



March Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

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

- Monday, **March 31** (Cesar Chavez Day)

Library Meeting Rooms CLOSED – March 17-21

Due to anticipated repair work on HVAC systems, the Scripps Ranch Library **Community Room** and **Seminar Rooms** will be **CLOSED** every day from **Monday, March 17** through **Friday, March 21** until approximately 3:00 PM daily. All events previously scheduled to take place in those rooms before 3:00 PM from March 17 through March 21 are canceled. Events planned for 3:00 PM and later will still take place. Please bear in mind that schedules sometimes change. As a result, anyone planning to attend an event on or after 3:00 PM on March 17-21 is strongly encouraged to call the library (858-538-8158) on the day of the event to determine if the event will still be held.

Library Meeting Rooms and Grace's Book Nook CLOSED – April (Entire Month)

Due to anticipated fire suppression replacement work, the Scripps Ranch Library **Community Room, Seminar Rooms, and Grace's Book Nook** will be **CLOSED** for the **entire month of April**. All events, including but not limited to the April "Pleasure of Your Company" concert, previously scheduled to take place in those rooms during April are canceled. Please bear in mind that schedules sometimes change. As a result, anyone unsure regarding the status of an event or the availability of the affected rooms is strongly encouraged to call the library (858-538-8158) for detailed information regarding the closure.

Grace's Book Nook Will Be CLOSED during April – Stock Up and Save Now!

Make Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, your go-to destination to shop for great reads at unbelievable prices! As the Book Nook will be closed for all or most of April due to the fire suppression system replacement project, now is the time to shop for all your reading needs! The Book Nook has a great selection of 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, magazines, greeting cards, and even jigsaw puzzles—all at bargain prices. The 2nd Saturday sale on March 8, from 10 am to 2 pm, features an expanded shopping area and this month will add an outdoor sale of fabulous books priced to move quickly at only 25 cents apiece! The Book Nook is open on Monday and Tuesday, from 12 to 7:30 pm and Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Don't miss this chance to stock up and save at the Book Nook throughout the month of March . . . before it's too late!

Music Program

The “Pleasure of Your Company” music series will welcome back Courtly Noyse on Sunday, March 16, at 2:30 PM to the stage of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Center. Garbed in period costume, this lively ensemble will play a variety of Renaissance period replica instruments in a program of Songs and Dances from Shakespeare featuring works composed as incidental music for performances of works by the Bard.

There is no charge for the concert, which is sponsored by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, 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

This month features another great lineup of engaging programs for children, teens, and families, many made possible with support from SRFOL.

- **FIRST Robotics – Intermediate Level:** Saturday, March 1, at 10 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.
- **Chess Club:** Saturdays, March 1, 15, and 29, 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!
- **“The Griffins of Elderwood” Read Aloud:** Tuesdays at 3 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 am. Storytime regularly incorporates books, songs, fingerplay, rhymes, and more and is appropriate for toddlers and preschoolers. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Clay Canes with ArtReach:** Thursday, March 6, from 3 to 4 pm. Create beautiful patterns and designs through the process of creating “canes” with colorful polymer clay. Working on a smaller scale, this process teaches pattern and design sculpturally that can be achieved through cutting and slicing. Perfect for making small items and jewelry. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Introduction to CAD:** Saturday, March 8, from 3 to 5 pm. This CAD workshop will introduce students to advanced CAD used in real-world industries to create detailed and complex 3D models with OnShape and SolidWorks. Presented in collaboration with Project NexTech. For students in grades 5–10.

- **Mini Movers and Music:** Mondays, March 10 and 24, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. 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, March 11, from 6 to 6:30 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.
- **1000 Books before Kindergarten Party with Ralph's World Music:** Wednesday, March 12, at 10 am. For children from age 0–5 and their caregivers. To celebrate our “1000 Books before Kindergarten” program, enjoy a musical singalong with Ralph's World Music, and get connected to more resources at the library for your little ones! Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Craft Program with ToshWerks:** Wednesdays, March 12 and March 26 at 4 pm. Join us and local artists Toshwerks for a fun, hands-on DIY crafty project recommended for ages 8 and up. The project on March 12 will be a resin ball point pen, and on March 26 we'll make nature buttons. All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Art Class with Art Smarts:** Wednesday, March 19, from 4 to 5 pm. Fun, exciting one hour art classes for ages 5–17. This month's theme TBA. Supplies will be provided but are limited; first come, first served. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Art Project: Abstract Art of Alma Woodsey Thomas:** Thursday, March 20, at 3 pm. Kids, teens, and their families are invited to learn about African American artist Alma Woodsey Thomas who worked with vibrant colors. Visual artist Stacie Greene from the Family Arts Collaborative talks about the artist and leads a workshop based on Thomas's famous work, “The Eclipse”. Use warm colors to create your own representation of the sun. All ages are welcome, while supplies last. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Board Game Afternoon:** Saturday, March 22, from 2 to 4 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.
- **Spring Into STEAM: Forensic Investigators:** Saturday, March 22, at 3 pm. Recommended for ages 6–12. In this “mysterious” program, students will use chemistry, physics, and observation skills to piece together evidence and crack the case. They'll learn how to classify mysterious powders, calculate the pH of soils, and perform chromatography to separate pigments. Presented by The Fleet Science Center.

- ***Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre***: Tuesday, March 25, from 6 to 6:30 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 Programs for Adults

- **“Karl Marx’s 5 Stages of History and its Relevance for Today and Tomorrow”**: Thursday, March 13, from 3 to 4:30 pm. Karl Marx surprisingly embraced Capitalism which was the fourth part of his five stages of history. We have yet to reach the fifth stage in his schema. What might that stage look like and how can we think about it? What kind of world do we want for our children and grandchildren? We’ll use philosopher John Rawls’ concept of the “Veil of Ignorance” to help us imagine the future. Come let’s explore it in this special workshop presented by Bruce McGraw, MA, Retired Professor of Philosophy at Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Southwestern Colleges. through Oasis and sponsored by SRFOL.
- **“Navigating Retirement: Who do I Want to Be? Finding a New Purpose”**: Tuesday, March 18, from 3 to 4:30 pm. An important benefit of work is that it gives us a purpose – a reason to get up in the morning that is larger than ourselves. When we retire, we lose that purpose and need to find a new one that will guide us to more fulfilling activities in our next chapter. During this workshop, participants will learn the importance of purpose and develop some strategies for creating a new purpose in their retirement. Presented by Virginia B. Berger, MA, Certified Professional Coach, through Oasis and sponsored by SRFOL.

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. (Note: *No program on March 17th due to AC work in the Community Room—recommend checking with library staff to confirm.*) 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. (Note: *No programs on March 18th and 19th due to AC work in the Community Room—recommend checking with library staff to confirm.*) 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. 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 pm. Beaders of all levels are welcome, including beginners. Bring your own supplies.
- **Garden Share: ~~CANCELED~~** ~~Saturday, March 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!~~
- **Aging Successfully Lecture: Long-distance Caregiving:** Friday, March 14, from 10 to 11:30 am. Caring from afar for someone living with dementia presents its own unique challenges. Join us to discuss ways to stay in touch, stay informed, and be a helpful partner and a support.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *TransAtlantic* by Colum McCann. Join the discussion on Thursday, March 27, from 12:30–2 pm in the library’s Seminar Room. Bring your lunch, if you’d like. New members are welcome! Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Library Parking Update

Parking at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library continues to be a challenge, but we have been informed that work on the parking lot expansion project is finally expected to resume in the spring—after a year’s pause. The contractor is currently working with the City to obtain permit approval for a large retaining wall that is planned, as the enlarged lower lot will expand into the adjacent canyon.

While the first phase of the project is now complete, and the upper lot has reopened, the lower lot remains completely closed to the public. And, access from the overflow parking area on Meanley Drive is blocked. 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.sfol.org>], or
- Library’s Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary>].