



April Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Library Construction and Parking Update

The long awaiting fire suppression system replacement project at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library is currently in progress. The next phase, which started on March 31, will impact the library's two major meeting rooms—the Community Room and Seminar Room—plus Grace's Book Nook, all of which are expected to be closed for the entire month of April through the first three weeks of May. During this time all events which typically take place in the meeting rooms will either be canceled or, in the case of some of the children's programs, relocated to the "storywell" or other spaces in the children's area of the library.

The concerts originally planned for May and June as part of the monthly "Pleasure of Your Company" concert series, sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, have been canceled. It is hoped that these musicians will be able to perform in a subsequent season of this long running music series.

Following the installation of the new fire suppression system, the very much needed library roof and HVAC replacement are anticipated to commence in August or September. This is definitely good news for our 32 year-old library building—especially in view of the City's budgetary woes; however, the current plan will involve closure of the library for at least 8 – 10 months, which is not welcome news for our community.

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 sometime this spring—after a year's pause. 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 continues to be blocked. The additional impact of contractors' vehicles has cut further into the already limited parking availability, but the decrease in program offerings due to inaccessibility of meeting rooms this month may help balance things out.

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: 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

Book Shopping Opportunities during Grace's Book Nook's Expected April/May Closure

Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, will be closed for the entire month of April and most of May due to the fire suppression system replacement project. However, even though the Book Nook proper may be closed for several weeks, there will still be opportunities to shop for bargain books every day during library hours from an increased number of carts filled with books in the library. Stock will be updated frequently, so be sure to check out the many great books at stock-up-and-save prices!

And, the 2nd Saturday pop-up sale on April 12, from 10 am to 2 pm will have an expanded selection to choose from! Another pop-up sale is planned on Wednesday, April 23, from 10 am to 2 pm.

While your tax-deductible donations of gently used books are always welcome, we'd appreciate your holding on to these for a few weeks, if possible, until the Book Nook is accessible again. But we will not turn down any donations in good condition. Email booknook@srfol.org for any questions.

Music Program

The concerts originally planned for May featuring Dave Chamberlin and for June with Musick for a While as part of the monthly "Pleasure of Your Company" concert series, sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, have been canceled due to inaccessibility of our concert venue, the library's Community Room, which is now impacted by the fire suppression system work. It is hoped that these musicians will be able to perform in a subsequent season of this popular and long running music series.

Programs for Children and Teens

Several fun, engaging, and educational programs for children, teens, and families will still take place this month despite the construction. *Note: All programs below will be held in the children's area.*

- **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.
- **Flower Pounding with ArtReach:** Thursday, April 3, from 3 to 4 pm. Students will learn about natural pigment and printmaking through flower pounding, the processes 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. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Pajama Signing Story Time:** Tuesday, April 8, 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.
- **Craft Program with ToshWerks:** Wednesdays, April 9 and 23, 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 April 9 will be nature buttons, and on April 23 participants will be provided with the materials and guidance to make creative, enriching, and most importantly, FUN international games and activities with their own hands. All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Chess Club:** Saturdays, April 12 and 26, from 11 am to 1 pm. Come and play chess with other families in the area. Level UP Enrichment hosts this 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!
- **Art Class with Art Smarts:** Wednesday, April 16, from 4 to 5 pm. Fun, exciting one hour art class for ages 5–17. This month’s theme TBA. Supplies will be provided but are limited; first come, first served. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Board Game Afternoon:** Saturday, April 26, 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.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Tuesday, April 22, 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.

Programs for Adults

Note that most of the ongoing programs for adults will be on hold during April and May due to the inaccessibility of the library’s meeting rooms which will be closed for this phase of the fire suppression system work.

An exception is **Mindful Meditation**, which will continue on Mondays at 1 pm in the library’s beautiful and tranquil courtyard. Presented in collaboration with the Healthy Adventures Foundation, Mindful Meditation provides an opportunity to de-stress and unwind. Participate in meditative breathing, guided imagery, and muscle contraction-relaxation exercises, which can help lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress, and learn how to use these techniques in their everyday lives. Sponsored by SRFOL.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. Join the discussion on Thursday, April 24, from 12:30 to 2 pm at the library—most likely in the fireplace area. New members are welcome! Next month’s selection will be *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. (**Note that the information provided on the SDPL online calendar is not correct; this program will indeed take place—at its regular time but in a different location.**)

Library Parking Update

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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>].