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## You Are Invited

Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00  
Sue Fox Retirement Party

### From the President's Pen

Big changes are afoot at our library this year, most notably in the library staff. In March many attended the retirement party for Miss Ann, our dedicated youth services librarian. Recently, we learned that Sue Fox, our able library assistant at the reference desk, will retire at the end of July. And, our long-serving, esteemed, branch manager Nancy Assaf will retire at the end of August! Although SRFOL wishes all of the retirees the very best as they begin this long-anticipated, new life phase, the departure of these key people creates a huge void as well as sadness for our loss and a sense of uncertainty about the future. At this point, we have no information about who will fill these positions or when replacements will be assigned to our library.

SRFOL is planning a retirement celebration for Sue Fox on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 in the Community Room. Nancy Assaf's retirement party will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:30. All friends of the retirees and patrons of our library are invited to both celebrations.

July also marks changes for the Friends of the Library. It is the beginning of a new fiscal year and the time for new officers. Sue Brunkow will take over the responsibilities of treasurer, Barbara Measelle is our new vice-president, and I have accepted the position of president. We appreciate that Michelle Reents has agreed to continue as our secretary and that a number of our committee chairs will carry on as well.

SRFOL is still looking for someone to serve as volunteer coordinator, and we need a membership chair. Also, the Friends could use volunteers to help out with short-term, once-a-year projects; these volunteers would not be expected to attend monthly board meetings. Please contact any board member if you are interested in helping out.

Regardless of the staff changes in the upcoming year, SRFOL will continue to do what we have always done: provide programs, raise funds, and advocate for libraries.

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President



### So Long Sue!

Sue Fox and I had a grand time talking about her July 31<sup>st</sup> retirement. Sue told me her position as Library Assistant is the best job she ever had. Why? Because of the wonderful people and the challenging research tasks. A recent query from a patron was about manhole cover safety. Sue thought researching this was great fun. Other research questions are about genealogy, finding contact information and various student projects. The magazines and newspapers offer a wealth of knowledge and data. In the New York Times archives we could read 80-year-old articles about Amelia Earhart's flight across the Pacific. Sue can discover so much information for you with the Library's tools. No day is like the last and that's what keeps Sue engaged.

Although Sue will miss her many friends at the library, she has big plans for the future. She might go back to school, perhaps to learn more about healthcare. But mostly she plans to travel. She'd like to return to England and travel through the countryside, staying at "youth" hostels along the way, as she's done before. Sue is a smart, warm, lively and humorous (single) lady. If you haven't talked with her, do it before she's gone. Make up a research question if you must. I guarantee you'll learn something interesting – *and* – you'll walk away smiling.

Dianne Seaman, Folio Editor

## From Your Branch Librarian...

As we look forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration our 2008 Summer Reading Program, I want to focus on new developments at the Library.

1. Express Check Machines are being installed to ease the circulation of library materials of all types. Each branch is getting at least two machines. Staff will demonstrate their usage as you check out materials. Library materials will be returned through our two bookdrops as usual.

2. *Adopt an Armchair Campaign:* We look forward to reupholstering about 50 of our armchairs to enhance the comfort and beauty of the lounge area along the west wall. To achieve this goal, donations are being solicited and will be matched 100% by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library.

3. Evans Pond improvements: We are pleased that the Pond now has a stable water supply, piped from the 9 million gallon tank located off Meanley Drive, and aeration capabilities to sustain the wildlife, including, ducks, turtles, and migrating birds. This has been a collaboration between the Scripps Ranch community and the City of San Diego and it resolves some longstanding Pond issues that concerned many Library patrons as well as library staff.

4. New fire and security monitoring systems: Upgraded systems have been installed in June, replacing the systems installed 15 years ago when the Library opened. Gone will be false fire alarms and security alarms at inopportune times for Library patrons and people attending events.

5. Arrival of lots of new books, DVDs, and CDs: Library materials purchased on FY2008 funds, which were ordered starting in December, are pouring in. "Holds" which have been in place for some weeks are now being filled. The flow of new materials will continue in a normal manner.

6. New SRFOL Board: New officers will be taking over in July. I am grateful to the outgoing Board officers for their sterling contributions and support over the past two years. **Dr. Joan Reese** will vacate her position as President (but will continue to handle Publicity and serve as Past President) and **Diane Hunter** will be departing from the Treasurer position. Thankfully, the other dedicated officers are either retaining their positions or accepting new ones. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you!

7. Holiday Bookplate Donor Display:

At least 100 books were donated as part of the holiday appeal. The display will acknowledge donors and those honored or memorialized, as well as providing details about

the books selected. It is stationed in the lobby near the circulation desk.

I hope that many local children have already signed up for our Summer Reading Program and are attending special bi-weekly programs organized by Sandra Hoyt. In late July and early August we are pleased to have a contingent of Dingeman Elementary students participating in a 3-week tutoring program in Library meeting rooms. Story Time for preschoolers is continuing on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the amphitheatre in the children's area with different librarians or volunteers taking the lead each week. We look forward to welcoming a new Youth Services Librarian to the staff in the near future.

I hope to see you at the Library this summer!

*Nancy Corbin Assaf*, Branch Librarian

## Life is a Series of Hellos and Goodbyes...

While we are sad to see Joan Reese and Diane Hunter leave our SRFOL Board of Directors, we welcome a new board made up of three current and one former member.

**Gail Harriss** is our new SRFOL President. Gail joined the board after she retired from her teaching position at SR High School. She sees our group as an essential tool in supporting an important community asset, our library. Gail is currently enjoying Anita Pollitzer's memoir about her friendship with Georgia O'Keefe, *Woman on Paper*.

**Barbara Measelle** is our new SRFOL Vice President. Barbara also continues to chair our Music Program committee.

**Sue Brunkow** is our new SRFOL Treasurer. Sue has served as President and Vice President in past years. Sue's two young children are entering Kindergarten this fall and so Sue thought she could serve us again. An avid reader, Sue enjoys memoirs and is currently reading Carolyn Jessop's story of her escape from the FLDS church entitled *Escape*.

**Michelle Reents** continues on for another year as our SRFOL Secretary. Michelle is a Mom who is also working towards a Master's Degree in Library Science. Her current read is Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs and Steel*.

**Web Site Recommendation:** Visit the Central Library Website to find information about audio downloads and research materials: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>

### SCRIPPS RANCH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2008-2009 OFFICERS & CHAIRS

<b>President</b>	Gail Harriss	<b>Branch Manager</b>	Nancy Assaf
<b>Past President/Publicity</b>	Joan Reese	<b>Children's Programs and Summer Reading Program</b>	Sandra Hoyt
<b>Vice President</b>	Barbara Measelle	<b>Folio Editor</b>	Dianne Seaman
<b>Secretary</b>	Michelle Reents	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Brunkow	<b>HodgePodge/Special Events</b>	Victoria Mazelli
<b>Book Discussion Group</b>	Crystal Clearwater	<b>Music Programs</b>	Barbara Measelle
<b>Grace's Book Nook Manager</b>	Kathi Busch		

## Milestones...

Stepping down after two years as President of Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, I have mixed feelings—*pride* over all that we have accomplished in the past two years, *relief* that I can now focus my library related activities on advocacy while continuing to handle publicity for SRFOL, and most of all *enthusiasm!*

Through our successful fundraising efforts, SRFOL has provided new books, videos, DVDs and CDs to enhance our Library's collection. SRFOL continues to sponsor our concert series, the Summer Reading Program for kids and teens, monthly children's programs, the student essay contest, a monthly book discussion group and occasional author events. SRFOL recently funded the installation of solar film on the west facing windows. This will protect the books and upholstery, and the amphitheater in the children's area is finally useable in the late afternoon. SRFOL supplemented a generous contribution solicited from SRCA and oversaw the recent installation of handsome new carpeting in the Community Room.

SRFOL has celebrated a number of milestones, including the birthday of our beautiful Library building each year—most recently its 15<sup>th</sup>. We also celebrated Nancy Corbin Assaf's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our Branch Manager two years ago at a gala event and recently honored our retiring Children's Librarian, "Miss Ann" Young Persons, at a festive ice cream social. Just a year ago we celebrated the reopening of our used bookstore, renovated and renamed Grace's Book Nook. Our attractive new website premiered several months ago – check it out at [www.srfol.org](http://www.srfol.org)!

Many thanks to the SRFOL Board and Library staff

members who have made my job such a pleasure. It's clear that our 2008-09 Board is energized and looking with great anticipation to the year ahead!

Joan Reese, SRFOL Past President

## Feeding the Ducks?

Visiting the ducks at Evans Pond adjacent to the Library is a Scripps Ranch tradition. Grace's Book Nook now has duck pellets available at a nominal price. Ducks should not be fed bread. Pelleted mash provides a nutritionally balanced treat which is a healthier alternative.

## Adopt an Armchair!

Fifteen years have taken their toll on our comfy reading chairs which are well used by library patrons of all ages. There are no funds available from the City for refurbishing them. With the help of interior designer and SR resident Carol Smith who volunteered her time and expertise; attractive, durable fabric which will complement our Library's decor has been selected to reupholster the armchairs. As SRFOL recently provided funding for new solar film which has been installed on the west facing windows to help protect the new upholstery, the timing couldn't be better. You're invited to make a special tax-deductible donation, which the Friends of the Library will match, to get our reupholstering project underway. Make your check payable to SRFOL and designate "Adopt an Armchair." Check at the library for details. Residents of The Promontory have raised \$700 toward reupholstering. Could your street or neighborhood do the same?

### 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to help...

in the Library     as a SRFOL Board member     with events  
 with children's programs     in Grace's Book Nook     with fundraising  
 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.

### **Thursday July 10, 3:00 p.m.:**

*Gypsy Folk Ensemble* performs dance routines to coincide with the "Reading Bug" theme.

### **Thursday July 24, 3:00 p.m.:**

*Mad Science* - Catch the Reading Bug – Investigate the world of creepy, crawly creatures! Join Mad Science as we explore how bugs communicate, breathe and protect themselves from predators. This interactive show will spark the imagination of children.

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

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

### **Thursday August 21, 3:00 p.m.:**

*Kathy Felker Puppet Productions* - Ms. Felker will perform "Puppets on Stage", a 30-minute marionette show.

[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

**Check our web site for updates**