
**MEET SAN DIEGO'S
NEW LITERACY
CHAMPION!**

The library's award-winning READ/San Diego program welcomes a new leader | [Page 10](#)

HERE'S YOUR NEXT **SUMMER** **READ**

Learn how your support builds
a stronger library in our new
Impact Update



Representatives from Group 4 Architects, the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation SD, the library and Library Commission at June's Library Master Plan presentation.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear library supporter,

Welcome to our freshly redesigned Impact Update! I hope you enjoy this broader and more colorful look at how your support makes a difference.

Each day, our libraries respond to community needs with world-class services that change lives in every community.

Unfortunately, the library must do more with less. Our libraries are underappreciated and underfunded, and our collective advocacy efforts are more essential than ever.

We're disappointed in this year's library budget and will push city leaders to back their library support with action in the future (**more on page 5**). This systemic underfunding isn't a recent development. It is why reforming the library funding model is

so important and why we continue to work to get the Libraries and Parks for All initiative on the 2024 ballot.

I'm excited as the Library Master Plan, a cornerstone of long-term library health, approaches the finish line. Watch a recent plan presentation at bit.ly/master-plan-draft, and we'll update you on additional opportunities to share input this fall.

Thank you for being a partner in this critical work!

Sincerely,

Patrick Stewart
CEO, Library Foundation SD

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JIM DAWE LIBRARY CHAMPION: KATIE SULLIVAN

Remembering Jim Dawe's legacy and honoring Katie Sullivan's 38 years of leadership.

A library supporter and advocate since 1985, Katie Sullivan is the inaugural Jim Dawe Library Champion. Former Library Foundation Chair Mel Katz presented the honor at the Foundation's 20th anniversary celebration. At the celebration, Mayor Todd Gloria dedicated one of the ninth-floor terraces at the Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common as the Jim Dawe Sunset Terrace.

→ Event photos:
bit.ly/3G4MKVB



Katie and Dan Sullivan (center) with family and friends on the Jim Dawe Sunset Terrace.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY: SUPPORTING LGBTQIA+ PROGRAMS

Creating welcoming, safe, and inclusive programs and spaces that foster connections.

The library offers more than 20 diverse programs that uplift LGBTQIA+ voices, stories, history, and culture.

The Library Foundation supports the library's annual Pride Library Card Contest, held in partnership with San Diego Pride. This year's winning card design by Claude Castañeda was selected from 89 submissions and is available at all library locations.

More:
→ bit.ly/lgbtq-sd-library

"My grandchild, Ruby, came out as non-binary. A lot of members of our families had a hard time accepting Ruby and it has had a big impact on us. This means the world to Ruby and me. It's great that the library is hosting programs where kids like Ruby can see themselves and find inspiration from trans adults living their truth!"

— Trans Awareness Week program participant



The library and the Library Foundation SD team marched in last year's Pride Parade.



The Gomez family relies on programs the San Ysidro Library's Youth Services Librarian provides.

LIBRARY ADVOCACY: MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

City budget includes materials spending but falls short on maintenance and Youth Librarian investments.

Thank you to the advocates who joined us to push for additional materials and maintenance investments and full-time Youth Service Librarians (YSL) at every branch in the FY24 budget.

LibrariesTransformSD budget requests were only 0.03% of the city budget. We were pleased that a clear majority of Council included them in their memos, but disappointed that the final budget only had a one-time \$250,000 addition for materials.

Full-time YSLs are crucial to a library's relationship with its community. YSLs spark a love of reading and provide a safe learning environment for teens and children.

With tighter budgets on the horizon, our advocacy is crucial, and your voice is needed.

Read our thoughts on city accountability:
→ bit.ly/budget-fails-library



LIBRARY SHOP SD

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TREAT-YO-SHELF AND YOUR FRIENDS!

All proceeds from Shop purchases support San Diego libraries, as well as many local vendors and artisans!

libraryfoundationsd.org/shop

7TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

August 19 | 10 am–4 pm
University of San Diego

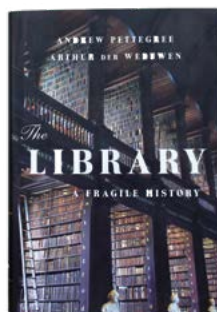
Visit the Library Shop SD booth at this free event for book and library lovers of all ages. Enjoy workshops, activities, photo booths, live entertainment, discussions with award-winning authors, and more!

→ More info:
bit.ly/sd-festival-of-books



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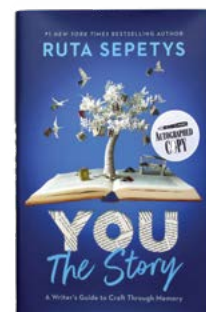
The Library: A Fragile History



Poverty: By America



The World's Worst Assistant

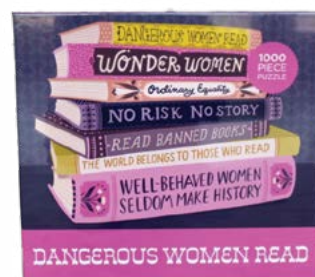


You: The Story

GREAT GIFTS



Support Your Local Library T-Shirt



Dangerous Women Read Puzzle



The Library Candle
(Old Books/Eucalyptus/Lavender)



Dinosaur Charm

GIFTS FOR KIDS



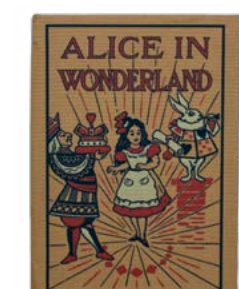
Magic Water Colour-In Cards



Metal Zingy Springy Toy



Once Upon a Book



Alice in Wonderland



Grab your magnifying glass for the library's miniature book collection.

CULTURAL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Foundation donors deepen the library's special collection.

The Library Foundation was pleased to work with the Miller Family to add historical miniature books to the library's special collection

Dating to the 18th century, this broad and intriguing collection of more than 500 titles provides a unique look at the history of printing and the creation of books. Some of the books are as small as 3 centimeters and require a magnifying glass to read.

Also coming soon is the Helen N. Cushman Stamp Collection. Library

staff are processing more than 200,000 stamps in this significant collection.

The Library Foundation has lent its support to help grow the library's special collection and to help librarians as they catalogue and digitize the collection so it is accessible to everyone.

This special collection is on display in the Hervey Family Rare Book Room at the Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common.

Read more: bit.ly/hervey-rare-book



Former Library Foundation SD Chair Steve Hermes and his wife, Franci.

#WHYISUPPORT: STEVE & FRANCI HERMES

"The Foundation is a perfect way to make a positive difference in the lives of others in San Diego."

Steve Hermes has seen how the Library Foundation "helps the library system provide every resident of San Diego and beyond with a safe environment for access to materials, programs, and technology, at no cost." This impact led Steve and his wife Franci to support the Library Foundation financially and become Carnegie Society members with a planned gift, naming the Foundation as the beneficiary of an Individual Retirement Account. "We want to give back to the community through supporting the library system in time, talent, and treasure."

Steve & Franci's story: bit.ly/hermes-giving





MEET NICOLE SETTLE: READ/SAN DIEGO'S ADMINISTRATOR

You may know Nicole Settle as the Carmel Valley Library branch manager. We're happy to announce that Nicole now leads the library's award-winning adult literacy program READ/San Diego.

Last year, Val Hardie retired after leading READ for 34 years. READ works to stop the intergenerational cycle of illiteracy, aiming to help the 560,000 San Diego adults who cannot read and write well enough to meet their everyday needs and pursue their career goals.

By providing free literacy instruction, READ has helped these adults read their first book, obtain employment, vote, and support their children's education.

Before coming to San Diego, Nicole worked at the Fresno County Public Library for 6 years, leading children's programming and Families for Literacy programs.

Nicole reports more than 200 adults and 100 families currently are enrolled in READ programs.

"I hope to expand our reach by providing new and innovative programming for learners and their families."

She is working to increase enrollment numbers to pre-pandemic levels and restart the beloved Tutor Conference.

More about READ:
→ bit.ly/read-san-diego

UPCOMING EVENTS



**GOOD NATURED:
ART &
ENVIRONMENT**
Through July 30 |
Central Library Art
Gallery

More: bit.ly/good-natured-art



**WHERE'S ODI @
SDPL**
Through July 31 |
All library locations

Odi the Coyote is hiding at all 36 libraries in the Library Shop SD's most popular program. How many can you find?

More: bit.ly/wheresodi



**LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH**
September 2023 |
All library locations

More: bit.ly/sd-library-card



**MATCHBOOK
STORY CONTEST**
October 1 -
November 15 |

Watch out for San Diego's quirkiest literary contest, now in its 7th year!

More: bit.ly/matchbook-story-contest



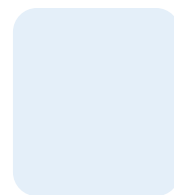
**BANNED BOOKS
WEEK**
October 1 - 7 |
All library locations



**SAN DIEGO ART
PRIZE**
October 28, 2023 |
Central Library Art
Gallery

This annual award and exhibit spotlighting artists from San Diego to Ensenada, Mexico, returns to the Central Library.

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If you're age 65 or older, you can make a Library Foundation SD gift and also receive fixed, secure payments for your life and the life of a loved one. The remaining sum supports the Library Foundation mission. This gift also may qualify you for capital gains and income tax benefits.

Read more: bit.ly/charitable-annuity

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