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Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

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## Short Term Library Volunteer Opportunities

- Refinishing wood patio furniture
- Window washing

See inside for details.

## From the President's Pen

Signs of spring at our Library:

- New solar film funded by SRFOL on the west-facing windows to protect the books and upholstery and reduce heat transfer. Our children's amphitheater area is now usable in the afternoons and warmer months.
- Beautiful new carpet in the Community Room made possible by a generous donation from SRCA with substantial additional funding from SRFOL.
- Our website is sprouting new pages – visit [www.srfol.org](http://www.srfol.org) to check us out!
- City budget hearings – decreasing funding projected, impacting Library staffing and services.
- Planning for upcoming new fiscal year by SRFOL Board.

If you're reading this newsletter, we know you care about our Library. Wouldn't you like to become more involved? Do you have ideas or time or skills that you'd be willing to share with SRFOL? Perhaps you can help out at a Pleasure of Your Company concert or with a onetime project. Maybe you'd consider a position on the SRFOL Board, an energetic, fun group of committed individuals who, like you, appreciate the important role that the Library plays in all of our lives. Please call me or any of the Board members listed in the *Folio* to explore opportunities with SRFOL. We'd love to hear from you!

Joan Reese, SRFOL President



**Good-bye Miss Ann. We'll miss you!**

Miss Ann's retirement party was held at the library on March 15.

## Staff Cuts At Our Library

The Community Room was packed for the Budget Town Hall Meeting held at our Library on April 24 to hear Mayor Jerry Sanders and his staff present the proposed City budget for FY 2009. The good news is that no cut in Library hours is being asked for. But there is bad news as well. Even though growth is proposed in a number of other areas, the budget calls for cutting 22 Library staff positions, which represent over 17% of the positions to be lost across all City departments. Mayor Sanders noted that we should expect approximately one position to be lost at each branch. His only response to the many questions asked regarding the impact of the decreased staffing on Library was that he had been obligated to make choices. The Mayor suggested that community volunteers should be used to make up for decreased staffing. Following a series of hearings, the City Council will be required to approve the budget. I plan to contact our Councilmember, Brian Maienschein, about how important I feel the Library is in the life of our community. He can be contacted at (619) 236-6655 or [bmaienschein@sandiego.gov](mailto:bmaienschein@sandiego.gov).

Reese

Joan

## From Your Branch Librarian...

In April, we celebrated with the winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Writing for Literacy Contest at the Awards Ceremony held at the Library on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The top essayists from local schools will compete in the City-wide judging going on now. We salute all of the participants who took part this year.

Recently, I attended the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis and had an opportunity to tour the new Minneapolis Central Library, now part of the Hennepin County Library system since the merger of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Hennepin County Library system took place on January 1, 2008. Designed by Architect Cesar Pelli, the new building has many of the same marvelous features that are planned for San Diego's new Central Library.

Editor Dianne Seaman posed a couple of questions to me about San Diego's new Central Library.

- **What is going on with the plans for a new Central Library in San Diego?**

The current Central Library is 53 years old and was built for a San Diego population of only 544,000 people. Today the city has more than 1.3 million people and is expected to grow to more than 2 million by 2020. There is a plan to construct a new building with 366,257 square feet of Library Space in 9 stories, including 2 expansion floors, an Auditorium and Coffee Bar as well as 131,395 square feet of parking on two levels for a total building size of 497,652 square feet. The site in Downtown's East Village is on a city block surrounded by 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Blvd. and J and K Streets. It has convenient access to freeways and public transit (trolley station and bus stops) and is to be located along the new Park-to-Bay promenade, connecting Balboa Park and San Diego Bay. The architects are Rob Wellington Quigley, FAIA, and Tucker Sadler & Associates.

- **Libraries are changing. They provide more than books. They often provide a kind of community center. How will a new Central Library make San Diego more of a community?**

The new Central Library is planned to have a number of special features, including a 350-seat Auditorium, an Outdoor Library Plaza and Café, a large Teen Center, a

Technology Center, a state-of-the-art Children's Library, a 400-seat multi-purpose room with a view to the west, and a three-story domed Reading Room. It will also have space for art throughout the building. The location, which is in the heart of downtown San Diego, will be a cultural and artistic icon for the city for years to come. The complete project description is on the San Diego Public Library web site at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

I look forward to seeing you at the Library!

*Nancy Corbin Assaf, Branch Librarian*

## Student Essay Contest Winners



Winners of the 2008 "Writing for Literacy" Essay Contest were honored on April 23 in a special program sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library. City Councilman Brian Maienschein addressed the student authors, their parents, teachers and principals and Library supporters who attended.

The authors of the winning essays were presented with pens as well as certificates from both the Friends of the San Diego Public Library and the City of San Diego. The first, second and third place winners at each grade level also received \$25 gift certificates from Barnes and Noble. Overall winners, **Grace Chambers** (4th grade, E. B. Scripps), **Ben Yu** (8th grade, Marshall Middle School) and **Madison Leahy** (10th grade, Scripps Ranch High), will represent Scripps Ranch in the city-wide contest with the grand prize winners to be announced in a special ceremony on May 1 at the Balboa Park Club.

Other winning students were **Michael England**, **Cameron Custodio** and **Amanda Melanese** (Dingeman); **Claire Goodrich** and **Kevin Buntun** (EBS); **Ethan Anderson**, **Nichola Smart** and **Zoe Elliott** (Jerabek); **Andrea Norris** and **Christina Jung** (Miramar Ranch); **Ryan Seo** and **Thomas Ryan** (Marshall Middle School); and **Lanny Huang** and **Kyle Hoffer** (Scripps Ranch High). This annual competition is sponsored by the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, the San Diego Public Library and San Diego City Schools Library Media Teachers.

### SCRIPPS RANCH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2007-2008 OFFICERS & CHAIRS

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## Library News

### Help Needed

- Our wooden patio furniture is in need of refinishing. Become part of a team of volunteers to undertake this project. Experience is not necessary. Equipment and supplies will be provided.
- We would like a group to "adopt" the Library windows for a half-day window washing project. This is an ideal opportunity for a school, Scout or church group. Supplies will be provided.
- We have openings on the SRFOL board! We'd love to have someone help to coordinate our volunteers for events or one-time activities – or help us in other ways.

Call Joan Reese (or email at [jmreese@gmail.com](mailto:jmreese@gmail.com)) or any board member listed on page 2 for more information.

### Friends of the Library Membership Drive

Thank you to all who have renewed your SRFOL membership and to those who became new members. You have given \$3,087 for our library in this year's membership drive. It's never too late to fill out a membership form and help sustain the many programs and resources that our library provides. An official statement of your donation, which can be used for tax purposes, will be sent to you.

Gail Harriss, VP / Membership

### Clarification

The grant of \$5,000 announced in the last Folio should have specified the foundation name as the Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation.

## Central Library Web Site Changes

The Central Library web site is making changes. As of May 19, the online catalog will have a face lift including Best Seller and Recommended Reading Lists. Also, patrons will be able to place *up to* 25 items on hold.

### Summer Reading Program

Students can sign up at the Library for the Summer Reading Program beginning June 16. Earn prizes for reading books in this popular program which ends on August 30. The themes are "Catch the Reading Bug" for kids in K-5 and "Metamorphosis" for 6th graders and above.

### A World Filled With Books...

In my working-class home during the 50's and 60's my mother belonged to the Book of the Month Club. We had many of the then-current titles; *Forever Amber*, *Captains and Kings* and *Hawaii*. I read these and found more at the public library. I loved walking the stacks looking at so many volumes of stories of people, of travel and of all kinds of things people knew and wrote down – for me! Because of the books, I knew a world so much bigger – and so much more interesting – than Chicopee, Massachusetts. In eighth grade, Sammy Davis, Jr. with his autobiography, *Yes I Can*, told me *I* could do anything. I went to the state university. I used student loans to pay the \$150 tuition and majored in history. I went on to become a computer programmer in Miami, Florida and eventually landed here in San Diego. I wonder how things might have been different for me if my young world hadn't been filled with books.

Dianne Seaman

#### SCRIPPS RANCH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Please begin/renew my membership:    \_\_\_ New Membership    \_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_ Student/Senior \$8            \_\_\_ Individual \$10            \_\_\_ Family \$20  
\_\_\_ Sponsor \$30                \_\_\_ Business \$50              \_\_\_ Lifetime \$250

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I would like to volunteer to help...

\_\_\_ in the Library                \_\_\_ as a SRFOL Board member            \_\_\_ with window washing  
\_\_\_ with children's programs    \_\_\_ selling books in the Book Nook        \_\_\_ with patio furniture refinishing  
\_\_\_ with music programs

Please make checks out to: Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library. Membership is tax deductible.

Mail to: SRFOL Membership Renewal, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131-1252



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## *Special Events at the Library...*

### **Every Tuesday:**

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

### **Sunday, May 18, 2:30 p.m.:**

"The Pleasure of Your Company" presents **Encore Trio**, with pianist Irian Bendetsky, violinist Ondref Lewit, and cellist Yelena Babayan.

### **Thursday May 15, 3:00 p.m.:**

Children's Program: Imagination Express, All Aboard.

### **Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.:**

Book Discussion Group: "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan.

### **Sunday, June 15, 2:30 p.m.:**

"The Pleasure of Your Company" presents **Westwind Brass** with interesting music, unique stories and lots of chuckles.

### **Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.:**

Book Discussion Group: "*Kite Runner*" by Khaled Hosseini.

### **Sunday, July 20, 2:30 p.m.:**

"The Pleasure of Your Company" presents **Tom Boyer**, a finger-style acoustic virtuoso.

**Check our web site for updates**

[www.srfol.org](http://www.srfol.org)

## **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

**Library Closed:** Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.