



July Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

It's Summer Reading Time!

Readers of all ages—kids, teens, and adults (and those who “read” by having stories read to them)—are invited to participate in the ever-popular Summer Reading Program! You can complete a combination of 10 books, hours, or activities to start claiming prizes. Earn a badge each time you read a book, read for 1 hour or complete an activity. You can mix and match the type of badges as you see fit! Collect 10 badges and you'll receive a prize. Bonus: Those who log their books, reading hours and/or activities will be entered into a grand prize raffle drawing. Sign up at <https://sandiego.beanstack.org/reader365>. Sponsored in part by SRFOL.

Library Parking Update

The library's parking lot is currently undergoing a much anticipated and long needed expansion. The first phase of the project is now complete, which is good news! The upper lot has reopened with a new configuration and a few more parking spaces than the original upper lot. However, the lower lot is now completely closed, so the number of available parking spaces is even fewer than when the situation was reversed. Making things worse, there is no longer access to the library from the overflow parking area on Meanley Drive during this phase of construction. Thus, parking at the library is even more adversely impacted than had been previously expected—and, most likely, this will continue through the summer or fall of 2025. We are looking forward to the completion of the expansion, which will add 47 more parking spaces to the original 70 plus a second exit to the parking lot with a traffic light.

Note: It is now possible to drive into the upper lot and return books to the outside book drop. You may wish to plan to visit the library when it is less busy; these times include:

- Monday and Tuesday: 11:30 AM to 2:30 or 3 PM; 6 to 8 PM
- Wednesday – Friday: 9:30 AM to 2:30 or 3 PM; 5 to 6 PM
- Saturday: 3 or 4 PM to 6 PM

Grace's Book Nook

Visit Grace's Book Nook, the volunteer-run used bookstore in our library, open Monday through Saturday, for great bargains on gently used and nearly new books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and more. Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 pm feature a buy-one-get-one-free special on books (some restrictions apply)!

This month's 2nd Saturday pop-up book sale is on July 13, from 10 am to 2 pm. Mark your calendar for the semiannual mega book sale on Saturday, August 24!

The Book Nook currently has openings for volunteers. Email [booknook@srfol.org] for more information.

Finally, your tax-deductible donations of “gently used” books are always welcome and can be brought to the library’s circulation desk. Or, a staff member or volunteer can assist transferring your boxes or bags of books into the library. Fiction for adults would be especially appreciated at this time. What an easy way to support our library!

Programs for Children and Teens

Summer Reading brings a fabulous array of exciting events for kids and families, most sponsored by SRFOL. Many of these programs require online registration. If required, please register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Lego Builders Club:** Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 pm. Learn, play, and create with LEGOs! Preschool, elementary and middle school age children can build with LEGOs and display their creations in the library.
- **Storytime:** Every Wednesday in the Community Room. Storytime regularly incorporates books, songs, fingerplay, rhymes, and more. Geared toward preschoolers 2 – 5, but babies and toddlers may also enjoy!
- **Chess Club:** Saturdays, July 6 and 20, from 11 am to 1 pm. A free chess club, hosted by Level UP Enrichment, provides boards, pieces, and a great instructor to help you play chess! Parents must be present with students at all times and are encouraged to play along as well. Recommended for ages 6 – 12; open to all!
- **Insect Inspectors with the Fleet Science Center:** Saturday, July 6, from 3 to 4 pm. For grades K – 4. Why do some insects hop and others buzz? Explore camouflage, life cycles, and more in this program devoted to the incredible world of insects. A visit from a live insect ambassador is included! Sponsored by SRFOL. Online registration required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Mini-Movers and Music:** Mondays, July 8 and 22, at 11:30 am; ages 0 – 5. This is the perfect class for all those mini-movers out there! Filled with creative movement, lots of fun, music, and dance games, this energetic and expressive class will have your child learning age-appropriate dance moves, motor skills and rhythm. A new theme each week guarantees fun and excitement all session long! Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Pajama Signing Storytime:** Tuesday, July 9, at 6 pm. A cozy and fun event for families with young children combining the joy of bedtime stories with the added bonus of Baby Sign Language (ASL). Presented by Jennifer Duncan of Signs at Play. Participants are encouraged to wear their pajamas (optional) and bring a stuffed animal for snuggles as they listen to a children’s book being read and signed. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **“A Book and a Ballerina” Storytime:** Wednesday, July 10, 10 – 11 am. Join City Ballet of San Diego and enjoy listening to a read-aloud, hearing from a professional ballerina, and learning some basic dance steps. This hour-long program is an introduction to the world of classical ballet for kids in pre-K through 5th grade.
- **Craft programs with ToshWerks:** Wednesdays, July 10 and 31, at 4 pm. Join us and local artists Toshwerks for a fun, hands-on DIY crafty project recommended for ages 8 and up. All supplies will be provided. The project on July 10 will be a sand art terrarium and on July 31, a stellar slide projector. Sponsored by SRFOL. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Flower Pounding with ArtReach:** Thursday, July 11, from 4 to 5:30 pm. Students will learn about natural pigment and printmaking through flower pounding, the process of pressing or smashing a natural plant or flower into a piece of fabric to create a photogenic print through the natural pigment within the plant. For ages 8+. Sponsored by SRFOL. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Beginning Robotics Workshop:** Saturday, July 13, at 3 pm. Build a TriBot robot with the guidance of an expert from Robothink. Ages 7 – 12. Sponsored by SRFOL. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Girls Who Code Workshop:** Monday, July 15, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Join us for a Laser Cutter Workshop! Come and find out more about what a laser cutter is, how it works, and use the library's Glowforge laser cutter to make a keepsake. No experience required. For Grades 3 – 12. Snacks will be provided, sponsored by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL). Girls Who Code is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology and computer science with a mission to inspire more girls to become computer scientists and engineers. The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library hosts a Girls Who Code club to help girls (and nonbinary students) learn code, make friends, learn about inspiring role models, and give them access to exclusive @GirlsWhoCode alumni benefits. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Beginning Rocketry Workshop:** Wednesday – Friday, July 17, 18 and 19, at 3 pm. This rocketry camp is for students aged 8 – 12 who are interested in entering the fun-fueled world of rocketry. Everyone will leave this program with a core understanding of introductory engineering principles as well as a customizable rocket to launch. Successful completion of this workshop will prepare and inspire you to go further in the field and develop bigger and more sophisticated rockets. No prior experience required! Students must attend all three (3) days of the camp. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Art Smarts:** Thursday, Wednesday, July 17, at 4 pm. Fun, exciting one-hour art classes for ages 5 – 17; theme and medium varies. Supplies provided, but limited; first come, first served. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Animal Encounter with Zovargo:** Thursday, July 18, at 4 pm; this program will repeat on Saturday, July 27, at 3 pm. For ages 5+. A wonderful opportunity to see animals up close! Furry, feathered, and scaly teachers provide a unique educational experience. Through interactive programs and real-life animal encounters, Zovargo inspires conservation stewardship.
- **Beginning Sewing Workshop: Zipper Pouch:** Saturday, July 20, at 3 pm. All sewing levels welcome! Ever wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine? New to sewing? No problem! No experience necessary! Clicbitz Instructor Tracey Herriot will show you the basics while you make a zipper pouch. Bring your own sewing machine or borrow one of ours. All materials provided. Available for ages 12 and up. Sponsored by SRFOL. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Mediocre Writers Society: Personal Narrative Workshop:** Monday, July 22, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm for elementary school age students; 5 to 6 pm for middle school students; and 6:30 to 7:30 pm for high school students. Do you want to write but fear your writing isn't good enough? Come write your worst to find your best at our personal narrative workshop where you'll learn more about the writing process, find a community of writers

like you. Snacks will be provided, sponsored by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library.

- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Tuesday, July 23, at 6 pm. Presented by Write Out Loud San Diego, "StoryBox" is the American name given to the Japanese storytelling tradition called *kamishibai*. StoryBox combines dramatic storytelling with a wooden theatre to showcase illustrations in an engaging family-friendly Storytime experience for all ages!
- **Balloon Animal Workshop:** Thursday, July 25, from 4 to 5:30 pm. Ages 8 – 17 will be allowed to participate. Have you ever wanted to make balloon animals? Well, lucky for you Sparkles the Clown knows a thing or two about making balloon animals and this workshop will allow her to teach you! All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. Sponsored by SRFOL.

Programs for Adults

- **Mindful Meditation:** De-stress with Mindful Meditation, presented in collaboration with the Healthy Adventures Foundation, on Mondays at 1 pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to unwind as you participate in meditative breathing, guided imagery, and muscle contraction-relaxation exercises, which can help lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress. Participants will learn how to use these techniques in their everyday lives. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Fun and Games for Seniors:** Join a convivial group of community members to play a variety of board games, etc. on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3 pm and Thursdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Presented collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Knitting Group:** The knitting group meets in the Seminar Room on Tuesdays from 12 to 2:30 pm. Open to all ages and skill levels. Learn the art of knitting. See how much fun knitting can be! Bring a pair of needles, and we'll help get you going; yarn available if needed. See how much fun and gratifying knitting can be!
- **Garden Share:** Saturday, July 13, from 2 to 3:30 pm. Join us to share your garden. Bring what you have to share; take home something you really want. Be sure to bring a bag to take home your finds! What to bring: Any extra bounty from the garden (produce, fruit, herbs, flowers, plants in pots), seeds, seedlings, tools. Anything garden related is welcome. Come meet your fellow gardeners in the library's courtyard and share your experiences! In collaboration with Sustainable Scripps Ranch.
- **City of San Diego Employment Information Session:** Thursday, July 11, from 3 to 4 pm. Learn about city jobs and the application process. Register at: <https://forms.gle/9gZiv6mVmHFLUsuH9>.
- **Author Talk with Janie Kim:** Tuesday, July 16, from 5 to 6 pm. Janie Kim is the author of *We Carry the Sea In Our Hands*, out with Alcove Press (Penguin Random House) on July 9, 2024. Applauded as "beautifully composed [and] original" by New York Times-bestselling author Joyce Carol Oates, the debut novel employs poetic prose and an imaginative voice to explore family, trauma, and belonging through one woman's journey to reconnect with her roots. Q&A will be followed by a book-signing.
- **Ageing Successfully Lectures:** Fridays, July 10 and July 19, from 10 to 11:30 am. The program on July 10th will address Effective Communication Skills. Develop new skills and strategies for connecting and communicating more effectively with a person

experiencing memory loss, and responding when interactions are challenging. For July 19th, program details TBA. Presented in collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.

- **Book Discussion Group:** Virtual meeting on Wednesday, July 24, at 6:30 pm, to discuss *The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals* by Jane Mayer. Email srfol@yahoo.com for details and Zoom invitation. New members welcome!

James Hubbell Exhibit at Our Library!

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library is one of several branches selected to host a celebration and exhibit of artist James Hubbell’s work, which continues through August 4. The overall exhibit and associated program of events is entitled “James Hubbell: Architecture of Jubilation – A Mountain Home and Studios.” Those entering our Scripps Ranch Library will have the opportunity to view a number of large graphic panels depicting “Hubbell Mountain Home & Studios”—the source of creativity—where thousands make the pilgrimage to Ilan-Lael to walk its tranquil acreage and marvel at Hubbell’s architecture. These grace the entry corridor opposite our striking Terra Triptych stained glass windows created by Richard Spaulding and commissioned by the SRFOL at the time our library was built. For complete information on upcoming related events, check the Art and Culture Exhibitions | City of San Diego Official Website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture>.

Music Program

“The Pleasure of Your Company” concert series, sponsored by SRFOL, is on a summer hiatus and will resume in September.

Social Media

- Facebook: @ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary, @SDPLVirtualHub, @GracesBookNook
- Instagram: @srfolibrary, @sdpubliclibrary, @sdplteens

For details and updated information about programs and library happenings, check:

- SRFOL website [<https://www.srfol.org/>], or
- Library’s Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary>].