



April Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Reminder!

Especially during the parking lot expansion project, please allow extra time to park on Meanley Drive and walk up the scenic, paved, walkway to the library. For a map, please see: <https://www.srfol.org/lib-loc-hours.htm>.

Music Program

The “Pleasure of Your Company” concert series, sponsored Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL), welcomes 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, which is sponsored by the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although donations are appreciated. Masks are recommended but not required at this time.

Grace’s Book Nook

At Grace’s Book Nook, the volunteer-run used bookstore in our library, open Monday – Saturday, find great buys on books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and more. Stock is frequently updated, so stop by often. Spring cleaning? Give your unwanted books a new lease on life by donating them as a tax-deductible donation; you’ll be supporting our library! This month’s 2nd Saturday pop-up book sale is on April 13, 10 am – 2 pm. The Book Nook currently has openings for new volunteers to cover shifts. Email booknook@srfol.org to become involved or learn more.

Programs for Children

If required, please register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Storytime:** Every Wednesday in the Community Room plus 1st and 3rd Thursdays (April 4 and 18), at 10 am in the Children’s Storywell. Storytime regularly incorporates books, songs, fingerplay, rhymes, and more. Geared toward preschoolers 2-5, but babies and toddlers may also enjoy!
- **Family Arts Project:** Nature Art: Wednesday, April 3, 4 pm. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Chess Club:** Saturdays, April 13 and 27, 16, and 30, from 11 am to 1 pm. A free chess club, providing boards, pieces, and one of our great instructors to help you play chess! Parents must be present with students at all times and are encouraged to play along as well.

- **Craft Programs with ToshWerks:** Wednesdays, April 10 and 24, at 4 pm. Join us and local artists Toshwerks for a fun, hands-on DIY crafty project recommended for ages 8 and up. All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required at: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. The April 10th project will be a terra cotta herb garden; the project on April 24th will be a SWANA (Southwest Asian and North African) celebration lantern. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Mini-Movers and Music:** Mondays, April 8 and 22, at 11:30 am; ages 0–5. This is the perfect class for all those mini-movers out there! Filled with creative movement, lots of fun, music, and dance games, this energetic and expressive class will have your child learning age-appropriate dance moves, motor skills and rhythm. A new theme each week guarantees fun and excitement all session long! Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Pajama Signing Storytime:** Tuesday, April 9, 6 pm. A cozy and fun event for families with young children combining the joy of bedtime stories with the added bonus of Baby Sign Language (ASL). Presented by Jennifer Duncan of Signs at Play. Participants are encouraged to wear their pajamas (optional) and bring a stuffed animal for snuggles as they listen to a children’s book being read and signed. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Art Class with Art Smarts:** Thursday, April 18, at 4 pm. Fun, exciting one-hour art class for ages 5–17. Supplies provided, but limited; first come, first served. Project TBA. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Special Earth Day Craft Time:** Thursday, April 25, 4:00 pm. Celebrate Earth Day by decorating a Butterfly House to take home and keep! Recommended for ages 8 and up. All supplies will be provided; but online registration is required at: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>. Wear paint-friendly clothes. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Tuesday, April 23, at 6 pm; all ages. Presented in collaboration with Write Out Loud San Diego, "StoryBox" is the American name given to the Japanese storytelling tradition called *kamishibai*. StoryBox combines dramatic storytelling with a wooden theatre to showcase illustrations in an engaging family-friendly storytime experience for all ages!
- **Do Your Homework @ the Library:** Monday – Thursday, from 3 to 6 pm. Tutor-led homework help for students in grades K–8. Having trouble with that homework? Need a little help? Our friendly Homework Coaches will provide assistance and guide you through your school assignments. You will have access to learning materials; computers, online research tools, and other digital resources available at the library.

Programs for Adults

If required, please register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Mindful Meditation:** De-stress with Mindful Meditation presented in collaboration with the Healthy Adventures Foundation, on Mondays at 1 pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to unwind as you participate in meditative breathing, guided imagery, and muscle contraction-relaxation exercises, which can help lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress. Participants will learn how to use these techniques in their everyday lives. Sponsored by SRFOL.

- **Fun and Games for Seniors:** Join a convivial group of community members to play a variety of board games, etc. on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3 pm and Thursdays from 10 am to 12 pm (except for March 14). Presented in collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Knitting Group:** The knitting group meets in the Seminar Room on Tuesdays from 12 – 2:30 pm. Open to all ages and skill levels. Learn the art of knitting. See how much fun knitting can be! Bring a pair of needles and we'll help get you going; yarn available if needed. See how much fun and gratifying knitting can be!
- **Aging Successfully Lecture:** Friday, April 19, from 10 to 11:30 am; details TBA. Presented in collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Garden Share:** Saturday, April 13, 2 to 3:30 pm. Join us to share your garden. Bring what you have to share; take home something you really want. Be sure to bring a bag to take home your finds! What to bring: Any extra bounty from the garden (produce, fruit, herbs, flowers, plants in pots), seeds, seedlings, tools. Anything garden related is welcome. Come meet your fellow gardeners and share your experiences in the courtyard! In collaboration with Sustainable Scripps Ranch.
- **Scripps-Mesa Garden Club:** Monthly speakers on a variety of topics of interest to gardeners. The group also tours members' gardens and goes on outings to interesting nurseries and farms. Tuesday, April 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
- **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. New members are welcome!

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 work from March 9 – August 4. The overall exhibit and associated program of events is entitled "James Hubbell: Architecture of Jubilation – A Mountain Home and Studios." Those entering our Scripps Ranch Library will have the opportunity to view a number of large graphic panels depicting "Hubbell Mountain Home & Studios"—the source of creativity—where thousands make the pilgrimage to Ilan-Lael to walk its tranquil acreage and marvel at Hubbell's architecture. These grace the entry corridor opposite our striking Terra Triptych stained glass windows created by Richard Spaulding and commissioned by the SRFOL at the time our library was built. For complete information on upcoming related events, check the Art and Culture Exhibitions | City of San Diego Official Website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture>.

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. For a map and directions, please visit <https://www.srfol.org/lib-loc-hours.htm>.

Social Media

- Facebook: @ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary, @SDPLVirtualHub, @GracesBookNook
- Instagram: @srfolibrary, @sdpubliclibrary, @sdplteens

For details and updated information about programs and library happenings, check:

- SRFOL website [<https://www.srfol.org/>], or
- Library's Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary>].