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I joined Representative Sarah Jacobs, Mayor Todd Gloria, Councilmember Raul Campillo and Friends of the Library and library leaders to celebrate the city purchase of the land to build a new San Carlos Library.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear library supporter,

The Library Foundation SD is joining the library to protect intellectual freedom. In this issue, you'll read about our funding for the local launch of Books Unbanned, a national effort to fight increasing book bans and challenges.

Book bans stamp out intellectual freedoms our country was founded upon. And they stifle the free access to information that makes the library a cornerstone of democracy.

Thank you for making this work possible. I'm proud of our impact and our continuing work to ensure the long-term health of the library system.

The new Pacific Highlands Ranch Library is taking shape, and it's rewarding to see progress made on a new San Carlos Library and projects in Oak Park and Ocean Beach.

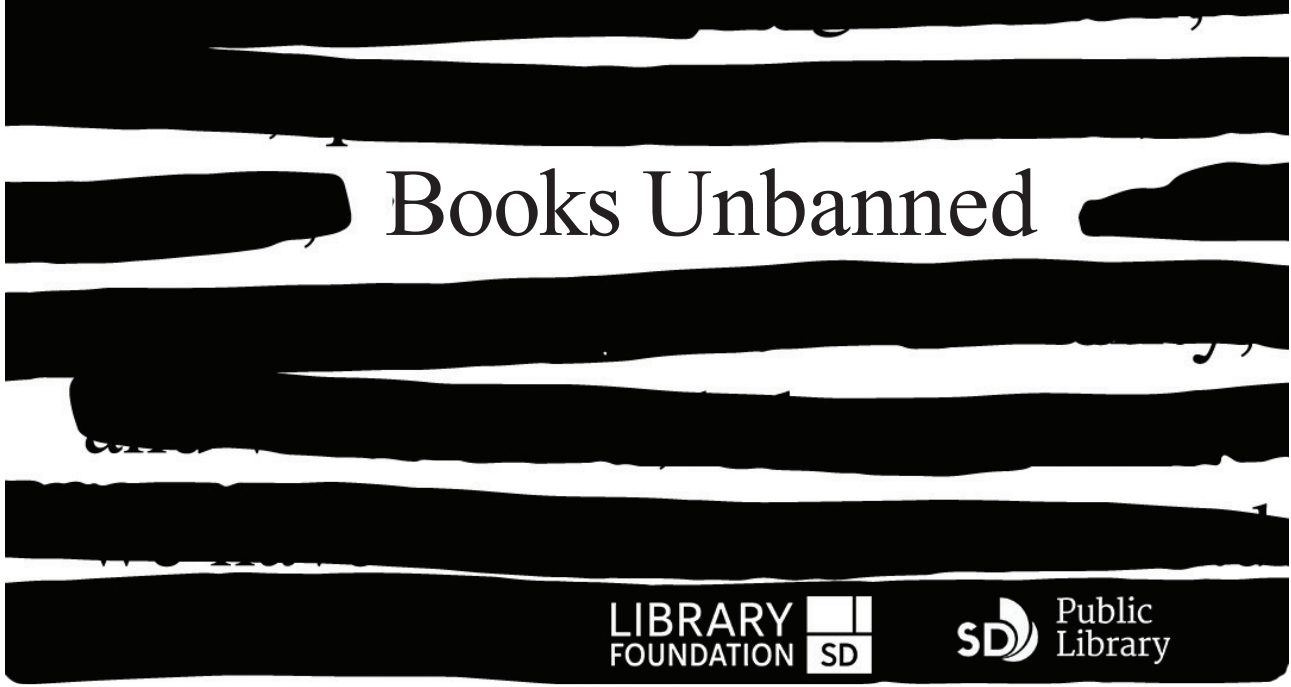
We know there are so many needs systemwide. The Library Master Plan we've spearheaded provides a road map to address these needs equitably. We're seeking city approval and commitment to this plan in the coming months.

To fully realize this plan, the library needs adequate and reliable funding. We continue our work to qualify the Libraries & Parks Investment Act for the November 2024 ballot and will have more news early next year.

Thank you for making this work possible!

Sincerely,

Patrick Stewart
CEO, Library Foundation SD



BOOKS UNBANNED PROTECTS INTELLECTUAL FREEDOMS

Program promotes freedom to read and the library as a place where everyone belongs.

We've seen increasing and coordinated efforts nationwide to ban books. Challenges disproportionately target books with diverse perspectives, such as those from people of color and the LGBTQIA+ community.

We aren't immune in San Diego. In June, two patrons tried to limit access to LGBTQIA+ materials by checking out all the titles in a Rancho Peñasquitos Library Pride display. Foundation donors helped the library quickly replenish the display and grow the library's collection.

In response, the library and Library Foundation joined the Brooklyn Public Library and other libraries in an initiative defending the freedom to read.

Books Unbanned is completely supported by Library Foundation SD donors. It gives young adults ages 12 to 26 living anywhere in the U.S. access to the San Diego Public Library's online collection of banned or restricted eBooks and eAudiobooks—at no cost to the reader.

For every copy purchased for the Books Unbanned collection, we will purchase at least one copy for the San Diego collection.

Learn more:
→ bit.ly/reading-is-freedom



Adult High School students celebrated their diplomas at Central Library ceremony.

LIFELONG LEARNING DREAMS REALIZED: ADULTS EARN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Inspiring stories of hope, perseverance, and achievement at library's Adult High School graduation.

The library's Adult High School Diploma program offers adult students, primarily from low-income communities, a chance to earn an accredited high school diploma.

Thanks to our donors, graduates participate at no cost to themselves or their families. Students take classes and access schoolwork online — at their own pace — and receive free support and educational resources from the library.

Since 2015, the library has helped 135 adults earn a high school diploma, including the 17 June graduates.

Graduate Melissa Catan-Paz said, "Each time I successfully completed a class I felt proud of my accomplishment. I proved to myself that I can do anything I set my mind to."

Read more and see photos of the celebration:
→ bit.ly/library2023graduation



LIBRARY FOUNDATION SD

NEW SAN CARLOS LIBRARY CLEARS A KEY HURDLE

Library Foundation joins in "We Bought the Lot" celebration.

A long overdue larger, more modern San Carlos Library is one step closer to reality with the city's purchase of the parking lot at Golfcrest and Jackson Drives. The city purchased the site of a former gas station adjacent to the current library after a prolonged environmental approval process. At a recent "We Bought the Lot" celebration, Library Foundation SD CEO Patrick Stewart spoke of the Foundation's commitment to working with the Friends of the Library and local, state, and federal leaders to complete the project. Representative Sarah Jacobs, Mayor Todd Gloria, Library Director Misty Jones, and Councilmember Raul Campillo also spoke at the event.

More information and event photos:
→ bit.ly/we-bought-the-lot



Library mascot Odi with Library Foundation SD Trustee and Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Friends President Sam Yoeuth (left) and Michael Winer. Michael's father Jack was instrumental in negotiations in the 1990s that allowed the city to purchase the lot.

OVERDUE CONVERSATIONS: DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS

Foundation premiers new discussion series with Downtown San Diego Partnership's Betsy Brennan.

Libraries are about much more than books. They also are about education, creativity, innovation, technology, community, and so much more.

To spotlight this broad library impact, our collaborative partnerships, and advocacy efforts, the Foundation launched *Overdue*, a series of discussions with community leaders. *Overdue* will highlight these leaders'

stories and how libraries play an essential role in their work.

September's first discussion with Betsy Brennan focused on challenges facing downtown and exciting opportunities on the horizon.

→ Watch the discussion:
bit.ly/betsy-brennan



Patrick Stewart and Betsy Brennan in the Hervey Family Rare Books Room.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION SD

ADVOCACY ALERT

TAKE ACTION: OVERDUE LIBRARY INVESTMENTS NEEDED

Join library advocates and call for additional funding for library staff, maintenance, and materials.

City funding of the library is falling further behind. The current library budget is 3.45 percent of overall General Fund spending, far short of the Library Ordinance's 6 percent standard. Over the past 20 years, **the library budget is \$641 million short of city budget funding goals.**

Join our call for the city to make these investments in the upcoming budget:

- **\$495,000 to ensure every branch has a full-time Youth Service Librarian.**
- **\$500,000 to create a library maintenance budget** so the library can begin to address its \$50 million deferred maintenance backlog.
- **\$250,000 in additional, ongoing materials funds.** The county spends more than three-and-a-half times more on books, materials, and e-resources than the city does.

→ Learn how you can help:
bit.ly/library-advocacy

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GUILT-FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

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

libraryfoundationsd.org/shop

3RD ANNUAL SHORTIES: A MATCHBOOK STORY CONTEST AWARDS GALA

December 7 | 6:30 pm
Neil Morgan Auditorium | Central
Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common

Who's written the best short, short story for 2023? Join us December 7 when the Library Shop reveals the winning story submission short enough to fit on a matchbook.

More info:
→ bit.ly/shorties-lfcd



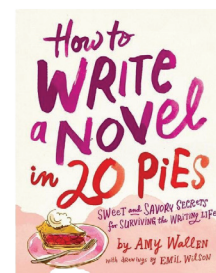
BOOKS WE LOVE



Begin Again: How We Got Here and Where We Might Go



The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone & How We Can Prosper Together

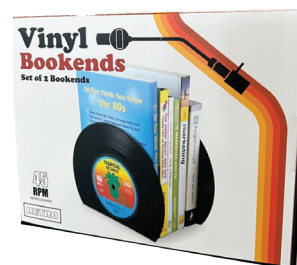


How to Write a Novel in 20 Pies

GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS



Dinosaur Bottle Opener



Vinyl Bookends



12 Days of Tea Advent Calendar



Drinks on Me Coasters



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Fantasy Jewelry Box



Odd Ballz Light-Up Wizard Flyer

GIFTS FOR KIDS

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Thank you to our supporters. Without these partners' support this past year, the Library Foundation SD's significant impact would not have been possible. Thank you to the following individuals who made donations of \$1,000 or more between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.

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Pacific Highlands Ranch Library promenade entrance rendering (HGW Architecture).

CULTURAL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Library an important addition to North County community.

Construction is moving forward on the newest library location. When the 18,000-square-foot Pacific Highlands Ranch Library opens in late 2024, it will be the 37th San Diego Public Library location and will serve the rapidly growing North County coastal area.

The library is located on Village Center Loop Road, adjacent to The Village shopping area and across from the Pacific Highlands Ranch Recreation Center and Canyon Crest Academy.

The open-concept Santa Barbara-style library will include a large, adaptable

community room, multiple large and intimate meeting rooms, separate adult, children, and teen reading areas, and an engaging maker space focused on paleontology. The library also features a welcoming outside community gathering space and public artwork by San Diego-based artist Janelle Iglesias.

Look for opportunities for recognition at the newest library location beginning next year.

For more information, please contact Natalie Ganz:
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Group 4 Architecture Principal David Schnee presents plan at the September Board of Library Commissioners meeting.

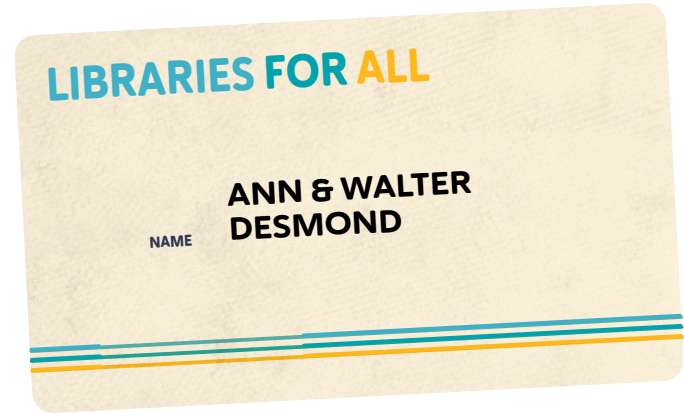
LIBRARY MASTER PLAN HITS THE HOMESTRETCH

More than 11,000 San Diegans shared their library insights in the plan going for City Council approval this fall.

For more than four years, the Library Foundation and library have partnered to develop a new road map to ensure future library investments are equitably invested and reach every community. From library branch workshops, online surveys, Library Commission presentations, and focus groups from a broad range of populations, San Diegans made clear they love their library and library staff. They also shared what they would like to add and change at their local branch. This plan will guide library operations and technology as well as library spaces and facility investments.

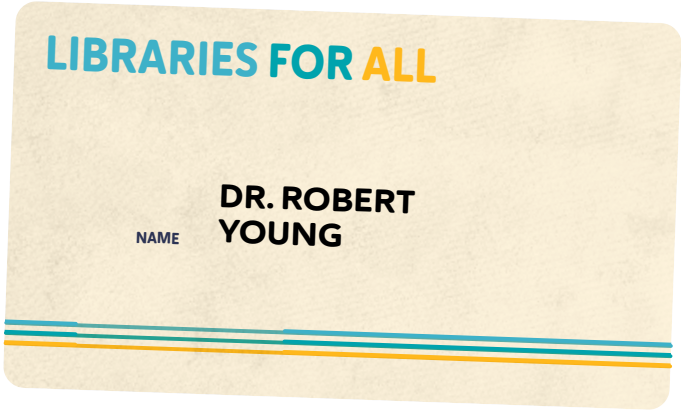
Read the plan and learn more:
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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

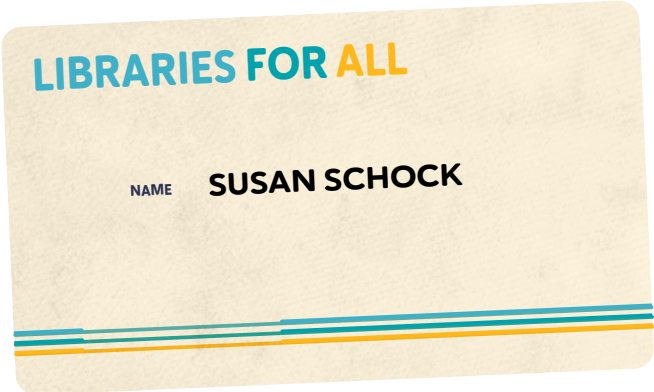


"The library is an important pillar of our community and a fundamental element of our cultural life. All San Diegans are library beneficiaries and depend on a thriving, active library."

"Libraries are essential to democracy and to a civil society! Libraries are one of the few places that you can gather an entire community, the full range of social and economic diversity in a neighborhood or town. Libraries are essential infrastructure for any municipality."



"Libraries are one of the best inventions ever! Free books for everyone! What could be better? Supporting the Library Foundation is one way to make sure that libraries fulfill the many roles they play in the community."



UPCOMING EVENTS



AUTHOR & AUTISM SPOKESPERSON
DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN
November 27 | 7 pm
Central Library Neil Morgan Auditorium

More: bit.ly/grandin-sdpl



GIVING TUESDAY
November 28

GivingTuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to use their individual power of generosity to remain connected and support their communities.



SONO FEST & CHILI COOK-OFF
December 3 | 11 am - 5 pm
Thorn St. & 32nd St.

Join the Library Shop at SoNo Fest and do some holiday shopping.



RENÉE AHDIEH WITH LIZZ HUERTA
December 8 | 7 pm
Central Library Neil Morgan Auditorium

Bestseller Renée Ahdieh presents *The Ruined* in conversation with heralded author Lizz Huerta.

More: bit.ly/ahdieh-sdpl



YEAR-END FOUNDATION REVIEW
December 2023 | Online event

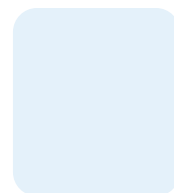
Watch for details on this celebration of our libraries' impact and the importance of your support.



STATE OF THE CITY RECEPTION
January 2024 | Location & Date TBD

A reception for library advocates prior to the mayor's January 2024 State of the City. Stay tuned for details.

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