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From the President's Pen

As I write this, I think about my daughter, a new Peace Corps volunteer in Namibia, who recently learned that she received her first-choice assignment in a remote village in a mountainous area that has requested help in starting a library.

So, in addition to teaching science and math to middle school students, Heather is also looking forward to working with the community to develop their library. How fitting a project for our avid reader and lover of books and libraries!

Too young to have experienced the bookmobile, she obtained her first library card in our Scripps Ranch storefront library and thus witnessed a portion of the evolution of our community library but has not previously had the experience of living in a place with no library at all.

Where even to begin? This helps me to maintain a little perspective as we struggle here in San Diego to make do with abbreviated hours and staffing, furniture that is showing its age, and a book budget that is never as large as we'd like. Yet we are fortunate to have a welcoming, thriving community library that is part of a larger, generally healthy library system that enjoys support from Friends like you.

Joan Reese, SRFOL President



Thank You Richard Lederer!

Richard Lederer, radio host, author, Scripps Ranch resident and member of the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, is seen on the right above signing his latest book, *Presidential Trivia*, for a library patron. Richard joined us at several fall events. He very generously donated *all* of the profits from these event sales, as well as sales of his books at the Book Nook, to the SRFOL. Many thanks to a true friend of our library!

One Book One San Diego – Join Us!



David Relin, co-author of *Three Cups of Tea* will speak and sign books on **January 29th** in the community room. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a reception at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date

San Diego Children's Book Festival – Sunday, May 4. The San Diego Public Library is collaborating with the San Diego Friends of the Library to put on this festival at the North University Public Library.



From Your Branch Librarian...

Happy New Year as 2008 rolls in. We can say that San Diego Public Library is on the move and is collaborating with KPBS in joint programming. This year, **One Book One San Diego** is promoting *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Relin. We are pleased to be hosting a lecture and book signing by David Relin on Tuesday, January 29th in our community room. A reception from 6-7 will precede Mr. Relin's talk. He will sign his book following the program.

Another collaboration is called *Envision San Diego*: TV documentaries with a focus on San Diego are shown every month on KPBS, while books and information are displayed at participating libraries. Our library will feature displays on the January topic (*Are We Prepared for the Next Natural Disaster*) as well as the February topic (*The Healthcare Crisis through the Lens of Alzheimer's*) and beyond.

Moving to the national scene, there is an initiative called *The Big Read*, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), which is "designed to restore reading to the center of American culture." It promotes the love of reading and provides grants to communities throughout the country to encourage the scheduling of special book events." This is a response to the report which appeared in 2004, entitled *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America*, which provided a bleak picture of decline of reading by different age groups in the United States, especially in the 18-24 age range. We know that strong public libraries are part of the solution as we provide reading enrichment opportunities for all ages.

I hope by now that you are aware that placing a reserve via computer is free. The only charge is a potential restocking fee of \$1.00 per item if the book is not picked up in a timely manner (8 days). While we accept telephone inquiries about books and place them on hold, the focus has shifted to self-service and notification by email instead by U.S. mail. Our Integrated Library System is providing a new program called San Diego SchoolRooms. This is available through online public access and is geared to students. It is a collaboration between San Diego Public Library and the San Diego Unified School District. We hope to offer express check-out services in 2008! I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Nancy Corbin Assaf, Branch Librarian

(Final) Notes from Miss Ann...

This will be my final Folio column for I shall be retiring some time in March after 44 years in Youth Services at San Diego Public Library. I surprise myself when I say that the last ten years at Scripps Ranch Library have been the best. During the first 10, I was so young and anticipatory – eager to try everything. Fortunately, in those days, libraries seemed to have more money and this translated into an abundance of staff and time, when my main responsibility, after assisting the children, was reading children's literature, which to me, an English major, was a newfound treasure trove. I discovered that serendipitously becoming a Children's Librarian presented goals that would never be accessible in other areas of Librarianship. After 4 years in the Children's Room at the Central Library, I was transferred over the years to seven branches, Scripps Ranch being the last.

Those years were filled with story times for preschoolers and older children during the day and, in the evening, in pajamas; library classes for children on poetry, fairy tales, novels, and use of the library; visits to hundreds of classrooms with a bag of books, puppet, clown, and stuffed animal; numerous other shows for children; holiday celebrations; hands-on craft demonstrations of every kind -- not to forget the Summer Reading Program – most successfully designed with accompanying book displays to promote juvenile reading.

The reason I said earlier that the years at Scripps Ranch Library have been the most enjoyable for me is that here I concluded that parents are the greatest resource for getting children and books together. Rosemary Wells put it best when she entitled her picture book on encouraging parents to read aloud for 20 minutes a day *Read to Your Bunny*. In Scripps Ranch, I found children who respected, adored, and devoured books. Often, books I suggested had already been read. It has been a challenge and a joy for me (and it would be to any Children's Librarian) to keep these children in books, and, as I have met and talked with parents, I realize that indeed they read to their "bunnies."

During my last few weeks, I shall be putting some finishing touches on various projects I've undertaken in the Children's Area. Please come by with your children. I have watched them read and grow for a long time.

Ann Young Persons, Youth Services Librarian

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Library News

SR Friends of the Library Website is coming!

Our friend Richard Busch is working on a website for us. It should be available soon. Check for updates at our Web address: www.srfol.org.

We need your help...

Grace's Book Nook. How about a new challenge that's exciting and interesting, one where your help will be very much appreciated? Volunteers are needed for short 2 1/2-hour shifts working in Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore at the Scripps Ranch Library. Duties involve selling used books and magazines, T-shirts, and other items. Please call Kathi Busch at 271-4479.

Friends of the Library. There are a couple of openings on the Friends of the Library Board. At this time we would like to add a Volunteer Coordinator to help match prospective volunteers with opportunities at the library. Also, due to term limits, SRFOL is recruiting to fill the Treasurer position. Please contact Joan Reese or any of the Board members listed on page 2 if you'd like to discuss these opportunities to become more involved.

Library Advocacy Network. You can get on the email list for the Advocacy Network and find out about issues facing the San Diego Public Libraries today. Find out more to become a more-informed advocate. Go to the website: www.supportmylibrary.org. At the bottom left of the page, enter your email address and press 'Go'. On the next page choose the "Friends Advocacy Network" and then Submit.

Children's Book Festival. This May event needs volunteers *now* to help with planning. Contact Joan Reese for information.

Notes from the Editor...

What is your resolution? They might seem trite, these New Year's resolutions. Some years I rebel against them and ignore the task altogether. But last year I fulfilled my promise to myself to get more involved with the community by joining the Friends of the Library Board. What a wonderful and dedicated group of people are involved with the SRFOL! It's fun to just learn more about the inner workings of the library and figure out new ways to promote the library.

This year my resolution is the same – to continue my volunteer work with the library. And I want to figure out new ways to use this newsletter to let you know more about the library and all the wonderful people who make it a strong community institution.

So, that's my promise: to keep you informed about the library and help you get involved. Let me know how I can do this better for you. Contact me at dseaman@san.rr.com

Website recommendation: Nancy Pearl is a librarian with a love of books so strong it has been classified as lust. (I can relate to that.) You can find her book reviews here: <http://www.kuow.org/programs/books.asp>

Dianne Seaman, Folio Newsletter Editor

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Individual \$10

Family \$20

Sponsor \$30

Business \$50

Lifetime \$250

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as a SRFOL Board member

with events

with children's programs

selling books in the Book Nook

with fundraising

with music programs

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Special Events at the Library...

Every Tuesday:

Storytime for Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, from 10 to 10:45 a.m., in the Children's Area.

Thursday January 17, 3:00 p.m.:

Pirate Magic Show – Captain Little-Beard, the Pirate has returned to reclaim his buried treasure, but he no longer has a crew. He must recruit kids from the audience to join him. Will they find his missing plunder?

Sunday, January 20, 2:30 p.m.:

“The Pleasure of Your Company”. We begin the year with a flute and guitar concert presented by two brothers, Jacek and Maciek Switacz, classically trained musicians who have performed throughout their native Poland. They have received enthusiastic recommendations of their fellow professional San Diego musicians. Their program will include the works of Handel, Bach and Mozart.

Fourth Wednesday of the Month:

Book Discussion Group meets in the Seminar Room to discuss books.

Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 p.m.:

“One Book One San Diego”. Co-author of *Three Cups of Tea*, David Relin will speak in the Community Room.

Sunday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.:

“The Pleasure of Your Company”. The Striano (a combination of "strings" and "piano") Piano Quartet began its musical career nine years ago. Composed of violin, viola, cello and piano, they have played many local venues. They play a broad range of compositions by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorak and others.

Thursday, February 21, 3:00 p.m.:

“Joe Gandelman & Friends” Comedy / ventriloquism. Wooden characters, music lots of audience participation.

Library Hours

Monday and Wednesday:

12:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday:

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday: Closed