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The Floating Library

By Diane Rider

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One of the convenient perks of being a part of a large public library system is the number of books that are available to all patrons. All one has to do is call or go online to order a title to be sent to our branch. For popular books there may be a waiting time and it takes a few days “in transit,” but the book will arrive for your enjoyment.

This convenience isn’t by magic, however. All libraries throughout the system will be alerted to your request. Next, someone from another library will locate your book in their stacks, box it with others and place it on a truck. The truck arrives at a sorting location where your book and hundreds more are arranged to again be loaded on a truck to deliver at our library. You now are notified; you check out the book, read it and return it. *Previously* the process was reversed and your book was returned to the original library.

The library system has revised the operation. When you return the book to our library, it remains here until requested somewhere else. That eliminates two truck rides and considerably less handling.

One might wonder if all the books would pile up at a popular library such as ours. Enter a computer system that tells each librarian of possible imbalances and he or she can send for the necessary books to maintain equilibrium throughout the system. Also, brand new books return to their home library for a period of two years. Libraries that have a special collection pertaining to their location or history also can request that those books be returned to their original home.

We are one large system bringing books to all San Diegans in a timely manner—it’s called the Floating Library.

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: Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Jan. 21, MLK Day
Feb. 18, President’s Day

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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Betty Kathryne “Kay” Little 1939 – 2018

Kay Little (née Brown) passed away on October 20, 2018. She was an important figure in the Scripps Ranch Library and will be greatly missed for her warm smile, cheerful attitude and willingness to pitch in. She and her husband John “Jack” Little moved to San Diego in 1983, and she soon immersed herself in the community by beginning a 32-year relationship with the Scripps Ranch Library. She began as a volunteer when the library was still a storefront. She continued to volunteer even as she became a part time library aide.



She and her husband Jack were true *Friends* of the library and were responsible for procuring in bulk the duck food sold in Grace’s Book Nook. Kay could also be found on Sunday afternoons helping with the refreshments for The Pleasure of your Company concerts.

Kay will be remembered for her love of family, friends, and inclusion of all people. Kay is survived by her husband; her children, John, Becky, Cassie, Pamela, and Eric; 16 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Both Kay and Jack were honored in April 2018 by the SRCA for their service to the community.

Kay’s passion was reading, and her family suggests a memorial of donating a Bookplate in her name to the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library as a memorial. The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library express our profoundest condolences to her family.

Artist Jay Weger donates a painting to SRFOL By Delane Pickel

Jay Weger has donated an oil painting of our Scripps Ranch Library as part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Jay has been painting since 1979 and has been a professional artist since 1987. He is a native Californian whose love of nature and the outdoors is captured in his paintings. Some of his most popular paintings have been done *en pleinair*. Such is the donated watercolor of the Scripps Ranch Library.

Jay’s travels have given him opportunity to paint scenes in the United States, Ukraine, Playa del Carmen, Thailand, Switzerland, and India. Though best known for his seascapes and landscapes, his subjects include still life, wildlife, and florals. His lifelong observations of nature are reflected in the variety of palettes and textures found in his work.



Scripps Ranch volunteers recognized



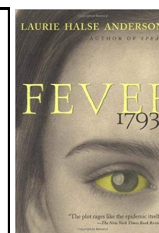
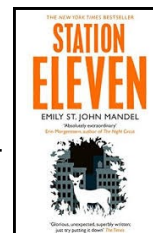
Four volunteers from Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library were recognized by the citywide Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL) for their “above-and-beyond” work on the Library’s 25th anniversary fundraiser, “An Evening to Remember.” Pictured are Barbara Thunder Barnes with FSDPL President Joan Reese, and Diane Rider. Also recognized but not pictured are Smita Kulkarni and Jan McGinn. Along with representatives from all the San Diego branch libraries, recipients were awarded certificates and gifts from FSDPL.



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.

The NEA Big Read (teamed with) WriteOutLoud San Diego: Final date for submission is Feb. 22, 2019. Local middle and high school students will read *Station Eleven* (or *Fever 1793* – middle school alternative), re-imagine the images and themes and create a project in a medium of their choice such as painting, sculpting, musical composition, sewing, dance choreography, poetry, short story, graphic novel, comic strips, digital art, fashion design, culinary creation—the list goes on! Submit the art to WriteOutLoud San Diego by February 22, 2019 for prize consideration. The Library will give out free copies of the book and host several workshops (dates and details TBA) for local students who wish to participate.



Barnes and Noble Bookfair: Sat., Dec. 1. At Barnes and Noble, Mira Mesa Westview, Storytime at 11 am, A percentage of all purchases with **Bookfair ID 12454583** will benefit the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library in-store and online.

All Age Art Show: Sat., Dec., 8, 3 pm. In the spirit of visual arts inspiring and celebrating social change, the Scripps Ranch Library will host an all ages art show that features community submissions that highlight either the civil rights movement, non-violence, or a contemporary cause that the artist feels is worth marching for. The art show will also include interactive elements and activities.

Holiday Party: Thurs., Dec. 13, 3:30 pm. Join us for a special holiday themed party for kids and families with a special story time, crafts, and holiday treats.



Valentine's Day Party: Thurs., Feb. 14, 3:30 pm. Join us for a special Valentine's Day party for young kids and their families with games, crafts, and treats.

On-going programs for children and teens

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

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.

Special Event: Jan. 31, 10:00 am. We have several special guest storytellers coming to our Pre-school Storytime from the City's Environmental Services (Garbage) Department. Stay after Storytime for a chance to look at a trash truck up close



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.

Kids Meet Mandarin: Fridays, 3:45 pm. Join us for stories, songs, games, simple crafts and fun while you learn Chinese! Designed for ages 4-10, but everyone is welcome. No prior Chinese language experience needed.

Teen Council Meeting: 1st Fri. of the month, 3:30. Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 meet to plan Scripps Ranch Library events and projects on a volunteer basis.

Craft Club: Thursdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 7; 3:30 pm. Monthly after-school craft program for ages 7-12, often with a seasonal theme. Dec. will be a "Do It Yourself" ornament. All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/>

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

Programs for Adults

Blood Drive: Thurs., Dec. 27, 11 am-5 pm. We are partnering with American Red Cross Blood Services. Blood donations are always needed so please give!

Our Continuing Ed classes launch their spring semester once again in late January and early February! Call for further details on a specific class. Consider participating in the following classes:

Technology for Older Adults: Mondays, 3:30 pm.

Senior Fitness: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm.

Beginning/Intermediate Piano: Wednesdays, 9:30 am.

Japanese Brush Art: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm.

Writing Children's Books: Fridays, 1:30 pm.



What book changed your life?

Tues., Jan. 29, 6 pm. Books are fun, books are informative and books connect us to one another. More than any of that, a book can make an enormous impact on a person's life, altering its course permanently, for better (or worse).

Join me, Trevor Jones, for a special evening talking to librarians about the books that changed their lives. What book has changed your life? We want to hear about it! Come prepared to share and listen to others' stories about the *real* effect reading a single book can have on a life.

"PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY" MUSIC SERIES

BY JOAN REESE

The "Pleasure of Your Company" music series continues on **December 9** with the **Grigorian-Gubenko Piano Duo**, winner of the 2017 Cal State Fullerton Piano Duet Competition. Anna Grigorian and Natasha Gubenko will perform a delightful program including—just in time for the holidays—Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" plus works by Bach, Debussy and Dvorak.



The **January 13th** concert will feature **San Diego Chamber Music Society** musicians, Bruce Dorcy and Beverly Reese Dorcy, performing as a French horn/piano duo. Their eclectic program, titled "From Beethoven to Broadway," will include works from Corelli to Beethoven and beyond to Bacharach, Bock and Mancini. What fun!



On **February 10**, we'll welcome back the **Benedetti-Svoboda Duo**. Virtuoso classical guitarists, Fred Benedetti and George (Jiří) Svoboda, are engaging and entertaining performers who have been performing together for over 20 years. Their music ranges from peaceful melancholy to cascades of furious flamenco rasgueados,



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. They 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.

HONOR AND REMEMBER WITH A BOOK PLATE

BY LISA NGUYEN



Our Holiday Bookplate Drive is underway! Holidays are a time for giving gifts, and one gift that never needs to be exchanged is the gift of a book to our library, in honor of or in memory of a special person. If you choose this donation option, we will place a distinctive bookplate in a new book with the name of the donor and the person being honored. In addition, a note will be sent to the honoree advising of your kind gift.

Any donation amount will be appreciated; however, the minimum for an individual bookplate is \$25.00. Although individual book titles cannot be specified, you may indicate a particular subject area and age category for new book purchases. The City's Matching Book Fund will augment your donation. To learn more about bookplates or download the request form, please visit our website at SRFOL.org.

Teen Council Report

By Haley Nguyen

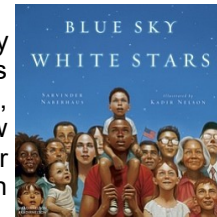
Teen Council hosted its fourth annual Haunted Library on October 26th. The 188 patrons remarked how much they enjoyed it. Haunted Library always is a delight for local families to attend, but comments about how similar the 2017 library was to previous year's inspired us to shake things up. We rewrote a new path, and brought in new attractions: an Egyptian tomb, escaped convicts, a spider's nest, devils by the lit fireplace, and a Medusa area complete with a snake pit. Patrons and council members alike were impressed with this year's decorations, thanks in part to the Friends of the Library for their support. In the community room, attendees could have their tarot cards read by a librarian from Central Library, and a portrait made for a donation.



Now we are focusing our attention on the library's One Book, One San Diego program. Teen Council agreed to host an art show inspired by themes of the 2018 selection. Community members of all ages were invited to submit art that honors the Civil Rights movement, celebrates non-violence, and/or highlights a contemporary issue that artist would march for. All submission will be displayed in the community room on Sat., Dec. 8 at 3:00. Art show attendees can look forward to viewing local art, button making, and other interactive activities. We hope that this program can generate community engagement by offering a platform for artist to express what inspires them.

One Book, One San Diego

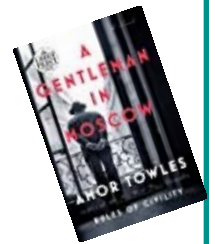
This year's One Book, One San Diego selection is *March: Book One* by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The graphic novel is Lewis' first-hand account of his lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. *Blue Sky, White Stars* is a picture book written by Sarvinder Naberhaus. Deceptively simple verses pair with richly evocative images of American history, landscape, and people.



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*.

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| Dec. 5 | Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Choose books for 2019. Come prepared to suggest a couple of your favorite titles. Please make sure that there are at least 15 copies in the library system. Also check to see how many "holds" the title has on it and make a note of the number of pages. |
| Jan. 23 | <i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> by Amor Towles
Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose. |
| Feb. 27 | <i>Small Great Things</i> by Jodi Picoult
With richly layered characters and a gripping moral dilemma that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power, and race, <i>Small Great Things</i> is the stunning new page-turner from Jodi Picoult. |



Courtyard Enhancement Project – Our Progress

By Jan McGinn



From inspiration to realization – the special Celebrate25 project to enhance the Courtyard is moving ahead! Once we moved from the idea stage to the actual planning/implementation stage, our forward momentum is unstoppable.

Have you seen the “new” chairs and benches? Led by expert woodworker Bob Reese, (far right) a group of SRFOL board members and spouses have been working hard to refinish the library's courtyard furniture. Our volunteers have refreshed the chairs through sanding and coats of oil and varnish (check out the before and after photo). Looking sharp and better protected from the elements, these chairs are the perfect complements to the other enhancements planned.

Next, we'll be replacing the one “Charley Brown” tree with a healthier one. While it will take a few years to grow to match the other adult trees, it will have a better chance of achieving the same type of graceful shape. We're also working with the City to ensure all of the trees and plantings have the proper maintenance and watering. The fountain has been repaired and is once again in working order.

We are collaborating with the City of San Diego to draw up plans for the new shade structure, lighting, and plantings. Plus, we'll incorporate new ideas on additional seating areas.

These are just a sampling of the action items moving forward. Our goal is to create a fun, flexible, and synergetic environment. It will become the perfect place for adults who want to relax with a good book, teens collaborating with a study group, and others who want to host events at the Library.

Our many thanks to those of you who have contributed towards the project. While together, along with matching contributions, we've accumulated over \$30,000 (!), we need more funding to really convert our inspiration into reality. If you would like to contribute, please mail a check to Scripps Ranch Library, Attn: Celebrate25, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131. Your funds will be earmarked specifically for the courtyard.

Library docents continue to give tours of the library

Pictured to the right is a group from the Welcome Club of Scripps Ranch. The tour was conducted by Mary Ann Harper (kneeling second from right) who is a docent of the library and a member of the Welcome Club. The tour includes information on the architecture, art and history of the Scripps Miramar Library.





SCRIPPS RANCH RESIDENTS FACE THE MUSIC

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

William Shakespeare began his comedy *Twelfth Night* with the line "If music be the food of love, play on!" About a century later, the playwright William Congreve penned the equally famous line "Music has charms to soothe a savage breast" (often misquoted as "a savage beast").

Music is also the food of language. Music has charms that teem our tongues.

I am often asked to be a keynote speaker. I don't speak around to trumpet my accomplishments or blow my own horn or drum up business for my books. Rather, I come to strike the proper key and the proper note and to strike a responsive chord. A keynote speaker delivers a keynote address in which he or she develops the underlying theme of a gathering. The term keynote began as the practice of playing a note before a group, such as a cappella or barbershop, started singing. The note sounded determines the key in which the song will be performed, thus the term keynote.

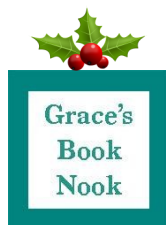
Keynote is one word in a symphony of musical metaphors that sing throughout our every-day vocabulary. Many actors experience a touch of stage fright at the moment of going onstage. But, looking out across the orchestra pit, each performer must "face the music," as I now ask you to do.



You may feel that there's too much sax and violins in my writing. You may think me a Johnny-one-note who doesn't know my brass from my oboe. But all I can say to that is "Fiddlesticks! I've got an upbeat attitude. I'm feeling fit as a fiddle, and I don't fiddle around or play second fiddle to anybody."

I march to the beat of a different drummer, so I'm not going to give you a second-string performance or play it by ear. Rather, I'm going to pull out all the stops and not soft-pedal any aspect of our mellifluous English language.

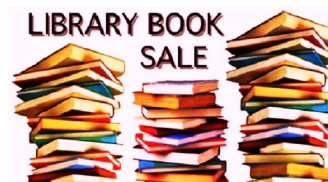
Second-string originally meant a set of violin strings kept on hand in case the strings in the instrument broke. When we talk or write about someone soft-pedaling something, we are referring to the pedal on a piano that is used to mute tone. When we soft-pedal an idea, we moderate and play it down. If, on the other hand, we do the opposite and pull out all the stops, we are like an organist who pulls out all the stops, or knobs, in the organ to bring all the pipes into play.



Grace's Book Nook

Grace's Book Nook is all decked out for the holidays! The used bookstore in our library, open Monday through Saturday during library hours, stocks a variety of nearly new books for all ages and tastes—at amazing prices. The Book Nook is a great place to shop for stocking stuffers. Holiday and Christmas books are now available plus cards and jigsaw puzzles. Shop early for best the selection. We also have an enormous supply of children's and young adult books. And, check our special selection of rare, out-of-print, antiquarian books and collectors' editions, which make great gifts for the book lover on your list.

Don't miss our Special Book Sale on Sat., Jan. 26. All proceeds benefit our library and help provide new books and media as well as program support. Your tax-deductible donations of gently used books are always welcome.





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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.

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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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