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Beginning July 1, 2018, the San Diego Public Library is no longer charging a daily late fee for items returned late. Analysis by the City of San Diego revealed that it costs more in staff time to collect overdue fees than the fees collected. The Library collects \$675,000 in fees each year

and spends nearly \$1 million to collect them. This new policy will allow the Library to make better use of its staff time and resources.

Your Questions Answered

What if I checked out material before July 1, 2018?

You will still incur late fees under the Library's previous fee policy. You are responsible to pay all existing fees or fines on material checked out before July 1.

What happens on the day my material becomes overdue?

Your library card will be blocked and you will not be allowed to check-out any additional items; however, you can renew any previously checked-out items.

Does the library send reminders?

Yes, reminders to return or renew items are sent to you by email after 7 days and again after 14 days.

What if I have not returned items that are 30 days overdue?

The library will consider the overdue items lost. You will receive a bill for the cost plus a service charge. Your library card will be frozen.

Oh-oh, what if I let 60 days go by?

After 60 days, the debt will be transferred to the City Treasurer. Your library card will be frozen until the library is notified by the City Treasurer that the fine has been paid.

Library Hours

Mon: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Tues: 11:30 AM – 8 PM
Wed: 11:30 AM – 8 PM
Thu: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Fri: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Sat: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Sun: Closed
Closed: Sept. 3, Nov. 12,
Nov. 22

Shop at
Grace's Book Nook,
the library's on-site
used bookstore!

Mon: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Tues: 12 PM – 7:30 PM
Wed: 12 PM – 7:30 PM
Thu: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Fri: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Sat: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Sun: Closed

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This information is found at <https://www.sandiego.gov/nolatefees>

Scripps Ranch Library: Still Good after 25 Years

The following article from the *SRCA Newsletter* of Aug. 2006 entitled *Scripps Ranch Library: Still Good after 20 Years* is reprinted with permission from the author, Elinor Reiss and the *SRCA*.

When people first see architect Richard Bundy's stunning Mission Revival building and its tranquil setting they always say, "It doesn't look like a library! Are other libraries in San Diego like this?" The answer is no. Scripps Ranch made Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Center the way it is.

The Scripps Ranch Library had its roots in the Bookmobile that arrived at the corner of Ironwood and Scripps Ranch Blvd. in 1974. The first school, K-6, was on that corner too, so it got a vigorous workout. It became apparent that the eager readers in Scripps Ranch were ready for a real library. In April 1986 Councilman Ed Struiksma called a meeting of community leaders to discuss the matter.

The enthusiastic library supporters met at the French Gourmet Restaurant, then on a regular basis at the Scripps Mesa Baptist Church and in people's homes. The group consensus called for a facility of 4,000-5,000 square feet, probably in a storefront site in a business. The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library was born in May of that year, with Susan Roberts as president.

Library spirit overtook the Ranch! The 4th of July saw children dressed as their favorite storybook characters marching in the parade under a library banner. At the picnic in Hoyt Park Theresa Colby ran a book sale to raise funds for a library, the first of many she would chair.

One of the best things in the library campaign was that Nancy Assaf became chief librarian for the Scripps Ranch branch. Coming out of an academic background, Nancy wanted the storefront to be "a serious informational resource for the community, along with providing popular and recreational materials of all types and for all ages."

The 4,630 square foot store front library opened with great fanfare, a wine and cheese preview on Oct. 10, the grand opening the next day with hundreds of well wishers. Soon it hosted lectures, children's programs (among them a talking pony, a ballet troupe, and S.D. Symphony musicians), and Rug Concerts. Rug Concerts earned their name by taking place where there was room, on the rug in the tiny library. Cheryl Brown brought these musicals to the library, as she did later in the new library. Concert artists were paid with "a meal in a nice restaurant."

Plans were soon underway for a large permanent library for the burgeoning Scripps Ranch community. Currie Partners donated 8.2 acres of the land it purchased from the Meanley family (Nackey Meanley was the youngest child of E.W. Scripps) to be used for a library, park, and pond. Karen Kissane, the Friends of the Library historian, chaired the first super-fundraising, Southwest Serenade, in 1987. It was held in the Meanley homestead. She acquired pictures of the Scripps and Meanley families and hung them on all the walls (they now hang in the Scripps Ranch Library). Never meant for future use, the home was razed soon after.

A day-long party atmosphere surrounded the groundbreaking for the new library in 1991. Capital fundraising was in the hands of Katie Sullivan and Connie Unger, who found many creative ways to get the money. A giant barometer on Scripps Lake Dr. kept track of how much was collected. The goal was \$250,000, most of which was attained by the time of the library opening.

Nancy Assaf and the steering committee put forth their vision for the Scripps Ranch Library. They took the best of what existing libraries offered with innovations such as a library bookstore (under the direction of Grace Roos), the computer lab, set up and staffed with volunteers headed by Jerry Weiland and the unique art glass windows created by Richard Spaulding.

Artifacts from the Meanley house were saved for function and decorative purposes. The great doors flank the entrance to the Children's Room, the windows act as sound barriers and room dividers. A fireplace is the focal point of a comfortable sitting and meeting area. The committee headed by Arnold Gass and Nancy Assaf spent a year searching for the best piano before choosing the concert grand Schimmel.

In February 1993 a "Book Brigade" tried passing the books hand to hand from the storefront library to the new building. Light rain didn't dampen spirits until a deluge descended. Bookpassers all ran for cover and stayed on for cake and punch under the portico at the library.

Hundreds attended the Champagne Preview of the 22,000 square foot library on the night of March 12, 1993. The next day a thousand celebrants were welcomed by the new Friends of the Library president, Susan Howe, and then Councilman Tom Behr, who cut the ribbon and mandated that "children go in first." Entertainment, storytelling, and browsing filled the library. It was one of Scripps Ranch's finest hours.

Artists enjoy performing on the library stage and praise the quality of the piano. Today the library is the pride and joy of Scripps Ranch, offering audio, video, books, computers, art, music, cultural programming, and a meeting place for the community. Thanks go to library pioneers like those mentioned above, and Anne Slavicek, Marilyn Pelton, Victoria Mazelli, Col. Hal Corey, Bob Dingeman, Susan Laun, Jack Little, and many more who continue to work on its behalf. Our library honors our past, serves our present, and looks forward to meeting the challenges of the future.

Elinor Reiss



Programs for Children, Teens and Adults

The events listed below are highlights of those provided with the support of Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library and are free to the public. For a complete monthly account of all programs, activities and classes, visit our website at www.srfol.org. In addition, Librarian, Trevor Jones, creates a monthly email containing the entire monthly library schedule of events and activities. If you wish to be on the mailing list, email him at tojones@sandiego.gov or sign up on the sheet on the table near the entrance to the library.

Hogwarts Day at the Scripps Ranch Library: Sat., Sept. 1. We're celebrating the world and magic of Harry Potter with several events on this day including:

11 am DIY Wizard Wands- Every witch and wizard needs a wand, so come and make your own with a little help from our local wandmakers! We will be using hot glue, so it is recommended for ages 8-12. Materials are provided but prior registration is required online.*

2-5 pm Hogwarts Open House- A spell has been cast to turn the Scripps Ranch Library into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for the afternoon allowing wizards and muggles alike to come and take Hogwarts classes, no acceptance letter or prior registration required! Be sorted into your House, learn Charms or Defense Against the Dark Arts, play Quidditch... or do them all and more while supplies last!



Babies and Books: Tuesdays, 1-1:30 pm Stories, songs, and movement designed for ages 0-2 .

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 10-10:30 am. Storytime with music, finger plays, rhymes and more! Age 2-5; geared towards preschoolers, but babies and toddlers may enjoy as well.

Dance Pants Party: 1st and 3rd Wed., 1:30-2:00 pm. Sing, Dance and Play! Designed for children age 1-5, this program consists of songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.

Yoga Storytime: 1st Fri. of the month, 12-12:30 am. This Storytime is a great combination of physical movement and learning for ages 1-5 and their caretakers. Don't forget your mat.

Lego Builders: 2nd and 4th Mon., 3:30-4:30 pm. Get creative with Legos! All ages welcome.

Paws to Read: 1st and 3rd Sat., 10:30-11:30 am, Children read to certified therapy dogs to build reading confidence. All Ages.

Sharpen Your Skills: Mon.-Thurs., 3-6 pm. Volunteer-led math and reading sessions designed to build skills and prevent "summer slide." Homework help also available.

Afternoon Craft Club: Thurs., Sept. 20, 3:30 pm. Get ready for **Banned Books Week** with this special accordion book craft for kids and families. Recommended for ages 8-12. All supplies will be provided but prior registration is required online.*

Pumpkin Party: Thurs. Oct. 18, 3:30 pm. This is a fun seasonal event for our younger patrons with no scares. We'll have crafts, treats and cutesy Halloween fun!

Afternoon Craft Club: Thurs., Oct. 25, 3:30 pm. Make a Halloween-themed pop-up book with us! Recommended for ages 8-12. All supplies will be provided but prior registration is required online.*

Fourth Annual Haunted Library: Oct. 26, 7 pm. One night, each year, the library you know and love is transformed into a haunted house. We are introducing a new route this year to keep the Haunted Library delightfully surprising for returning guests. For the first time ever, we are inviting Teen Councils from across the city to join us in staffing the event. Haunted Library-goers can look forward to fresh twists and the same enthusiasm that has made the event a success for three years running! (from the teen council).



Afternoon Craft Club: Thurs., Nov. 15, 3:30 pm. **DIY Key Chain Charms**—draw, trace or copy a design onto a transfer sheet, we'll bake it and wow! It shrinks and becomes thicker making the perfect keychain! Recommended for ages 8-12. All supplies will be provided but prior registration is required online.*

*Go to the following website, locate the activity by date and click to register.

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>

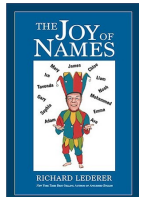
Programs for Adults

Writer's Workshop: (Children's Books) Fridays, 1:30-4:30, beginning Sept. 7.

Friends of the San Diego Public Library Annual Meeting: Sat., Sept. 8, 10 am at the Main Library. All members are cordially invited to attend. See flyer on page 9 of electronic copy. RSVPs are essential.

Book Talk: Tues., Sept. 18, 6 pm. Join us for a special book talk featuring San Diego resident, Don Endicott discussing *50 Best Short Hikes San Diego*. Entirely updated from the original edition co-written with the late Jerry Schad. This book highlights hikes from sidewalk strolls and historic neighborhoods to wildflowers and waterfalls—all within 30 miles of San Diego.

Book Talk: Sat., Nov. 3, 10 am. Richard Lederer will share his newest book, *Joy of Names*. He will reveal all you need to know about first names, baby names, last names, nicknames, cruel and unusual names, movie stars' names, presidents' names, eponymous names, names from myths, authors' pseudonyms, and other fascinating facts about names.



Especially for Seniors

Classes are designed for those 55+, however, all adults 18 and over are welcome

Retirement Living with a Focus on Technology: Mondays, beginning Sept. 10, 3:30-5:30 pm.

Tai Chi Group: Mondays, 1-3 pm.

Health Fitness—Gentle Exercise for Older Adults: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm.

Several classes are offered through a partnership with Continuing Education and begin the fall session in Sept. Register at the first session for the following classes:

Health Education for Older Adults: (exercise) Tuesdays, Sept. 4, 1:30 pm.

Piano 1-2 for Older Adults: Wednesdays, September 5, at 9:30 am.

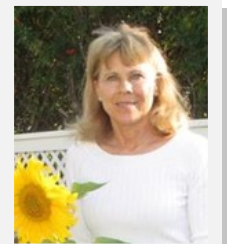
Drawing and Painting 1-2 for Older Adults (Chinese brush painting): Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 4:30 pm.

New Faces—each was asked what the library means to them—



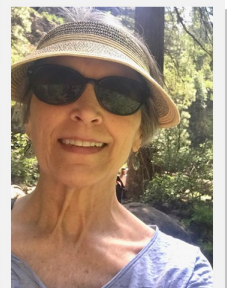
Delane Pickel will serve as our new president of SRFOL. "I grew up going to the book mobile and have since returned to Scripps Ranch. I was so impressed with the Scripps Ranch Library and the services they offer that I wanted to be a part of the organization."

Our new SRFOL board Vice-president is Barbara Thunder-Barnes. "At an early age before starting school, visiting our local library sparked my highest interest in people, arts and cultures. Now as a retired adult, our library continues to give me everything I need to continue to be my own teacher."



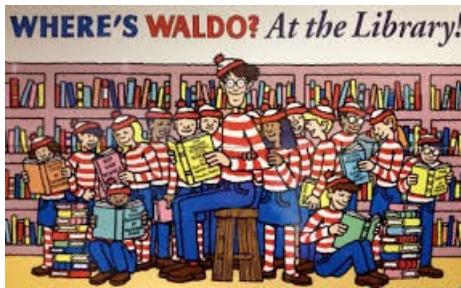
Youth Services Librarian, Melissa Griffen, has been with us since this summer. She states, "A lifelong lover of libraries and frequent library patron, I received my first library card at the age of three. My mother had promised that I could have my own card as soon as I could write my name clearly enough and small enough to fit on the card. Getting and using that library card was the pride and joy of my young life."

Laura Wright is serving as Secretary to SRFOL Board. "I've been a member of the Scripps Ranch Community for 20 years, and I'm grateful that I can give back in a meaningful way through volunteer work with SRFOL. As a retired teacher, I understand the importance of our library as a valuable community resource."



TEEN COUNCIL UPDATES

BY HALEY NGUYEN



As Teen Council members and Scripps Ranch residents, we're at the library all the time—that is— the Scripps Miramar Library. Inspired by *Where's Waldo* at San Diego Public Library, this year's group of officers decided to visit other library branches and search for Waldo as a summer bonding activity. As Teen Council Vice President Thanh-Nha Tran explains, "Not only was I able to explore new libraries, but I could also get some adorable new pins!" Together, we visited four locations across San Diego. I personally visited all 36.

Even a day of library hunting expanded our appreciation for the size and diversity of the San Diego Public Library system. For Secretary Haley Sadler, "The most surprising part ... was the location of the Mission Valley Library." Visiting libraries that were located adjacent to shopping centers, in large metropolitan areas or just off of two-lane roads near residential areas caused Treasurer Fredric O'Hara to realize "little preserves of knowledge, wisdom, and wonder could be planted anywhere."

The journey was a lovely mix of staycation road trip, education about the greater San Diego community and Teen Council networking. At each branch, we inquired about fellow teen councils and advisory boards. By a lucky coincidence, we met a board member from Central's Teen Council. Freddie and I dropped by the La Jolla Teen Council's meeting to pick up a few ideas and invite them to help us with the future events. One of their members volunteered to help us produce a promotional video for this year's Haunted Library. Filming, scheduled for late August, will be the first of hopefully many inter-council collaborations. We've reached out to every Teen Council in the library system, and have had enthusiastic replies from several.



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets in the Library Seminar Room from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Synopses are quoted from *Amazon*.

- Sept. 26 ***The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead
A chronicle of a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.
- Oct. 24 ***Frankenstein*** by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
This famous novel is about a young student of science, Victor Frankenstein, who creates a grotesque but sentient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment.
- Nov. 14 ***A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*** by Bill Bryson
The author is an entertaining guide as he introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way—and a couple of bears.



“PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY” MUSIC SERIES

BY JOAN REESE



The “Pleasure of Your Company” music series welcomes back concert pianist Bryan Verhoye to open the fall season on Sunday, September 9. It is traditional for the first concert of the season to feature our fine Schimmel piano, and you’ll hear our piano at its best as Mr. Verhoye performs works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Rachmaninoff.

On October 14, the San Diego Jewish Men’s Choir will perform works from their varied repertoire of liturgical, pop, folk, gospel and musical theater music. This premier choral group has performed for enthusiastic audiences throughout Southern California and beyond.



The November 11 concert will feature jazz pianist-composer-arranger Yuko Maruyama and the 4-piece Mercantile Alley Band. They will perform original compositions from Yuko’s albums as well as her uniquely modern interpretations of favorite American classics from the 1940’s Big Band era.

There is no charge for the concerts, which are sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although donations are gratefully appreciated. All concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm. The concerts are one hour in length and are followed by a complimentary reception, affording concertgoers an opportunity to meet the artists and mingle with fellow music lovers.



A BOOK LOVER'S PROFILE

By Richard Lederer, well-known verbivore and Scripps Ranch Resident

You know you're a dyed-in-the-wool book lover if you were that kid who got excited when your teacher asked the class to read silently for a half hour. At home, if you got sent to your room as punishment, you snickered to yourself because that meant an opportunity to be alone, in peace, with a book in your hands and a smile on your face.

When you were little, books were your best friends in the world — and they still are. You know the characters in novels better than you know real people. You jones to live in the books you read, and you wish you could go on adventures with the people in them. You dream about attending Hogwarts, and you wish you could leap inside your wardrobe and travel to Narnia. When you grow up, you name your children and pets after fictional characters.

You adore the feel of books and the smell of old books. You love the sound of pages turning. When you're between books, you feel lost — until you open the next one. You experience distress when you are somewhere without a book, a magazine, a newspaper or at least a scrap of paper to read. The book is always, always, always better than the movie.

The stack of books on your night table resembles the beginning of a Jenga game.

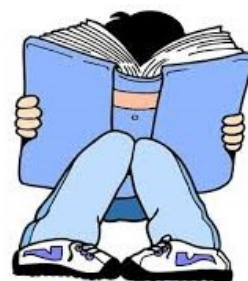
When you are reading a good book, you sometimes forget to eat or sleep. On a "must-finish" night, you fall asleep with a book still in your hands. The bags under your eyes are not from a kinetic social life but from staying up reading into the wee hours.

When you work out, you choose only the machines that let you read while you're sweating. Most of your vacation packing anxiety comes from deciding which books to bring. You can't figure out what people who go to the beach without a book do there. You spend the majority of your vacation time reading, and that includes your honeymoon.

You will not buy a house that lacks built-in book shelves, and half your moving bill comes from the books that move with you. Your bookcase shelves are starting to bow and creak. but you still want to add more books. After reading, your second favorite activity is rearranging your library, which you do at least once a month.

The plastic window in your wallet displays your bookstore credit card and library card rather than your driver's license. You've read so many books that people don't dare buy them for you anymore. Instead, they give you book-related gift cards. And one of your rapturous joys is when a friend actually reads a book you have recommended — and loves it!

Bookstores are your favorite places. No matter where you are or what you're there for, if you come upon a bookstore, you have to go in and buy at least one book. You can't buy happiness but you can buy books, and that's pretty much the same thing. You know that reading a new book is like life renewing itself.



COURTYARD UPDATES

The *Folio* editor apologizes that the following local businesses were omitted from the list of donors for the Fundraiser *An Evening to Remember*. We thank them for their contributions. All donations are listed on the revolving monitor in the main room of the library.

Walter Andersen Nursery

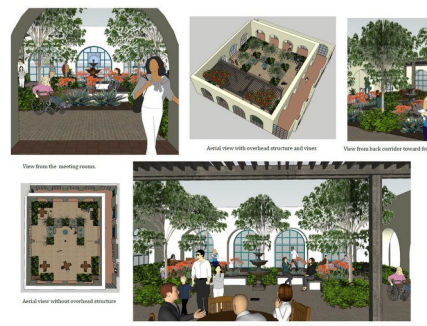
Wild Birds Unlimited

Wolff (band)

Yanni's Bar and Grill

Yogurt Heaven

Behind the scenes work continues under the leadership of Jan McGinn and other committee members.





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The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL) exists to support the operation of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Center. The SRFOL provides volunteer services, assists library patrons, hosts special events, operates a used book store (Grace's Book Nook), and provides financial support for acquisitions and community activities.

PARKING REMINDER

For library events, please allow extra time to park on Meanley Drive and walk up the paved, lighted walkway to the library.

Form for new membership or renewal

Additional forms are available at the entrance table to the Scripps Ranch Library.

Drop the form off at the Circulation Desk or Mail to **SRFOL Membership, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131.**

Membership Form for Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Email _____ Address _____

____ Student/Senior \$5

____ Individual Adult \$10

____ Family \$20

____ Sponsor \$50

____ Business \$100

____ Lifetime \$250

____ Patron \$1000

____ Other amount you may wish to contribute

____ I would like to volunteer, please contact me at the above Email or Phone

Please make checks out to **Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library.**

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