy Fun Run on September 24
2. Lodi Public Library's Annual Dinner and Storyteller on October 7
3. Installation of "Millennial Time Capsule" at Teen Scene construction site
4. Bi-monthly "Hard Hat" tours for donors and friends interested in the progress of the project
5. Selection of one of the Teen Scene's many naming opportunities

PLEASE CALL THE LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION OFFICE AT 333-5536 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE YOUR "HARD HAT" TOUR.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LODI LIBRARY



The Friends Bookstore continues to offer used books for sale six days a week. You will certainly find some treasure to enjoy, so come on in. The volunteers who man the desk are always happy to see you and ready with a smile. Our money goes to support the programs the Library organizes for the benefit of our community. A few of the items and programs we have financed include window coverings for the new Homework Help Room, reading programs, Sip and Paint sessions, Uncle Jer's Bees, and Storytime Crafts.

We have 60+ volunteers who keep the bookstore running. We would love to have you join as a member. (You don't have to volunteer to be a member). Help support the great work of the Lodi Public Library.

-President, Sharon Seegmiller

HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 10 – 6

SATURDAY: 10 - 4

SUNDAY: 12 - 4

Stop in and look for that special read or reference book.



WHY SHOULD YOU SUPPORT THE LODI LIBRARY LOVERS PROGRAM?

- 1.** Because you appreciate the educational services and programs that the Lodi Public Library has provided for you and your family.
- 2.** Because you recently lost a family member or friend who loved reading, and you would like to make a gift in his or her memory.
- 3.** Because you want to leave a legacy gift to an IRS-registered nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Lodi Public Library and its education and literacy mission.
- 4.** Because you support a number of charitable causes and want to focus some of your gift-giving on a local organization with an outstanding record of public service.
- 5.** Because you made gifts to the Lodi Public Library Foundation in the past and believe that those contributions were put to good use.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a pre-addressed envelope for making a gift to the Lodi Library Lovers Program. There are many reasons for you to consider when making a gift, but listed here are five of the most common reasons that Lodi Public Library Foundation donors have shared with us. One or more may also fit for you...

Whatever your reasons for supporting the Lodi Public Library Foundation, we hope you will send in your contribution today. Just complete the gift information on the self-addressed envelope in this newsletter, enclose your check or credit card information, attach a stamp, and mail it. You will receive a prompt, written acknowledgement. Thank you for your support and for becoming a member or extending your membership in our Library Lovers Program.



BRIDGE EVENT FOLLOW-UP

Thirteen tables of players enjoyed the Foundation's 2017 annual Bridge Event on March 10 this year. After a delicious dessert provided by Bon Appetit Café, players enjoyed three hours of friendly competition. At the end Maryanne Bergstrom collected the first-place prize with more than 4,000 points! Pat Eisler captured second place, and the Foundation made more than \$2,500 to be used on Library programs and projects. Thanks to everyone for the generous support!



THANK YOU, DONORS!



Listed below are businesses and individuals who have donated \$50 or more to the Lodi Public Library Foundation from January 1, 2017 through August 9, 2017. Thank you so much! This money will be used for Library programs and projects endorsed by the Lodi Public Library Foundation.

Acampo Machine Works

Kasavan, Jeffrey

Ackerman, Albert and Eleanor

Keagy, John

Adams, Stewart

Kielhold, Gary and Leigh

Almaraz, Veronica

Koenig, John N.

Alquist, Jack

Korphage, J.F.

Anderson, Patricia and Don

Les Schwab Tire Center

Arlt, Dawn Marie

Linn, Donald L.

Baldwin, Margaret and Thomas

Lockeford Chiropractic Office

Bansmer, Erica M.

Lustre-Cal

Becker, Donald L.

Matage, Yosh and Arleen

Beckman, Troy and Renee

Meehleis, William and Carolyn

Bergstrom, Maryanne

Miyasaki, Gayle S.

Bertsch, John and Alison

Moos, Peggy

Billings, Donald and NoAnn

Mullen, Kenneth and Nancy

Braden, Ron and Anne

Narayan, Dawn Marie

Brown, Frank – JAB Auto Parts

Nimtz, Kelly and Janet

Buchanan, Wendy W.

Pacific Coast Producers

Burlington, Bruce and Norma

Peck, James and Barbara

California Rock & Ready Mix

Potts, Nancy

Crabtree, Steven and Patricia

Russell, Ronald

Crow, Janet – Richmaid Restaurant

Sackett, Gail Aberle

DeBenedetti, Michael and Staige

Sattler, Dennis and Linda

DOMUS Management Co.
(Cathy Metcalf)

Schmiedt, Leland and Bernice

During, Kent and Connie

Shock, Tom and Nancy

Easter, Marguerite

Simonds, Sally

Ehlers Bicksler, Nancy

Smith, Gail D.

Envirokem Engineering Services, Inc.

Smith, Phillip and Julia

Farmers and Merchants Bank

Snyde, Fred and Sally

Finn, Denise H.

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Guilfoyle, John W.

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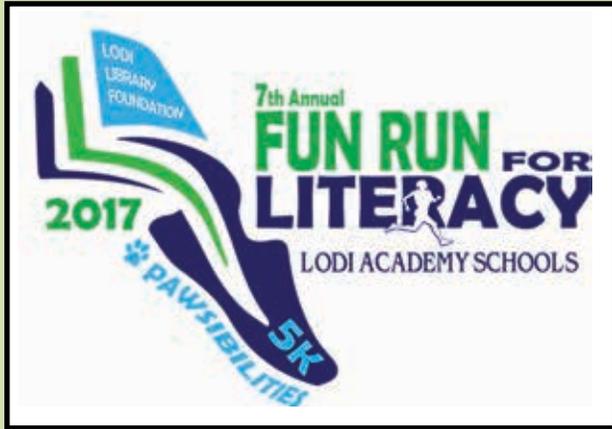
Johnson, Bob and Gayle

Yamashita, Ken and Yukiye

Jones, James

Zeiter, John

SUPPORT THE GROUPS WHO SUPPORT THE LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY!



Put Some Fun in Your Run Saturday, September 24

Dig out those running shoes and take them for a spin on September 24. Lodi Academy has both the time and the place for the run... or walk, if you choose. This event is geared to all ages—kids, parents, teachers, grandparents, community members... anyone who likes to run for a cause. The cause? The Teen Scene at the Lodi Library. Lodi Academy will donate all the proceeds from this event to the Lodi Public Library Foundation to help fund the Teen Scene. Thanks, Lodi Academy, for your interest, time, and effort with this event. See you there!



Chili Cook-off Offers Plenty of Fun for All Saturday, October 14

Woodbridge Winery will host the 16th Annual California State Championship Chili Cook-off and Car Show at the winery. Lodi Public Library Foundation will again man a hospitality booth, and the Friends will sell books. Friends will also vie to repeat their 2016 coveted People's Choice Award for their tasty chili. The best part of this day? The proceeds benefit the Lodi Public Library Foundation!

Come out and enjoy the fun!