



November Events

at the

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Monday and Holiday Closure Information

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library is now closed on Mondays, as of mid-September, 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

(<https://www.srfol.org>) or the San Diego Public Library website

(<https://www.sandiego.gov/library>). In addition, all city libraries will be closed on:

- **Tuesday, November 11 (Veterans Day)**
- **Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving)**
- **Friday, November 28 (Library Observed)**

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

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Upcoming Library Closure and Parking Lot Updates

The latest official word is that our library will be open through December 23, 2025. The Scripps Ranch Library Center will then close on December 24 and remain closed for at least 6-8 months during which time deferred maintenance work, including replacement of the roof and the HVAC system, will be performed. We have also been informed that work on the lower parking lot, which has been suspended for the past year-and-a-half, may resume in January.

Patrons should note that our library will be completely closed to all access by the public and by library staff while the maintenance work is being performed. We have been told that no library material (books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, equipment, etc) will be removed from the library prior to its closure—nor will any library material be permitted to be delivered to or to be removed from the library nor will meeting rooms be available during our library's closure.

Meet Our New Branch Manager and Library Staff

SRFOL welcomes Zeina Guoin, our new Branch Manager! She has previously served in several library systems and has been with the San Diego Public Library for the past 11 years, including positions at the Central library and as Branch Manager at the Serra Mesa Library. Zeina is multilingual in Arabic, French, and English and particularly enjoys nonfiction, especially history and travel.

We look forward to working with Zeina, as well other new staff members Robert, “John,” Cindy (who previously worked at our branch), and Phoua, plus of course returning staff Luis and “IT.” A new Youth Services Librarian, Sarah Banks, very recently joined our library staff as well.

On your next visit to the library, please consider introducing yourself and greeting our new and returning staff members.

Friend Us!

This is a great time to join SRFOL! Join or renew now and your membership will be good through December 2026. Individual memberships are only \$10 (\$5 for students and seniors), dual family memberships are \$20, and individual lifetime memberships are \$250. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that you’re helping to support the library you love, you’ll also receive additional benefits. Visit [<https://www.srfol.org>] or the library to learn about membership benefits and join. Grow from a library user to a true Friend of our library!

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. Through colorful picture books, catchy songs, and playful rhymes, Señor Roberto (or Mr. Robert) brings stories to life in a way that’s fun, educational, and culturally enriching. This storytime is perfect for families who speak English, Spanish, or both—or anyone who wants to introduce their little ones to a second language in a welcoming and inclusive setting. Storytime is appropriate for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. *¡Ven a leer, cantar y disfrutar con nosotros!*
- **Kamishibai StoryBox Theatre:** Friday, November 7, from 10:00 to 10:30 am. **Note day and time change!** 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.
- **Family Board Game Afternoon:** Saturday, November 22, 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.
- **“Cover to Cover” Reading Program:** 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.
- **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.

Special Holiday Craft Workshop for Adults

Join Us for a Festive Craft Workshop at the Library! Get into the spirit of the season with our “How to Make a Thanksgiving Centerpiece” workshop! Learn how to create a stunning garland-style centerpiece using deco mesh, burlap, and ribbon, perfect for your holiday table or mantle. Led by our talented craft leader Robert, this hands-on session will guide you through blending textures, colors, and seasonal elements to make a one-of-a-kind decoration. All materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own seasonal items—such as small pumpkins, faux leaves, pinecones, or ornaments, and Robert will help you incorporate them into your design. This program is for adults of all ages; teens accompanied by an adult are also welcome to participate. Sponsored by SRFOL.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *Holidays on Ice* by David Sedaris. Join the discussion Thursday, November 13, from 12:30 to 2 pm, in the Seminar Room. Bring a brown bag lunch, if you’d like. New members are welcome! Next month’s selection is *Norwegian Wood* by Haruki Murakami; mark your calendar for December 4th; note change in meeting week from regular schedule. Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk.

Ongoing Programs for Adults

- **Fun and Games for Seniors:** Join a convivial group of community members to play a variety of board games, etc. on 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.
- **Scripps Mesa Garden Club:** Tuesday, November 18, from 5:30 to 7:15 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.

Grace's Book Nook

Grace’s Book Nook, the used bookstore in our library, is open for your shopping pleasure Tuesday through Saturday during library hours. In addition to a variety of books for all ages and tastes, the Book Nook also stocks CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, greeting cards—including a nice selection of Christmas cards, magazines, and more! Many of our books are in giftable condition, making the Book Nook the perfect place to find stocking stuffers.

And, did anyone say “duck food”?! Kids and those young at heart love our special waterfowl food as do the resident and migratory ducks and their cousins who live at adjacent Evans Pond.

Don't miss this month's 2nd Saturday book sale, scheduled for November 8, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Finally, 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>].