



October Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Monday Library Closure

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library has been closed on Mondays, as of September 15, due to City budget issues. Seventeen of 37 libraries remain open on Mondays; for a list of these libraries, check the Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL) website (www.srfol.org) or the San Diego Public Library website (www.sandiego.gov/library).

Staff Transitions

There has been a major turnover of staff at our library and most others citywide related to the loss of Monday library hours. Our branch manager, Phil Gunderson, has moved back to the Central Library where he will head up Access Services; SRFOL wishes him well in his new position. We have lost our Youth Services Librarian and will truly miss Melissa Barbour who shared her enthusiasm and creativity with the Scripps Ranch community for 7+ years. Our new branch manager is Zeina Guion, who comes to us from the Central Library. Additional staff changes have occurred as well, although there are a couple of familiar staff faces remaining at our library. SRFOL welcomes new staff members and is looking forward to working with Zeina and our new library staff team! On your next visit to the library, please consider making a point of greeting new and returning staff members.

Upcoming Library Closure and Parking Lot Updates

The latest official word is that our library will remain open through the end of December. The planned closure of our library for replacement of the roof and HVAC system will not start until the new year. The closure is projected to last at least 8–10 months. We have also been informed that work on the lower parking lot, which has been suspended for the past 18 months, may restart sometime in October.

Programs for Children and Teens

Fun, engaging, and educational, and fun programs for children, teens, and families continue this month at the library. All materials are provided for arts and crafts programs while supplies last.

- **Storytime:** Every Wednesday, from 10:00 to 10:30 am, in the Community Room. Storytime is now bilingual (English/Spanish)! Storytime regularly incorporates books, songs, fingerplay, rhymes, and more and is appropriate for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

- **Diwali Celebration:** Thursday October 16, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, in the Community Room. Join us to celebrate the festival of lights and new beginnings. Decorate your own Diya, create a card, and enjoy light refreshments. All ages welcome. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Día de los Muertos and Halloween Craftakular:** Tuesday, October 21, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, in the Community Room. Celebrate Día de los Muertos and Halloween at the library! Join us for a colorful celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), which is not a sad occasion but a joyous celebration of life, love, and memory. Highlights will include decorating your own craft pumpkin and a bag for your trick-or-treat Halloween goodies. All ages welcome. Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **Family Board Game Afternoon:** Saturday, October 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of playing award-winning board games for children ages 2–17 and their families! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the world of board games, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. No two programs are the same, as the games provided constantly change. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to have a blast with friends and family. In partnership with Toy Hermit.
- **Craft-to-Go:** While not a discrete event, craft-to-go kits are available to take home! Stop by the Youth Services Librarian's desk in the Children's Area to pick up a kit (while supplies last) for some at home fun! Sponsored by SRFOL.
- **“Cover to Cover” Reading Program: **Just added!**** The In-N-Out Cover-to-Cover Club is back! Through November 15, ages 4–12. In partnership with In-N-Out Burger. Read 5 books or 300 minutes and receive a free hamburger/cheeseburger from In-N-Out! Details: <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/cover-to-cover>. Children may register through the last day of the program.
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Tuesday, October 17, from 10:00 to 10:30 am. **Note time change from the past.** 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. We are hoping to be able to bring this program back next month.

Programs for Adults

- **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 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. In 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, October 18, from 2 to 3:30 pm. Come meet your fellow gardeners in the library's courtyard and share experiences and a bit of 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: Extra bounty from the garden: produce, fruit, herbs, flowers, plants in pots. cuttings, seeds, seedlings, tools—anything garden related is welcome! In collaboration with Sustainable Scripps Ranch.
- **Scripps Mesa Garden Club:** Tuesday, October 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Monthly speakers on a variety of topics of interest to gardeners. The group tours also tours members' gardens and goes on outings to interesting nurseries and farms.

Book Discussion Group

There has been a change in the schedule due to lack of availability of the original October selection, *Norwegian Wood* by Haruki Marukami. Thus, for October, the traditional **Potluck Meeting** at which books are chosen for the upcoming year, will be held in the library's Seminar Room on Thursday, October 23, at 12:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and come prepared to suggest up to 3 of your favorite titles (please make sure that there are at least 12 copies in the library system, check to see how many "holds" the title has, and make a note of the number of pages). New members are welcome! November's selection is *Holidays on Ice* by David Sedaris; note that the November meeting will be on the 13th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. And, for December, the group will be discussing *Norwegian Wood* on Thursday, December 4, another change from the normal 4th Thursday, because of holiday season conflicts. Copies of the books will be available at the circulation desk.

Grace's Book Nook

Make Grace's Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, open Tuesday through Saturday during library hours, your destination for great bargains on nearly new books and media! In addition to a variety of books for all ages and tastes, the Book Nook also stocks CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, greeting cards, magazines, and more, including duck food! Don't miss this month's 2nd Saturday sale, scheduled for October 11, 10 am–2 pm. Smart shoppers: Take advantage of the reprieve from imminent library closure, and while the Book Nook is still open, stock up on reading material for the long drought ahead! Fall cleaning? Your tax-deductible donations of gently used books are always welcome and help support our library!

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>].