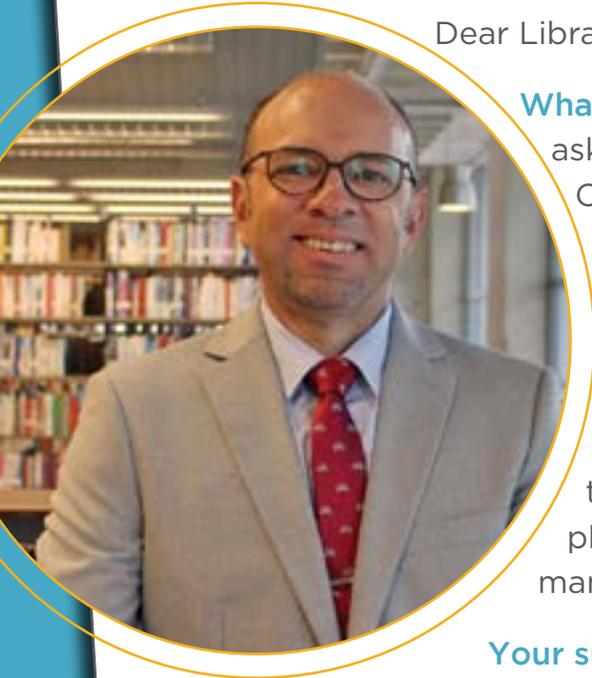




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Dear Library Foundation supporter,



What can your Library do for you? That's the question we're asking San Diegans as part of the Library Master Plan Community Survey. As you will read in this Impact Update, we opened the community survey on February 17 in partnership with the Library. I hope you will share your own input before April 17, and also ask those you know to participate.

Broad community participation is essential as we build this plan that will provide a framework for how the City plans for the Library's future. We need to hear from as many people as possible, from every part of San Diego.

Your support has allowed us to focus on longer-term, systemic issues facing the Library today, such as the need for a Library master plan. You'll also read about our continued backing for programs that bring life-changing Library programs to those who need them now more than ever.

In addition, I hope you can join us for the next webinar in our ongoing information series on estate planning. See the enclosed flyer for more on this March 30 webinar.

Special update to supporters

Finally, I'm happy to announce the launch of our blog, which will allow us to go more in-depth on issues impacting the Library world. The first post is a cooperative entry from Library Director Misty Jones and myself. In the future, we will continue to feature content from a broad segment of Library collaborators, to share their perspectives.

Gratefully,

Patrick Stewart
Library Foundation CEO

Read more about the
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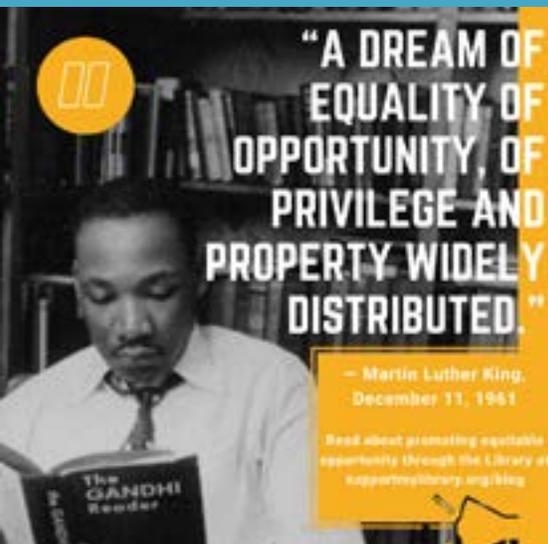


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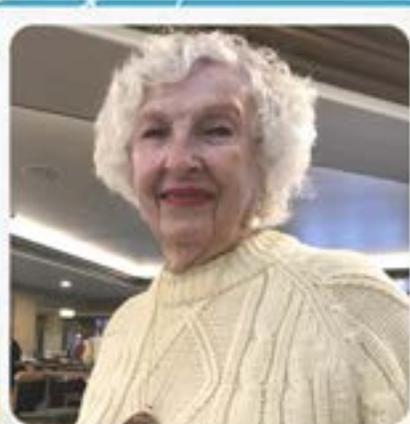
The way the Library serves the community has changed dramatically. Unfortunately, the plan that guides long-range Library planning was approved by the City Council in 2002 and was based on outdated 1990 census data. Therefore, it does not consider technological advances and new ways we all use the Library. We are working with the Library and the Mayor's office to draft a new plan that won't leave any communities behind. We need the input of all our communities to ensure that our Libraries are best serving you. The future of our Libraries is in your hands; fill out the community survey by April 17 to build a better system for all. Make sure your voice is heard by taking the survey at SupportMyLibrary.org/master-plan or following the QR code link on the back page.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW BLOG



Follow the Library Foundation's new blog for an insider's perspective on the issues impacting our Libraries, and for updates on the Library initiatives we support. Our first post, a collaboration between Library Director Misty Jones and Library Foundation CEO Patrick Stewart, honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work to champion equal opportunities for everyone. It also addresses how the Library is continuing Dr. King's legacy by promoting equitable access to Library resources. Check out our new blog, be the first to comment, and share it with your network at SupportMyLibrary.org/blog.

LONGTIME ADULT LITERACY TUTOR HONORED WITH ANNUAL AWARD



Thank You, Jane

During READ/San Diego's 33rd annual awards event celebrating adult learners and their volunteer tutors, the Jane Rappoport 10-Year Veteran Tutor Award premiered to honor longtime READ volunteer tutor Jane Rappoport. Jane's husband, Allan, contacted Development Manager Kymberly Mueller with the goal of supporting READ/San Diego. The philanthropic solution was to make a generous annual gift in perpetuity through a Donor Advised Fund. Read more about Jane's inspiring life and work as a literacy tutor at SupportMyLibrary.org/jane-rappoport.

THE IMPACT OF PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS DIGITAL INEQUITIES



We are proud of our support of Library NExT Level Access, which addresses digital inequities by providing K-12 youth living in low-to-moderate-income communities with resources so they can participate in free Virtual Library NExT programs, including STEAM education, College Test Prep, and Workforce Development. Thanks to your support, students without access to the internet or computers at home during the pandemic were able to obtain them through the Library and keep up with their studies. Tom, a volunteer with San Diego Youth Services, praised: “The Library has helped us obtain laptops for some of our kids who would never be able to afford a computer. During the pandemic, our students are more isolated than ever, and having a way to stay digitally connected has helped them and their families tremendously. Along with the ability to obtain a free laptop, the Library has made available a great series of programs and educational opportunities that users can connect with.”

LIFELONG LIBRARY SUPPORTER ENSURES LIBRARY ACCESS FOR ALL



As a retired educator of 40 years, Janis Jones’s love of learning, ideas, and reading was instilled from an early age at the encouragement of her parents. Armed with her trusty Library card, Janis has relied on the wide range of her local Library’s services for both research and entertainment over the years. That’s why Janis named the San Diego Public Library Foundation as the beneficiary of her CalSTRS (CA State Teachers’ Retirement System) account. Read more about Janis’s planned gift, and how you can support your Library through planned giving at SupportMyLibrary.org/janis-jones.

WATCH THE BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK: A VIRTUAL DATING GAME



Our Library Shop’s first-ever virtual “dating” game matched hopeful readers with their next books. We’ve posted the full list of books from the show on our Library Shop site at bookshop.org/shop/libraryshopsd. Visit the site to order any book you like, often at a discount, and have it delivered right to your door with the proceeds supporting the Library system. Want to join in the fun next time? The next edition of our virtual dating game will stream live on our Crowdcast channel on Thursday, April 22, at 4 p.m. Register at crowdcast.io/sdplf to join the fun and watch a replay of our first event!



CALL TO ACTION: PROTECT LIBRARY SERVICES



Inspired by everything you read in this update? The pandemic has severely impacted the City's budget, and our Libraries need you now more than ever to ensure needed public investments in Library programs and materials. Sign up on our website and we will send you postcards to send to the Mayor and City Council encouraging them to protect the Library's transformative services at LibrariesTransformSD.org/send-a-postcard. Then, mark your calendar for May 5 to continue the fight for our Libraries at this important City Council budget hearing!



Thank you for making all of this possible



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