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Newsletter of the
Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

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From the President's Pen

In honor of the many people who volunteered for the library over the past year, a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held recently. Volunteers give their time in the library checking in books, sorting and shelving books, and processing the new acquisitions and applying the special protective covers to books that have been donated. A few volunteers have been working for our library since we were a storefront operation in the business park. Dorothy Ansoff and Beverly Martin work a couple mornings a week in the library workroom, and they have served our Library for a combined total of almost 40 years.

Grace's Book Nook, which annually is the largest fundraiser for our library, depends on volunteers to serve shifts, taking charge of our used bookstore and collecting the money for books that are sold. In calendar year 2008, 48 volunteers worked 3,492.5 hours in Grace's Book Nook!

The Friends is a volunteer organization that exists to support the library. Our volunteers arrange children's programs and Sunday afternoon programs, publicize events, manage Grace's Book Nook, prepare *The Folio* for publication, prepare refreshments at concerts and other events, coordinate volunteers, solicit and keep track of memberships, participate in fund raising, maintain our website, and handle mailings, as well as paying bills, making budgets, auditing the financial records, keeping minutes of meetings, and acknowledging contributions.

With all that is accomplished by these volunteers, more help is needed and welcomed. Consider volunteering for the library for jobs large or small. For information, email us at volunteer@srfol.org or call the library at (858) 538-8158 and leave a message.

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President

"I don't like people who have never fallen or stumbled. Their virtue is lifeless and it isn't of much value. Life hasn't revealed its beauty to them."

Boris Pasternak, "Doctor Zhivago"



Essay Contest winner Caresse Vuong with Sandra Hoyt; Caresse's parents, Kathie Lee and Brian Vuong; Gail Richmond and Luz Culp.

Scripps Ranch SRFOL Essay Contest Winner

Each year the Friends of the Library partners with the San Diego Media Teachers and the Library to put on an Essay contest open to San Diego students. The winner from Scripps Ranch this year was Scripps Ranch High School tenth-grader Caress Vuong. Caress's essay, entitled "Compassion" tells the story of the compassion of her Vietnamese grandmother. She completes her essay with these thought-provoking words:

Truly pure heroic characters exist in fairy tales and books with happy endings. They can do no wrong, are perfect in every way, and are not infected with one single selfish thought. In real life, everyday heroes are people who feel pain for other's troubles and go out of their way for the sake of their happiness.



**Grace's Book
Nook**

**Cheap
Good Books
Gift Certificates too!**

Librarian's Corner

We just had a successful program at the library about Baxter the therapy dog. In her new book, *Moments with Baxter*, Melissa Joseph has created a collection of touching, true stories about the amazing connection between her dog, Baxter, a 19-year-old therapy dog, and the hospice patients and their families to whom he brings comfort and love. Baxter had "pawtographed" copies of his book. All profits from his book go to charitable causes.

To prepare for summer, many DVD's have been ordered with topics ranging from popular titles to older classics. Speaking of summer, our library is a designated "Cool Zone." The Cool Zone sites are air-conditioned settings where seniors and others can gather. The sites encourage people to share air conditioning during the heat of the day, lowering individual usage and helping to conserve energy for the whole community. All City libraries are designated Cool Zones along with dozens of other sites throughout San Diego County. The Cool Zone idea was created out of concern for seniors and persons with disabilities who have health problems that could be complicated by the heat. For more info, call the County's Aging & Independence Services at 800-510-2020.

Come and enjoy some of the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library's programs this summer. The music series will present the Dixie Express Jazz Band on Sunday, June 21st at 2:30 pm. This group specializes in traditional jazz and Dixieland music. Stay tuned for other cool summer treats that will be featured at the Scripps Ranch Library this summer.
Richard Burke, Branch Librarian

Luz Leaf Notes

Summer is almost here, and you KNOW what that means: IT'S TIME FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!! This is the Library's annual push to make sure that our children read over the summer. The reasons for the program are the following:

- We want children to read, so that they do not lose any of the gains that they've made during the school year.
- We want children to read, if they are advanced, so that they might advance further academically.
- We want children to read, so that they might enjoy the simple pleasures of reading. When you hear "I'm bored", or "There's nothing to do" (in spite of their rooms spilling over with toys) they might learn to pick up a book and entertain themselves in a low-tech, earth-friendly way!
- We want children to read, and we want them to participate in the Summer Reading Program, so that they can experience the excitement of winning fun prizes and getting neat incentives from our sponsors.

This year's theme for children up to 12 years old is: "Be Creative @ Your Library", and the theme for teens 13 to 18 is "Express Yourself @ the Library". Best of all, the library is a low-cost, earth-friendly, educational, and cool --literally, we're air conditioned! -- place to be over the summer! So make sure to include the library in your busy summer schedule!

That's all for now. Have a great summer reading at the Scripps Ranch Library ☺

Luz Culp, Youth Services Librarian

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 ___ Student/Senior (\$5) ___ Individual (\$10) ___ Family (\$20) ___ Patron Lifetime (\$1,000)
 ___ Sponsor (\$50) ___ Business (\$100) ___ Lifetime (\$500) ___ Other Donation

Name _____ Phone _____

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I would like to volunteer to help...

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

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

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

World Digital Library

Hosted and maintained by the U.S. Library of Congress, the World Digital Library (WDL) is a new website that places some of humanity's earliest written works -- from Chinese oracle bones to the first European map of the New World created in 1562 -- online. The WDL, a collaborative project of the Library of Congress, UNESCO, and other world partners, focuses on significant primary materials, including manuscripts, maps, rare books, recordings, films, prints, photographs, architectural drawings and more.

The site provides page-by-page viewing of the original works, scanned by the national libraries that took part in the project, often with multilingual narration by curators. The WDL unites items about one subject, but held in different countries, and is aimed at researchers, teachers, and schoolchildren. WDL content is currently limited, but will expand in scope as other national libraries join the effort. Access to the WDL is free. The URL is: <http://www.wdl.org>.

Richard Busch, Web Site Master

Email Newsletter – What do you think? - Redux

In the last issue I asked what you thought about receiving this newsletter by email. About ten people responded positively (thank-you!). But we didn't get enough feedback to convince our board of directors to make the switch. Some are concerned that not all of our members have email accounts though we assume most of our members come to the library at least once a quarter.

We can save about \$400 annually by eliminating this mailing. Beyond the cost is the volunteer time required to organize the mailing list and the trip to the Carmel Mountain bulk mail center.

I'm hoping to get feedback from more of you. What do you think about receiving this newsletter by email instead of by mail – or picking up a copy at the library? Before we switch to email **we need your feedback – and your email address** (which will not be shared). Let us know what you think. Send me an email with the Subject Heading "Folio by Email" to dseaman@san.r.r.com or leave me a message at 858-566-4946. Include your name and street address along with your email address. Thanks.

Dianne Seaman, Folio Editor

Seen at the Library



Baxter and Friends



**San Diego Symphony Principal Bassist Jeremy Kurtz
with Ines Arawati at April "Pleasure of Your Company"
Concert**

Get Well Richard!

Our thoughts and get-well wishes go out to Branch Librarian Richard Burke who is recovering from a fall injuring his knee. We hope he'll be back at the library soon.

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

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Special Events at the Library...

Every Tuesday

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

Every 3rd Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Free Meditation and Yoga Class

Thursday, June 11th, 3:00

Children's Program: "*The Amazing Dana Creative Magic Show*".

Sunday, June 21st, 2:30

Music Series: *Dixieland Express*.

Wednesday, June 24th, 6:30

Book Discussion: *The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart.

Thursday, July 9th, 3:00

Children's Program: *Raggedy Ann and Andy*.

Wednesday, July 22nd, 6:30

Book Discussion: *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang.

Thursday, July 23rd, 4:00

Children's Program: *Scripps Performing Arts Company*.

Thursday, August 20th, 3:00

Children's Program: *Darwin Sinram's Radical Reptiles*.

Wednesday, August 26th, 6:30

Book Discussion: *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon.

Check for more information and updates at our 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.