



September Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Special Lecture: Weird and Wonderful San Diego History

Join us on Wednesday, September 4, at 2 pm to hear local author and San Diego Press club award-winning journalist Jack Innis present three stories from his book, *San Diego Legends*. These will include a Kumeyaay First People's tale, the William Randolph Hearst murder mystery, and the Legend of La Loma, about the lone survivor of an 18th century shipwreck who was raised by our community. This program is provided through Oasis and sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL).

Open Mic at the Library!

The Mediocre Writers Society invites writers of all ages—from elementary school to senior citizens—to come and share their creative writing at our open mic event on Friday, September 6, from 4 to 5:30 pm. Read your poetry, your personal narrative, your flash fiction, or something else you've written to our encouraging audience! Register online to participate at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>, or just come and enjoy the show with no registration required! Each registered participant will have up to 5 minutes to share their original work with the audience. Family-friendly content only. Snacks provided, sponsored by SRFOL.

Music Program

"The Pleasure of Your Company" concert series, sponsored by SRFOL, opens the new season with the Peter Sprague Trio performing a jazz program on Sunday, September 8, at 2:30 pm.

Peter and the group will explore music originating from many different genres including jazz, Brazilian, pop, and the blues. Sonic travels will range from Peter's calypso infused "Hanalei Town," and touch down with Hoagy Carmichael's "Skylark," take us to Liverpool with The Beatles, landing gently with Carole King's "So Far Away." The band features Peter on guitar along with the inventive piano of Danny Green and low-end avatar Justin Grinnell on acoustic bass.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations are appreciated. Due to the increasing rate of COVID in our community, masks are recommended.

Grace's Book Nook

Thank you to everybody who shopped at the successful semiannual mega book sale last month! Special thanks go to our dedicated volunteers who made it all possible! Whether or not you missed the sale, you can shop for bargain books every day at Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, open Monday – Saturday. Stock is updated several times a week, so stop by often. This month's 2nd Saturday pop-up book sale is on September 14, from 10 am to 2 pm. Your tax-deductible donations of gently used books are always welcome and can be brought to the library's circulation desk. Email booknook@srfol.org to explore volunteer opportunities.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *Rules for Visiting* by Jessica Frances Kane. Join the discussion on Thursday, September 26, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm in the library's Seminar Room. Masks are optional. Participants may bring their lunch but must remove all trash. Copies of the book are available at the library's circulation desk. New members are welcome!

Library Parking Update

The first phase of the library parking lot expansion project is now complete, and the upper lot has reopened. No work has been done on the lower lot for well over three months; however, this lot remains completely closed, and there is no access from the overflow parking area on Meanley Drive, so parking at the library is currently even more limited than before. Check www.srfol.org for more information. We are looking forward to completion of the expansion, which will add 47 more parking spaces to the original 70 plus a second exit to the parking lot with a traffic light.

Note: It is now possible to drive into the upper lot and return books to the outside book drop. You may wish to plan to visit the library when it is less busy; these times include:

- Monday and Tuesday: 11:30 AM to 2:30 or 3 PM; 6 to 8 PM
- Wednesday – Friday: 9:30 AM to 2:30 or 3 PM; 5 to 6 PM
- Saturday: 3 or 4 PM to 6 PM

Programs for Children and Teens

Count on our library for a wealth of great programs for kids and teens again this month, most sponsored by SRFOL. Note that many of these programs require online registration. If required, please register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

- **Storytime:** Every Wednesday at 10 am in the Community Room. Storytime regularly incorporates books, songs, fingerplay, rhymes, and more. Geared toward preschoolers ages 2– 5, but babies and toddlers may also enjoy.
- **Family Arts Project:** Family Band ala Picasso: Thursday, September 5, from 4 to 5:15 pm; for kids and teens. Learn how to use shapes to make a Picasso themed art project. Visual artist Stacie Greene guides families in the style of Cubism showing how to portray geometric shapes as people and instruments to create a family band. No reservations are required, but supplies are provided on a first-come-first-served basis. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **3D Printing with EcoLogik:** Saturday, September 7, from 3 to 4:30 pm; for ages 9–15. Have you ever wanted to learn how to 3D print? Discover how to create a model of some of the animals found in the Cabrillo tidepools in this exciting program! Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Girls Who Code: Open House and Fall Registration:** Monday, September 9, from 6 to 7 pm. Grades 3–12 welcome. Join us during this open-house style kickoff event for our Fall Session of Girls Who Code Club to register your student or to find out more about our club and what we have planned for this session. Girls Who Code Clubs are meant for girls (and nonbinary) to join our sisterhood of supportive peers and role models and use Computer Science to change the world. When you join a Club, you will be able to learn from fun and simple online coding tutorials, build community through interactive

activities, and learn about inspiring role models. You then work in teams to design and build a Girls Who Code Project that solves real world problems you care about through code! Registration is required at the 9/9 Open House event or onsite to participate in the Fall session. Access to a laptop/chromebook/iPad is essential for this series. If you want to join the club but do not have a device to use or for any other questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Barbour (Mbarbour@sandiego.gov). Our Fall Session will meet on the following Mondays: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, and 11/18.

- **Camera Traps with EcoLogik:** Thursday, September 12, 4 pm; recommended for ages 9–15. How do scientists monitor the park when they aren't around? Explore technology that enables scientists to learn about the ecosystem and try your hand at using this tech yourself. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Chess Club:** Saturdays, September 14 and 28, from 11 am to 1 pm. A free chess club, hosted by Level UP Enrichment, providing boards, pieces, and a great instructor to help you play chess! Parents must be present with students at all times and are encouraged to play along as well. Recommended for ages 6–12; open to all!
- **Art Smarts:** Wednesday, September 18, at 4 pm. Fun, exciting one-hour art classes for ages 5–17; theme and medium varies. Supplies provided, but limited; first come, first served. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Mini-Movers and Music:** Mondays, September 9 and 23, 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, September 19, at 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 experience a children's book being read and signed. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Craft programs with ToshWerks:** Wednesdays, September 11 and 25, 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. The project on September 11th will be beeswax candles, and on September 25th, an "I Heart Fall" bean mosaic. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Art Project: Rolled Paper Intertwined Sculpture:** Thursday, September 19, from 4 to 5:15 pm; for kids and teens. Visual artist Stacie Greene shows families how to design a rolled paper sculpture using recycled paper and your imagination! Use shape, form and dimension to inform your artistic choices and design process. No reservation required but supplies are provided on a first-come-first-served basis. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Tuesday, September 24, at 6 pm. Presented by 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!

- **Biodiversity Snapshot with EcoLogik:** Thursday, September 26, at 4 pm; recommended for ages 9–15. Scientists can't be everywhere at once, so it's important to crowdsource science! Learn how you can contribute to scientific discoveries using tools many of us have in the palm of our hands. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.
- **Biologgers with EcoLogik:** Saturday, September 28, at 3 pm; recommended for ages 9–15. How can computer programming help with wildlife conservation? Participants will conduct an experiment with technology that helps scientists understand how temperature changes can affect animal health. Online registration is required: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com>.

Ongoing Programs for Adults

- **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. Presented collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus.
- **Knitting Group:** The knitting group meets in the Seminar Room on Tuesdays from 12 to 2:30 pm. Open to all ages and skill levels. Learn the art of knitting. 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!
- **Open Beading:** The group of beading enthusiasts meets in the Seminar Room on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 2 pm. Beaders of all levels are welcome, including beginners. Bring your own supplies.
- **Garden Share:** Saturday, September 14, from 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 in the library's courtyard and share experiences! In collaboration with Sustainable Scripps Ranch.
- **Aging Successfully Lectures:** Fridays, September 13 and September 20, from 10 to 11:30 am. The program on September 13th will address Coping with Personality and Behavior Changes. People with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias can experience behavior and personality changes. Learn what those changes mean, and new ways to respond. September 20th program details TBA. Presented in collaboration with Scripps Ranch 50 Plus. Free and open to the community!

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>].