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Dear Library Foundation supporter,



Over the past several months, we've heard from thousands about how much they **rely on the Library as an essential city service, central to their success** in school, the workplace, and the community.

Nearly 7,500 people participated in the Library Master Plan community survey. And, when the Mayor proposed significant cuts, hundreds of supporters actively advocated to restore the Library's budget.

During a meeting of the San Diego Budget Review Committee, Councilmembers agreed that the Library needed to be prioritized (watch the video at tinyurl.com/SDLibraryBudget). "The Library should be at the top of priorities in the budget," said Council President Jennifer Campbell. Councilmember Vivian Moreno pointed out, "Libraries are the only place students in my district can access the Internet or even have a safe place to study." Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera said the Library is "one of the few places people are treated with dignity and given access all without cost, no matter where they sit on the social ladder."

Special update to supporters

Though the restoration of the Library budget was encouraging, it highlighted the **need to examine how the city invests in the Library system, or the "systemic divestment in the Library,"** as Councilmember Elo-Rivera labeled it. "We need to...treat our Libraries as the sacred spaces that they are and provide them the investments our Libraries deserve," he said.

Because of your continuing support, we are in a position to work with our advocacy partners, the Mayor, and the San Diego City Council to help make a long-term impact on how San Diego invests in its Libraries. I look forward to keeping you up-to-date on this progress.

Gratefully,

Patrick Stewart
Library Foundation CEO

**Read more about the
impact of your support** →

How can we help keep you informed about the Library Foundation's work? Take our brief survey online at surveymonkey.com/r/SDPLFSurvey, or fill out the enclosed survey and return it in the enclosed envelope.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT.

LIBRARY ADVOCATES REVERSE BUDGET CUTS

Faced with a proposed ten percent cut in the Library budget, LibrariesTransformSD supporters successfully advocated for its restoration, as well as important investments in new materials, programs, and staff training. Thank you for your help in earning this win. During the Library budget hearing, every Councilmember noted the impact of our Library advocates.

Our collective advocacy will be even more crucial as we move forward. Although the budget was restored and gained allowances for new materials and programs, it is still woefully inadequate. We hope this is the first step toward long-term systemic changes to the city's investment in its Libraries – and we will need your support as we call on our elected leaders in the future. We encourage you to join us by signing up to become a Library advocate at LibrariesTransformSD.org.



Councilmember Campillo holds up hundreds of postcards he received from advocates urging restoration of the Library's budget. Visit tinyurl.com/advocacydifference to see Council meeting highlights.

PRELIMINARY LIBRARY MASTER PLAN RELEASED

Library Master Plan Interview on KUSI



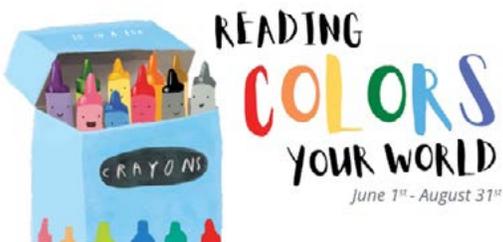
WATCH NOW

We are continuing our work with our private and public partners to develop a new Library Master Plan that provides a long-range vision and strategy for investments in SDPL facilities, technology, and programs. At the June Library Commission meeting, consultants from Group 4 and Carson Block Consulting presented the preliminary findings and framework for a new Plan. These findings incorporate input from nearly 7,500 San Diegans who completed the community survey, including more than 300 Library staff members and 15 focus-group sessions with marginalized and underrepresented communities. Comments to preliminary findings will be considered before the next draft is released for further public input this summer. For additional Master Plan information and to view the presentation and a KUSI story on the plan, visit SupportMyLibrary.org/master-plan.

JOIN US FOR THE 2ND LIBRARY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY READ-A-THON

Once again, we're excited to support the San Diego Public Library's annual summer reading program by sponsoring the Library Foundation Community Read-A-Thon! Join our community-wide goal to complete 250,000 learning experiences by the end of August. If that goal is reached, we'll donate \$10,000 to support Library youth programming.

Participating is easy! When you sign up for the 2021 Summer Read-A-Thon and log your summer learning activities, they will automatically count towards the community goal. Register now at tinyurl.com/21ReadAthon.



IT'S CALLED ESTATE "PLANNING" FOR A REASON

4 Essentials of Estate Planning with Nancy Spector



WATCH NOW

Everyone wants to ensure loved ones are not burdened with questions about how their estate should be handled after they are gone. They also want their estate plans to reflect their values and their intent.

What's the key? Planning ahead! That was the theme of a March Library Foundation estate planning webinar with Nancy Spector. The webinar was the second in a series intended to provide trusted estate planning information from professionals in the field, including the most effective way to give to charities. Watch our presentation at tinyurl.com/4essentialswebinar.

*This webinar is for informational purposes only. Be sure to consult your qualified professional advisors regarding your individual circumstances.

YOUR INVESTMENT DOLLARS AT WORK: NEW MICROBUSINESS CENTER

Coming Soon! Microbusiness Center



Providing San Diegans with Business Success Tools at the Library

We're excited to announce the opening of the Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common's new Microbusiness Center, created to provide our community with the technology, expertise, and resources to help launch early-stage small businesses. The Microbusiness Center will also allow the Library to scale its offerings by increasing involvement and influence in San Diego's small business development. The Microbusiness Center will offer the entrepreneurial community a flexible space to accommodate coworking, expert consultations, and events, as well as a dedicated public space for accessing trusted business research, information from the Patent and Trademark Resource Center, and business books and databases. Thanks to you, we are able to support innovative Library programs to help San Diegans get to work!

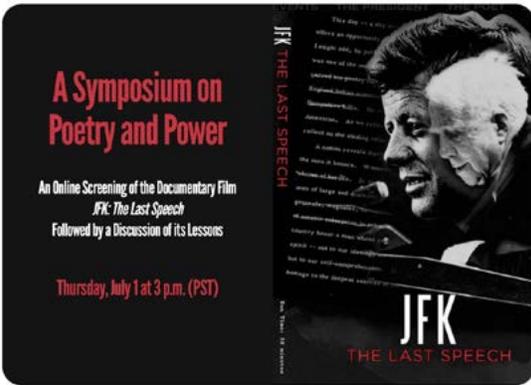
LIBRARY SHOP NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SHOPPING



Over the last year and beyond, our Library Shop has popped up curbside at 24 San Diego Public Library branches (multiple times each), dropped orders off at your doorstep, and paid so many visits to the post office our bubble wrap supply is now depleted. We're thrilled to announce the re-opening of our Library Shop in the Central Library @ Joan Irwin Jacobs Common. Stop by for some masked in-person shopping, or you can visit our online shop at libraryshopsd.org. We're open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We can't wait to see you!



JOIN US AND THE ROBERT FROST SOCIETY ON JULY 1



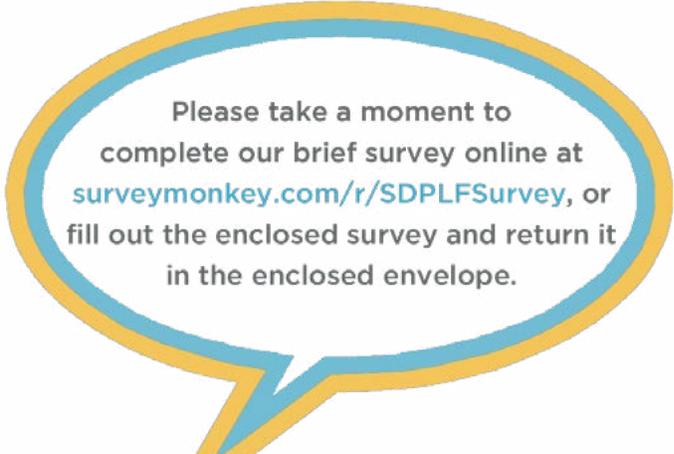
On October 26, 1963, President Kennedy spoke to Amherst College students and faculty at the dedication of the Frost Library. In what is widely hailed as one of his greatest speeches (delivered only 27 days before he was assassinated), Kennedy urged students to use their education in the service of the public good. In his speech, he also celebrated Robert Frost as an archetype of “the artist in a free society.” Our July 1 event features an online screening of the documentary film *JFK: The Last Speech*, which beautifully chronicles this address. We will also host a symposium discussion of the speech’s enduring impact.* In 2020, the San Diego Public Library was named the permanent home of the Robert Frost Society and center for the study of Frost’s work. Learn more and register at SupportMyLibrary.org/poetryandpower.

*This event is presented by Reunion '64, Inc., Edinboro University, the San Diego Public Library Foundation, and the Robert Frost Society.

A PRIDE CELEBRATION OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION



The Library is again celebrating the contributions and resilience of LGBTQ+-identified communities with programs, resources, and a Pride-themed library card. Visit facebook.com/SDPLpride for a virtual storytime with Barbie Q and Raquel Ita, a Latinx drag queen activist couple in San Diego, who use storytelling to educate and empower children by inspiring a love of reading and teaching deeper lessons of building a diverse and inclusive society. This fall, the Library Foundation and Library Shop will present a virtual screening of the documentary short film, *Las Reinas De Los Cuentos* featuring Barbie Q and Raquel Ita. Stay tuned for updates on this screening.



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