



LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of Gala Dinner Co-chairs **Mario Cordero**, Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Long Beach, and **Bob Foster**, former Mayor of the City of Long Beach, and the **Board of Directors** of the **Long Beach Public Library Foundation**, we invite you to join us by contributing to the auction at our **22nd Annual Grape Expectations**—our signature fundraising gala to benefit the Long Beach Public Library—on **Sunday, September 28, 2025** at the Billie Jean King Main Library. We are delighted that **Clark Construction Group** will accept the Library Leadership Award and **M. Lissette Flores** will accept the Durnin Family Award.

Your tax-deductible Grape Expectations contribution supports vital free programs available to the more than 700,000 annual visitors to the city’s 12 public libraries. From kindergarten readiness programs for little ones, one-on-one tutoring for students, 3D printing and STEAM workshops to inspire teens, job search and employment skills support, homebound reader services for seniors, and a summer reading program for the whole family, your support makes a difference at the nationally recognized Long Beach Public Library.

Guests will experience a delicious gourmet dinner, each course perfectly paired with a fine wine, in the company of more than 400 of Long Beach’s prominent community and business leaders, library supporters, and wine and travel enthusiasts. They will have the opportunity to enjoy bidding on adventures, exclusive wines, jewelry, and other unique items procured for our auctions.

We would be honored if you would join us as a valued donor by returning the enclosed in-kind donation form with your contribution. Please contact the development team at **(562) 628-2441 x2** or **Events@LBPLfoundation.org**, or visit us at LBPLfoundation.org/grapes, for more information on how to participate.

We look forward to a remarkable evening that will make a real difference for our Long Beach Public Libraries and the community they serve!

Sincerely,

Olga G. Chavez
Grape Expectations Committee Co-chair
Board of Directors
Long Beach Public Library Foundation

Sharon L. Weissman
Grape Expectations Committee Co-chair
VP of Public Affairs
Long Beach Public Library Foundation

cc: Veronica Garcia Dávalos, Executive Director and CEO



The Long Beach Public Library Foundation invites you to support its 22nd Annual Grape Expectations fundraising gala! Grape Expectations consistently sells out, with a crowd of more than 400 guests! Sign up soon to join us in promoting literacy and education in our Long Beach community libraries.



AUCTIONS

We are currently accepting donations of unique experiences and gifts for our auctions. Auction items will be seen by hundreds of Long Beach's most prominent community and business leaders, library supporters, and wine and travel enthusiasts. All donors will be thanked in the event program, promoted in our online auction preview, and recognized in our donor honor roll on our website and in our printed impact report.



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Learn more about the impact of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation at LBPLfoundation.org





**22nd Annual Grape Expectations
Auction and In-kind Gift Form**

Donor Name (for listing in the event program): _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Tel: _____

I would like to donate the following to support the Grape Expectations gala:

Exclusions, restrictions, and expiration date (as applicable):

Donor-estimated fair market value: \$ _____

Items must be received by September 3, 2025, for recognition in the event program
and by September 12, 2025, for inclusion in the auction.

All donations to the Long Beach Public Library Foundation are final. The Foundation may, at its discretion, choose to raffle or auction any item alone or in a package and/or use/ market/ photograph it in any manner that supports the success of the event. If this item does not sell, the Foundation may use it in a manner that furthers the mission of the Foundation or, if transferable, donate it to another charity.

Thank you for your support for the Long Beach Public Library Foundation!

Please send donations to:
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Sponsorships, ticket purchases, and donations may also be made online at LBPLfoundation.org/grapes
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