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Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

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Autumn 2008

Please join us!

**Saturday, September 13th
3:00 – 5:00**

Nancy Assaf Tea Party

From the President's Pen

As I write this it is mid-August, and I am incredulous that stores are displaying Halloween decorations already! September brings back to school, the resumption of other routine activities, and the autumn equinox. This year September is the time for our Friends group to recognize three very special volunteers and bid farewell to our Branch Manager Nancy Assaf.

Every year the Friends of the San Diego Public Library invite each branch to choose volunteers for special recognition. Our Board has selected Kathi Busch, the manager of Grace's Book Nook; Richard Busch, who created and continues to maintain our website (srfol.org); and George Roos, a long-time supporter and volunteer for Grace's Book Nook who faithfully tracks the volunteer hours and sales each month and reports all the statistics to the Board; to be honored at the FSDPL annual meeting at the Point Loma Branch on the morning of September 13th. We are grateful for the many hours that Kathi, Richard, and George, as well as hundreds of other volunteers, give to our library.

On September 13th (*note the date has changed from what was reported in the last Folio*) we will honor Nancy Assaf on her retirement at an Afternoon Tea Party from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Many of us who have known Nancy since she first started working in Scripps Ranch when our library was housed in a storefront in the business park cannot imagine the library without her. Nancy has not only been our distinguished librarian, she has been a true friend of the Scripps Ranch community. Please join us in bidding farewell to Nancy on September 13th. If you will be unable to attend the tea party, you might want to stop by the library to say goodbye to Nancy; her last day is August 29th.

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President

Farewell Nancy. We'll miss you!



Pleasure of Your Company – Jazz!

The fall POYC concert series has several wonderful events scheduled. Among a few I'm looking forward to is the jazz concert on November 16th. For jazz aficionados our usual Sunday concert features the Sam Johnson Jazz Quartet playing jazz originals written in the styles of Modal Jazz, ECM and Jazz Fusion featuring Sam Johnson on bass, Anthony Smith on piano; Dan Boissy on saxophone and Kevin Dooley on drums. Join us there.

Dianne Seaman, Folio Editor

Check our website for upcoming events:

www.srfol.org

Thanks for the memories...

When we launched the Scripps Ranch branch of San Diego Public Library as the 31st branch in the system and opened on October 11th, 1986, we occupied a suite in the Scripps Terrace Business Park. The new branch replaced bookmobile service in Scripps Ranch. We were destined to remain in the storefront location for 6 years before the new building was ready for occupancy on March 13, 1993. In those early years, San Diego Public Library was just starting to offer compact discs, audio and video cassettes, moving away from a "books only" policy. Books could not be renewed - either in person or by telephone. Catalogs consisted of microfiche files, updated periodically, or microfilm on drum displays. Eventually, computer reserves were introduced with a charge of \$1.00 per item. Free telephone reserve requests were popular and could be sent via Branch Delivery on Monday-Friday. Telephone renewals commenced.

Twenty-two years later, we now have two operating Express Check machines to handle the routine checking out and desensitizing of books, DVDs, and compact discs, which include books as well as music. Our new LAT machines should become a great time-saver. Library staff is freed up to deal with special situations. Reserves are now called "holds" and are handled primarily through computer-assisted requests. Notification can be handled through email if the information is provided in a patron's library card registration.

Our San Diego Public Library web catalog can be utilized from anywhere. We offer a substantial number of informational databases to which the Library subscribes,

Live Homework Help, and many other resources through the home page of San Diego Public Library. The Library was recently honored for its technological savvy in offering wireless Internet as well as a large inventory of computers with Internet access throughout the system.

As I retire from my position with San Diego Public Library at the end of August and turn management of the branch over to another Branch Librarian, I am extremely thankful to have had the opportunity to work in the Scripps Ranch community over these two decades. It has been a privilege to work with outstanding residents who have come forth to lead and support the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library and to volunteer in the Library as well as to be effective advocates for the Library in the local community and in the larger venue of the City of San Diego.

I have truly enjoyed coming to know so many of our library users over the years and to have seen tiny tots become young adults, marking the passage of the years. I have appreciated working with a number of dedicated Library employees as well as being able to recruit some Library Aides from the ranks of library volunteers. SRCA leaders have been marvelous supporters! The Library has benefited from many community partnerships.

Thanks for the memories!

Nancy Corbin Assaf, Branch Librarian

"What can I say? Librarians rule!" ...Regis Philbin

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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



Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library invites you to an

Afternoon Tea Party

honoring

Nancy Corbin Assaf

*Nancy is retiring after 22 years of service with the City,
with 20 of those years in Scripps Ranch, as Branch Librarian.
Celebrate Nancy's history with Scripps Ranch at a reception in her honor...*

Saturday, September 13, 2008

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Library Community Room

Tea sandwiches & refreshments

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Center

10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131

*Please RSVP via email by September 9th
rsvp@srfol.org*

Additional parking is located on Meanley Drive



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Special Events at the Library...

Every Tuesday:

Storytime for Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 7th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *The Kensington Trio*.

Thursday, September 18th, 3:00

Children’s Program: *Sparkles the Clown & Co.*

Wednesday, September 24th, 6:30

Book Discussion: *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman.

Thursday, October 16th, 3:00

Children’s Program: *Bafflin’ Bill Cody Magic Show*.

Sunday, October 19th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents harpist *Kate Loughrey*.

Wednesday, October 22nd, 6:30

Book Discussion: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler.

Sunday, November 9th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *The Hungarian Choral Quintet*. (\$10 charge)

Sunday, November 16th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *The Sam Johnson Jazz Quintet*.

Wednesday, November 19th, 6:30

Book Discussion: *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones.

Thursday, November 20th, 3:00

Children’s Program: Peter & the Wolf performed by *The Philharmonic Brass Quartet*.

Sunday, December 14th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *The San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts Chorale*.

Web site: 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.