

Kickoff Event

**Saturday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
at Central Library**

Kick off our communitywide reading event Anaheim Reads 2022!

From Feb. 12 to March 18, Anaheim Public Library will lead a communitywide reading and exploration of the memoir “The Best We Could Do” by Thi Bui.

“The Best We Could Do” by Thi Bui is an illustrated memoir about the author and her family’s daring escape during the Vietnam War in 1976. The story explores the challenges of building a new life as immigrants in the United States while grappling with issues of belonging and identity.

Kick off the celebration with a live performance from the Thien An Lion Dance Troupe, cultural crafts, and speaker Chau Thuy at **Central Library on Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.** Thuy, Vietnamese Heritage Museum president and founder, will share the importance of preserving Vietnam’s culture through art and history.

**Registration required for some programs.
Look for the asterisk (*) to RSVP.**

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Book Discussions

ADULT

Book Club: *The Best We Could Do*

Feb. 11, 12 p.m. at Euclid Branch
Feb. 15, 12 p.m. at East Anaheim Branch (Hybrid)
Feb. 16, 3:30 p.m. at Haskett Branch*
Feb. 17, 12 p.m. at Canyon Hills Branch (Hybrid)
Feb. 23, 1 p.m. at Sunkist Branch (Hybrid)
March 10, 5 p.m. at Central Library

Virtual Book Club

Feb. 14, 6 p.m. hosted by Haskett Branch (Spanish)*
March 7, 6 p.m. hosted by Hasket Branch (Spanish)*
March 7, 6 p.m. hosted by Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch (Spanish)*

Workshops

ALL AGES

3D Dragon Painting Workshop

Dragons are prominent, symbolic creatures in Vietnamese culture, folklore, and mythology. Join us to paint 3D-printed dragons in bright and colorful designs to create your own artistic dragon of legend!

Feb. 14, 3 p.m. at Haskett Branch*
Feb. 17, 3 p.m. at Sunkist Branch
Feb. 23, 4:30 p.m. at Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch*
March 2, 5 p.m. at Central Library
March 9, 2 p.m. at Canyon Hills Branch*

ALL AGES

Digital Art Workshop: The Lotus Flower and Optimism for the Future

Vietnam’s national flower is the Lotus. It is known as a symbol of purity, enlightenment, self-regeneration, and rebirth. In this iPad painting workshop for artists of all ages, you will learn how to use different paint brushes, navigate the painting app, and work on design techniques as we paint the beautiful lotus flower. At the end of the program, attendees will be able to print their artwork and email a digital copy to themselves.

Feb. 28, 5 p.m. at Canyon Hills Branch*
March 7, 5 p.m. at Central Library*
March 3, 4:30 p.m. at Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch*
March 10, 4 p.m. at Haskett Branch*

TEEN

Origami Lotus Craft

Create a lotus flower using origami paper and learn about its significance as Vietnam’s national flower.

Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m. at Sunkist Branch

TEENS & ADULTS

Painting Fun

Learn how to watercolor a lotus flower!
March 2, 4:30 p.m. at Canyon Hills Branch*

ADULT

What’s Your Story? From Memory to Legacy

In this workshop presented by Stephanie George, Local & Oral Historian and Curator at Orange County Historical Society, we’ll explore why your story is important to share, how to get started, the use of different mediums, and the process of sharing beyond “just the facts.”

Feb. 15, 5 p.m. at Central Library
Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m. at Haskett Branch

How to Write and Draw Comics and Graphic Novels

Join illustrator Joyce Charity Han and comic book writer Pete Nguyen, as they share the process of creating graphic novels.

Feb. 25, 5 p.m. at Central Library*

Painting with Thread

Learn Vietnamese embroidery techniques!

March 18, 5 p.m. at Central Library*

Presentations

ADULT

Remembering the Vietnam War and Refugee Lives

Long Bui, Associate Professor in the Department of Global and International Studies at University of California, Irvine, will discuss the migration of Vietnamese refugees to the United States and the experience of Vietnamese immigrants in Orange County. Delving into the separation of families and building of communities after the war, Bui will discuss his book, *Returns of War: South Vietnam and Price of Memory*, and the relationship between collective memory and history.

Feb. 18, 5 p.m. at Central Library

The Viet Nam War in 2022: How Did We Get Here, and Why Does It Matter?

Diu-Huong Nguyen, Assistant Professor of History at University of California, Irvine will provide a broad overview of the Viet Nam War’s origins, evolution, conclusion, and legacies, all of which set the stage for Vietnamese immigration to the US after the war’s conclusion in 1975. Emphasizing the experiences of ordinary people and the various Vietnamese viewpoints on the war will offer a glimpse into the historical setting of this critical period in modern history, concluding with a brief discussion of the war’s lasting effects on land and people that led to the exodus of more than one million refugees from 1975-2000.

March 1, 5:30 p.m. at Central Library

Refugee Resilience: Engaging with Vietnamese American Stories Through the Arts

Thuy Vo Dang, Curator for the Southeast Asian Archive and Research Librarian for Asian American Studies at University of California, Irvine, will provide historical context for the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in Orange County, California—the location of the largest Vietnamese diaspora in the world. Through engaging with the artistic expressions of this community, the presentation invites participants to reflect on how the arts might be an avenue towards healing and community-building for those with a refugee history.

March 4, 5 p.m. at Central Library

Wounds Beneath Wounds: Thi Bui’s *The Best We Could Do* and Telling Stories in Reverse

Maria Bo, Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature at California State University, Fullerton, explores how the narrative strategy of reversal is key to not just unlocking the past, but healing it. Bo will introduce how Thi Bui’s memoir implements this narrative strategy.

March 9, 5:30 p.m. at Central Library

Storytime & Crafts

CHILDREN

Stories of Vietnam

A fun storytime celebrating Vietnamese Heritage.

- Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m. at Sunkist Branch
- Feb. 17, 5 p.m. at Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch
- Feb. 18, 11 a.m. at Canyon Hills Branch
- Feb. 25, 3 p.m. at Euclid Branch
- March 2, 5:30 p.m. at Haskett Branch
- March 3, 5 p.m. at Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch
- March 9, 11:30 a.m. at East Anaheim Branch

Crafting Fun

Make a special craft like a lantern or dragon puppet to take home!

- Feb. 23, 5:30 pm at Haskett Branch*
- Feb. 24, 5 p.m. at Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch*
- Feb. 24, 3 p.m. at Euclid Branch
- March 1, 3 p.m. at East Anaheim Branch
- March 3, 3 p.m. at Euclid Branch
- March 9, 5:30 pm at Haskett Branch*
- March 10, 5 p.m. at Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch*

Take Home Crafts

Enjoy a variety of crafts to make and take home.

- March 7-11., 3 p.m. at Canyon Hills Branch

Movies

CHILDREN

Family Movie Day

Watch *Raya and the Last Dragon*, a special animated feature inspired by Southeast Asia, and make a special dragon bookmark.

- Feb. 16, 2 p.m. at Sunkist Branch

TEENS & ADULTS

Last Days in Vietnam

See the American Experience Documentary which was nominated for an Academy Award in 2015.

- Feb. 22, 4 p.m. at Canyon Hills Branch

Food Demos

ALL AGES

Vietnamese Food Making & Tasting

- Feb. 22, 3 p.m. at Haskett Branch
- Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m. at Central Library
- Feb. 28, 3 p.m. at Euclid Branch
- March 3, 3 p.m. at Canyon Hills

Games

CHILDREN

Games and Toys of Vietnam

Learn about the fun, traditional activities enjoyed by children in Vietnam, and make your own special ones inspired by those from Vietnam.

- Feb. 23, 2 p.m. at Sunkist Branch

TEENS & ADULTS

Knights of the Square Table Chess Club

Come learn this iconic national pastime, indelibly woven into the tapestry of daily Vietnamese life. All levels of experience are welcome to learn and play in a supportive, fun environment.

- Feb. 15, 5 p.m. at Central Library

Virtual Reality: Vietnam War and the Vietnam Immigration Experience

Ready to transport yourself to different times and places in history and the world? Try our virtual reality headsets, where you can experience the Vietnam War and Vietnam immigration experience.

- Feb. 16, 5 p.m. at Central Library*

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LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Anaheim Heritage Center

241 S. Anaheim
(714) 765-6453

Euclid Branch

1340 S. Euclid
(714) 765-3625

Books on the Go!

2626 E. Katella
(714) 765- 1725

Haskett Branch

2650 W. Broadway
(714) 765-5075

Canyon Hills Branch

400 S. Scout Trail
(714) 765-6444

Mobile Library

(714) 765-1738

Central Library

500 W. Broadway
(714) 765-1880

Ponderosa Joint-Use Branch

240 E. Orangewood
(714) 740-0202

East Anaheim Branch

8201 E. Santa Ana Canyon
(714) 765-3887

Sunkist Branch

901 S. Sunkist
(714) 765-3576

Exploration on Wheels van

(714) 765-1738

Find out more program information at Anaheim.net/LibraryCalendar



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