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Newsletter of the
Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

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www.srfol.org The website will be off line Dec. 22– Jan. 1.



Express Books by Trevor Jones

Many library users may have seen certain books in our 'New' section and wonder "Why do these have red spine labels?" Well, these are our 'Express Books': newer and popular titles meant to be readily available in the branch for people who walk in.

Formerly called 'Leased Books,' the library does in fact lease them from a vendor named Baker & Taylor who provides the copies at a reduced rate. When the library finishes with their copies (typically every 6 months or so), we send them back to Baker & Taylor.

Your donations to Friends of the Library through matching funds is how these books are financed. The result is that the library is able to provide many more copies of the popular current books and get them in readers' hands as fast as possible!

Bear in mind 'Express Books' have a 14 day loan period, not 21 days! This faster turnover ensures they are back on the shelf for more readers like yourself! Look for the red labels.

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 Christmas
Jan. 1 New Year's Day
Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 17 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

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

You are invited to SRFOL Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11:30 a.m.
Community Room

Please bring a salad or dessert to share!

A main dish will be provided.

RSVP to Liz Erickson, 858-271-4239

lizerickson3@gmail.com

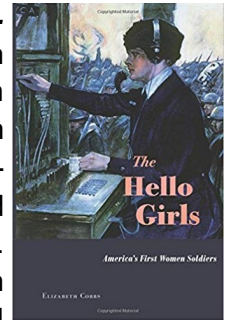
Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this lively crew, contact Liz or Joan Reese: jmreese@gmail.com.

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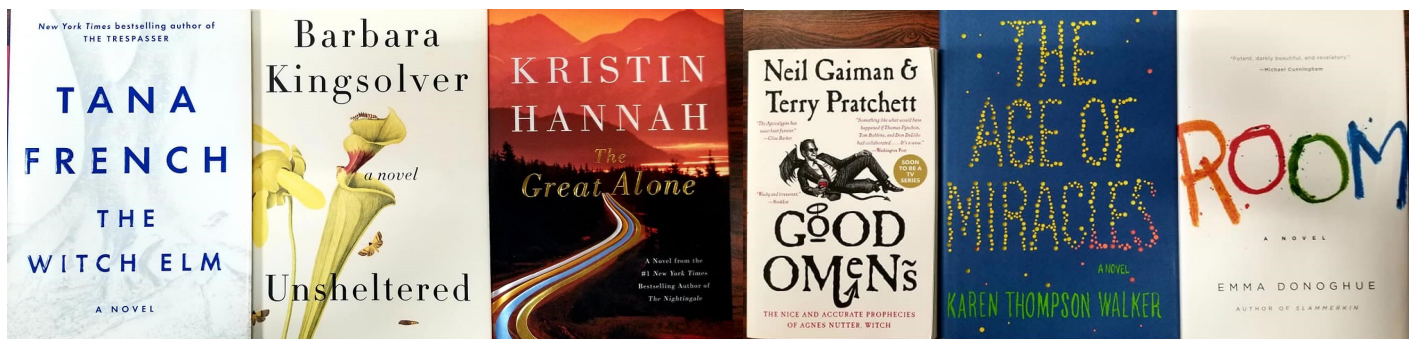
I'm Glad I Read This Book

Nancy Corbin Assaf shares *The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers*. Nancy is an emeritus Scripps Ranch Librarian. Her current favorite author is Elizabeth Cobbs who taught history at USD and SDSU and is currently holding a Chair in American History at Texas A&M University. The book is set during World War I. General John Pershing needed a workable telephone system for battlefield communication and requested that women be recruited as telephone operators. AT&T and the U.S. Army responded with a well-educated group composed of 223 women who joined the U.S. Signal Corps. They were deployed in 1918 to the battlefields of France where they served with distinction. It was the aftermath that forms the drama of this book as they were not granted veteran status by the U.S. Army at the time. It is a saga to be savored.



Grace's Book Nook

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at Grace's Book Nook—the perfect place to find Christmas and Hanukkah books at our low prices, as well as holiday cards and stocking stuffers! For that special book lover on your list, consider one of our vintage books or beautiful collectors' editions for a unique gift. We also have a selection of children's books in Spanish. Many of our books are in like-new condition. The Book Nook stocks a wide variety of books sure to appeal to all ages and tastes—from board books for tots, to picture books, easy readers and chapter books, to a large selection for teens and young adults, plus great fiction and non-fiction for adults as well as CDs and DVDs. Visit "Grace's Book Nook" on Facebook for the latest information.



Big Semiannual Book Sale



Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 25, and our big semiannual special book sale! You'll be able to shop for bargains by the book, or fill a big yellow bag for one low price! The sale begins at 9:30 am.

Your tax-deductible donations of gently used books are always welcome. Every purchase and every donation helps our library procure new books and media, provide exciting programs, and much more.

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



Gingerbread House Decorating: Thurs., Dec. 12, 3:30-4:30 pm. Celebrate the season with us by building and decorating your own Gingerbread House. Kids of all ages are welcome and all supplies are provided, but online registration is required at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/>

Winter Wonderland: Thurs., Dec. 19, 3:30 pm. Celebrate the season with us at this Holiday event for kids and families! No registration is required.

Afterschool Craft Club: Thurs., Jan. 16, Feb. 6, 3:30 pm. Monthly after-school DIY (Do It Yourself) 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: Tues., Jan. 28, Feb. 25, 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: Tues., Jan. 7, Feb. 4, 6-7:30 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!

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.

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 Tuesday 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 Friday 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.

Community Art Show and Poetry Slam

**POETRY
SLAM**

Saturday, December 7 @ 3:00 pm. Adults, teens and young adults are welcome to join us for this One Book One San Diego program powered by creativity and inspiration. Showcase will be curated by our very own Teen Council. See page 4 *Teen Council* for details.

Programs for Adults

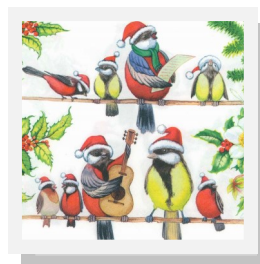
SRCA Holiday Concert: Sat., Dec. 14, 2 pm. Featuring Bella Voci Women's Singing Group, Scripps Theatre Arts students, Scripps Holiday Players (Pianists). You are invited to bring an unwrapped children's book or game to donate to Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary-Scripps Ranch Unit.

Birds and Bird Photography: Sat., Jan. 18, 3:30 pm. Presented by Friends of Los Penasquitos Preserve. All ages welcome.

What is Oasis and what can it do for you?: Fri., Feb. 7, 10 am. Learn more about this free session, open to all.

Electric Vehicles: Sat., Feb. 15, 3:30 pm. We will explore some of the big questions and the learning curve involved in taking the plunge to EV ownership. What is the difference between all-electric vs. hybrid; which are the most highly rated EVs; how cost-effective are EVs; what are the drawbacks and do they outweigh the benefits? Presented by Oasis and sponsored by SRFOL.

Seniors Empowered!: Fri., Feb. 28, 10 am. This lecture will instruct in how to improve awareness and prevention from bodily harm. There will be a demonstration of how to use household items as weapons such as "Cane Fu" and how to get out of wrist grabs, chokes, holds, etc. You'll see that even though we are older, our bodies are still the best weapon against becoming a victim. Presented by Oasis and sponsored by SRFOL.



Continuing Education: provided through a partnership with the Community College

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

Book Discussion Group: 4th Wed. of every month, 6:30 pm. except Dec. is the 2nd Wed.

Japanese Brush Art: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm.

Senior Fitness: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm. Note, the class ends after Jan. 28.

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

Teen Council Thrives at Scripps Ranch Library by Than-Nha Tran

Scripps Ranch Teen Council would like to thank everyone who came to our Hogwarts Open House and Haunted Library and helped make these events a success! We have two upcoming events.

December 7th from 3-5pm, in the community room, is our Art Show and Poetry Slam. It is part of this year's One Book One San Diego: a program designed to bring people together across San Diego, as we all read the same book. The adult novel is *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai, and the young adult novel is *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. Our art show and poetry slam is based on themes from these two novels. We invite everyone to come and celebrate art, poems and books.

December 19th from 3-5 pm is our Holiday Party. We will have crafts and games dedicated to Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We want to expose our guests to different cultures and spread cheer to all.



“Pleasure of Your Company” Music Series

by Joan Reese

The “Pleasure of Your Company” music series continues with the return on December 15 of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir. Under the direction of Pastor Ken Anderson, this group brings their distinctive sound of traditional and contemporary spirituals and gospel music to inspirational and uplifting performances. Their program will include some spirituals of the season as well. In addition to local performances, the choir has toured internationally in Europe, sung at Carnegie Hall, most recently in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Their performances raise funds for scholarships awarded to promising local high school seniors pursuing college degrees in the visual or performing arts.



We kick off 2020 with a performance by the Deuterium Jazz Quartet, making their “Pleasure of Your Company” debut on January 12. Deuterium has been pleasing listeners since 2001 with their mix of classic jazz and new pieces. Led by pianist Yasha Susuoff, a veteran of jazz, bar and Tex-Mex bands and a current member of the show band, The Legends, the group also includes Gregg Carpenter on bass, Diego Armijo on saxophone, and Dan Lancelot on drums. All are versatile musicians adept with a wide range of musical styles. We’re very pleased to acknowledge the generous support of Sharon and Garry Hays, who are sponsoring this concert.

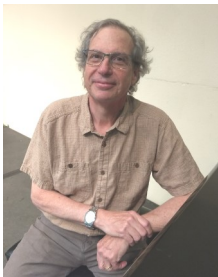
On February 23, we’re delighted to welcome back the Orvieto Piano Trio. Ensemble members, violinist Lauren Basney, cellist Daniel Frankhuizen, and pianist Byron Chow, first met and began playing together in 2009 during the Orvieto Musica chamber music festival in Italy. This exciting trio, which earned rave reviews when they played previously at our library, will perform works by Gabriel Fauré and Pyotr Tchaikovsky, as well as by other composers.

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 community. 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.



Gary Letchinger Joins the SRFOL Board



We are delighted to welcome Gary and introduce him to our patrons. He has been involved with Pleasure of Your Company and will continue in that capacity. In his own words: “My love of libraries began as a child in Chicago where I would regularly visit the local branch. I still remember the kindness of the librarians who always found a few interesting works of fiction to add to my stack of science books. I have a life-long interest in music: I grew up listening to jazz music at home and have been a musician for over 50 years (classical guitar and piano). My main musical interest is classical but I still enjoy jazz and occasionally some good old Chicago blues. It

is an honor to have the opportunity to assist our local library in hosting the wide variety of educational and entertainment services offered to our community, and especially the Pleasure of Your Company concerts. I will work to continue these wonderful live musical performances that are available for free to everyone.”

A Holiday Recipe for Library Success!

By Jan McGinn

What's your favorite holiday pie? Pumpkin? Chocolate Mousse? Apple (with extra cinnamon and vanilla ice cream)? Each one is delicious because they are carefully blended with just the right ingredients.

Our income comes from the ingredients you each bring to the SRFOL "Festival of Funds Pie" recipe – donations, annual memberships, sponsorships, volunteerism, and those great Book Nook purchases. It all blends together to support our Library.

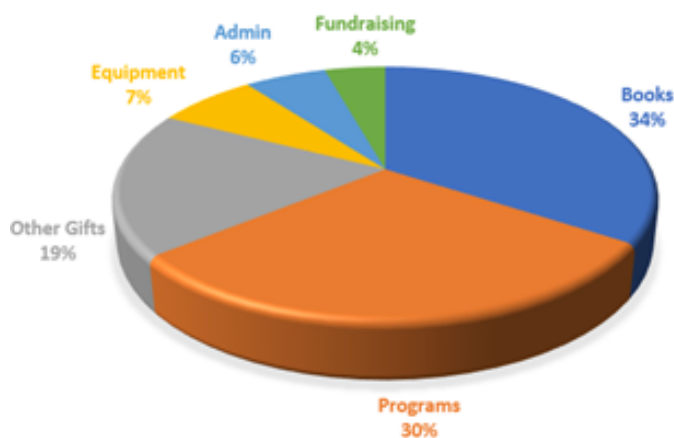
What is the money used for? The "Gift Giving Goodness Pie" is filled with programs for children, youth and adults, the Book Nook, the Pleasure of Your Company music concert series, supporting the library staff, recognizing library volunteers and the largest portion to books and media.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the SRFOL raised \$35,809 and 83% went to support library services! That's quite a large slice of pie! We are grateful for your support in 2019! Your special ingredients made the difference.

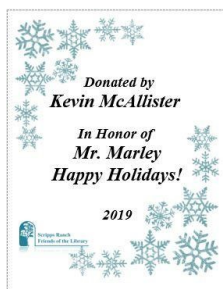
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Gift Opportunity



Looking for a unique gift idea for the holidays? Honor your favorite bibliophile with a donation to their favorite institution! Request a bookplate order form at the Library's front desk or visit our website [www.srfol.org]. Your \$25 tax-deductible donation buys a book for the Scripps Ranch Library and a distinctive bookplate is placed in the book to recognize your gift. The honoree will receive an announcement informing him or her of your thoughtfulness. What a wonderful Hanukkah, Christmas, birthday, or teacher's gift for readers of all ages!

Important Notice about the Website

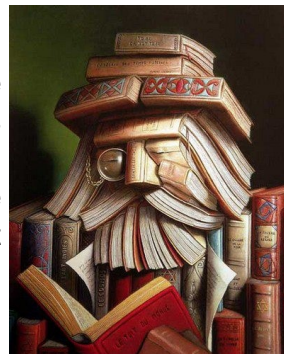
Please be advised that, in order to improve service, the SRFOL website (www.srfol.org) will be moving to a new Internet Service Provider during the period extending from December 22 to January 1. We regret that the website will be unavailable during the changeover. During the transition, please direct questions regarding library services to library staff by calling the library at 858-538-8158. After the transition, the website's URL (www.srfol.org) will be unchanged.

Aging with Friends

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

For this issue, I'm pleased to share an essay written by Lyn Lake, of Carlsbad, one woman's tribute to the power and the glory of books:

I recently held a rendezvous with some old friends. It seemed possible that in the near future I might have to think of bidding some of them farewell. The relentless passage of time was obviously taking its toll, leaving many of them looking very old and tired and worn, and, in some cases, so frail, they would obviously need the gentlest care and handling in the future. Little wonder I thought, realizing the eldest among them were actually of my grandfather's generation. Still others I had known since childhood. Acquaintances of such close connection and longevity, they were almost family.



Of course, the real crux of the matter was not simply the question of aging as much as the growing problem of accommodation. Over the course of time, many new friends had joined the ranks of the old, and it was likely more would come along in the future. How would I make room to keep all of them in my life?

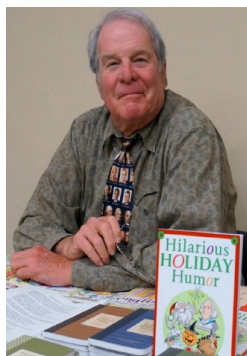
I reflected upon what each one had shared with me. Fascinating and intriguing tales, interesting thoughts and ideas, many beliefs and experiences. I considered how much I had learned from them -- lessons of love and life, knowledge of the history and geography of so many countries of our world, together with a peek at the wonders and mysteries of the universe. Some of them, I remembered, had made me laugh; some had brought me to tears. Others had shared stories of overcoming personal tragedy, giving me hope and an avenue to conquer my times of despair and sadness. All of them, even those whose opinions I had sometimes disagreed with, had never failed to provide me with companionship and often a welcome shelter from loneliness. It was impossible to imagine what my life would have been like without these clever, imaginative, brilliant people.

And so, if there had to be a parting of the ways; who would go and who would stay? There was no doubt in my mind that at some future date I would have the urge to sit down and visit with many of them again to reflect on their wisdom and insight, or just simply enjoy being entertained. I faced an impossible dilemma. My husband asked, "So, did you come to any decision?"

No." I replied, "I truly don't want to give up any of them."

"Well," he said, "why don't we try to find room for another bookcase, and then you won't have to."

Richard Lederer and a Celebration of Books and Libraries



On November 9, best-selling author Richard Lederer offered a hymn of praise to books and libraries. He also illuminated the life of author Issac Asimov, the most prolific and versatile writer in American History. Following the presentation, Dr. Lederer offered his books about language, history and humor for sale with all proceeds donated to Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library. Thank you, Richard, for your generous contribution.

Dr. Lederer is the author of 50 books and his syndicated column, "Lederer on Language" appears in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. If you missed this presentation, you can read his columns or purchase books through www.verbivore.com.



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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.

Join or Renew electronically on the website: **www.srfol.org**

(see page 6 for availability) or

Drop the form off at the Circulation Desk or Mail to the following:
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