



March Programs, Events, and News

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Monday and Holiday Closure Information

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library continues to be closed on Mondays, as of mid-September 2025, due to City budget issues. The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library—and all San Diego City public libraries—will also be closed on Tuesday, March 31 in honor of César Chávez Day. For a list of libraries still open on Mondays, check the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL) website (<https://www.srfol.org>) home page or the San Diego Public Library website (<https://www.sandiego.gov/library>).

Note that ALL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES will be CLOSED on:

- **Tuesday, March 31 (César Chávez Day)**

Latest Library Closure and Parking Lot Updates

A start date of May 12 has been confirmed for the upcoming planned approximately 8-month closure of our library for roof and HVAC replacement. Work on the lower parking lot, which has been suspended for the past almost 2 years, will reportedly resume concurrently. The last day that our library will be open before construction starts is Saturday, May 9. To ensure that you're in the loop on the latest library info, email president@srfol.org to subscribe to the SRFOL monthly e-newsletter and other occasional important news!

Grace's Book Nook and Volunteer Opportunities

Whenever you're at the library make it a point to visit Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, open Tuesday through Saturday during library hours. The Book Nook stocks a variety of nearly new books and more for all ages and tastes—at amazing prices, and all purchases support our library.

This month's **2nd Saturday "Pop-up" Sale** is planned for March 14 from 10 am to 2 pm and will feature an expanded inventory and shopping area.

The Book Nook is currently seeking a few additional volunteers to join our enthusiastic team. There are openings to help out in the Book Nook by staffing a weekly or alternate week 2½ hour shift. If you're an avid reader, like to "talk books" with others, meet community members, would like to support the library, and/or "give back" to the community, this may be just the opportunity you didn't know you were looking for. Email booknook@srfol.org for more information.

Spring Cleaning Tip

Running out of shelf space? Donate your gently used books and media to Grace's Book Nook! Fiction for adults and children's books are currently in particular demand, but books for all ages and most genres would be very much appreciated. We'll find new, loving homes for your books, CDs and DVDs, and you'll receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation plus the satisfaction of supporting the library you love.

Celebrate Pi Day on Saturday, March 14

This Pi Day, 3/14 (or 3.14), win a special Pi Day token. These tokens were created using the Glowforge laser cutter in our library's IDEA Lab. Answer one of our Pi Day questions correctly and win a token (while supplies last)! Have fun and enjoy pi(e)! Sponsored by SRFOL.

Programs for Children and Teens

Fun, engaging, and educational, and fun programs for children, teens, and families continue this month at the library. All materials are provided for arts and crafts programs while supplies last.

- **Pajama Storytime:** Every Tuesday, from 6:45 to 7:15 pm, in the Children's Area "Storywell." Participants are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal for snuggles as they listen to a children's book being read by our new Youth Services Librarian (YSL), Ms. Sarah.
- **Morning Storytime:** Every Wednesday, from 10:00 to 10:30 am, in the Community Room. Join us each week for Children's Storytime with Ms. Sarah! Enjoy stories, songs, and fun activities designed to spark a love of reading and learning. Perfect for young children and their caregivers; come share a cozy, joyful time at the library!
- **Marbled Paper Craft for Holi:** Wednesday, March 4, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm; in the Community Room. Kids of all ages are invited to celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colors. We'll use chalk dust and water to create beautiful, marbled paper prints. All materials provided. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Maker Space Workshops:** Every Friday, beginning March 6, from 4:15 to 5:30 pm; in the Seminar Room. Build, design, and engineer your way through fun challenges like popsicle stick bridges, spaghetti and marshmallow towers, wooden cars, and more! Ideal for younger engineers (grades 1–5) ready to explore basic concepts of engineering. Presented in partnership with Project NexTech and sponsored by SRFOL. Space is limited; registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Saturday, March 7, from 10:00 to 10:30 am and the first Saturday of every month; in the Community Room. **Note day and time change!** 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.
- **Science in Motion:** Wednesday, March 18, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm; in the Community Room. Science can be communicated through media other than just language and discussion. People learn in different ways, and many use dance and movement as a way to tell stories and attach a heightened sense of emotion to a particular topic. Come to learn, to move, and maybe even be inspired to become a future scientist! Presented in partnership with the EcoLogik Institute. Registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **“Doodly-Doos” Art Class:** Saturday, March 7, from 10:30 am to 12 pm; in the Community Room. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy some art creating fun at the library, led by YSL Ms. Sarah! In celebration of Woman's History Month, this month's class will focus on the life and techniques of the Santa Fe based artist Georgia O'Keeffe. After a brief history of the artist and a look at some of her works, young artists will create a large-format flower inspired by O'Keeffe's style. Participants will learn about mixing colors and creating tints while exploring the beauty of nature! Registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Around the World with Storytime:** Every Saturday—with the exception of the first Saturday— of the month, from 10:00 to 10:30 am; in the Community Room. Join us for a fun and engaging bilingual storytime! Each week will feature a different language, giving children and families the opportunity to experience stories, songs, and activities from around the world. Current language pairings include English/Spanish and English/Arabic, with more languages coming soon! Come celebrate language, culture, and community while building early literacy skills in a welcoming and interactive environment. We can't wait to share some new words with you!
- **A Book and a Ballerina Storytime:** Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 to 11:00 am; in the Community Room. Join us for a special storytime with City Ballet of San Diego. Enjoy listening to a read-aloud story, hearing from a professional ballerina, and learning some basic dance steps in this introduction to the world of classical ballet for kids in grades pre-K through 5.
- **Into the Microverse:** Saturday, March 21, from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. Join us in the Seminar Room at the Library as we investigate the living organisms in Evans Pond adjacent to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library. We will collect freshwater samples and investigate the samples under our microscopes. Program leader Terence Au of GG4G will guide us and discuss the organisms we find. Space is limited due to limited number of microscopes available. Registration opens March 2, 2026: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Qube Quest: Problem Solving in Action:** Every Saturday beginning March 21 (except for the 2nd Saturday of the month), from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, in the Seminar Room. Registration opens March 2, 2026: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. Do you want to learn how to solve the Rubik's Cube and other puzzlers? Join us for an exciting student-led STEAM series that brings problem-solving and critical thinking to life through the Rubik's Cube and other strategic games. Designed especially for elementary-aged students, this engaging program makes big challenges feel approachable, achievable, and most importantly, fun!
- **Robo Ready: Intro to Robotics and 3D Design:** Every Saturday beginning March 21 (except for the 2nd Saturday of the month), from 1:00 to 3:00 pm; in the Seminar Room. Step into the exciting world of engineering and robotics in this hands-on Intro to Robotics workshop! Participants will explore computer aided design (CAD), learn the fundamentals of 3D modeling, and discover how real-world engineers bring ideas to life. By the end of the program students will walk away with practical design skills and their very own 3D projects to showcase their creativity and innovation. Registration required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. A limited number of Chromebooks will be available to borrow; if possible, please bring your own laptop or Chromebook. For ages 7–16.

IDEA Lab

Discover the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library's IDEA Lab! Your space to imagine, design, and create. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced maker, we'll help you bring your ideas to life. Visit the IDEA Lab and let your creativity take shape! Equipment includes 3D Printers, a Glowforge Laser Cutter, and a Silhouette Cameo 4 Electronic Cutting Machine. Available Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. Join the discussion on Thursday, March 26, from 12:30 to 2 pm, in the Seminar Room. Bring a brown bag lunch, if you'd like. New members are welcome! Next month's selection is *A Death in Diamonds* by S. J. Bennett. Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk.

Programs for Adults

- **Open Beading:** Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 2 pm; in the Seminar Room. Looking for a relaxing, creative break in your week? Come unwind, meet friendly fellow crafters, and make something beautiful with our library's beading group. Whether you're brand-new to beading or have years of experience, you'll find a supportive space to learn, share, and explore new techniques. Bring your own supplies and whatever project you'd like to work on. Our experienced group members are always happy to share tips, offer guidance, and inspire new ideas.
- **Mahjong Fun:** Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Community Room. Enjoy a fun and relaxing morning playing Mahjong with fellow community members. This weekly gathering is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, share laughs, and challenge your mind with one of the world's most beloved games. Whether you're a seasoned player or just learning the tiles, everyone is welcome—no experience is necessary! Game sets provided. In collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Scripps-Mesa Garden Club:** Thursday, March 19, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm; in the Community Room. The Garden Club presents monthly speakers on a variety of topics of interest to gardeners. The group sometimes tours members' gardens and goes on outings to interesting nurseries and farms. (Every 3rd Thursday; 6:00 to 7:15 pm)

An Invitation to Volunteer at the Library from Zeina, Branch Manager

We'd love for you to be part of our friendly, community-focused library. Volunteers help with simple but meaningful tasks like organizing books, keeping work areas tidy, creating displays, and assisting with programs and events. Whether you have a little time to spare or want to learn new skills, volunteering at the library is a great way to support learning, meet new people, and make a positive difference in your community.

Social Media and Detailed Information About Programs and Library Happenings

- Facebook: @ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary, @SDPLVirtualHub, @GracesBookNook
- Instagram: @srfolibrary, @sdpubliclibrary, @sdplteens
- SRFOL website [<https://www.srfol.org>], or
- Library's Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary>].