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LET'S CELEBRATE OUR LIBRARY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

By Jan McGinn, President SRFOL



We want to thank you, our wonderful Scripps Ranch community and SRFOL members, for your unwavering support of our library over the last 30 years! From the original book pass on opening day to today's multi-functional library, we've grown over the years. Today, we offer even more books, community space, outdoor space, children's activities, and now an Idea Lab. The 30th is too big for just one party – let's host two!

FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 10 AM-2 PM FOR ALL AGES

Join us for a fun, free party! We'll have lawn games and activities for children and teens. Plus, there's food and desserts for you and your family to partake. You can sign the Anniversary banner and write a note about your favorite library memory. Plus, the first 30 kids (under 18) can select (1) free children/teen book from the Book Nook.

We'll announce the winners of our Essay Contest. And, you will have the opportunity to see the upcoming Idea Lab which will be opening soon. It is the Library's newest addition funded by SRFOL and matching funds. At the Lab you will be able to produce your own creativity via a 3D printer, laser cutter, vinyl cutter and multimedia laptop.

CELEBRATION UNDER THE STARS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 5:30-8:30 PM FOR AGE 21+

A library is not just for kids. It's for us adults as well. Over the years, we've attended classes and workshops, maybe joined a book club (or two), borrowed so many books, enjoyed breaks on the courtyard, and/or watched our kids grow through their library school years. Well, it's time for our own celebration as well! Let's party under the Stars.

"Those Guys" band, led by our Scripps Ranch Jerry O'Mara, will entertain us in the courtyard. A bar, serving wine and beer and non-alcoholic drinks, will keep us refreshed (complimentary 2 drinks). Catered by Kaminskis BBQ restaurant of Poway, a delicious BBQ dinner, with dessert, will keep us satiated.



In between the revelry, tour the new Idea Lab, stop by the Memory Table, sign the anniversary banner, and participate in the Scavenger Hunt (prizes will be awarded!). Then capture the memory at the Photo Booth. To sign up for this exciting event, email president@scrippsrancho.org before October 4.

Events for Children and Youths—sponsored by SRFOL marked *

For updates and complete details, check our website

Storytime: Wednesdays and 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 am. It is for toddlers and preschoolers.

***Pajama Storytime:** 2nd Tuesdays, 6 pm. Includes signing.

Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre: 4th Tuesdays, 6 pm. Storytelling with a wooden theatre. All ages.

***Crafts with ToshWerks:** Ages 8 and up. Dates TBA. Registration <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>.

Girls Who Code Club: Various Mondays, 5:30 pm.

Chess Club: Various Saturdays, 11 am–1 pm.

***Adventurous Architects with the Fleet Science Center, Science/STEAM:** Wednesday, September 13, 4 pm–6:30 pm, Grades 1–4. Registration <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>.

***Mini-Movers and Music:** 2nd and 4th Mondays, 11:30 am. Ages 0–5.

***Art Class with Art Smarts:** dates TBA. Fun, exciting one-hour art class for ages 5–17.

Lego Builders: Tuesdays, 3 pm. Recommended for children ages 4+.

Do Your Homework @ the Library: Mondays–Thursdays, 3–6 pm; K–8th grade. Fun activities to keep up school skills.

Programs for Adults

Myths & Legends: Paintings by Derek Piehl are on display August through October. Piehl draws images by hand and digitally adds color for intensity of expression. His drawings tell familiar stories from the past, viewed through a kaleidoscope of colors mixed with the artist's imagination.

***Mindful Meditation:** Mondays, 1 pm. Guided imagery and contraction/relaxation exercises.

***Library Book Discussion Group:** Sept. 27, *The Plot* by Jean Haniff Korelitz; Oct. 25, *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George; Nov. 13, *Drive Your Plow over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarcz. Meetings are on zoom at 6:30 pm.

Fun and Games for Seniors: Tuesdays, 12:30–3 pm; Thursdays, 10 am–12 pm. Open to the public and free of charge. Sponsored by SRCA 50 Plus.

Garden Share: 3rd Saturdays, 11 am–1 pm. Join us with friends and family to share your garden. Bring what you have to share; take home something you really want. Sponsored by Sustainable Scripps Ranch.

Garden Talks: Monthly, 10 am. Check our website for details.

Aging Successful Lectures: Alzheimer's San Diego: *Safety at Home*. Friday, Sept 8, 10 am.



The Library's Community Room was abuzz with activity when SRFOL partnered with Sustainable Scripps Ranch to host the San Diego Fix-It Clinic.



Please consult the following sources to be up to date with any additions or changes to our schedule of events.

Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library website, www.srfol.org

Public Library listing by branches, <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/>

Instagram, [@srfolibrary](https://www.instagram.com/srfolibrary)

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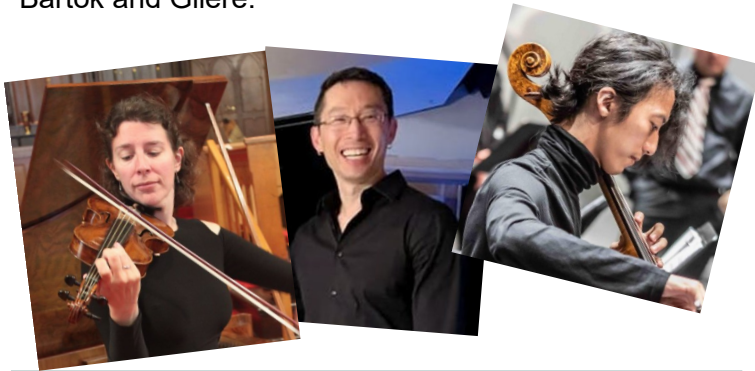
The Pleasure of Your Company

Sundays at 2:30 pm in the Library Community Room



Sunday, Sept. 17, Duo Nova. Join us for an afternoon of classical music by two accomplished pianists. Both **Yewon Lee** (left) and **Hyun-Jeong Ahn** (right) have performed extensively from Southern California to multiple international concerts and received many awards. We invite you to celebrate great music of Mozart, Schubert, Kapustin and other composers.

Sunday, Oct. 15, Duo Decorus. Duo Decorus is a virtuoso ensemble comprised of violinist **Päivikki Nykter** and cellist **Cecilia Kim**. They are friends on and off stage, which is apparent in their seamless and graceful ensemble playing. This duo has delighted audiences with their performances since 2009. Join us for an afternoon of these lovely, rarely heard violin and cello duets by Boccherini, Beethoven, Ligeti, Bartók and Glière.



Sunday, Nov. 19, Redwood Piano Trio. Featuring **Lauren Basney**, violin; **Dr. Byron Chow**, piano and **Peter Ko**, cello, the trio aims to bring a fresh perspective in performing both traditional repertoire and lesser-known works.

Basney and Ko have received many awards and performed throughout the USA and the world. Dr. Chow has been an active member of the medical profession while premiering two original compositions for piano and orchestra and is currently a violist in the La Jolla Symphony.

There is no charge for the concerts which are sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although tax-deductible donations (at the door or anytime!) are appreciated to help to bring fine music to our community. Donors of \$35 or more will be acknowledged in the printed program.

I'm Glad I Read This Book

Bruno's Challenge: And Other Stories of the French Countryside (2022)

By Martin Walker, suggested by Ollie Smoot

Bruno Courrèges, Chief of Police of the market town of St. Denis deep in the Périgord region of France arrived on American readers' consciousness in 2008 in *Bruno, Chief of Police*. There have been twenty Bruno novels, and in my view, increasingly focused on having an action-packed climax.

These fourteen short stories, written in between the novels omit the spy/thriller aspect and focus on what is truly different about Bruno—police chief of a small town in southwest France characterized by cave paintings, rugged country, small enterprise, and great food. An orphan, an ex-soldier with UN troops in Sarajevo, Bruno profoundly loves St. Denis, his friends, sport, and good food.

In the first story we see all these qualities as Bruno and friends take on putting on a festive dinner when the host, restaurant owner Ivan, falls ill. With easy grace Bruno assesses the restaurant and Ivans preparations. His friends appear after the hearing of the calamity, even St. Denis' mayor volunteers to bus tables. In the end a lovely evening celebrating a decades old marriage.

This is community policing in the true sense. A ton of responsibilities rest on Bruno's shoulders. He is not without doubts about how best to approach new crises, or his capacity to achieve the right result. But he and his basset hound, Balzac, confront each problem with good will and compassion. The result is a very comforting read.

Volunteers Recognized and Celebrated



The SRFOL Board (volunteers themselves) invited the many hard-working volunteers to a luncheon on June 24. The committee was headed by JoAnn Sloan and consisted of Susan Haas, Terry Flores and Diane Rider. *Below left* are the smiling faces of some of the participants. *Below right*: The SRFOL Board began a new year with a potluck.



Above: Four Board Members were recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library. Pictured above are Prasanna Madabushi and JoAnn Sloan. Not pictured are Richard Busch and Gary Letchinger.

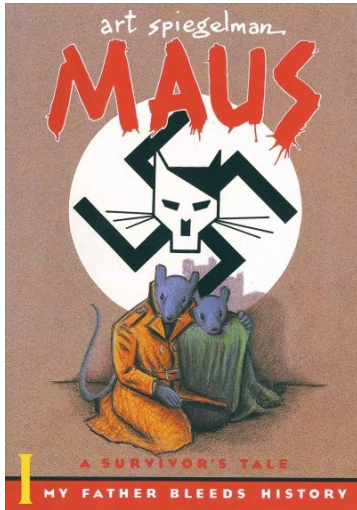
Right: Also recognized was Joan Reese who received a special award for her volunteer work with the Friends of the San Diego Public Library. Joan served as president for more than 5 years, stepping down in May 2022. She was recognized for all of her support during the past year by outgoing president, Ann McDonald.



A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

By Diane Rider

POW! WHAM! EEK! Many of us grew up at a time when comic books were for kids filled with Superman and Tom and Jerry. Although Little Lulu never grew up, comic books did and became graphic novels—the most popular printed books of the last decade according to Brad Rouse of *Library Journal*. Of course there is a difference between a comic book and



a graphic novel. Rouse goes on to say, “A graphic novel has become a publishing category. It doesn’t have to necessarily be a novel, but it includes fiction, non-fiction and memoirs. It uses the comic form, but it has a spine like a book, not a pamphlet.”

The theme of super-hero has continued and is very popular in graphic novels. However, the #1 seller and the only graphic novel to receive the Pulitzer Prize is *Maus*. It is a memoir by Art Spiegelman in which he intertwines his relationship with his father, a holocaust survivor, with his father’s account of this experience. Drawn and written by Spiegelman himself, the complete book of 296 pages has been hailed as “the most affecting and successful narrative ever done about the Holocaust” by the *Wall Street Journal*, and “the first masterpiece in comic book history,” by *The New Yorker*. The final publication in 1996 ushered in the graphic novel as a legitimate media form.

The stereotype is that a graphic novel is a lesser form of literature. However, Japan, (the largest graphic novel market) created *The Manga Guides*—in which each volume explains a particular subject in science or mathematics. The series is translated and published in America by No Starch Press. These guides are designed for use up to a college-level student. For example, *The Manga Guide to Electricity* has 207 pages and five chapters.

Teachers have long been aware of the varied learning styles of students—among them are visual and verbal. Art Spiegelman compares word balloons to puffs of thought. “Brain scientists say that’s how your brain actually works. We don’t really think in paragraphs or full sentences, but more like phrases that kind of clump together.” Combine that with the adage: “A picture is worth a thousand words,” and what do we have but a Graphic Novel.

Next time you are at our library, take a look. There are shelves devoted to graphic novels in both the adult and children’s section of the library. Try one—you might be surprised.



Selected Works

Grey, Orrin. “The History of Graphic Novels.” *The Portalist*. 29 Dec. 2021. Web 01/12/23. <https://theportalist.com/history-of-graphic-novels>

Rouse, Brad. “Graphic Novels Continue to Push Boundaries.” *Library Journal*. 23 Sep. 2021. Web 01/12/2023. <https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/graphic-novels-continue-to-push-boundaries-lj210923>



Above: Joanne and Librarian Nancy Assaf at the opening of the library in 1993. Underneath: Joanne and her son, Phil, our present librarian.

The Gundersons

Did you know that two generations of Gundersons have worked at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library? In late 1989, Joanne Gunderson, mother of new Branch Manager Phil Gunderson, started as a Library Aide at the 'storefront' branch and within a year was promoted to full-time Clerk.

She played a major role in transferring materials and establishing new procedures when the branch relocated to its current facility in 1993. After several years, Joanne went on to work as a Library Assistant at other library branch locations (Balboa and North University Community) before retiring in 2010.

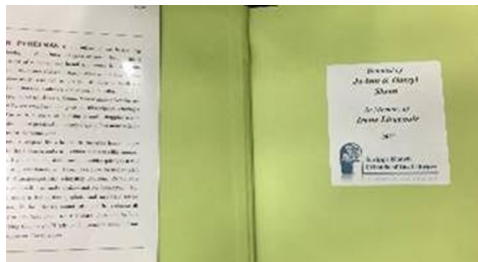
To this day she regularly meets with a group of Scripps Ranch Library retirees who call themselves "the Library Ladies." Phil credits his mother for influencing him to apply for a Library Aide position with SDPL in the 1990s, a decision that would lead to a thirty year (and counting!) career with the San Diego Public Library.

Thank you to the Women's Club



SROFL Board Member, Diane Rider, accepts a donation from Lynn Parke from the Scripps Ranch Women's Club. The club is financing a signage system for the children's library. Thank you for this generous gift.

What's a Bookplate??



A Bookplate is a uniquely designed label that is affixed inside the front cover of a book bearing the name of your loved one with a special dedication—such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, In Memory of and more. This new book with your unique inscription will also benefit our neighborhood library and future Bookworms to enjoy!

A tax deductible donation of \$25.00 or more is greatly appreciated <https://www.srfol.org/bookplates.htm>

Grace's Book Nook

The Book Nook's Semi-Annual Yellow Bag Sale in August was another successful event. Not only did it bring revenue to the library, but there are many happy customers who purchased hard copies, paperbacks, DVD's, puzzles, and duck food. (see picture) Another bonus of the success of book sales and daily purchasing is that it makes room on the shelves for the latest books that are donated. So stop in and peruse these new titles and new media on display.



Book Nook Hours
Mon.-Sat.: Library Hours
Expanded hours in Annex
Wed. until 2 pm; all day Fri.
2nd Sat. Book Sales
every month, 10am—2 pm

Your tax deductible donations are always welcome. Please deliver donations inside the library at the front desk.

In Praise of Librarians

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



Librarians are the rare profession named after the buildings in which they serve. After all, doctors and nurses aren't called hospitalarians and lawyers aren't courtiers. Blessed be our nation's librarians. Amalgams of scholars, teachers, indexers, counselors, traffic controllers, janitors. and baby-sitters, they march in the company of secular saints.

The 30th anniversary of our Scripps Miramar library inspires me to write about the lighter side of being a librarian.

A woman telephoned an Atlanta library and asked, "Can you please tell me where Scarlet O'Hara is buried?"

The librarian explained, "Scarlet is a fictional character in Margaret Mitchell's novel *Gone With the Wind*."

"Never mind that," said the caller. "I want to know where she's buried." For that reader, Scarlet O'Hara had been so alive that now she was dead.

Librarians are asked a wide array of questions, some of which are delightfully weird:

Do you have books here?

Can you locate a book for me? I can't remember the title but it has a red cover.

Can you find a book for me? I don't remember the title, but the pages started with "Once upon a time."

I'm trying to find the copyright date of the Bible, can you help me?

Where can I find Adam's [the biblical guy] autobiography?

Do you have the *Life* magazine photo book of the beginning of the Earth?

I need a color photograph of George Washington [Christopher Columbus, King Arthur, Moses, Socrates, a dinosaur, etc.]

Is there a book here that tells whether Iron Man or Capt. America was stronger?

I met this awesome man at a New Year's party this week, and I learned he is worth 18 million dollars. How can I find out his name?

Why do so many 18th century painting have squirrels in them, and how did they tame the squirrels so they would stand still while posing for the painter?

I can't find the book by Charles Darwin with the title *Oranges and Peaches* [*The Origin of Species*].

Do you have a book about when Michael Jackson was Black?

Do you have a list of all the books I've ever read?

Which outlets in the library are appropriate for my hairdryer?

Do you have an Anne Frank book with a happier ending?

Can you tell me why so many famous Civil War battles were fought on National Park sites?

I need to find out Ibid's first name for my bibliography. He's written a lot of important stuff.

I'm looking for information on car pool tunnel syndrome. I think I'm having trouble with it in my neck.





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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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