



WATERMARKS

LO Reads 2022

LO READS in its 16th year!

We are so excited for the 2022 Lake Oswego Public Library LO Reads Program which has selected C Pam Zhang's 2020 debut novel "**How Much of These Hills Is Gold**".

Friends members are able to pick up a book and a ticket to the author lecture ahead of the public. Join Friends now to enjoy these membership perks.

Save the Date:

February 19th, 2022
10am-12pm at 380 A Ave.

2022 Grants awarded to LOPL

- The Friends approved Fall 2021 grants totaling \$25,000.00 to support LOPL.
- Lake Oswego Reads 2022
- Educational & Cultural Programs for Adults
- Books for Babies
- Special Programs for Youth

**Thank you
for your
continued support!**

President's Message

As your Friends President, I want to share the most recent book that I've read for a book club. The book is titled "Spirit In The Rock 'The Fierce Battle for Modoc Homelands'" by author Jim Compton. In the 1870's there was the desire to open up the traditional lands of the Modoc people in Oregon to American economic interest. The small tribe resisted this loss and were able to hold up the US Army of 1,000 for about half a year period. This is an excellent portrayal of that struggle in which the Modoc lost.

Specifically in reference to the Friends, I also taught 3 classes on book pricing and related matters to interns and BOOKtique volunteers recently, so I try to stay engaged with Friends and the BOOKtique.

I can't emphasize how great it is to be a Friends Member! We just added a new benefit of the First Friday 4-Friends! Friends Members receive discounts at the BOOKtique stores on the first Friday of every month.

Our most recent member numbers are 246 Family and 276 Individual Members, a growth of 4 Individual Members since September 2021. That is better from our member numbers in 2020 but we could always use more members so please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library.

We are happy to report that our grants for the LO Library are back to the pre-COVID levels. The biggest grant being the LO Reads Grant to support the free 2022 LO Reads book program. Three other smaller grants were also approved.

We are still hoping to find new donors for the FriendsLOPL Gold Benefactor. Call or come see us if you're interested.

Christmas time is both a time for reflection and gift giving. What better way to celebrate your friends and loved ones than to give them a book you found at the BOOKtique! There are many more books to choose from than ever before at our two stores.

May the season be a joyous one for all!

Phil Wikelund, President



The BOOKtique's Corner

4 Monroe Pkwy, Suite D
503-699-9109

380 "A" Ave., Suite B
503-534-5758

Great Books/Bargain
Prices!

Credit Cards Accepted
Both stores now open for
browsing!

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TheBOOKtique.org

30 Years in the Community

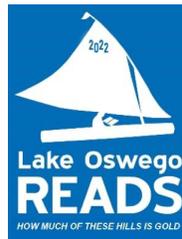
Can you believe that the BOOKtique opened their first location in 1991. Since then, we moved several times. Just this year, we opened a second location at the new Lake Oswego City Hall building on 380 A Avenue. We have raised over 2 million dollars to support the LO Library. We've come a long way and we couldn't have done it without our hard-working volunteers and the community's endorsement. Thank you, and we look forward to more amazing years to come.

Cheers to you, our volunteers and good reads! LeeAnn

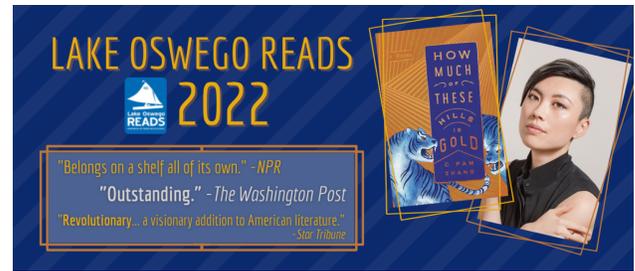
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debut novel, "How Much of These Hills Is Gold". Director of the Lake Oswego Public Library, Melissa Kelly, shares,



"Zhang's stunning novel redraws the American West to center the lives of siblings Lucy and Sam, the children of Chinese immigrants. Blazing their own paths out of a childhood torn by prejudice and loss, Lucy and Sam carry forward their parents' dream to find home and belonging. Despite many heart-wrenching challenges, their strength of spirit endures. It is a powerful book that we are excited to bring to our community."



The official kickoff of Lake Oswego Reads will be on February 28, 2022, and with the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library grant, 800 free books will be distributed to Lake Oswego Public Library card holders. **Friends member will receive a reserved copy of the book as well as an author event ticket a week early, on February 19th, 10am at 380 "A" Avenue BOOKtique.** The FriendsLOPL grant also facilitated Zhang to visit Lake Oswego in person and speak at Lakeridge High School on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 pm. A limited number of tickets will be available in early March. See the Lake Oswego Library website for details on this event. www.ci.oswego.or.us/loreads

Volunteer Highlight: Carina Brakenhielm

We want to highlight our amazing volunteers that keep the BOOKtique running so say hello to Carina Brakenhielm! Carina was born and raised in Sweden and has always been fond of books. She and her family moved from Switzerland to Lake Oswego a little before 2020.

Her background as a Data Analyst enables her to quickly learn computer work, soon she started training



other volunteers and became the “go to” person for technical support. She also assists with reporting on inventory and tracking sales. She is familiar with most aspects of the BOOKtique so can fill-in as needed. Carina enjoys working with the other incredible volunteers and LeeAnn, the BOOKtique manager, knowing that her work supports the LO community.

Welcome our newest Friends Board Member & Treasurer, Jerri Breene!

We are so grateful to have Jerri Breene as the interim Treasurer for the Friends. She has been a great asset. Jerri moved to LO in 1992 with her husband and two children, and enjoys books, knitting, library volunteer work and skiing. She is a retired Medical Technologist. Jerri heard about the BOOKtique at the library. She was invited to join the Friends as treasurer. She graciously agreed to be the interim treasurer until a permanent person is found. A big "THANK YOU" to Jerri for all her volunteer work for Friends and the BOOKtique!

Best Wishes” to Jean France, retired volunteer

Not many can say they’ve volunteered for over 20 years, but Jean France can! She started with the LO Library back in the early 2000s, shelving. That is when she was informed about the BOOKtique and started volunteering in its inception with Jack Radow and Herb Bumgarner. She recalls volunteering those Wednesday evenings, when the BOOKtique was open until 7:00PM, with the high school volunteers that received credit for their volunteer time. Since then, Jean France volunteered two days per week at the BOOKtique. Per Jean France,

“The BOOKtique has always had wonderful volunteers and helpful and calm managers. It was fun to see our BOOKtique regular patrons so volunteering at the BOOKtique which supported the LO Library that support the LO Community was a “Win Win” for me. It was and still is a great place for parents to bring in their kids to enjoy the “kids nook reading” areas and the value priced books.”

Jean France has lived in her Lake Oswego for about 54 years, having moved from Connecticut to LO for her late husband’s work. She enjoys gardening and is out working on her yard whenever she can. We can’t thank her enough for all the time and heart she put into her volunteer work at the BOOKtique. We wish her well and more fun with her gardening time!

Friends and the BOOKtique are on social media!

Times Are a-Changin’. People want fast, real-time information and entertainment from social media outlets like Instagram and Twitter. We at the Friends and BOOKtique understand this and want to reach out to our LO community in more ways so we are excited to have new Friends board member, Janet Argota, manage and grow our social media presence. She brings with her many years of experience in community involvement and education, communications, marketing, and social media. We hope to use our social media accounts to keep the community involved with our happenings, events, and discount offerings. Supporting us supports your local library. Follow us and like our posts on below accounts.

Friends: @FriendsLOPL

BOOKtique: @booktiquelakeoswego



Become a member of Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library

www.friendslopl.org

You are invited to **Join the Friends** to support the Library. Complete the form below and return to Friends at the address below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Dues: (check one)

Individual \$25

Family \$40

Patron \$75

Sponsor \$125

Checks may be left at the Circulation Desk, dropped off at either store location or mailed to address below.

Please make check payable to: **Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library**

Membership is 12 months from receipt.

Membership in the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library brings many benefits, and it is tax deductible. Plus... Friends members receive a free copy of the LO Reads book and a coveted ticket to the LO Reads author lecture ahead of general community members. For more information visit our website at friendslopl.org.



***BOOKtique is
staffed by volunteers.
Proceeds benefit
Lake Oswego Public
Library and its
programs.***

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President - Phil Wikelund

Vice President - Andrew Edwards

Secretary - Donna Needham

Social Media - Janet Argota

Membership - Kristin Engstrom

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Do you want to volunteer to be part of the Friends and help the Lake Oswego Public Library?

We need to fill our Treasurer Board Position. If you are interested and have a background in bookkeeping, contact us and [click here!](#)

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