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Meet the Man Behind the Website

Interview of Richard Busch by Diane Rider



What is new with our website? The most significant recent addition to the website is the ability for patrons to join or renew their membership in the SRFOL online and make dues payments electronically through our association with PayPal.

What useful information is available on the website? For most library patrons and website visitors, the two most requested items of information are: 1) a list of upcoming events at the Scripps Ranch Library; and 2) a list of the days and hours that the library is open. I am very grateful to Trevor

Jones for providing a monthly calendar of scheduled library events, and to Joan Reese for providing a narrative description of the most significant library events each month. We also place electronic, downloadable copies of the Folio on the website as soon as they are published—many thanks to Diane Rider for her careful work in creating the *Folio*.

How did you get involved? My wife, Kathi, had been working with Grace Roos at the Book Nook and, as sometimes happens to spouses of volunteers, I was "encouraged" to volunteer in the Book Nook, and then the SRFOL Board. At that time, in early 2007, I noticed that very few SDPL branch libraries had websites. Since I had created websites both for my work and for a couple other non-profit organizations, I requested that the Board approve the creation of a website for the SRFOL and indicated that I would create and manage the website. I've maintained it ever since.

What is the hardest part? The hardest part of maintaining the SRFOL website is one which editors have faced since the invention of the printing press: Getting people to write articles or provide information to be published. Being an electronic medium means that the website has virtually unlimited space for content and pictures. Now, some people don't provide content because they think they can't write well. Well, here's my deal: If you can provide me with the basic information, I will "polish" it and publish it on the website with your final approval.

What is the easiest part? The easiest part of maintaining the SRFOL website is making changes. Yes, really! Prior to electronic publishing and websites, making changes to any publication was a horrendous task involving remaking masters, changing layouts, pouring molten lead (in the case of newspapers), reprinting, and redistributing. With computerized technology, simple changes to content or layout can be made literally in a matter of just a few minutes, and the changes will be available to the world within an hour and for almost no cost. Websites are currently the most economical and efficient way of keeping information up to date and distributing it far and wide.

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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. 02 Labor Day
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving
Dec. 25 Christmas

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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Do you enjoy doing it? Yes, very much so. The technology upon which websites are based is always being improved and expanded with new and enhanced capabilities and techniques. Maintaining the SRFOL website provides me with community-beneficial work which also maintains and improves my skills. It's fun too. There is a joke on the SRFOL website that has been there for nearly a decade. Just one person in all that time has mentioned to me that they've found it. No hints, clues, or prizes for finding it — just the satisfaction knowing that it's there. You'll know that you've found it when you find it.

Tell us a bit about your background: I was employed as a software engineer developing electronic photocomposition and publishing systems for the US Bureau of the Census, Xerox Corporation, and Document Sciences Corporation. I'm co-inventor of two patents related to electronic document processing. One involves the use of mathematical formal language theory to perform electronic document verification (this directly pertains to website creation). The other involves the use of pseudo-random numbers to protect private information on batches of confidential documents.

Any hobbies? I have a degree in geology, with specialties in mineralogy and crystal structure analysis. In short, I have a degree in my hobby. One of my self-collected mineral specimens — blue opal from White Oak, Maryland — reposes in the mineral collection of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The photo on page 1 shows me doing what I like best, collecting minerals in eastern Imperial County. In addition, I collect worldwide postage stamps which feature minerals as the pictured topic and have created a website (<http://mineralstamps.rbnet.net>) which displays a hundred or so of the stamps from my collection.

Have you done a website for any other library? Yes; two years after creating the SRFOL website, I created a website for the Friends of the Pacific Beach Library, which I maintain to this day. Also, about two years ago, I created the first version of a website for the Corporate Friends of the San Diego Public Library; this is still a work in progress. Additionally, although not directly related to a website, I work one day a week at the Central Library listing used books for sale on Amazon.

Why do you like helping libraries? In my mind, public libraries provide one of the most valuable resources available: Information. Information drives nearly every human activity on our planet and, when properly used, paves the way for increasing our overall quality of life. The information stored and provided by libraries not only archives the past; but provides a framework for future advancement. And not only that; but public libraries are available to virtually everyone with nearly all services provided for free. I can't think of any greater service that I could perform than to support our public library.

How can people access the SRFOL website? Start the web browser on your computer and type in www.srfol.org for the website address.

Thank you, Richard, for the time and effort it takes to make our webpage what it is.

Kay Little Honored with Bench Plaque

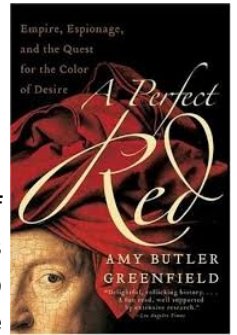
Friends and family of Kay Little were invited to view the plaque that Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library dedicated in her memory. The plaque and the refurbishing of the benches were initiated by board member, Barbara Barnes.

KAY LITTLE
who shared her smile and love of books.
Dedicated October 20, 2018



I'm Glad I Read This Book

Laurie Wright Shares *A Perfect Red*: Laurie Wright is Secretary of the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library Board. She is formerly a teacher of Art and AP Art History at Scripps Ranch High School.



I discovered *A Perfect Red* by Amy Butler Greenfield while visiting the Bowers Museum of Cultural Arts in Orange County. The purpose of my visit was to learn about the museum's recent exhibition on cochineal. A museum docent introduced me to Greenfield's book. No regrets, I loved this book for its historical research and context which encompasses the fascinating mystery of cochineal and beyond. Cochineal is the legendary red dye that was once one of the world's most precious commodities. Although this is an historical work on a type of dye, it reads almost like a novel. Pirates, explorers, alchemists, scientists, and spies — all joined the chase for cochineal, a chase that lasted more than three centuries. This book tells their stories — true-life tales of mystery and adventure in pursuit of the most desirable color on earth.

Melissa Giffen Shares *Bear and the Nightingale*: Melissa Giffen is the Youth Services Librarian, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library.

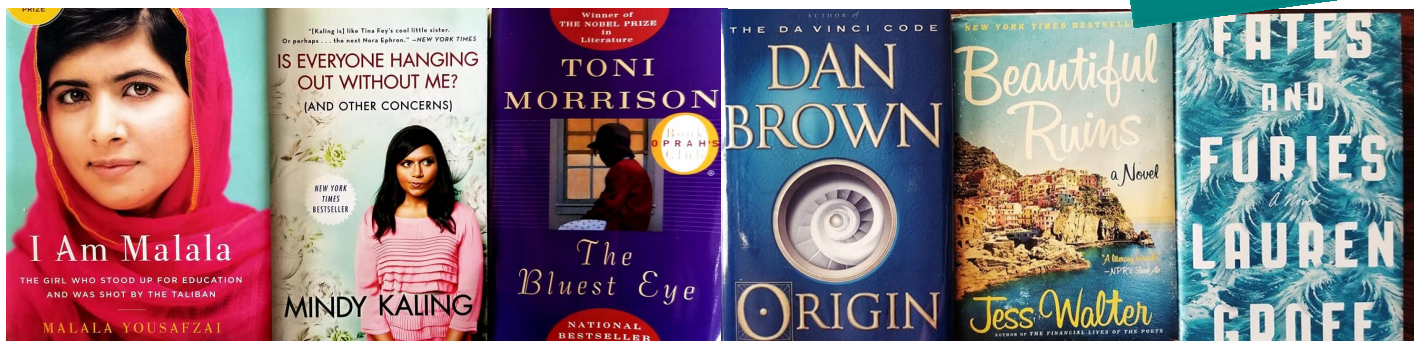
THE BEAR
and the
NIGHTINGALE



The first book in the *Winternight Trilogy*, *The Bear and the Nightingale* is the debut novel for Katherine Arden. The novel is an historical fantasy and, despite its fairytale-like aspects, the narrative feels more like historical fiction. In short, it's a beautiful marriage of Russian history and folklore. The story follows a young girl, Vasilisa, who is the daughter of a minor Russian lord growing up in the Russian countryside. Vasilisa has spiritual gifts that allow her to see and communicate with spirits pulled from Russian folklore. I highly recommend this series for anyone who has an interest in Russian history and appreciates a dark fairy tale. Read this trilogy and lose yourself for a little while in magic and love, on a breathtaking adventure through a stunning landscape.

Fantastic Fall Reading at Grace's Book Nook

Fall is the perfect time to stock up on books for those warm California September days. Below are just some of the enticing selections available at rock bottom prices. To keep up to date, visit *Grace's Book Nook* on Facebook. SFROL appreciates your patronage as book sales fund so many of the projects to enhance our library. Your book donations are always welcome. Please bring donations to the main desk of the library.



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.

Programs for Families and Children



Police Officer Storytime: Thurs., Sept. 5, 10 am. We have a special guest storyteller coming to our Preschool Storytime—Officer Valdez will be visiting us from the Police Department! Stay after Storytime for a chance to look at a police car up close.

Afterschool Craft Club: Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 3:30 pm. Monthly after-school DIY craft program for ages 7-12, often with a seasonal theme. All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/>

Family Game Night: Tuesday, Sept. 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 6-7:30 pm. We'll provide the games, you just need to come with your family ready to play! Game instruction will be offered as needed. Games will be provided for ages 5 and up. No prior registration is required.

Family Movie Night Featuring Detective Pikachu:, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us for a Family Movie Night at the Library! We'll provide the movie and some popcorn. You bring your family, friends and some snacks and we'll all have a good time!

Hogwarts Open House: Sat., Sept. 28, 2-5 pm. A spell has been cast to turn the 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 are required! Get Sorted and try your hand at Potions, Charms, Defense Against the Dark Arts, Quidditch, and more while supplies last!



Pumpkin Party: Oct. 24, 3:30 pm. This is a fun seasonal event for kids with crafts, treats, and cutesy Halloween fun without the scares!

Haunted Library: Oct. 25, 7:00 pm. At this annual event, planned and staffed by Scripps Library Teen Council members, the library is transformed into a "haunted house" after hours!

On-going Programs for Children and Teens

Afternoon Anime: Wednesdays, 3-4 pm. Relax and enjoy a couple episodes of a popular anime (Japanese animation) with us at this weekly afternoon program.

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

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

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

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

Signing Storytime: Wednesdays, 11:45 am-12:30 pm. A 45-minute storytime with books and music and with American Sign Language signs. There is time at the end for Q&A.

StoryBox Theatre: 1st Tuesdays of the month, 3 pm. StoryBox is a Japanese storytelling tradition that combines dramatic storytelling with a wooden theatre to showcase illustrations in an engaging family-friendly experience.

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

Programs for Adults

Great Books You May Have Missed! Sat., Sept. 21, 10 am. Thousands of new books are published every year. Your time is valuable, so how do you decide what to read next? Book lovers are invited to join us for recommendations from the San Diego Public Library staff of new titles and hidden gems. A light breakfast and coffee, courtesy of SRFOL, will be served.

Presenting: the Scripps Ranch Organic Seed Library! Coming this fall! What is a seed library? A seed library loans seeds to gardeners and future farmers in the community, for free! Gardeners return seeds from the plants they have “borrowed,” and in turn preserve rare, organic and heirloom species free from GMOs. For more details, ask our front desk staff!

Author Talk Featuring Stephen Markley's new novel *Ohio*: Tues., Nov. 5, 6:30 pm. This novel was published to much acclaim from the *NYTimes Book Review*, NPR and *Oprah Magazine*. Join us for a special evening to hear him read from the novel, and field questions from readers. Stephen Markley is an author, screenwriter, and journalist. A graduate of the Iowa Writer's Workshop, Markley's previous books include the memoir, *Publish This Book: The Unbelievable True Story of How I Wrote, Sold, and Published This Very Book*, and the travelogue *Tales of Iceland*. This presentation is made possible by SRFOL.

Continuing Education Classes

provided through a partnership with the Community College District

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

Book Discussion Group: 4th Wednesday of every month, 6:30 pm.

Communicating Technology for Seniors: Mondays, 3:30 pm.

Japanese Brush Art: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm.

Senior Fitness: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm.

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

Summer Programs End on a High Note

Although the final results aren't in yet, both the Summer Reading Program and the *Where's Waldo?* contest were very successful. Pictured below are the volunteers who put together the buttons as prizes for those who found Waldo in our library. The volunteers not only assembled the Scripps Ranch buttons, but also assisted La Jolla Library and Tierra Santa Library by making many of their buttons. The Summer Reading Program ends Aug. 31.



“Pleasure of Your Company” Music Series

by Joan Reese

The “Pleasure of Your Company” music series welcomes back celebrated pianist Dmitry Kirichenko to open the fall season on Sunday, September 8, at 2:30 pm performing works by Chopin, Schubert, and Beethoven. His playing, described by Paris music critic Claude Taelman as “warm sensitivity heightened by his delicate touch and great technical mastery,” is a perfect match for the Library’s fine Schimmel piano, which traditionally is showcased in the first concert of the season.



On October 20th join us for a delightful afternoon of chamber music with Trio Arpavioluta. Comprised of Laura Vaughan (harp), Päivikki Nykter (violin/viola), and

Cathy Blickenstaff (flute), the trio has received rave reviews for past virtuosic performances at our library.

The November 10h concert will feature jazz flutist Lori Bell and the Trio de Janeiro. Award winning musicians Lori Bell (flutes), Ron Satterfield (guitar/vocals/piano), and Tommy Aros (percussion), come together as a high energy, Brazilian tinged, straight ahead trio with an original approach to jazz standards, Brazilian, original compositions, and folk music. With their latest project, “James Taylor Reimagined,” the group explores a plethora of grooves from samba, swing, fusion, jazz modal, odd times and more.



Concerts are presented monthly on special Sunday afternoons at 2:30 PM in our library’s Community Room, 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.



There is no charge for the concerts, which are sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although donations (at the door or anytime!) are appreciated to help us continue to bring fine music to our commu-

nity. Please consider becoming a sponsor of our concert series. Donations of any amount are most welcome; donors of \$25 or more will be acknowledged in the printed program. Consider sponsoring a concert for a donation of only \$400. All donations are tax-deductible.

A New Year for Teen Council

By Thanh-Nha Tran

The Scripps Ranch Library Teen Council has been on a break for the summer, but we return excited for all of our upcoming events. On September 28, from 3-5 pm, we are planning to help out with the Hogwarts Day event. Created by our wonderful youth librarian, Melissa Giffen, this perfect back-to-school event will enchant all wizards, witches, and Harry Potter fans alike. Visitors will enjoy crafts, games and even a chance to be sorted into their Hogwarts house!

Our next big event is our annual Haunted Library on October 25. Hosted after hours from 7-9 pm, this is one of our favorite events. The Haunted Library is a night where we transform the library into a haunted house! Visitors are treated to a spooky night filled with laughter and screams that puts everyone in a festive mood for Halloween. With almost 200 participants last year, we are excited to see where this new year will take us.



The new Teen Council

In December, we have two exciting events on the agenda. We are happy to announce that we will be hosting an event in honor of the One Book One San Diego program. This program is designed to bring people together across San Diego—as we all read the same book. This year the adult novel is *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai, and the young adult novel is *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. In order to celebrate these books, the Teen Council will be hosting an art show and poetry slam using themes from the two novels. We will be releasing the themes soon, and we encourage anyone who is interested to submit an art piece or poem! While we do not yet have a deadline for submissions, the event will take place on December 7 from 3-5 pm. We invite everyone to come and celebrate art, poems, and books. Additionally, on December 19, we will be helping with the library's Holiday Party. Designed to get everyone in the holiday spirit, we plan to have crafts and games dedicated to Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanza. We want to expose our guests to different cultures and spread cheer to all.

Furthermore, since the projector in the community room has been fixed, we hope to put on more Teen Movie Nights. It's a great way to connect teens in our area, and all teens are invited to join us for a fun movie and some free popcorn.

As the new president of Teen Council, I am excited to see what this year brings. As we gain new members and grow stronger as a group, I am hopeful that this year will bring new and creative ideas that will make our events even better for all to enjoy.

Exciting volunteer opportunity to be a window display designer

Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL) extends a huge thank you to Haley Nguyen who has kept our Friends' window case fresh with often whimsical displays the past four years. Our best wishes to Haley as she heads off to college this fall!



Haley in front of the display window.

We thus are seeking a creative teen or adult to decorate and maintain our large display case. The case, located in the library's entry corridor, highlights Grace's Book Nook. The display case is optimally updated at least seasonally, so this volunteer opportunity may be perfect for someone who is able to donate just a few hours every now and then with maximal reward. Supplies are provided, and the storeroom contains a plethora of props just waiting to be utilized.

To learn more, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Liz Erickson, at lizerickson3@gmail.com or (858) 271-4239.

Literature Lives

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



Literature lives. Literature endures. Literature prevails. Readers bestow a special kind of life upon people who have existed only in books. Figments though they may be, literary characters can assume a vitality and longevity that pulse more powerfully than flesh and blood.

After many years, the publishers of the children's classic *Charlotte's Web* persuaded E. B. White to record his book on tape. So caught had the author become in the web of his arachnid heroine's life that it took nineteen tapings before White could read aloud the passage about Charlotte's death without his voice cracking.



A century earlier, another writer had been deeply affected by the fate of his heroine.

Like most of Charles Dickens's works, *The Old Curiosity Shop* (1841) was published in serial form. The novel won a vast readership on both sides of the Atlantic, and as interest in the fate of the heroine, Little Nell, grew intense, circulation reached the staggering figure of 100,000, a record unequaled by any other of Dickens's major novels. In New York, 6,000 people crowded the wharf where the ship carrying the final *Master Humphrey's Clock* magazine installment was due to dock. As it approached, the crowd's impatience grew to such a pitch that they cried out as one to the sailors, "Does Little Nell die?"



Alas, Little Nell did die, and tens of thousands of readers' hearts broke. The often ferocious literary critic Lord Jeffrey was found weeping with his head on his library table. "You'll be sorry to hear," he sobbed to a friend, "that little Nelly, Boz's little Nelly, is dead." Daniel O'Connell, an Irish M.P., burst out crying, "He should not have killed her," and then, in anguish, threw the book out of the window of the train in which he was traveling. A diary of the time records another reader lamenting, "The villain! The rascal! The bloodthirsty scoundrel! He killed my little Nell! He killed my sweet little child!"

That "bloodthirsty scoundrel" was himself shattered by the loss of his heroine. In a letter to a friend Dickens wrote, "I am the wretchedest of the wretched. It [Nell's death] casts the most horrible shadow upon me, and it is as much as I can do to keep moving at all. Nobody will miss her like I shall."

As the Courtyard Project Turns—an update on the Courtyard Project



"What's the status?" the SRFOL asked the City.

After months of uncertainty, the city answered, "We've moved to the next step. The contracts administrator is officially 'out to bid' and seeking a contractor or contractors to scope the work and offer proposals. She should be scheduling visits soon."

"Wonderful!", shouted the SRFOL in happy unison. "We can provide suggestions for potential contractors as well."

Meanwhile, the new tree in the courtyard continues its upward growth and people are enjoying the refurbished benches.

—Jan McGinn, Chairperson



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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.**

Our Library needs Friends like you!

Membership Form for Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Email _____ Address _____

☐ Student/Senior \$5 ☐ Individual Adult \$10 ☐ Family \$20
☐ Individual Sponsor \$50 ☐ Business \$100 ☐ Individual Lifetime \$250
☐ Individual 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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