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From the President's Pen

Have you noticed the armchairs in the library lately? They have been transformed! Gone are the blankets and throws covering the splits in the original upholstery. All of the armchairs have been recovered in new fabric and the results are chairs that appear brand-new. The new fabrics are more durable than the original, and with the protective film that was added to the windows a couple years ago, the armchairs should continue to look good for many years.

Although recovering the armchairs was a significant expense, we were able to keep the original chairs that were chosen by the library's architect. We again thank our many generous donors who made this project possible.

We also thank Scripps Ranch Civic Association for their donation of \$1,000 to upgrade our security system. We will be replacing some cameras and adding additional ones as well as purchasing a new security monitor. Sadly, the security system is necessary to help prevent vandalism to the library's property.

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President

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A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.
Henry Ward Beecher

Our New SRFOL Treasurer



One of the nice things about being a newsletter editor is interviewing nice people. Victor Molokwu and I spent an hour talking about his fascinating background and what brought him to volunteer as the newest

SRFOL Treasurer.

Imagine growing up in Nigeria West Africa during the 1960's and 1970's, many of these civil war years. Imagine coming alone to the University of Kentucky in 1979 with only enough money to pay for two semesters of college. Imagine being a young Nigerian in Kentucky in 1979 in the winter. Imagine believing that if you work hard enough, you can make it even if you are starting with only a little money and your wits in a strange country. Because of persistence, luck and a series of good decisions, Victor now holds an MA and a CPA. He runs his tax and audit business and teaches classes at UCSD Extension. He lives with his wife, who is a teacher, and their three children in Scripps Ranch.

This busy man who rises at 4:00 a.m. every morning has found time to volunteer to help us with our finances because he thinks it's important to give back to this community which has given him so much. He says it's a privilege to be here. I say it is a privilege to know you, Victor Molokwu.

Thank you for finding time to help the library and our Scripps Ranch community.

Dianne Seaman, SRFOL Folio Editor

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Who took the terrific picture of our library as seen from the air at www.srfol.org?

Librarian's Corner

A new school-year is starting, and the Scripps Ranch Library is ready! We have over 60 newly reupholstered chairs. We have lots of new books and other materials. If you'd like a new challenge in September, consider volunteering at the Scripps Ranch Library. Many of our student volunteers are going back to school in the fall, and we could use your help sorting, shelving, and doing other library tasks too. If you have a school-aged child, you might find it convenient to volunteer during school hours. Please feel free to come to the library and fill out an application to volunteer: Scripps Ranch volunteers are the best!

Another new happening at our library is our new lecture series. There will be 8 lectures offered on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the Scripps Ranch Library's Community Room. The first lecture is entitled: "*Aging Successfully in Scripps Ranch*". The presenter is Marsha Kay Seff who is the author of the San Diego Elder Care Directory. She has also been the "elder care guru" for the San Diego Union-Tribune. This series will be a great place to learn new things and meet new friends.

Lastly, we have our FREE on-going Saturday workshop at 10:30 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month entitled "*Science of Breath and Meditation Workshop*". This is not a new workshop, but the information in them is more useful than ever during these challenging times. The workshops focus on reducing stress, increasing energy, relaxing the mind and body. The Art of Living Foundation, the world's largest volunteer-driven non-profit organization, is offering these monthly workshops. The foundation is engaged in educational and relief work all over the world. Their website is <http://us.artofliving.org>

Please let us know if there is anything new that you would like to see here at the library. Until next month,

Richard Burke, Branch Librarian

Luz Leaf Notes

It's almost time for the pitter patter of little—and not so little—feet down the halls of our local schools. Soon kids will be heading "back-to-school", and you KNOW what that means: HOMEWORK! So to ensure that your children have the best school year ever, let the Scripps Ranch Library help your students find the materials they need to get the "A's" they deserve. We have many resources for your student both on-line and on-site.

We offer free on-line tutoring services on our website. Look for a picture of a flustered student under the caption "Got Homework?" At this site: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/hwcenter.shtml> they may log on using their library card.

Homework Help is open daily from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.! It connects students of all ages with tutors for live, 1-on-1 help with assignments in math, science, English and social studies. Students can access Live Homework Help from home or at any city library computer.

Check at <http://sandiego.schoolrooms.net> for **SchoolRooms**, a 24/7 web-based portal and service designed to help students explore, discover and learn. It has resources for parents, teachers, and librarians. It integrates thousands of pages of multimedia content and powerful search capabilities organized around the K-12 curriculum.

In addition to the on-line materials, the Scripps Ranch Library has many books and materials on-site. If the item you want is on another library's shelf, you can use the internet to request that it be sent here for FREE!

The library staff is a great resource too. We are happy to accommodate your student or his or her whole class for a **field trip to the library!** Just email me at lculp@sandiego.gov, or call me at (858) 538-8158

Luz Culp, Youth Services Librarian

Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library 2009-2010 Officers and Chairs

President	Gail Harriss	586-1410	Branch Librarian	Richard Burke	538-8158
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Grace's Book Nook Manager	Kathi Busch	271-4479	Book Discussion Group	Crystal Clearwater	566-5416

Volunteers in Focus

- ◆ Bill Broughton was a long time Grace's Book Nook volunteer who passed away this year.
- ◆ Carol Smith and Tom Boyer and Edna Stanley were recently honored for their contributions. Thank you!
- ◆ We are grateful to our volunteers. We couldn't accomplish so much without all of our volunteers.
- ◆ If you have some time to spare, consider volunteer opportunities with the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, in the Book Nook, at the Library or on the SRFOL Board. **I'm looking for someone to take over this newsletter next year. Call me if you are interested in any capacity.**

How Does SRFOL Help the Library Community?

- ✚ Over 350 New Books annually
- ✚ Library Improvements
 - New carpet
 - Armchair reupholstery
 - Security System
- ✚ Children's Programs
- ✚ Music Programs

36 Libraries in 36 Days

I enjoy visiting libraries so I really enjoyed checking out the report by a local blogger who has posted details of her visits this summer to 36 branch libraries in 36 days! Check her at: straycarrierpigeon.blogspot.com.

Read what she has to say about our Scripps Ranch branch! She rated each branch according to various attributes and from my quick perusal, none was rated higher than SR – although one or two others did as or almost as well. There are a couple of factual errors in her telling of the history of our branch, but I have to agree with her 4 bookmark rating of both our staff and atmosphere/architecture and 4+ bookmark rating of our seating (check out the photos of the armchairs)!

Joan Reese, Past President SRFOL

How Does SRFOL Raise Money For the Library Community?

- ✚ Grace's Book Nook
 - *Our Biggest Fundraiser*
- ✚ Membership Dues
- ✚ Special Fundraisers
- ✚ SRCA Annual Gift
- ✚ Music Program Donations
- ✚ Special Gifts

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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

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Special Free Events at the Library...

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Storytime for Preschoolers

Ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesdays

Aging Successfully in Scripps Ranch Lecture Series

Every 1st Wednesday 10-11:30 pm

Meditation and Yoga Class

Every 3rd Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Children's Programs

Every 3rd Thursday 3:00 p.m.

POYC Music Series

Usually 3rd Sunday 2:30 p.m.

Book Discussion Group

Every 3rd Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Special Engagement!
November 1st 2:30 p.m.
Richard Lederer
In Praise of Dogs and Cats



Photographer: Kim Treffinger

Following the performance, Dr. Lederer will sign copies of all his books to benefit the Scripps Ranch Library.