



April Programs, Events, and Latest News

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Latest Update on Library Closure and Parking Lot

The start date for the upcoming planned approximately 8-month closure of our library for roof and HVAC replacement and resumption of the parking lot expansion has been confirmed! The work will start the week of May 11; the last day our library will be open prior to construction will be Saturday, May 9. During the time our library is closed, there will be no access to the book return or parking lot. Books and other library materials can be returned to the Mira Mesa Branch Library, our closest branch, or to any other branch of the San Diego Public Library. Holds will be transferred to the Mira Mesa Library, although patrons can select a different branch library by visiting their account on the San Diego Public Library website.

Stay Informed!

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!

Monday Closure Information

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library continues to be closed on Mondays, as of mid-September 2025, due to City budget issues. 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>).

Grace's Book Nook

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

Don't miss the **2nd Saturday "Pop-up" Sale** featuring an expanded sale space and inventory on **April 11**, from **10 am to 2 pm**. This will be the last 2nd Saturday sale before the upcoming closure—and one of the last opportunities to stock up for the long "drought" ahead.

Mark your calendar now for the **Special Pre-Closure Sale** on **Saturday, May 2**, from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. There will be bargains galore with an expanded inventory and sales space! Don't miss this "last chance" event!

As a way to say thank you to our valued book sale customers: **You're invited to bring in your Yellow Bag and fill it for only \$10 from May 1st until the closure.**

IDEA Lab

Our library's IDEA Lab contains 3-D printers, a Glowforge laser engraver/cutter, and Cameo Silhouette 4. This maker space is open to community members on Tuesdays, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays, from 1 to 3 pm. 3-D printer supplies and some other materials are sponsored by SRFOL. For information, visit <https://www.srfol.org> or come by during open hours. Discover our Library's IDEA Lab, your space to imagine, design, and create using 3-D printers, Glowforge laser engraver/cutter, or Cameo Silhouette 4. 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.

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 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!
- **Intro to Programming with Scratch:** Every Friday from 4:15 to 5:30 pm; in the Seminar Room. Presented in partnership with Project NexTech and sponsored by SRFOL. Space is limited; registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Saturday, April 4, from 10 to 10:30 am and the first Saturday of next month; in the Community Room. 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.
- **"Doodly-Doos" Art Class:** Saturday, April 4, 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! This class will focus on the life and techniques of the American sculptor Alexander Calder. After a brief history of the artist and a look at some of his works, young artists will create a standing wire mobile inspired by Calder's style. Participants will learn about balance and structure while exploring a different medium of contemporary art! Registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Drastic Plastic!:** Wednesday, April 8, from 4 to 5 pm. Plastic is everywhere, impacting our lives and the world around us. But what can we do to help solve this environmental problem? Come to our hands-on lesson and art activity where we'll explore the effects of plastics on our environment and discuss what we can all do to help mitigate plastic pollution. Presented in collaboration with the EcoLogik Institute. Registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Singalong ASL Storytime with Miss Valerie:** Thursday, April 9, from 10 to 10:30 am. Join us to enjoy a special storytime in the cozy children's Storywell, complete with singing, sign language, crafts, and playing with friends!
- **Around the World with Storytime:** Every Saturday—with the exception of the first Saturday of the month—from 10 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!
- **Qube Quest: Problem Solving in Action:** Every Saturday (except April 11 and May 2), from 11 am to 12 pm, in the Seminar Room. Led by a passionate cuber who has been solving since second grade, this program shows kids that mastering the Rubik's Cube isn't about being "super smart"; it's about perseverance, strategy, and practice. Through guided instruction and hands-on play, participants will build logical reasoning skills, learn step-by-step problem-solving techniques, and experience the incredible confidence boost that comes from conquering a challenge that once seemed impossible. Registration: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. For elementary-aged students ages 7 and up.
- **Robo Ready: Intro to Robotics and 3D Design:** Every Saturday (except April 11 and May 2), from 1 to 3 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.
- **3D Printing with EcoLogik:** Wednesday, April 22, from 4 to 5 pm. Have you ever wanted to learn how to 3D print? Discover how to create a model of some of the animals we find in the Cabrillo tidepools. Recommended for 5th grade and up! Presented in collaboration with the EcoLogik Institute. Registration is encouraged: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *A Death in Diamonds* by S. J. Bennett. Join the discussion on Thursday, April 23, from 12:30 to 2 pm, in the Seminar Room. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. New members are welcome! May's selection is *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Note meetings are expected to be held at the Mira Mesa Library during the time our library is closed.

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 am to 1 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 necessary! Game sets provided. In collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Scripps-Mesa Garden Club:** Tuesday, April 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 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.

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>].