

Scripps Ranch Friends Of The Library

April 2024 Folio

Hello,

Welcome to the first issue of our new monthly *Folio*. We wanted to provide you with timely updates about the happenings at our Library. Plus, we'll include spotlight features on volunteers and more. We hope you enjoy our new publication!

We'd love to hear your feedback and suggestions. Simply click on the *Folio* Editor and/or SRFOL President links below to email us.

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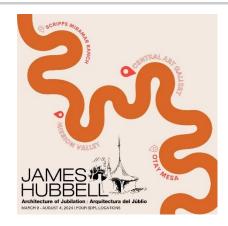


We are #1

Final Winter Reading Challenge numbers are here and the news is good: 784 participants with a 91% finisher rate. And even better, our library took the number #1 spot for participants and completions citywide! Kudos to all the participants who contributed to the success of the program!

Parking Lot Expansion Update

Work continues on the parking lot expansion. The upper lot has been paved and striped, and should be ready for use soon, following which work will begin on the lower lot. The number of on-site parking spaces is limited. Thus, those who are physically able are encouraged to utilize the overflow parking along Meanley Drive which also includes more than 30 spaces in the water department parking lot and can be accessed from Meanley Drive just before entering the small roundabout. Parking Map and directions are here (www.srfol.org/lib-loc-hours.htm).



James Hubbell Exhibit at Our Library!

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library is one of several branches selected to host a celebration and exhibit of artist James Hubbell's through August 4. These panels grace the entry corridor opposite our striking Terra Triptych stained glass windows created by Richard Spaulding and commissioned by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL) at the time our library was built.

Music Program



On March 18th, the Highland String Quartet enchanted the audience with their inspired performances of the Mendelssohn String Quartet No. 2 & the Dvořák String Quartet No. 12.



For our April "The Pleasure of Your Company" concert series, sponsored by SRFOL, we welcome Emilia Lopez-Yañez and Ruth Hertz Weber on Sunday, April 21, at 2:30 pm, performing a program of Romantic and contemporary works for oboe and piano. There is no charge for the concert, although donations are appreciated. Masks are recommended.



Spring into STEAM

Spring into STEAM is the San Diego Public Library's science-focused program series for 9 - 12 years old students. We are partnering with local science experts and organizations to create a truly unique educational experience. Workshops take place both in-person and virtually during the months of March, April, and May.

Click here for details.

Programs for children

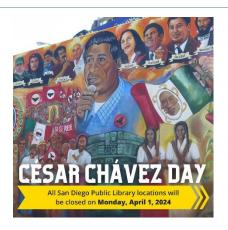
Programs sponsored by SRFOL are indicated by an asterisk (*). For complete details and updates, check our website (www.srfol.org).

- Storytime: Every Wednesday plus 1st and 3rd Thursdays (April 4 and 18), 10 am; toddlers and preschoolers.
- Family Arts Project*: Nature Art: Wednesday, April 3, 4 pm.
- Chess Club: Saturdays, April 13 and 27, 11 am-1 pm.
- Craft programs with ToshWerks*: Wednesdays, April 10 and 24, 4 pm; ages 8+; registration required: [https://sandiego.librarymarket.com].
- Mini-Movers and Music*: Mondays, April 8 and 22, 11:30 am.
- Pajama Signing Storytime*: Tuesday, April 9, 6 pm.
- Art Class with Art Smarts*: Thursday, April 18, 4 pm.
- Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre: Tuesday, April 23, 6 pm; all ages.
- Do Your Homework @ the Library: Monday Thursday, 3–6 pm; grades K–8.

Library Holiday

All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, April 1 in observance of César Chávez Day.

Read up on Chávez's life and legacy as a farm worker, labor leader and civil rights activist by taking a look at the staff book lists in our catalog.





Are you ready for the eclipse?

Are you ready for the solar eclipse coming up on Monday, April 8, 2024? The SR library is giving away solar eclipse glasses (while supplies last) but not hosting an eclipse event. Some of our other library locations are hosting viewing parties as well as other fun eclipse related programs and activities.



Look out for the IdeaLab, opening soon in <u>Scripps</u> <u>Miramar Ranch Library!</u> Innovate, Discover, Experience, and Achieve to create projects from a variety of mediums with the tools the Lab provides to patrons!



Do you know you can check out magazines from our library?

Book Discussion group

Virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 pm, to discuss A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonia Purnell. Email [srfol@yahoo.com] for details and Zoom invitation.

Volunteer spotlight - Bryn Kirvin



I have volunteered at the library for about five years. I started covering shifts at the Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, on the weekends. I then moved on to scanning and stocking donated books in the Nook and back room. In 2021, the Friends asked me to create displays in the library entryway to highlight the Nook. I also volunteer at second Saturday and biannual sales.

Volunteering at our public library brings me back to my roots. I fondly remember walking to the Point Loma Public Library with my grandmother. I loved the smell of books and using colored construction paper as a bookmark on pages of picture books I liked so I could go back and look at the marked page. Later, I grew into reading gothic fiction like VC Andrews's books and will never forget *Down a Dark Hall* by Lois Duncan. My dad would drive me to the old downtown library. I loved getting lost while he browsed. He let me check out as many books as I wanted. When I got older, I dreamed of returning to the Point Loma Library to help raise money for improvements, but now I get to do it in Scripps Ranch!

I enjoy helping people, being part of a team, and working to benefit the library and my community. It is satisfying to assist customers with finding a specific book or a book they didn't know they wanted but end up purchasing nonetheless. I love my volunteer peers and the librarians; they are all great people and fun to be around. Everyone is friendly and supportive of one another. I always leave the library feeling uplifted. It is incredible how much the proceeds from the Nook benefit the library and our community. I also enjoy planning and creating displays highlighting the books and seeing how they sometimes delight the customers, especially the kids.

Last, I am part of my neighborhood book club, Book Lovers of Forestview, and there is a Little Library in my yard. Volunteering on a regular basis helps me watch for books when it is my turn to choose for the group. I also find great books to restock my Little Library inexpensively.

I work full time and I am a parent. Volunteering only takes a few hours out of your week and it sometimes feels like a meditation away from all the chaos of life. There are different opportunities to use the unique skills you have to offer. Our public library is a vital resource and is constantly evolving. Volunteering is a great way to connect with people, keep the grey cells firing, and contribute to your immediate community. You will have fun and feel good about pitching in!

Book Plates

We would like to thank our 2023 bookplate donors. Your donations added new books to our library collection. For more details about this program, please visit our website (www.srfol.org/bookplates.htm).



Visit our website for more up to date information on programs: www.srfol.org

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