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Trevor Jones Says “Happy Trails, Scripps Ranch Library!”

After 6.5 years of service as the librarian of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, I've transferred to the College-Rolando Library located near San Diego State University. I will profoundly miss this community and this library for all the memories. Looking back, saying “6 and a half years” doesn't sound like a lot, yet so much was packed into those years! We had coyotes, turtles, fish, the parking lot situation, Summer Reading, concerts, ducks, storytimes, The Haunted Library, our 25th Anniversary Party, *Great Books You May Have Missed*, film screenings galore, and all the historical research learning about the Scripps and Meanley families—did I mention ducks and fish?

The Covid-19 pandemic is NOT how I foresaw wrapping up service at this beautiful library, but I know that in life sometimes you've got to deal with the cards you got—LIBRARY cards that is. From this librarian, thank you to all the patrons, families, kiddos, staff and volunteers that made it such a fun and amazing place to work.

Most of all, for readers of the *Folio*, I want to give a special shout-out to the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library for all their time and effort they put into the place—without them, staff would not be able to do much beyond check out books to the public! Your commitment to SRFOL and aiding them in their mission is so important. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you, Scripps Ranch!



Photo by Janet Weigel



Pictured are some of the SRFOL board, employees and supporters who stopped by the library to give Trevor Jones a round of applause and a token of our appreciation. We thank him for his dedication and many contributions to our library. We wish him well in his continuing career.

Photo by Aria Rider, age 7

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Library Reopening? As of this Folio distribution, there is no re-opening date for the interior of our library. Consult our website www.srfol.org or <https://www.instagram.com/srfolibrary/> for the latest updates. The book drop is open at all times and patrons may pick up ordered materials six days a week (Mon.-Sat.) from 9:30–5:30 except from 1-2 pm.

Procedure: Order your books (or materials) at www.sandiego.gov/public-library. Designate pick-up at Scripps Ranch Library. You will receive an email when your items are available. Come to our library with your cell phone and library card number. From the parking lot, call (858-538-8158) and your items will be brought to the outside table. Library cards can also be renewed at the outside table.

The Virtual Activity Page from the Scripps Ranch Library

at <https://www.facebook.com/ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary/> (unless otherwise stated)

Teens: Stay connected and follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/sdplteens/> and find out what other teens are up to!

Kids' Craft: Every Tues., 10 am. Simple and easy crafts to enjoy from home with Ms Phetsamone or Ms Ashu. Children supply their own materials. Each week will be different, so join us for creative fun!

Poetry Reading: Every Wed., 2:30 pm. Librarian Mary Logue invites you take a break and enjoy poetry with her.

Storytime: Every Thurs., 10 am. Tune in LIVE with Ms Melissa. Enjoy Storytime with music, finger plays, rhymes and more. Some videos will be posted and available afterwards on a short-term basis.

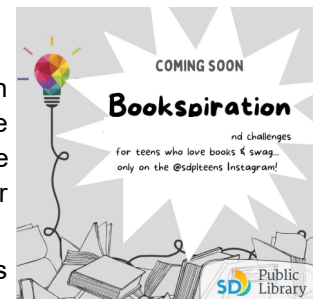
In addition to the programs available on our Scripps Ranch Library Facebook, there is a full weekly calendar for all ages on the SDPL Virtual Hub Facebook group and more programs available on San Diego Public Library's virtual calendar (www.sandiego.gov/public-library).

Teen Activity by Melissa Giffen

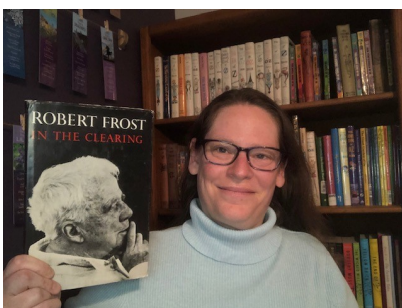
The Scripps Ranch Library Teen Council has been a vital asset to the Scripps Ranch Library and, over the years, has created many wonderful programs for the benefit of the community. While the pandemic has halted planning in-person gathering and programs, the Teen Council had ideas about how they could still contribute to the library and their community through social media.

One of the ideas they brought to Melissa Giffen, Youth Services Librarian at the Scripps Ranch Library, was to create a series of book-related creative challenges for their fellow teens to post on one of the social media accounts for the Scripps Ranch Library. The Teen Council wanted to provide more opportunities for their fellow teens to have a relaxing creative outlet during a decidedly not relaxing time. It turned out it was such a good idea that it needed to be shared with teens across the city and, thus, "Bookspiration" was born!

Bookspiration is a project hosted on the San Diego Public Library's Teen Instagram (@sdplteens) throughout the months of February and March featuring weekly bookish creative challenges for teens that encourages them to try their hand at a new project prompt each week. The creative prompts have been chosen by the Scripps Ranch Teen Council and council members have been involved in the creation of all aspects of the project. The creative prompts include writing, drawing, and crafts and participants can submit proof of participation in each project for an opportunity to receive special swag (while supplies last) to pick-up at their library pickup location of choice. New project posts will go up each Friday and participating teens can submit their projects through April 2nd. Scripps Ranch teens interested in joining the Teen Council can contact Melissa Giffen MBarbour@sandiego.gov for more information.



Graphic design by Riley Apon and Melissa Giffen.



Acting Librarian: Mary Logue

I've felt so privileged these last few months to be a part of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library. The staff has welcomed me and it's been great to work with them. I've had a wonderful time getting to interact with a few of you on the phone or through the contactless pick up service. And, it's been exciting to start an online poetry reading where I get to share a poem each week.

With the pandemic, I know that it's been even more important to have a little break from everything sometimes—to forget about all that's going on and immerse yourself in something different. One way I do this is by reading poetry. So, every Wednesday at 2:30 on the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Facebook page, I invite you to listen as I read a poem or two to provide a short break for your day.

I have always enjoyed poetry. Many poems are meant to be heard and not just read, but there is little opportunity to share the reading of poetry. This pandemic has given me a chance to share a few poems aloud with the community by recording them and posting them on the Library's Facebook page. In general, I want you to just sit back and enjoy hearing the poems without me getting in the way of you forming your own thoughts about them. But, I also love analyzing and discussing poetry so I will intersperse some postings where I share a few details about the poem or specific things to listen for in the poem.

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You will notice that I tend to enjoy poems that use a lot of imagery or symbolism. I love the way language can be used and the beauty of a vivid word picture. I also like how a poem doesn't have to explain everything, but can say just enough to pique an interest and make you look at something in a new way or get you pondering a topic or object from a new angle. A few poets who do this include Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, and Mary Oliver.

So, if you'd like a bit of a break in your week, join in for the weekly poetry reading. Please comment and let me know what you enjoy (or don't enjoy) and what thoughts you have about the poems. And, thanks for letting me join in with such a great community!

Scripps Ranch Teens Sweep the Black History Month Library Card Design Contest



Photo by Prasanna Madabushi

Congratulations to Scripps Ranch High School student Sahithi Lingampalli for being selected as the winner of the student Black History Month Library Card Design Contest!

Sahithi Lingampalli explains her card: "I created this piece using my finger on a touchscreen Chromebook, using the app Infinite Painter. It took around 6 hours to finish the whole card design. My goal for the card was to show influential and memorable people and achievements made by people of African ethnicity. I didn't really have a thought process for the creation of the card—when I read the prompt, I instantly thought of these four people. I kept the card minimal in terms of colors; white, black, gold, maroon, and green were used, which are colors of Black History Month and the Pan-African flag. I lettered 'inspire' at the top since that's what John Lewis, Kobe Bryant, Kamala Harris and Serena Williams did, and continue to do!"



Placing Second in the contest was Kayla Lincoln of Scripps Ranch High School. Third place was awarded to Kadin Lincoln of Thurgood Marshall Middle School. Congratulations to all of you.

Also a thank you to our social media board member, Prasanna Madabushi, who uses Instagram to keep the younger generation informed of library activities.



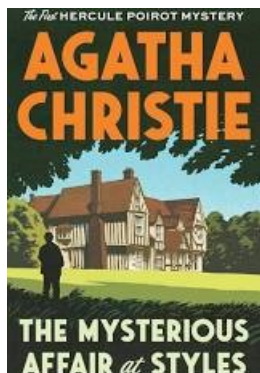
Scripps Ranch Seniors Decorate Parking Spaces at the Library



A special privilege for seniors at Scripps Ranch High School is to paint a parking space in the student parking section. With schools closed, this was just one of the many disappointments for these students. Our librarians worked with school personnel, department leaders and city officials to provide an opportunity for this activity to continue. As you can see, our teenagers are very creative. Visitors have been seen strolling through the parking lot to admire their workmanship.



I'm Glad I Read This Book: *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* reviewed by Jan McGinn



Not only is *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* by Agatha Christie one of our SRFOL president's favorite books, it was also the choice for February of the SRFOL Book Club. Jan enjoys murder mysteries—Agatha Christie and PD James are her favorites. This Agatha Christie book is the introduction of the character Hercule Poirot who is the delightful detective both in the books and in a BBC television series.

Jan says that well-written books in this genre are more about the people, their interrelationships, psychology, and foibles, and less about the murder. What prompted the antagonist to feel murder was their only way out. How petty jealousy, envy, and spite can converge to warp one's thinking, and how the protagonists in the same or similar situation rise above that pettiness to find a saner solution.

Getting to Know SRFOL President, Jan McGinn by Diane Rider

Although Jan is now well into her first year as president of SRFOL, she has been a huge part of the Friends since 2018 when she so successfully headed the *Celebrate 25* Gala and Fund-raiser. Jan calls herself a Michigander who became a California transplant and now has lived in Scripps Ranch for 29 years. Jan and her husband, Jim McGinn, have been married for 36 years and have two children: Gaylen is a College Athletic Trainer in the Bay Area and Christopher is a Vet Tech in Arizona.



Here in Scripps Ranch, Jan has contributed a great deal to the community. She has been involved in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and IABC (International Association of Business Communication). For many years she volunteered with the Scripps Ranch Civic Association on the executive board and chairing events. She presently is working in purchasing with a local Scripps Ranch firm.

Jan and Jim enjoy a fun and active lifestyle. You may have seen Jan zipping around in her very cool Mustang, or she and Jim riding bicycles—with some motorized boost. She likes hiking and backpacking and has made it to the top of Mt. Whitney. One of her favorite camping spots is William Heise County Park.

Closer to home, Jan enjoys gardening. She and Jim's current project is re-landscaping the backyard by themselves. They just planted a bare root peach tree to accompany the apple, lime, orange, pomegranate and longan fruit trees. In addition they installed raised container beds for veggies and herbs. If that isn't enough, they also have a worm bin and just started a compost bin in a trashcan. On the more quiet side, Jan enjoys reading (mysteries especially) and science fiction movies.

SRFOL is fortunate to have Jan at the helm. Her know-how from previous activities facilitated the organization of events, the on-going efforts to meet our goals of upgrading the courtyard, and securing Constant Contact for expanding communication with you, our members. Thank you, Jan, for all that you do!

A Big Thank You to Richard Lederer

Richard Lederer has donated the proceeds of his book sales to SRFOL on numerous occasions and 2020 was no exception. This fall Dr. Lederer offered to donate \$8.00 to SRFOL for each of his holiday books sold through our connections.

Dr. Lederer stated, "I am button-burstingly proud that I raised \$552 for the Library with my two holiday humor treasuries. The publicity generated by the SRFOL and SRCA newsletter played a huge role in that success." Other organizations also benefited from his largesse, and the project was so successful that the supply of books ran out before the end of the holiday season.



We are fortunate to have Richard Lederer as a regular contributor to the *Folio* as seen on page 7. For more of his amazing knowledge of words spiced with humor, visit his website www.verbivore.com.

For Those Who Love to Read

Janet Weigel, Membership Director SRFOL



February is "Love of Reading Month." Celebrate your love of reading this month and every month! Join Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library or renew your membership today by logging on to <http://www.srfol.org> "How to Join." Do you prefer using US Mail? Complete the application on page 8 (or simply supply the information requested) and include your check when mailing.

Your dues contribute to the acquisition of approximately half of all new books and materials for our library, monthly children's programs, special library events, and so much more. Benefits include the quarterly *Folio* newsletter, email updates, *Buzz Around the Pond* and access to the most recent library news and events.

Yearly membership runs from January 1 thru December 31, 2021. \$5./Senior or Student; \$10/Individuals; \$20/Dual/Family. Thank you for your support!

Bookplates

Thanks to the efforts of board member Sandra Hoyt, SRFOL has a new banner informing the public that the bookplate program is going strong.

By making a donation of \$25 or more to Bookplates, we will place a distinctive bookplate in a new book for our library with the names of the donor and the person being honored. In addition, a note will be sent to the honoree advising of your kind gift. The City's Matching Book Fund will augment your donation.

The recipient will be recognized on a plaque within our library. To find out how to create this meaningful gift, click our website <https://www.srfol.org/bookplates.htm> or call the library at 858-538-8158.



Volunteers Behind the Scenes

Although our library remains closed, the SRFOL Board is still active. It meets monthly on Zoom to discuss such matters as spending, budget, membership, fundraising, the courtyard project and more. The screen shot is from the January meeting with all members in attendance. As you can see, we take these meetings very seriously!

Recent board activities have included planning a brief farewell to Trevor Jones, facilitating the SRFOL participation in Richard Lederer's Book Sales, the banner above, implementing the technology changes of the website and the addition of Constant Contact communication.

Book Nook Volunteers Beth Surrell, Nancy Kohutek and Marcia Gwin have been allowed in the Book Nook one at a time and are cleaning and sanitizing all the shelving to get things organized for when the Book Nook can once again be open for business.

Volunteer JoAnn Sloan handles all the printing, labeling, stamping and mailing of the *Folio* to those without email. Thank you SRFOL Volunteers!



Pictured: D. Rider, J. McGinn, J. Weigel, P. Madabushi, L. Wright, S. Hoyt, B. Barnes, G. Letchinger, M. Logue (interim librarian), J. Reese, O. Smoot, M. Yang, R. Busch, and D. Pickel. (not pictured)

Fun Font Facts

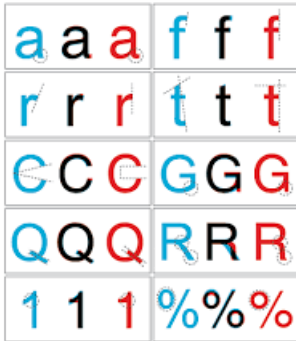
By Diane Rider

There is a fount of information about fonts! The word “font” is commonly used interchangeably with “typeface” although purist would happily explain the difference. “Font” comes from the French “fonte” meaning cast in metal. However the digital age has created an explosion resulting in approximately half a million available fonts!

We have Serifs and Sans Serifs. Serif is defined as a slight projection finishing off a stroke of a letter—as used in Times New Roman. Sans Serif (*sans* is French for without) eliminates those flourishes as in Arial and Helvetica. Early opinions stated that Sans Serif was “uncivilized.” Others contended that Serif was “pretentious.” It is somewhat agreed upon that Sans Serif is most readable electronically and Serif works well in print.



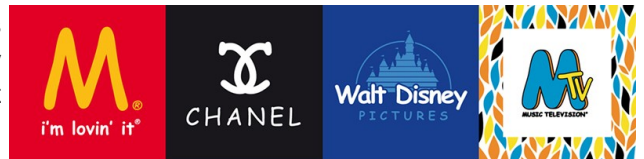
Arial & Helvetica



Every font has a name and a story. Helvetica is the most ubiquitous font but seldom recognized because of its simplicity. It is used in corporate logos including American Airlines, BMW, Target, Verizon Wireless and also graces your federal income tax forms. Developed by a graphic designer in Switzerland, the original name was Neue Haas Grotesk, but that was changed in 1960 to Helvetica which is close to the Latin name for Switzerland.

Another widely used font is Arial. It was once called Sonoran San Serif and the change to Arial may have contributed to its popularity as it is among the first in the alphabetical drop-down menu of Microsoft. There rages a controversy that Arial is “little more than a shameless impostor” of Helvetica as stated by typographer Mark Simonson. You can examine for yourself the comparison in the graphic to the left.

The immensely popular Comic Sans also has its detractors. Ilene Strizer states that the 1995 design by Vincent Connare has become one of the most popular and most maligned typefaces of our time.



Connare created the font for a program called “Microsoft Bob” that included a talking dog. He opined that dogs don’t talk in Times New Roman, so for that program he created a friendly and approachable font. He based this style on comic book dialog—which incidentally was not type faced but written out by hand. Some typographers did not consider Comic Sans professional or dignified. Strizer goes on to say these detractors were aghast when the font appeared on such things as ambulances and tombstones and oh so many logos. Why this abhorrence? One criticism is irregularity. For example, the “b” and “d” are not mirror images. However, this discrepancy actually aids people with dyslexia to distinguish the letters and has become the recommended font by some dyslexia associations.



Finally, what would be the characteristics of an outstanding font? Perhaps this can be best illustrated by showing the 2020 winner of the Type Director’s Club 66th annual award and the contest comments. This font was developed by Alaric Garnier of Paris, France. “Kessler” means a coppersmith or more precisely a kettle maker.

Alaric Garnier’s Kessler achieves a contemporary take on inscriptional serifs. Quirks meet pleasantries throughout the character set while delivering highly readable, optimistic text settings. There is plenty of personality in Kessler Display, and its text is substantive. For a fine serif typeface, it is remarkably sturdy, with a rich typographic color that encourages reading. Its italic swoops through like an Austen plot—smooth and assuming, with charming character.

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Name That Bible Tune!

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

The first week in February is International Bible Week, when people around the world are encouraged to read the best-selling book of all time. So I offer here a humorous and instructive quiz to test your biblical knowledge. Match each biblical personage with his or her appropriate theme song.

Examples: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's song would be "Great Balls of Fire!" while Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar's would be "Cold Comfort." Answers follow.

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| 1. Absalom | "Blinded by the Light" |
| 2. Adam and Eve | "Coat of Many Colors" |
| 3. Cain | "Crying Over You" |
| 4. Daniel | "Hair" |
| 5. David | "Help Is on the Way" |
| 6. Esther | "I Could Have Danced All Night" |
| 7. The Good Samaritan | "I Feel Pretty" |
| 8. Jezebel | "I Got You Babe" |
| 9. Job | "I'm Sorry" |
| 10. John the Baptist | "The Lady is a Tramp" |
| 11. Jonah | "Let's Hear It for the Boy" |
| 12. Joseph | "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" |
| 13. Lazarus | "Losing My Head Over You" |
| 14. The Magi | "Psycho Killer" |
| 15. Mary Magdalene | "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" |
| 16. Methuselah | "Rebel, Rebel" |
| 17. Moses | "Starry Starry Night" |
| 18. Noah | "Stayin' Alive" |
| 19. Paul | "The Second Time Around" |
| 20. Peter | "Shadow of a Doubt" |
| 21. Pharaoh's Daughter | "Strangers in Paradise" |
| 22. Salome | "The Wanderer" |
| 23. Samson | "Why Is Everybody Always Picking on Me?" |
| 24. Thomas | "A Whale of a Tale" |



Answers

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