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## GOOD-BYE TO RETIRING LIBRARIAN, MATT BEATTY



*SRFOL Volunteers: Beth Surrell, Diane Rider, Susan Haas, JoAnn Sloan, Marcia Gwin and Joan Reese say a regretful good-bye to Matt Beatty.*

I will greatly miss working with the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library. Together we were able to complete a number of projects during the two years that I was there.

The Friends funded a termite treatment in the Tower Room which led to the room being reopened after a long closure. The Friends paid for tile improvement in the courtyard and long overdue power washing of the concrete in the courtyard and around the building. Together we were able to start a 3D printing service and expand our seed library.

We were able to obtain equipment for our planned IDEA Lab, including a laser cutter and an additional 3D printer. We were able to plan and fund an upcoming recarpeting

of the Community Room and to reopen our long-running Pleasure of Your Company concert.

I was happy to see many of the Friends come to say goodbye on my last day. I feel sure that the new and continuing members of the Scripps Ranch Friends will plan a successful thirtieth anniversary celebration this fall.  
—Matt Beatty

## HELLO AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIBRARIAN, PHIL GUNDERSON

I grew up in a military family that moved to a new location every two or three years, mostly bouncing between the East Coast and West Coast, but also including a three-year stint in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I like to think of myself as a naturalized San Diegan, having lived here since 1989.

I earned the following degrees in literature from UC San Diego: BA, MA, PhD. I started my career with the San Diego Public Library in 1994, hiring on as a Library Aide at the Mira Mesa Branch and working in a variety of positions since then. My most recent assignment was Integrated Library System Coordinator at the Central library.

I'm looking forward to returning to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library and community (I was for a time assigned to Scripps in 2001). On a personal note, I'm an avid reader (with a predilection for philosophy and social theory) and a music fan.  
—Phil Gunderson



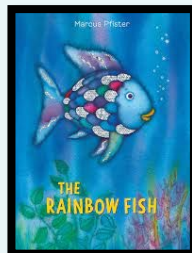
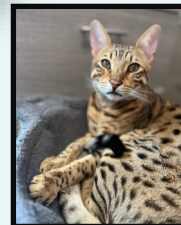


## Summer Reading Program begins June 1 until August 31

San Diego residents of all ages are encouraged to participate. Complete a combination of 10 books, hours of reading or activities to claim your prizes.

### Special Summer Reading Events Every Thurs. and some Saturdays

6/15	4 pm	Wonder Trees Craft
6/22	4 pm	Puppets Craft
6/24	10 am	Hullabaloo Music
6/29	4 pm	Craig Newton Music
7/1	10 am	Literature Comes to Life: <i>Rainbow Fish</i>
7/6	4 pm	Balloon Animals
7/13	4 pm	Puppet Show
7/15	10 am	Ralph's World Music
7/20	4 pm	Puppet Show
7/27	4 pm	Robothink
7/29	10 am	Zoovargo Animals
7/29	1 pm	Arty Loon Magic
8/3	4 pm	Book Craft DIY
8/5	10 am	Wild Wonders
8/5	4 pm	Michael Rayner Stunt Show
8/10	4 pm	Illusions, Allen Magic
8/19	10 am	Planetarium



And more!



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More information is available at the library desk or [sandiego.gov/summerreading](https://sandiego.gov/summerreading)

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

**\*Insect Inspectors Workshop with the Fleet Science Center:** Wed., June 28, 4 pm. Grades 1-4 recommended.

**Storytime:** Wednesdays and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 10 am. It is for toddlers and preschoolers.

**\*Pajama Storytime:** 2nd Tuesdays, 6 pm. The special June program includes American Sign Language.

**Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** 4th Tuesday, 6 pm. Storytelling with a wooden theatre.

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

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

**\*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. Supplies provided.

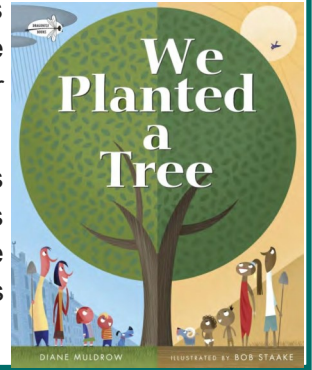
**Lego Builders:** Tuesdays, 3 pm. Recommended for children ages 4+.

**Do Your Homework @ the Library:** Mon.-Thurs., 3-6 pm; K-8 th grade. Fun activities to keep up school skills.

## Story Stroll will debut at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library on June 1

Our own Youth Services Librarian, Melissa Barbour, a Scripps Ranch resident, was instrumental in developing this new program for the San Diego Public Library! People of all ages are invited to take a stroll and enjoy a nature-themed picture book at our branch library and seven other locations.

*We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow will be the first featured book at the Scripps Ranch Library and will be available June 1 – 30 (other titles will be available this month at selected other libraries). All Story Strolls will include a QR-code accessible Read-Aloud in English and Spanish, and select titles, including this month's Scripps Ranch selection, will include Braille transcription.



## Programs for Adults

**\*Summer Reading:** Adults can also participate in the Summer Reading Program.

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

**San Diego Fixit Clinic:** Sat., July 22, 10 am –1 pm. Do you like to fix things? Get help fixing everything from computers, coffee makers, clothes, and toys. Register Today <https://sdfixitclinic.eventbrite.com>.

**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:** Saturdays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, 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.

**\*Library Book Discussion Group:** 4th Wed. of the month, 6:45 pm.

- June 28, *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich
- July 26, *Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery* by Scott Kelly
- Aug 23, *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Soni Purcell.

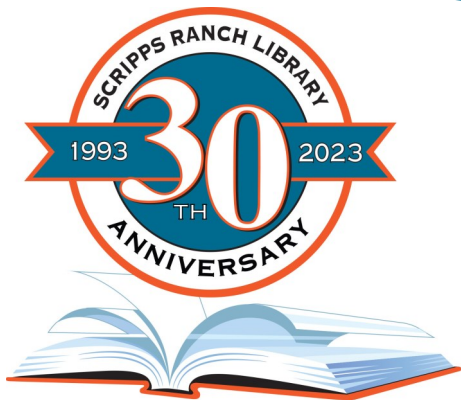
**Please consult the following sources to be up to date with any additions or changes to our schedule of events.**

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

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

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

Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/srfolibrary/>



## Let's Celebrate!

Many of the activities this summer will help to commemorate 30 years in this library.

Mark your calendars for September 30 and October 7 because the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library Board is making big plans!



## The Huntington Library

By Gary Letchinger

I was in Pasadena a couple of months ago, and I was interested in visiting some local cultural attractions. One of the most interesting places I found was the Huntington Library located just south of Pasadena in San Marino. The Library was founded by Henry Edwards Huntington (February 27, 1850 – May 23, 1927) and it is located on a property that was formerly a ranch that Huntington visited in his youth. He later purchased the property and lived there for the rest of his life.

Huntington made an immense fortune initially working for his uncle, Collis Huntington, in the railroad business. Later he purchased the “Yellow Car” streetcar system in Los Angeles and later developed the “Red Car” streetcar line. Eventually he operated 20 streetcar lines in the Los Angeles area and developed numerous residential subdivisions in the LA basin.

Huntington began collecting art and books from Europe and eventually purchased entire libraries. He brought all the books to his property in San Marino that eventually included his residence, art galleries, gardens, and a giant research library with many rare books. The original reading room for the Library is now a museum with an interesting collection of rare books on display in glass cases. One can see a Gutenberg Bible, a first edition of Isaac Newton’s *Principia Mathematica*, and the Ellesmere Manuscript of *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer c. 1400-1405.

There is also a first edition of a book on human anatomy by Rene Descartes. (We remember Descartes for his philosophy books but the majority of Descartes’ written works are on scientific topics such as human anatomy, medicine and mathematics.) There are ancient maps and atlases, original letters, diaries and manuscripts, early photographs of California and countless other treasures. Throughout the property there are drawings, paintings, sculptures, and gardens that one can see and enjoy. There is something for everyone in this library and museum.

If you are in the area and have time then you might also enjoy the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena that has a small but wonderful collection of art works including some famous paintings that you might recognize.

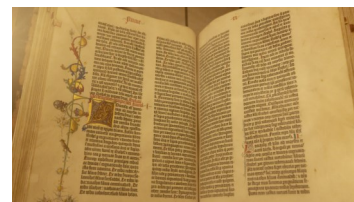
Pasadena is also known for its early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Arts & Crafts architecture. One of the finest examples is the Gamble house designed by Greene & Greene. You can also take a walking tour of the neighborhood nicknamed “Bungalow Heaven” with a mix of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century houses ranging from modest to magnificent.

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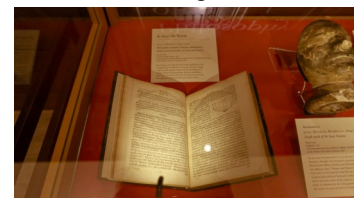
The Huntington: <https://huntington.org/>

The Norton Simon Museum: <https://www.nortonsimon.org/>

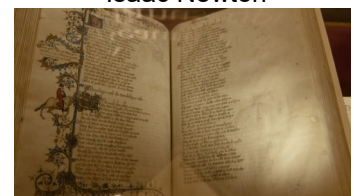
The Gamble House: <https://gamblehouse.org/>



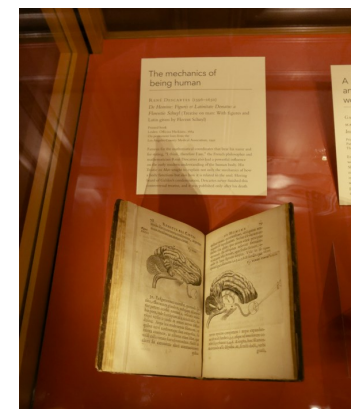
Gutenberg Bible



Principia Mathematica  
Isaac Newton



Canterbury Tales



Human Anatomy  
Descartes

## The Pleasure of Your Company, June 18 Sunday at 2:30 pm in the Library Community Room

Please join us to enjoy “Beethoven to Broadway” by San Diego Chamber Music Society members Bruce Dorcy on horn and Beverly Reese Dorcy on piano. They will perform a varied program of classical to favorite pop music and Broadway tunes. There will no doubt be an interesting dialogue about the pieces and the composers and an amusing anecdote or two.

Beverly, a native of Minnesota, is a freelance pianist and percussionist. She has performed in many symphonies in the San Diego and San Francisco Bay areas. She has performed extensively with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra, San Diego Symphony and San Diego Opera. Bruce began his musical career with 24 years with the National Ballet of Canada and Canadian Opera Orchestras. He has also performed in New York and many California symphonies and operas. This is a light-hearted look at some of their most requested pieces from over 25 years of horn-piano concerts; there is something here for everyone to enjoy.



Masks may be required. 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 us continue to bring fine music to our community. Donors of \$35 or more will be acknowledged in the printed program.

## The Aviara Trio concert Is Postponed

The water main break on Scripps Lake Drive on May 19 prevented access to the library and thus the Aviara Trio concert had to be re-scheduled. They will be rebooked and the new date (and all concert dates) will be posted on <https://www.srfol.org/music.htm>.



## Grace's Book Nook

Sales of our gently used books are going very well. That means the inventory is always changing. Recently the shelves were replenished as volunteers traveled to the used book depository for all of San Diego and selected books they know you will enjoy. So check it out.

**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

## The Semi-Annual Yellow Bag Book Sale will be August 26th

Don't miss this opportunity to peruse and purchase from our huge inventory of gently used books, media and more. There is something for every taste—fiction and non-fiction plus great books for toddlers to teens. The Book Nook, the Conference Room and the Community Room will all be filled with these materials at lower than ever prices.

Once again, Stanley Steemer has provided us complimentary yellow bags that you can fill to brimming for one low price. Find your summer reading here!



## Book Plates

Summer Season is a good reason to Celebrate!

Moms, Dads, Grads, Special Occasions, Birthdays or just for No reason!

Honor a Special Loved One by making a \$25.00 donation to Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library.

They will get a Unique Bookplate with their name on a book like the picture above!

These books are new and will be in the library for all future readers to enjoy!

Place your order through the website or contact [jsloan@srfol.org](mailto:jsloan@srfol.org)

## New Faces on SRFOL Board

As we begin a new year in July, we are delighted to include four new board members. Already these individuals have contributed their time and expertise. Welcome aboard, and please introduce yourselves!

My name is **Susan Haas** and I am excited to join the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library Board of Directors. I am a retired Human Resources Executive working in San Diego within the healthcare industry. My family and I have lived in Scripps Ranch for 15 years, and San Diego has been my home since 1985. As I have launched into retirement, I've discovered our beautiful SR Library is a perfect fit for my time and energy.

My early years were filled with literacy. Our home was filled with learning, books, and music. One of my favorite places was the wonderful public library in my hometowns of Claremont and Corona del Mar. My interest in literacy continues into my adult years. I was introduced to Read San Diego where I was trained as a tutor with the adult learner program. In addition, I served on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Council on Literacy. My tenure with both organizations was so fulfilling and enjoyable. Now it continues as I begin my involvement here in Scripps Ranch with the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library! It's going to be an exciting year as the library celebrates 30 years in our community!



Aloha, my name is **Terry Flores**. I've lived in Scripps Ranch for about seven years. I came to California after living in North Carolina thanks to my service in the United States Navy. I'm an Information Systems Technician by trade, but a photographer at heart. My family and I love the community, so I'm excited to be a member of a team that does so much for the community and its residents.

My name is **Shivani Dhillon**. I have lived in Scripps Ranch since 2007 with my husband and two kids—a girl age 15 and a boy age 10. We also have a dog—a 4 year old miniature poodle. I work as a program manager for an early cancer detection company focused on pancreatic and ovarian cancer.

When I am not working, I enjoy hiking, yoga and cooking. I like to spend time volunteering at ElderHelp, a non-profit organization that enables seniors to live independently. I do check-in calls and friendly visits to the elderly. My long term goal is to get more involved in community service.



My name is **JoAnn Sloan** and I am currently on the Board of Directors for the SRFOL. I am thrilled to be a part of the library community and look forward to my volunteering time spent helping with fundraising and social events.

I have lived in San Diego for 37 years (originally an East Coast girl). We moved from Claremont to Scripps Ranch in 2000. Our son graduated from Scripps Ranch High and went on to the Naval Academy. He is now a Captain in the US Marines—flying the Ospreys in Hawaii. We are blessed with a sweet Granddaughter and are thrilled they will be moving to Pensacola, Florida where we can visit more often.

I am a florist by trade and have run my own business from my home for the last 25 years. I love to do flowers for weddings and special events. I look forward to working with the staff at the library and the SRFOL board to create fun and awesome events in the future!







## Do You Remember MA?

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

The earliest tributes to mothers date back to the annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. Christians celebrated this festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, mother of Christ. In England this holiday was expanded to include all mothers and was called Mothering Sunday.

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it Mother's Work Day. Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day a national holiday to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday of May. In honor of this apparent day, let's celebrate some words that have one thing in common. They all end with the letters MA, an affectionate shortening of mother. From each definition, identify each word whose ending is brought up by MA.

Example: American president: Obama. Hint: the words occur in alphabetical order. I'll avoid all those generally unpleasant medical terms, such as asthma, carcinoma, coma, eczema, edema, emphysema, enema, glaucoma, hematoma, melanoma, plasma, sarcoma, and trauma.

Answers repose at the end of the game.

1. a person or thing despised or cursed
2. a pleasant odor
3. according to Hinduism, the essence from which all life originates
4. an unusual ability to influence people and arouse devotion
5. motion pictures
6. a punctuation mark
7. a problem that requires a choice between equally undesirable solutions
8. what you get at graduation
9. a system of principles or doctrines
10. the chief monetary unit of Greece
11. a play
12. something that is ambiguous or puzzling
13. in Hinduism and Buddhism, the principle that one's actions determine one's future in this life or in other incarnations
14. a priest who adheres to the form of Buddhism practiced in Tibet and Mongolia
15. woolly-haired mammal of South America
16. what Gandhi was
17. a full, wide view of an extensive area
18. a large wild American cat; mountain lion; cougar
19. a long-lasting mark or stain on one's character or reputation
20. solid earth



Answers:

1. anathema 2. aroma 3. Brahma 4. charisma 5. cinema 6. comma 7. dilemma 8. diploma 9. dogma 10. drachma
11. drama 12. enigma 13. karma (Watch out, or my karma will run over your dogma!) 14. lama 15. llama 16. mahatma
17. panorama 18. puma 19. stigma 20. terra firma



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