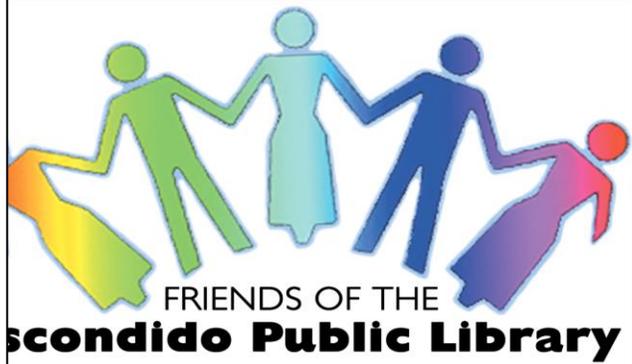


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The Friends News

Please note . . . March is National Reading Awareness Month

The Library will be Closed:

Sunday, April 12, Easter

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day

President's Message *Linda Parker*



This new decade kicked off lots of activity in the Friends of the Library Book Shop. The Library performed a "clean up" of their stacks and donated a wealth of books to our Shop. Many are in the Shop now and more are shelved weekly. Donations to the Shop have been very good and we are grateful for the generosity of the people of Escondido! Did you know that all proceeds of sales in the Shop are donated back to the Library to fund the wide variety of services and events for every age group. These services and events are completely free to the public and are educational and/or entertaining. The Escondido Public Library is a vital and active part of our City and if you haven't visited in a while, you are long overdue.

Our Book Shop is always busy as new books, magazines, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs find themselves on our shelves from the Donation Bin. For 2020, we will continue to have our Half Price Sales at the end of each month and, as we started last year, our Shop will be restocked during the Sales.

I want to congratulate Marge Kelly as the recipient of the Mayor's 2020 Leadership Award. Marge has been a volunteer at the Library for 30 years - and she's still active! We are grateful for Marge and her years of experience. In closing, our greatest need is for additional volunteers. We currently have about 40 people who volunteer their time. As a volunteer, you can work as many or as few hours as you choose. We need people to sort donations, price materials, shelve books, and work in the Shop. Do you have some free time? Volunteering at the Library has been the best thing I've done since retirement.

Library Administration *Dara Bradds, Library Director*



It has been a very busy 2020 so far!

In January, we completed the library's annual survey. We collected 1,114 surveys in total. The results of which help us better serve the Escondido Community by providing the programs and services survey responders tell us they want.

We also experienced staffing changes. After many years of excellent work in Customer Services, Lorna Underwood announced her retirement in January. Her last day was the 31st. We advertised the position and received many resumes. After interviewing numerous candidates, I am pleased to announce the promotion of Vince Rulien from part-time Library Associate 2 to full-time Library Associate 3. Vince has worked for the library for 12 years and has been an invaluable member of the team. He has demonstrated excellent customer service skills and knowledge of library services.

Technology & Support Services *Katy Duperry, Ass't Library Director*

Winter is almost over, and Technology and Support Services is gearing up for spring with the following changes, improvements, and new innovations!

- We have opened a recruitment to fill Vincent's former part time position in Customer Service.
- Library Operations Manager and Archivist Aspen Hill has continued working on streamlining Customer Service procedures and is currently working with Customer Service staff to better organize the Circulation Workroom space.
- Library administration has worked with the City of Escondido InfoSys Department and improved the library's phone menu system to make it easier for patrons to navigate to correct service desk.
- The Escondido Library Foundation has funded a new projector and sound system for the Library's Turrentine Room, which is set to be installed by fall of 2020, and will improve the ability of both Library staff and outside renters to utilize audio and video equipment for their events.
- Don't miss the Pioneer Room's next Gallery Exhibit! The Camp Sunkist Gallery Exhibit will be on display in the Pioneer Room from March 3rd through June 25, 2020. Camp Sunkist was built in 1942 by the Escondido Lemon Association to house migrant workers. It contained 42 one-room bungalows once located where the Escondido Transit Center now resides. The photographs were taken in 1987 just prior to the demolition of the camp.

Literacy and Youth Services, Dan Wood, Principal Librarian

Children Summer Reading Challenge Event

- June 18, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: Crafts
TBD
- June 25, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: John Abrams
A wacky blend of magic, comedy, music, and, live exotic pets in an audience participation extravaganza guaranteed to amaze and amuse!
- July 2, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: Marc Griffiths
Visit IMAGINATION ISLAND with this inspirational and hilarious ventriloquist. Overcome life's pirates! Overcome evil dragons! Encourage the whole family!
- July 9, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: Buster Balloon
Enjoyed by kids, parents, and even angsty teen siblings, The Buster Balloon Show is a wild and wacky mix of side-splitting comedy, mind boggling magic, and the most amazing twisted balloon creations you have ever seen! All presented by the lovable human cartoon character that is Buster Balloon.
- July 16, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: Rick Huddle
Weird AI as Children's Librarian. Parodies of rock songs from the 80's, mashed up with fun characters from picture books. Your little ones will love singing and dancing to bands from REM, the Go-Go's, & the Clash, while hearing about books from Melanie Watt and Margaret Wise Brown.
- July 23, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: Crafts
TBD
- July 30, 2020 at 2:00-3:00 PM: Pajama Jam Party
Wear your PJs and have a blast at our first ever end-of-SRC party!

*Potential Events: Tea-Rexiquette in June
 Tween Event on June 26



Annual Dr. Seuss Readers Theatre

Adult Services, Azar Katouzian, Senior Librarian

Adult Services (AS) department is happy to announce its Fall and Winter activities were big successes. **Halloween Makeup** program had 45 attendees, **International Games Week Finale!** had 125 attendees, **Marbling Magic** had 50 attendees, **Festive Felts** had over 66 participants, and each **Movie Matinée** has had good attendance. **The Dia De los Muertos program**, a group effort between Adult Services and Youth Services departments, was a successful Fall program. This department also started **live streaming the 2nd Saturday concert** on social media in November, with over 20 live online viewers each time. Two successful community outreach presentations were offered to the Escondido Woman's Club and to Cypress Court.

Between the Covers: A new Romance book club began in January at two locations: the **library** and **Cypress Court**. For Information about the selected books, please check: <https://library.escondido.org/bookclubs.aspx>

A **3D printing Class** began in February to train patrons interested in learning how to design 3D printing objects. At the March 27 class, learn the basics of Tinkercard, an online tool to create 3D designs.

The 2nd annual Wellness Fair, Movie Matinée with Screening 4 movies, and the **2nd Annual Writing Competition** were other programs held January and February 2020.

Spring Events:

The AS department is excited to share its upcoming Spring events:

- ❖ **Career Guidance Series:** this quarterly program teaches job seekers how to build their resume and will walk them through the different steps of hiring. The first part will be on March 20. You will learn how to build professional, attention-grabbing resumes from the employer's perspective, apply expert principles to present your value, and showcase key skills by using examples of results and accomplishments. Pre-registration is required.

- ❖ **The Chronic Wellness Goddess: Yoga in three Sessions** teaches the skill of focusing on breathing, stress releasing and sound healing (March 14, April 25 and May 23). Sessions start at noon and last until approximately 1:15 pm. The first session on March 14 will be a gentle and beginner-friendly yoga. You will be led through a therapeutic, all level, yoga flow focusing on breath and body connection. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket and wear comfortable clothing.

- ❖ **Behind the Curtain** brings the skills of playing in theater to community members who are interested in learning about live performance (Every Monday, March – May).

- ❖ **3rd Annual Open Mic** invites writers and all the patrons to share their experiences in their life and writing (April).

- ❖ **Egg Dipping and Spin Art** are two sessions of **Artsy Adults** which will bring two exciting and educational craft programs.

Monthly educational and entertaining programs include:

- ❖ **2nd Tuesday Book Club, Rincon Literario (Bilingual Book Club), and Graphic Novel Book Club** which are centered around reading.

Adult Services (continued)

- ❖ **2nd Saturday Concert Series** brings the music and culture to the library to entertain the community. Scheduled performances:
 - March 21: Kylie Rothfield
 - April 11: The Rough and Tumble
 - May 16: Vieness Piano Duo

- ❖ The twice-monthly **Escondido Writers Group** program focuses on writing techniques, the steps to successfully publish the writing, and sharing the writing experiences with author guests. Writers of all genres are invited to read their work and receive group critiques in a friendly and comfortable environment.

- ❖ **Movie Matinee** entertains patrons with screening the movies

- ❖ **Read Local, Shop Local** is a community and partnership-based program, which tries to make a bond with the local businesses to provide more services for the library patrons and the community.

In order to provide more services, AS department is happy to accept free 3D printing orders from library members.

Friends Book Shop News, Linda Atkinson, Shop Coordinator



Good news! Our first-year business relationship with bookseller OBS has generated an income of \$8,280, and we thank our volunteer Sorters for their extra work to make this happen. We look forward to continued success in the new year.

The Friends has created a committee that is considering ways to solve problems and improve organization (including housekeeping) of our main areas: Sorting, Pricing, Shelving, Selling. We're working with library staff to see how we can work together to make these improvements happen and will reach out to our wonderful volunteers for your help and suggestions. Stay tuned!

Reminder: Book Shop Hours are now: Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

UPCOMING HALF-PRICE SALE DATES IN THE BOOK SHOP

March 27 - 28

April 24 - 25

May 29 - 30

Volunteer Services, Cookie Allen, Volunteer Coordinator

Congratulations to Friends of the Library Bookstore volunteer, **Marge Kelley**, for winning the Mayor's Award for Volunteers, 2020. Marge is an amazing person who has been volunteering with the Friends of the Library for over 30 years. Nominated by her good friend Janet Rulien, Admin. Coordinator in Communications and Community Services for the City of Escondido. Janet wrote in her nomination letter, "Marge is just awesome! She is so inspirational, hardworking, perky, dedicated and so incredibly knowledgeable. We have been very blessed to have such a wonderful community member!" Marge was recognized on February 26, 2020 at the City Council meeting.



Marge is pictured holding her Volunteer of the Year Award certificate from 2019's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Library Volunteers ~ Save the date, **Thursday, April 16, 2020** for the 2020 Volunteer Luncheon! Invitations will go out in early March. Please let me know if your address has changed.

And to close out 2019, FOL held a volunteer appreciation luncheon in the Turrentine Room on December 17. As the saying goes: "Let them eat cake!"



Judy Tisdale and Elmer Cameron

Application for Membership

Individual - \$10.00
Family - \$15.00
Supporting - \$35.00
Life Membership - \$125.00
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Editor's Pick . . .

Paws for Reading: After participating in the Humane Society's "Walk for Animals" on February 22, I am so happy to note that our library has a wonderful program, "Love on a Leash," involving therapy dogs. Patrons ages 5 - 12 read aloud to certified leashed pet therapy dogs for fun and to help improve reading skills.

The free program is offered Wednesdays, from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the Turrentine Room. Upcoming dates:

March 25, April 8 and 23, and May 13 and 27, 2020
(The March 11 date is full.)

Pre-registration is required (library.escondido.org/register)





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