



February Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Note: The library will be **CLOSED** on the following City of San Diego holiday:

- Monday, **February 17** (Presidents Day)

Semiannual Mega Book Sale!

It happens only twice a year! Don't miss the semiannual mega book sale on Saturday, February 1, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. You'll find wonderful bargains on books for all ages: board and picture books for tots, easy readers, exciting young adult books for teens, fiction and nonfiction for adults, antiquarian books and collectors' editions, plus CDs and DVDs. With the popular yellow bag special, you can fill a huge bag for only \$10 (children's and vintage books excluded) or pay per book at our regular low Book Nook prices.

Semiannual Book Sale to Feature Author Anna Bushi

In addition to the usual fabulous bargains on a huge inventory of books, media, and more, our big book sale will include something new—an opportunity to meet a local author! That's right, Anna Bushi, author of the epic Land of Magadha trilogy plus a prequel, set in medieval India, as well as several more recent books of historical romance and fantasy, will be at the sale. You'll have a chance to chat with Anna about her writing process, inspiration, and all things related to books. And maybe even purchase a signed copy of one or more of the titles for yourself or as a gift.

Grace's Book Nook

All month long, discover amazing bargains on books and more for all ages and tastes at the Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, open Monday through Saturday. All proceeds benefit our library. This month's 2nd Saturday pop-up sale is on February 8, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. Your tax-deductible donations of gently used books are always welcome.

Special Adult Program

“Make Health Your Hobby” will be presented by Sonia Cervantes, Certified Health Coach, Nutritionist, and Therapeutic Chef, on Thursday, February 13, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Understand how the body works and focus on making healthy everyday lifestyle choices.

Music Program

The “Pleasure of Your Company” music series, sponsored by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, welcomes the return of the Allison Adams Tucker Trio on Sunday, February 16, at 2:30 pm. Trio members, vocalist Allison Adams Tucker, pianist Melonie Grinnell, and bassist Evona Wascinski, will explore songs in “The Language of Love” from around the world for Valentine's season.

“Tucker is an astonishing singer with impeccable pitch and crystal-clear diction, allowing each lyric to be heard clearly, even if the language itself was new.... Her voice is so strong—she could sing in Martian and make it sound romantic,” raved Robert Bush in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. Other enthusiastic reviews: “Marvellous articulation, great tonal accuracy, and dynamic drive” (*LondonJazzNews*); “Powerful singer” (*DownBeat Magazine*, which awarded 4 stars); “Lustrous in any language. A vocalist who clarifies every note within a hair's breath” (*The Examiner*).

There is no charge for the concert, although donations are appreciated to help continue the tradition of bringing fine musicians to perform on special Sunday afternoons for monthly concerts in this sought-after venue. Visit <https://srfol.org/music.htm> for the schedule of monthly concerts and information about sponsorship opportunities. Masks are recommended although not required.

Programs for Children and Teens

Engaging, educational, and entertaining programs for kids and teens continue at our library this month. Many programs are made possible with support from SRFOL.

- **The Griffins of Elderwood Read Aloud:** Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. Join local author Janet Racciato as she reads from *The Griffins of Elderwood* book series. Chiara's town is being overrun by wyverns. These small, deadly dragons have always threatened livestock, but now they are attacking people. Chiara and her friend Zae find some unlikely allies in their fight to protect their village. Recommended for age 8 and up.
- **Storytime:** Every Wednesday and the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 am. Storytime regularly incorporates books, songs, fingerplay, rhymes and more and is appropriate for toddlers and preschoolers. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Still Life Drawing Techniques with ArtReach:** Thursday, February 6, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm; ages 8+. Build or hone your drawing skills with simple yet effective drawing techniques through the still life process. Still life drawing is the process of drawing stationary objects arranged in an interesting composition. In this workshop, learn how to use different drawing mediums, such as charcoal and graphite; elements such as line, shape, and value; and fun drawing techniques that train your eyes for life drawing. In this workshop, participants can slow down and focus on the present act of drawing. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Chess Club:** Saturdays, February 1 and 15, from 11 am to 1 pm. Come and play chess with other families in the area. Level UP Enrichment hosts FREE chess club, providing boards, pieces, and a great instructor to help you level UP your chess! If time and interest allow, coaches may even present some games and puzzles for the students. 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!

- **FIRST Robotics – Intermediate Level:** Saturday, February 15, at 10:00 am. Students ages 8 – 16 will engage in an exciting, hands-on robotics program to help them prepare to take part in First Lego League (FLL) or First Tech Challenge (FTC). The instructors will provide materials and teach how to design, build, and program (with laptops) robots in this session. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops/Chromebooks. An engaging presentation will be followed by hands-on exercises. Prior robotics experience is not mandatory, but is preferred.
- **Mini Movers and Music:** Mondays, February 10 and 24, at 11:30 am. 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 Mini Movers and Music class will have your child learning age-appropriate dance moves, motor skills and rhythm. A new theme each week will guarantee fun and excitement all session long! Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Pajama Signing Story Time:** Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 pm. Pajama Signing Story Time with Jennifer Duncan of Signs at Play is a cozy and fun event for families with young children. It combines the joy of bedtime stories with the added fun of Baby Sign Language (ASL). Participants are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal for snuggles as they listen to a children's book being read and signed. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Art Class with Art Smarts:** Wednesday, February 19, at 4:00 pm. Fun, exciting one hour art classes for ages 5 – 17; month's theme TBA. Supplies provided, but limited; first come, first served. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Art Project:** Thursday, February 20, at 3:00 pm. Bring your family and learn how to make valentine pop-up cards with visual artist Stacie Greene. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Board Game Afternoon:** Saturday, February 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of playing award-winning board games for children ages 2 – 17 and their families! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the world of board games, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. No two programs are the same as the games provided constantly change. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to have a blast with friends and family. In partnership with Toy Hermit.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 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.
- **Special Storytime:** Wednesday, February 26, from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Join us as Trinity Theatre Company presents brings the beloved children's book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, to life in a magical and interactive experience for kids and families. Experience engaging book reading and a fun, interactive theatrical performance, perfect for sparking young imaginations and fostering a love of reading!

Ongoing 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 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Presented collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Knitting Group:** The knitting group meets in the Seminar Room on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 2:30 pm. Open to all ages and skill levels. Learn the art of knitting. 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!
- **Open Beading:** The group of beading enthusiasts meets in the Seminar Room on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Beaders of all levels are welcome, including beginners. Bring your own supplies.
- **Garden Share:** ~~CANCELED Saturday, February 8 from 2:00 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 experiences. In collaboration with Sustainable Scripps Ranch.~~
- **Aging Successfully Lectures:** Fridays, February 14 and 21, from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Join us on the 14th to learn about in-home care options and community-based resources such as adult day care, care management, and more, presented by the Alzheimer's Association. The program on the 21st TBA. Free and open to the community!

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley. Join the discussion on Thursday, February 27, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, in the library's Seminar Room. Participants are invited to bring their lunches. New Members are welcome. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Library Parking Update

The first phase of the library parking lot expansion project is now complete, and the upper lot has reopened. Library visitors may note that some construction activity is occurring in the lower lot. This is, however, related to a valve replacement as part of the Pure Water Project which must be completed before work relevant to the parking lot expansion can resume. The lower lot remains completely closed to the public, and there is no access from the overflow parking area on Meanley Drive, so parking at the library continues to be even more limited than before. Check <https://www.srfol.org> for more information. We are looking forward to 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 may 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

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>].