



PROGRAM EVENTS

First Sunday Music Series

Due to the increasing popularity of the First Sunday Music Series, seating will be limited to the chairs in the room only. Let's all stay safe and have fun.

UCSD Music Live

Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 2:00pm

UC San Diego Department of Music presents "UCSD Music Live" - a concert directed by faculty members, soprano Susan Narucki and clarinetist Anthony Burr. Top vocal and instrumental performers will be featured from UCSD's graduate and undergraduate programs, as well as UCSD faculty. The concert will be a mix of classical and new/experimental music.

Trumpets R Us (TRU)

Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:00pm

The inspiration for this ensemble, which uses Bb trumpets, piccolo trumpets and flugel horns to create a unique brass sound, comes from the recent success of similar trombone and French horn ensembles that have met with popular acclaim during recent concert performances.

The Middle-Earth Ensemble

Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2:00pm

The Middle-Earth Ensemble's derive their influences from many different styles, including Arabic, Persian, Turkish, folk, jazz, classical, rock and improvisational music. Middle-Earth Ensemble creates a fusion of all these styles for a unique sound all their own.

Third Wednesday Meet the Author Series

Susan Vreeland, author of *Luncheon of the Boating Party*

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:30pm

New York Times bestselling author, Susan Vreeland writes her rich stories by entering the mind and heart of painters that have taught her to see and be more appreciative of the beauties of the visible world. Susan will speak on her latest novel, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*.

Stacey O'Brien, author of *Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl*

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6:30pm

Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and his Girl is a *New York Times* bestseller. This love story begins when a young biologist adopts an injured baby barn owl – and unknowingly embarks on a relationship that will last almost two decades. Stacey O'Brien is trained as a biologist specializing in wild animal behavior. Stacey will be joined at her talk by an education barn owl from SkyHunters in Alpine. (www.SkyHunters.org).

Danalee Buhler, author of *Running From Coyote-A white family among the Navajo*

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 6:30pm

"*Running From Coyote* is a remarkable book, a brilliant example of how a writer can use memories of her own childhood to introduce the world to another culture. Not only does Ms. Buhler provide a clear view of the Navajo people, my own favorite Native American culture, she also tells a wonderful story of a white girl growing up between the Sacred Mountains." -- Tony Hillerman

REMEMBERING MARION



You may have noticed the new bronze plaque on a sandstone boulder at the southeast corner of the library grounds. This is a memorial to Marion Rowe, who worked at the old Encinitas library for many, many years. Her family and friends wanted to help us all remember the delightful Marion in this way and the City was pleased to allow it.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You may sometimes ask yourself why anyone bothers to become a member of the Friends of the Encinitas Library. I want to tell you some of the reasons we are so proud of what we are doing.

First of all, since the new library has opened, we have sent over \$45,000 to the San Diego County Library (SDCL) for new books and other materials such as CDs, DVDs, and magazine and newspaper subscriptions. About half of that money has come from the bookstore, where 50 volunteers (we need more!!) are enjoying the fun of selling off donated books to eager buyers. We think it is one of the best community services around, because we provide a place to buy books, CDs and DVDs in good condition at reasonable prices and raise money for the library at the same time. We also enjoy the camaraderie of working with other volunteers who love books and are charming people in their own right.

The rest of the money this year came from donations to the new library for books and materials. Every penny of that money was matched by the SDCL, as was the money from the bookstore, so the worth of our donation was doubled. This is so gratifying to all of us! The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has funded the matching funds program for about 8 years now, and it is a great gift to us all.

The other great benefit the Friends provide to the community is through our ongoing Music and Lecture series. Thanks to the hard work of the Program committee, we have consistently been able to bring free, quality programs to Encinitas. The performers and lecturers are paid for with Friends money in our own series, and we also help the Encinitas Library to provide programs to the community.

So, why would anyone bother to join the Friends? Well, it is because it is a dynamic group focused on enhancing the quality of reading, cultural and educational opportunities to the entire community. And we have a great deal of fun fulfilling this mission. So, thank you for being a Friend!

Anne Omsted, President

RED HOT READS—books worth checking out

Sacred Games by Vikram Chandra

An epic novel steeped in the complex ‘masala’ of life of modern India. There are more than a half-dozen subplots to be savored in this finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, but the main events take place between Inspector Sartaj Singh, a Sikh member of the Mumbai police force, and Ganesh Gaitonde, the most wanted gangster in India. There are dozens of intriguing characters including Mumbai street urchins, globe trotting gurus and Bollywood film stars. You’ll find yourself immersed in mystery, romance, and Indian cultural nuances.

Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris

Called the “Catch 22” of the business world, this book begins in 2001 as the dot-com bubble bursts and the billings of an unnamed Chicago ad agency decline precipitously, resulting in rolling layoffs. Written in the first-person plural, the “we” voice describes the dynamics of cubicle culture—the deadlines, the elaborate pranks, the gossip. As the novel progresses one learns more and more about the quirks and mannerism of this dysfunctional family of misfits.

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THANK YOU BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS!

Thirty-some members of the Friends attended a party to celebrate the conclusion of our very successful first year in operation of a fantastic Book Store. The theme *Hearts, Books & Flowers* gave us an opportunity to have fun decorating with valentine hearts and book reviews cut as table décor. Red and pink cyclamen offered to us wholesale by Eleanor Weidner, of Weidner’s Gardens, graced each luncheon table. (The flowers were then sold, offsetting their cost.). The abundant organic veggies for our luscious salads were donated to us by Scott Brown, of Brown’s Plants, and a handsome ceramic container full of hardy succulents came to us courtesy of Lisa, of Barrels & Branches. Let’s show our appreciation for the generosity of these local businesses by patronizing them when possible.

We ate and talked, and had drawings for some unusual items that accompanied book donations. Finally, gorgeous turquoise totes with the FOL logo were distributed as a token of gratitude for the more than 5,600 hours given by volunteers in the first year of the Book Store. —Connie Louis, coordinator of volunteers

LIBRARIAN'S NOTES

Our Gardening Heritage is the new theme for the Special Collections Room. We have gathered the library's books related to plant life in this area to highlight through December 2009, including information which features the history as well as future growth plans of the Quail Botanical Gardens. Here are a few of the beautiful books that make up this special collection:

Planthropology: The Myths, Mysteries, and Miracles of My Favorite Gardens by Ken Druse. An award-winning garden writer puts together a collection of plant lore, trivia, anecdotes, histories, and beautiful color photographs.

Designing with Succulents by Debra Lee Baldwin. How to design, plant and nurture a succulent garden, including descriptions of hundreds of succulent species.

Designer Plant Combinations: 105 Stunning Gardens Using 6 Plants or Fewer by Scott Calhoun. Simplifies the subject of plant combining by concentrating on designs of 2 to 6 plants.

Designing California Native Gardens: the Plant Community Approach to Artful, Ecological Gardens by Glenn Keator and Alrie Middlebrook. Gardeners will learn the benefits of going native with gardens that use less water and preserve our natural heritage.

California Gardener's Guide Vol. 2 by Nan Sterman. Plant recommendations for California's diverse climate by Encinitas author Nan Sterman.

Job Hunting Help at the Library

San Diego County Library has recently been adding titles on resume writing, interviewing, and job searching in response to the increased demand in the current economic situation. Demand for Internet service is also increasing, with many customers needing help with online job applications, filing for unemployment, and general job searching.

In addition to the above help, the Encinitas Library will be offering a 4-part series with professional career counselors Janet McAfee and Simona Cherlin entitled *Job Hunting During Difficult Times*. The series runs four Friday afternoons in the Community Room:

- **“Planning Your Job Search”** - get clear about your skills, interests, and values in order to become focused and strategic in your hunt. *Friday, April 24 from 2 – 3:30 PM*
- **“Resume Tips and Mistakes to Avoid”** - create an effective resume. First impressions do count! Gain an edge by finding out what catches an employer's eye and puts your resume on the top of the pile. Learn how to market yourself on paper to maximize your odds of getting invited to an interview. *Friday, May 8 from 2 – 3:30 PM*
- **“Networking 101- Why & How to Network”** - tap into the “hidden job market” through effective networking. Endlessly scanning job postings on the Internet will get you nowhere if you don't know how to reach out to people. Did you know that many great jobs are never publicly advertised? They get filled through the employer's personal contacts and who they recommend. Your goal is to become one of those recommended people, and networking is the best method. *Friday, May 22 from 2 – 3:30 PM*
- **“It's the Interview that Gets You the Job!”** - calm the butterflies and be prepared to “wow” your interviewer. Gain an edge by learning how to increase your chances of being called back for a second interview, or better yet, being offered the job! Come and get a little practice in answering some of the tough questions, network with your fellow participants, and receive personalized answers to your questions. *Friday, June 5 from 2 – 3:30 PM*

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FRIENDS' MISSION STATEMENT

To support the Encinitas Library as it strives to encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading throughout our diverse community. Through fundraising, we seek to enhance the library's resources, increase the community's access to information and knowledge, and provide a vibrant cultural gathering place.

FRIENDS of the ENCINITAS LIBRARY

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!

We have all heard it from our parents and more than likely most of us have used it on our children. Over used? Perhaps, but none the less it is true. The Friends of the Encinitas Library Bookstore, sure looks and feels like a bookstore but I am here to tell you it has turned out to be so much more.

I first volunteered and began working with the Friends in an attempt to give just a little something back to this community that has given so much to my family. Here was an opportunity to help create a new source of reading and learning at very affordable prices to our families, friends and neighbors. Under the very capable leadership of Anne Omsted and Connie Louis we have done just that. Because of the generous donations of the community over 24,000 paperbacks were sold in our first year. An additional 12,000 hardbacks and 4,000 specialty books also left our shelves to enrich the lives of their readers. The end result of all of this is that thousands of dollars have been given to further enhance our library!

Okay, so what does this have to do with, "*You can't judge a book by its cover?*" Well, while all of those numbers are wonderful, it isn't what keeps me coming back to the library every week. I wish I could say that I am driven by the need to give back even more but my motives are much more selfish. I keep coming back because my life has been greatly rewarded by the wonderful people I work with, the sense of being a part of something that matters to the community and the vision of the legacy we can leave for future generations of Encinitas residents.

I can't wait to see and talk to the other the volunteers; I love to hear about books and what is happening around town from the patrons. We could double the donations, triple the sales and the greatest reward would still be working, talking and learning from all the people that come in and out of the Bookstore.

So what may look like a bookstore from the outside is much, much more when you are volunteering from the inside. If you want to learn more about Encinitas, meet people who have similar interests and passions and get the feeling you are a bigger part of the community, come volunteer with us at the bookstore. You may think you will only be taking payments, shelving books and offering friendly smiles, but very quickly you will learn that the rewards are well beyond the time spent. You'll see that we are much more than our cover!!

David Jones, Book Store Co-Manager

Meet the Staff Continues...

Diana Velati – Librarian I

I started my library career with San Diego County eight years ago as a technician in the old Encinitas branch. When the library closed down for construction, I worked at Cardiff, Solana Beach, Vista and most recently in Rancho Santa Fe as the Branch Librarian. Last December , I promoted to the position of Librarian I. My background is in Architecture and Urban Planning. I speak Spanish and French. I am happy to come back to Encinitas and be able to contribute to the community I live in.