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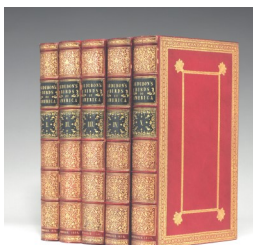
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What Is a Rare Book?

By Diane Rider

“Old books exert a strange fascination for me -- their smell, their feel, their history; wondering who might have owned them, how they lived, what they felt.”

— Lauren Willig, author



What is a Rare Book? What makes it so? Collectors answer this question with the abbreviation **ISIACASAPP**. These letters represent the characteristics by which the value of a book is judged. It stands for the following: Importance, Scarcity, Imprint, Age, Condition, Author, Subject, Association and Physical Properties. The more of these attributes that a book reveals, the more value it has.

Surprisingly, while **Age** is important, it is not foremost. Books hold up quite well and those published during and after the 19th century are quite plentiful. Thus **Scarcity** is as much a factor as Age. Scarcity is the reason that first editions are usually more sought after.

Books gain in desirability with **Importance**. Is it a well-known **Author**? Has it been signed by the author? Is it **Associated** with a break-through in science or with an event such as the first printing of *The Gutenberg Bible*? The place and date of publication (**Imprint**) can also determine value as some publishers are recognized for their fine workmanship.



The **Physical Properties** of a volume is another consideration. Original photographs or fine illustrations as in *The Birds of America* by James Audubon enhance the value. So does **Condition**. For this reason, pristine children's books and cook-books are scarce--as children are not the best library curators, and cooks can leave samples

within the pages. A clean book with all its pages intact and its binding secure brings a much higher value.

These factors all contribute to the definition of a Rare Book. However, an important factor is demand. Is there a market for it? Rare Books are often bought by collectors at book fairs and auctions. These auctions are conducted in cities throughout the world, but many interested parties participate electronically.

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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
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Closed: Sept. 2, Labor Day

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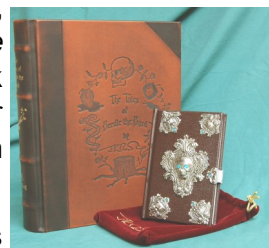
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Sun: Closed

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Rare Book Monthly listed the top 500 books sold in auctions in 2018. The highest price that year was \$9,650,000 for the above mentioned *The Birds of America*. Published in installments during 1827-1838, it is a first edition folio of John James Audubon's masterpiece. It is called "Double Elephant Folio" because of its size—39.5 inches tall by 28.5 inches wide (pictured on previous page).

A modern day Rare Book is one by J.K. Rowling. She created seven hand-written, jeweled and illustrated copies of *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*. She named it *The Moonstone Edition*. It is a collection of fairytales and is referred to in her final book of the Harry Potter series. Rowling gifted six copies to people who had helped her make the *Harry Potter* books successful, and the seventh she offered to auction through Sotheby's in 2007. It sold for 3 million dollars.



It is interesting to note that the proceeds from the sales of the two books mentioned were donated to charity. Thus the selling and buying of rare books not only pleases the participants, but in these cases also benefit society.

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Valerie Kaiser

Scripps Ranch Library's Collection of Vintage or Rare Books

Scripps Ranch Library is fortunate to have Valerie Kaiser as the volunteer curator of our antiquarian books. Four years ago, Valerie was spotted admiring the collection—this led to a conversation with Joan Reese and the decision to volunteer with the Book Nook. She absolutely loves the job and considers it the favorite part of her week.

Valerie states, "Our collection is quite an eclectic mix of genres, rarities, vintage children's, and modern first editions. Scripps Ranch is unique in San Diego for its history and active citizenry, and this is reflected in the collection. You definitely get the Scripps Ranch vibe in the old gardening/cookbooks/lifestyle and architecture/law/science books. There are also many great modern first editions from John Updike, P.G. Wodehouse, Durrell, Shaw and more. My favorites are the beautiful vintage history books and the Franklin library classics. The most popular are the vintage children's books. They spark a lot of nostalgia for our patrons and are great gifts to share their memories with younger generations." Some people donate whole shelves worth of books which is fun for Valerie to catalog because she gets to understand a little about that person. After a while it's like a friend recommending a book.

The collection is located in the main library near the entrance to Grace's Book Nook in bookcases that were formerly in the Meanley ranch home. If patrons wish to purchase or just peruse, they can ask a volunteer to open the glass bookcases for them. OR they can come to SRFOL Book Sale on June 22nd. The cases will be open and Valerie will be there assisting patrons with choosing their perfect book!



The Summer Reading Program is an annual event which rewards reading over the summer! The program is for all ages and runs from June 1-August 31. This year's theme is "It's Showtime at Your Library!" Sign up for the program online or at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, start reading, and after 10 books (or 10 hours for teens and adults) you've earned prizes! And to celebrate, we'll have a full line-up of performers and special events.

Sat., June 1, 11 am. Kickoff Event with Ruth and Emilia's *The Spaceship That Fell in My Backyard Show*.

Thurs., June 6, 3:30 pm. Make Shadow Puppets.

Thurs., June 13, 3:30 pm. Make Deconstructed Instrument Art.

Thurs., June 20, 3:30 pm. Try Your Hand at Puppets.

Thurs., June 27, 3:30 pm. *Hullabaloo Music Concert*.

Sat., June 29, 11 am. *The Three Little Pigs* by Noteworthy Puppets.

Thurs., July 11, 3:30 pm. *Jungle Drum Circle* with Chazz Ross.

Thurs., July 18, 3:30 pm. Michael Raynor's *Found Object Juggling Show*.

Sat., July 20, 11 am. *Wild Wonders Animal Show*.

Thurs., July 25, 3:30 pm. *The Arty Loon Magical Variety Show*.

Thurs., Aug. 1, 3:30 pm. Craig Newton's *Amazing Multicultural Music Show*.

Thurs., Aug. 8 3:30 pm. Cowboy Ken and *The American Cowboy Wild West Show*.

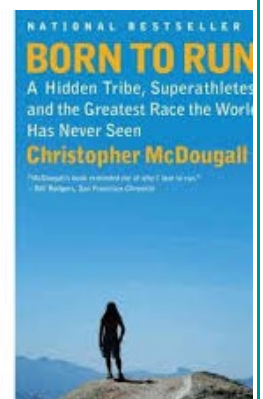
Thurs., Aug. 15 3:30 pm. *Zovargo Animal Show*.

I'm Glad I Read This Book: Trevor Jones, Scripps Ranch Librarian

A new feature to the *Folio*: books featured for adults

In January, we hosted 'What Book Changed Your Life?' and I decided to discuss the 2009 title, *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall. *Born to Run* ignited a nationwide trend of barefoot and 'minimalist' footwear, and compelled many to hit the roads and trails, well, running! McDougall spins quite the yarn with the true story of the natural endurance athletes the Tarahumara Indians of the Copper Canyons of Mexico, American ultra runners and our innate human ability to run long distances.

You don't have to be a runner to enjoy the book of course! It's a crazy enough story on its own. Any reader will enjoy its light tone, fun pacing and loads of interesting facts. I don't know if it'll change your life but I'm always happy to tell people it changed mine: you'll catch me jogging around Lake Miramar on my lunch break almost every day!



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

Family Game Night: Tuesdays, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, 6 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 required.

Artist Spotlight: Fridays, June 28, July 12, Aug. 9, 11:00 am. Monthly program where we examine the work of an artist and create a piece of art inspired by their work. Designed for ages 7 and up. No prior registration required.

Our Do Your Homework at the Library Program will offer the following this Summer:

Sharpen Your Skills: June 17-Aug.15, Mon.-Thurs., 3-6 pm. This summer we will have nine Homework Centers available to help students build upon their math and reading skills and prevent the dreaded "Summer Slide!" Free homework assistance is available with our Tutor Learning Coordinators (TLCs) and open to all students.



KinderCamp: June 24-28 or Aug. 5-9, Mon.-Fri., 9:30-11:30 am. Get your child ready for their first day of school! This summer is a perfect time for your child to prepare for kindergarten. KinderCamp offers a variety of lessons and activities that focus on a child's academic development, learning readiness, social wellness and more. For kids 4-5 years old and their guardians. Space is limited; to register, go to <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>.

Earth Heroes: July 29-Aug. 2, Mon.-Fri., 1-3 pm, 3rd-5th grade. Help the planet and become an Earth Hero! Learn about nature in a fun and interactive setting by exploring the wildlife found in your community. Space is limited; to register go to <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>

On-going Programs for Children and Teens

Lego Builders: 2nd and 4th Mondays, 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! Ages 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 ages 1-5, this program consists of songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.

StoryBox Theatre: 1st Tues. of the month, 3:00 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 Fri. 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.

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



Amber Crider and the After School Program participated in the very successful Eggstravaganza on April 25.

Programs for Adults

Abandoned San Diego: Book talk with Jessica D. Johnson: Tues., June 4, 6:30 pm. From the creator of the popular website *HiddenSanDiego.net*, Johnson takes readers back in time, visiting nineteen sites throughout our city that while suffering from some level of deterioration, offer a glimpse into a different period of San Diego's history.

Oasis Presents **Emotional Intelligence and Communication:** Fri., July 12, 10 am. What is Emotional Intelligence? Learn what they are telling you and how your brain works with emotions. Learn to use the intelligence of emotions to enhance your communication skill with loved ones.



Continuing Ed Classes

Senior Fitness: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm.

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

Japanese Brush Art: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm.

Book Discussion Group: 4th Wed. of the month, 6:30 pm.

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

Grace's Book Nook and a Special Book Sale!

Grace's Book Nook is marking the end of our fiscal year with a big, special book sale on Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Take advantage of a huge inventory of books, plus media and more—many significantly discounted from our typical low prices. And save even more by choosing to fill the popular big, yellow bag for one low price!

The Book Nook as well as the library's Seminar Room and Community Room will be overflowing with books for all ages. From board and picture books for tots to easy readers and chapter books for kids to a large stock of young adult titles for discerning teens, plus—of course—fiction and nonfiction for adults, you'll find it all here! We also have a large selection of CDs and DVDs. Plan to spend some time browsing our collection of antiquarian, rare, and out-of-print books as well as collector's editions, all priced at a fraction of online prices. These can make a wonderful gift for the book lover!

Don't miss this opportunity to stock up for the summer days ahead. This is the perfect place to find books for the beach and vacation and trips and the beach at amazing prices!



Help Wanted!

Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, is the largest ongoing fundraiser for Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library. The Book Nook currently has openings for a few more volunteers to join our team. Alternate week shifts are 2½ hours in length. Want to find out more? Email gracesbooknook@srfl.org (preferred) or call 858-663-8828.

Pictured at left are three of our many dedicated Book Nook Volunteers: Jeremy Ullmann, Jeannie Alexander and Cheryl Christie.

A Double Thank You

We want to thank Liz Erikson (pictured) for a delightful Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 27. It was an opportunity to chat and get acquainted with all the other volunteers. As always, Liz does a great job of making the event special.

Not surprisingly, Liz wants to thank the Volunteers! In her own words: "When I retired 6 years ago, I wanted to spend my time adding to our unique and special community of Scripps Ranch. So it just made sense to me to become a Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library volunteer. And through the years, I have met and worked alongside of some incredible people. They are warm, welcoming, helpful and they share my passion for reading, books and community."



Quartet Luminoso to Perform in Concert Series Finale by Joan Reese

The “Pleasure of Your Company” music series at our Library is pleased to welcome Quartet Luminoso in the final concert of the season on Sunday, June 9, at 2:30 pm.

Comprised of clarinetist Robert Zelickman, violinist Päivikki Nykter, violist Francesca Savage and cellist Cecilia Kim, this virtuoso ensemble has been delighting audiences since 2015. Their program will include clarinet quartets by Respighi and Krommer, which will bookend string trios and a duet by Beethoven, Kodály, and Piazzolla.



Although this will be Quartet Luminoso's debut performance in our music series, several of its members are not strangers to “The Pleasure of Your Company.” Our audiences may remember Robert Zelickman's inspired playing as part of the legendary Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble. We have welcomed Cecilia Kim as half of the virtuoso Duo Decorus, which has wowed our audiences. The other half of the Duo, Päivikki Nykter, has also performed on our stage with Trio Arpavioluta, that likewise never fails to deliver a memorable performance.

There is no charge for the concert, which is sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although donations are gratefully appreciated. The one-hour concert is followed by a complimentary reception, providing concertgoers an opportunity to meet the artists and mingle with fellow music lovers. Join us for what is sure to be a delightful Sunday afternoon!

Be a Part of the Music



As we end another successful season of this popular and long running series, we would like to thank Wendy Tompkins for her leadership of our music program over the past three years. Wendy will be stepping down at the end of the season, and we are seeking volunteers who would like to join our music program team and help with any and all aspects of planning and presenting these monthly concerts on special Sunday afternoons, from September through June. Please email music@srfol.org or call Joan at 858-663-8828 to learn more. Help us continue the tradition of delightful Sunday afternoon concerts at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library!

Advocacy for San Diego Libraries

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library (of which SRFOL is an affiliate chapter) has partnered with the San Diego Public Library Foundation and the Library Commission to form a coalition of library advocates, LibrariesTransformSD. We're raising awareness about the importance of investing in this very important community resource, our public library system!

Visit <https://www.librariestransforms.org> to learn more, view our video, or send a message to our elected officials.



Teen Council Wraps Up the Year

by Haley Nguyen



The Scripps Library Teen Council has been busy! In Jan. we helped with the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party with stories, crafts and cake! The community art show we hosted for our branch's *One Book, One San Diego* program featured over twenty-one submissions, ranging from poetry to a full-sized painted door. Visitors to the art show enjoyed designing their own inspirational buttons using magazine cutouts.

In April, our annual "Eggstravaganza" spring celebration had a record attendance of 185 people! The egg hunt was so popular that we ran out of eggs, but fortunately my quick-witted council members and our Youth Services Librarian devised a system where we

re-hid empty eggs that guests then traded for prizes.

This year, both May-the-Fourth and Free Comic Book Day fell on the same Saturday, launching a city wide celebration. Teen Council outfitted the library courtyard with a Jedi Training obstacle course complete with a box fort, in addition to helping out with other Star Wars vs. Comics festivities. As we celebrate the recent uptake in attendance and our increasingly elaborate programs, we are ever grateful for the support of SRFOL and our wonderful library staff, especially Melissa Griffen, our youth services librarian.

As I near the end of my four years with Teen Council, I am constantly impressed by its growth. I have had the pleasure of watching Teen Council launch new events and expand new ones, but more importantly, I have gotten to watch the development of a new group of leaders. Each meeting, I see others taking charge, operating the button maker with expertise, introducing novel ideas, coordinating themed music logistics, and collaborating on massive cardboard constructions. While I will be sad to leave, I know Teen Council will continue to flourish.



Courtyard Update

Board members continue to wait for word from the city that the planned updates are acceptable. As the Library is owned by the city of San Diego, we cannot make structural changes without approval and going through the correct procedures.

Meanwhile, the newly planted tree is doing well and the Paver Program has been completed.



Pavers Installed

Young Genevieve Novak-Hansen and her parents admire the latest installation of the commemorative tiles. The work was done April 9 and completes the Paver Program. This latest additions were in memory of Dorothy Ansoff, Wafa Assaf, Lois E. Lefler, Robbin Adair, Katie Copic, and Ann Wallace.



Libraries Change Lives

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



Decades ago, when I was teaching and writing in New Hampshire, I published a column tracing the history of American libraries. In response, Gertrude King Ramstrom, of Nashua, NH, sent me her luminous memories of her childhood adventures in her village library. Two months ago, Mrs. Ramstrom passed away, full of years, 104 of them, plus one day. Her winged words live on:

DEAR RICHARD LEDERER: Your article about libraries whisked me back in time and place to the 1920s and the little village of Haydenville, Massachusetts, where I grew up. Its tiny library, which is still in use, was our only avenue of adventure to the wonders of the outside world, and my brothers and I, along with our friends, made good use of it.

It is not a very imposing building either in architecture or size, and a traveler probably would not even realize one was there. Although it is on Main Street, it is tucked back at an angle to the road and has a mien of withdrawal, or shyness, as if aware of its insignificance among the libraries of the world. But to us it was a structure of great importance.

Its single room embraced wonderful little nooks, and that was where we acquired a glimpse of the world, had our curiosity aroused and met with our friends. It was open every Friday evening, and directly after supper Mother made us wash up and comb our hair so we would look respectable and be clean enough to inspect books without leaving fingerprints. Most of our friends were doing the same, and, about 7 pm, we congregated on the wide stone step of the building.

On summer evenings we lingered outside to talk, but in winter it was nice to push into the room and stand over the one-pipe register and allow the heat to blow up around us. There were no rules about talking, except when we became too boisterous, so the boys jostled and joked in one nook while we girls squeezed into another to whisper and giggle.

In our little library was born my love of history, which became my major in college. From *The Colonial Twins*, *The Puritan Twins*, and *The Twins of the American Revolution* through *The Red Badge of Courage* and *With Malice Toward None*, I read, and am still reading, every historical novel available. By corroborating their assertions with the facts of history, I have found a never-ending source of enlightenment.

While my brothers read *The Bobbsey Twins*, *Tom Swift*, and *Huck Finn*, I read *Pollyanna*, *Bambi*, and *The Yearling*. As we grew, my older brother turned to *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* and almost wore out Lindberg's *We*. I can still picture the blue binding of the book with a silver airplane etched on the cover and my brother slouched in a big easy chair with his leg dangling over its arm. Both socks wrinkled around his ankles showing bare legs below the cuffs of his knicker pants, and his hand rumbled his hair as he soared high over the earth with his hero.

As he traveled the skies and seas, I traversed America with Willa Cather, learned to love animals through Albert Payson Terhune stories, found goodness in life with A. J. Cronin and whisked away on the whimsy of Elizabeth Goudge. It was a wonderful experience, and because of it I would add another beatitude to the ones we learned back in our Sunday School days: Blessed are they who can read and enjoy a good book for theirs is the world and its kingdoms.

I firmly believe that children are influenced by what they read and that the books we took home from the library impressed upon us what Mother and Dad tried to teach — that good character and high moral values are to be desired above all other attributes. We heard it, we read it, and so we lived it. There is no greater endowment that can be given a child than an ideal and a hero, and our little library did just that for us.



Above: Recent photograph of Haydenville Library. Left: Miss Anna I. Hayden, donor of the library in honor of her brother in 1889.



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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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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.**

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Membership Form for Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

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