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## Summer Reading Program a Big Success



*Attendees participated in the interactive demonstrations by the Fleet Science Center's Superhero Science.*

Everyone was very pleased with the success of the Summer Reading Program at Scripps Ranch Library. This program is made possible by your contributions to **Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library** and matching funds from the city of San Diego. Organized by a Coordinator at the Central Library, it is the responsibility of branch Youth Services Librarians to implement the program. Therefore Melissa Barbour was the one to make it all happen. She says it was a team action of the Scripps Ranch Library staff to promote the program by helping people register and pick up their prizes.

Prizes? Oh Yes! and not just for children. To receive a prize, the goal was to complete ten books over the summer—by reading or being read to. The prizes were in 4 age-related categories, ranging from babies to adults. Prizes included passes to museums, books and even yogurt.

In addition to the prizes, SFROL funded programs for children and families throughout the summer. Although these programs were part of the Summer Reading Program, they were also open to the public. Reading, prizes, programs—all are all designed to encourage reading as a lifelong habit as well as generate interest in the library and books. Also important, it can be just good fun and an opportunity for family time.

Our library had 1,333 participants enrolled in the program with 1,036 completed. That was a final completion rate of 78% which is high and a new record for us. Of course the 36 branch libraries would never consider being in competition with each other; but, perhaps we can modestly mention that Scripps Ranch was ranked number 4 in registration and second in the number of finishers. Congratulations Scripps Ranch Readers! Prizes for summer have been awarded, but a new winter reading program starts in January. See [sandiego.gov/winterreading](https://sandiego.gov/winterreading)



*Participants explored animals such as this guinea pig during the Zoovargo Animal Program.*

## Events for Children and Youths—sponsored by SRFOL marked \*

**Storytime:** Wednesdays, 10 am. We will meet in the community room with Miss Melissa or Miss Jennifer.

**Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** 2nd Tues. of the month, 3 pm. StoryBox combines dramatic storytelling with a wooden theatre to showcase illustrations in an engaging family-friendly Storytime experience.

\***Craft Program with ToshWerks:** Thurs., Dec. 8; Wed., Dec. 21; 4 pm. Ages 7 and up.

**Do Your Homework at the Library:** Mon.–Thurs., 3–6 pm, grade K-8 (except Dec. 19-29).

\***Spanish Tile Art:** Sat., Dec. 3, 10 am. Ages 10 and up.

**Solar System Workshop with the Fleet Science Center:** Tues., Dec. 6, 4 pm, Grade 3-5.

\***Literature Comes to Life: *A Christmas and Hanukkah Story*:** Wed., Dec. 14, 10 am.

\***Art with Art Smarts:** Thurs., Dec. 15. TBD in 2023.

\***Winter Wonderland:** Music and Movement class: Wed., Dec. 28, 10 am.

**Winter Reading Challenge:** “*All the Feels*” runs Jan. 1 - Jan. 31. For readers of all ages. Read a combination of books, hours, or *All the Feels* activities to claim prizes. [sandiego.gov/winterreading](https://sandiego.gov/winterreading).



## Programs for Adults

**An Afternoon of Language and Laughter with Richard Lederer:** Wed., Nov. 30, 1 pm.

**Mindful Meditation:** Mondays, 1 pm. Led by “Dr. Wendy.” This class, sponsored by SRFOL, includes guided imagery and contraction/relaxation exercises.

**Advance Directives Lecture:** Sat., Jan. 7, 10 am. Learn how to authorize someone to speak for you when, due to serious injury or illness, you can’t speak for yourself. With Bill Simmons, who has been speaking on end-of life issues for eight years at retirement communities, City College, SDSU, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCSD.

**Spring Vegetables with Farmer Roy:** Wed., Feb. 18, 10 am. Join local organic garden expert Roy Wilburn as he gives spring planting tips geared towards the local area.

**Major Wine Regions of California:** Sat., Feb. 25, 1:30 pm. This class will familiarize you with the 6 major grape-growing regions of California and to aid you in making the best choice when purchasing wines.

**Library Book Discussion Group:** Tues., Dec. 6, 6:30 pm. A purely social gathering in the Seminar Room with no food; please wear masks. The following Book Discussion gatherings will be on Zoom at 6:45 pm. Wed.: **Dec. 7**, Book selection night; **Jan. 25**, *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson; **Feb. 22**, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson.

**Special Mega Book Sale:** Sat., Feb., 4. Beat those mid-winter doldrums and shop for bargains—either by the book, or fill the popular big yellow bag for one low price!



*Solana Center for Environmental Innovation presented a lively lecture and demonstration about avoiding food waste, Nov. 5.*

The following sources will keep you up to date with any additions or changes to our library schedule of events.

Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library website, [www.srfol.org](http://www.srfol.org)

Facebook: @ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary, @SDPLVirtualHub, @GracesBookNook

Instagram: @srfolibrary, @sdpubliclibrary, @sdplteens

San Diego Public Library listing my branches, <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>

## Explore More with your *Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library* Membership



Now's the time to renew your SRFOL membership! With your membership, you'll explore more of what the Library has to offer. In addition to receiving this acclaimed quarterly *Folio*, your financial contribution helps fund the books, programs, equipment, and enhancements that directly benefit you and our patrons of all ages. Benefits that go above and beyond what the City provides.

### Here's some of what you and SRFOL have accomplished this year:

- ◇ Purchased about half of the new books, media & other resources, such as a Cricut machine & supplies
- ◇ New 3D Printer & Supplies
- ◇ New Courtyard Furniture
- ◇ Reupholstered chairs in the Children's area
- ◇ Sponsored a variety of programs for kids, teens and adults
- ◇ POYC Concerts
- ◇ Repaired the Tower Room
- ◇ And more!



*Pictured are some of the accomplishments*

### Renew Today!

The form is available on page 8 of all *Folios*, or at the library, Or, renew online at [srfol.org/join](http://srfol.org/join).

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### Membership Benefits Include:

#### Annual Members:

- ◇ Free Book with \$5 Purchase at Grace's Book Nook
- ◇ *Folio* Newsletter
- ◇ Private entrance at Book Sales for Head of Line

#### Lifetime Members also receive:

- ◇ Lifetime Book Bag – Fill to the brim for \$5 any visit
- ◇ Name engraved on Lifetime Plaque in the Library

#### Patron Members receive all of the above PLUS:

- ◇ A Free Book Plate
- ◇ Front Row Reserved Seats at POYC Concerts
- ◇ A duck named after you at Evans Pond

## SAN DIEGO LIBRARY MASTER PLAN – *Needs Your Input!*

### *What would you like to see added or changed at our Library?*



As part of the development of the new Library Master Plan, you're invited to share YOUR thoughts about the future of our Library. "*Listening Sessions*" are being scheduled in each neighborhood of San Diego. The date for the Scripps Ranch Listening session should occur early 2023. Why? As our Library's Community Room, which incidentally is the largest and best equipped in the City(!), thanks in large part to SRFOL's advocacy and support, is so popular it was fully booked in November and December.

Please consider participating in this process in person or by sharing your input online. To learn more about the Library Master Plan check out:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/about-the-library/library-master-plan>

## The Pleasure of Your Company

### Sundays at 2:30 pm in the Library Community Room

**Dec. 11,** *The Pleasure of Your Company* welcomes back the popular and talented **Fred Benedetti**. He will present a varied program including Spanish and classical guitar pieces played on a historical guitar built in 1830, various flamenco influenced compositions on a vintage Miguel Rodriguez flamenco guitar, two “Beatles” influenced songs on ukulele, and original compositions.



Fred Benedetti began studies of classical guitar at the age of 16 and by age 26 was one of 12 guitarists worldwide to perform in one of the last master-classes of Maestro Andres Segovia.

Fred has performed in the United States, and throughout the world—locally with the San Diego Symphony, the San Diego Opera, the Starlight Opera, the American Ballet Company, the Old Globe Theatre, Luciano Pavarotti, and jazz artist Dave Brubeck. He is also very active playing and recording jazz and popular music and has been an opening act for Art Garfunkel, Michael Franks, Basia, and Ottmar Liebert and is featured on over 150 recordings.

**Jan. 15, Dr. Dmitry Kirichenko** is a classical pianist and educator. He was born in Odessa, Ukraine. His concerts draw upon his unparalleled education through the Odessa and Moscow Conservatories as well as his experience performing overseas.

Dmitry is well known in San Diego. He brings a technical mastery as he couples a bravura technique with a very personal approach to each work. His repertoire at Scripps Ranch Library will include works by Chopin, Shubert and Beethoven.



Dmitry’s career now falls into three primary areas. He is president of the *Dmitry Kirichenko School of Music* in San Diego. He is well known for his concerts and fund raising activities locally. Thirdly, he performs internationally in venues that include both Western and Eastern Europe.

**February 12,** Take a trip back in time with the music of **Courtly Noyse**. Formed in 2003, the group offers a blend of humor, imagination and versatility in the performance of Medieval and Renaissance music. The members are Laury Flora, Jay Sacks, Sandra Stram, Vickie Jenkins, Lissette Ryan and Steve Hendricks. All are multi-talented musicians that can play a variety of instruments as well as sing.

Many of the instruments were used from the years 500 to 1600, and the group will switch instruments for different songs but also during songs as well. Flora says, “Having 40 instruments adds interest.” The extent of the instruments range from the popular lute, to a hurdy gurdy, and a chalumeau of which only ten of the original exist.

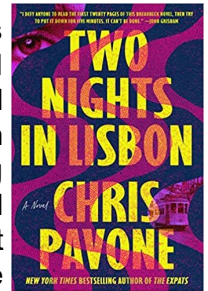


There is no charge for the concerts which are sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although donations (at the door or anytime!) are appreciated to help us continue to bring fine music to our community. Donations of any amount are most welcome; donors of \$35 or more will be acknowledged in the printed program. Consider sponsoring a concert for a donation of only \$500. All donations are tax-deductible.

## I'm Glad I Read This Book

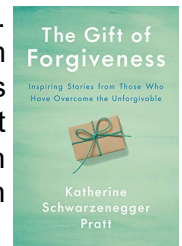
### ***Two Nights in Lisbon by Chris Pavone (2022), suggested by Deborah Kunkel Sampson***

Deborah is eager to share this book with her Book Club. It has puzzled and intrigued her as she followed the exploits of the main character in this international psychological thriller. Ariel Pryce and her new husband are on a short business trip to Lisbon. One morning her husband is gone! And thus we have a plot. But things are not always as they seem. In the author's own words: "I love novels that seem at first like one type of story, then turn out to be something very different, and I developed a vision of this perfect-looking hotel room as the launching pad for characters who seem extremely lucky but aren't; for a story that looks romantic then isn't (or is it?); for a narrative that looks like it's about a missing man but is about something else entirely."



### ***The Gift of Forgiveness by Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt (2020 ), suggested by Barbara Wesser***

As the author says, "There is no way to pass through life without being hurt or hurting others. When these injuries happen, it is up to us to confront them—to understand them and let them go.....to forgive....and set ourselves free from the burdens of the past." Of course this is easier said than done. This little book contains true life stories of those who have been hurt beyond measure but who have struggled through the process of forgiveness to gain peace in their lives. Their paths to forgiveness seem almost impossible to traverse and serve as an inspiration to all of us with perhaps lesser wounds to follow in their footsteps.



## Grace's Book Nook

### **Book Nook Hours**

Monday-Saturday: Library Hours  
Expanded Shopping in "annex"  
Wed. until 2 pm, all day Friday

Pop-Up Book Sale  
2nd Sat. of every month  
10 am—2 pm

The Book Nook is the perfect place to find Christmas and Hanukkah books at amazing prices, as well as holiday cards and stocking stuffers! Stop in for a unique gift for that special book lover on your list.

Discover books for all ages and tastes—from board books for tots, to picture books, easy readers and chapter books, to a wonderful selection for teens and young adults, plus great fiction and non-fiction for adults, as well as CDs and DVDs—all at bargain prices. Consider one of our vintage books or beautiful collectors' editions. Many of our books are in like-new condition.

Did you know that SRFOL members can receive one free book with any purchase of \$5 or more, and Lifetime Members can fill their special teal logo tote bag for only \$5 anytime?! Members must present current membership card at time of purchase, and certain restrictions apply.

COVID safety protocol continues to include mandatory masking.

Care to volunteer? Email to [booknook@srfol.org](mailto:booknook@srfol.org)

Mega

Yellow Bag

Book Sale!

Feb. 6

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## Literary Postal Stamps Created by Diane Rider



The three most representative symbols of a country are its flag, its money and its postage stamps. It was not until 1847 that the U.S. issued official postage stamps. Before this, the sender might pay cash at the time a letter was mailed or send the letter expecting the person who would receive it to pay the cost. Of the first two stamps, one depicted Benjamin Franklin—who was an author as well as statesman, inventor and printer.



Fast forward to the present day when every year the Postal Department reveals dozens of new designs and sells over 13 billion individual stamps. On Sept. 30, 2022, a forever stamp featuring Charles Schulz' iconic comic characters was released. Between Benjamin Franklin and Charles Schulz, many other writers and their works have been represented. Who chooses? Who designs?



There is a Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee that oversees the selection of the images to appear on new stamps. Members are from the fields of art, education, science and tech, history, politics and other areas of public life. The committee accepts suggestions and receives more than 30,000 a year. These suggestions are placed in big binders of potential stamps to be studied. The principal criteria is to reflect the American spirit.

Once an idea is accepted, it is designed by professional designers, artists, and photographers. This process may last as long as three years and may take up to 100 drafts before completed. The design then goes to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A variety of methods are used to print the stamp sheets. Sheets may contain from 4 to 100 stamps. The more valuable the stamp, the smaller the sheet.

Next comes the presentation of the new stamp. Several times every month, the US Post Office sponsors a First Day Ceremony to launch new stamps. The location is often related to the stamp itself. For example, the Peanuts dedication was at the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, California.

Once printed, released, and celebrated, the stamps are housed at stamp distribution centers or at the Stamp Fulfillment Service facility, located in a limestone cave 150 feet beneath the ground in Kansas City, Missouri. The consistent, year-round temperature and humidity levels keep the stamps in mint-quality condition. This facility processes over 10,000 orders a day from collectors, businesses and residential customers.



The collages on this page showcase U.S. stamps with a literary connection. Stamps never expire from the value printed, so if you have one of these, it is worth that amount or possibly much more to a collector. This rare Benjamin Franklin stamp sold for the equivalent of around 3 million dollars.

If you are interested in sending in a design to the Citizens' Advisory Committee, the instructions can be found at <https://about.usps.com/who/csac/#process>. They say that each submission is considered; however, there is no remuneration other than personal satisfaction.



## Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Quotes

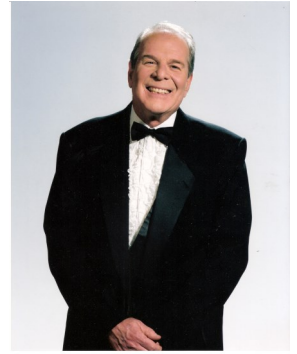
By Richard Lederer, well-known verbivore and Scripps Ranch resident

Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas.  
-Johnny Carson

I have all these people to give Christmas gifts to, and you know what I found? There are some very nice things at the 99-cent store. -Ellen Degeneres

You know you're getting old when Santa starts looking younger. -Robert Paul

Once again, we come to the holiday season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice. -Dave Barry



I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph. -Shirley Temple

Let's be naughty and save Santa the trip. -Gary Allan

Last Christmas I got no respect. In my stocking I got an Odor-Eater.  
-Rodney Dangerfield

A Christmas tree — the perfect gift for a guy. The plant is already dead.  
-Jay Leno

Halloween is the beginning of the holiday shopping season. That's for women. The beginning of the holiday shopping season for men is Christmas Eve.  
-David Letterman

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day. -Phyllis Diller

On the thirteenth day of Christmas, my true love said to me, "I think I might be a hoarder." -Jen Statsky

Christmas: the only time of year when you sit in front of a dead tree eating candy out of a sock.  
-Anonymous

What if it had been three Wise Women instead of three Wise Men? They would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, brought practical gifts, and there would be Peace on Earth. -Dandi Dailey Mackall

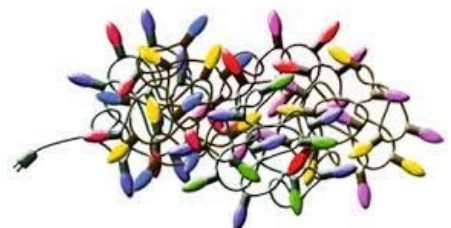
One Christmas I got a battery with a note saying, "Toy not included." -Bernard Manning

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. -Maya Angelou

Join Richard Lederer on Wed., Nov. 30 at 1 pm.  
*An Afternoon of Language and Laughter*

Take a joy ride through the glories and oddities of our marvelous English language.

Don't miss this opportunity!





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Membership year is January 1 to December 31

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☐ I would like to volunteer. (email [membership@srfol.org](mailto:membership@srfol.org) or call 858-538-8158.)

Please make checks out to: **Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library.**

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