

Working for the library's long-term health.

Dear library supporter:

Summer is here and that means the library's Summer Reading program is in full swing, encouraging San Diegans to read beyond the beaten path. Our Library Shop's acclaimed system-wide search is back with Where's Odi @SDPL. We at Library Foundation SD are also in the midst of our celebration of 20 years of community and innovation in support of our libraries.



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- Social Justice & Equity
 - Early Childhood
- Education & Lifelong Learning
 - Digital Learning & Access
- Economic & Workforce Development
 - Cultural & Civic Engagement

Ensuring that the library has the resources to help our community learn new skills, pursue lifelong ambitions, and achieve a better life is our founding principle. We can do this work because of you, through philanthropy, outreach, and advocacy. You will read more about some of our recent work in these categories in this update. I hope you appreciate how your Library Foundation support and partnership help make these successes possible. Thank you.

During our 20th anniversary, we are publishing a series of articles on our new website highlighting library and Library Foundation achievements and looking forward to the significant long-term impact we can cooperatively create for our libraries. Keep an eye out for these articles, including one highlighted in this report!

Critical to that long-term impact are our efforts to complete the Library Master Plan and to get a library and parks funding initiative on the 2024 ballot. You will find more about these efforts in this update, and I look forward to sharing our progress with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Stewart".

Patrick Stewart
CEO, Library Foundation SD

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■ Advocates secure a library-friendly budget



Maria Felipa enrolled her son in the Do Your Homework Program when she saw “too many zeros.” With library help, “those zeros started turning into points.”

We successfully secured \$672,000 in city funding to convert our Do Your Homework @ the Library tutors to benefited positions in the FY23 budget, thanks to library advocates. The library-friendly budget also includes new investments in library materials, technology, maintenance, and the library match program. We were pleased to recently discuss with ABC 10 News San Diego the importance of this program, which has provided students with more than 192,000 tutoring sessions and is critical to parents like Maria Felipa, a Logan Heights mother of three. A lifelong library user, Maria turned to the library for help. “I don’t have the resources to find tutors elsewhere, so I depend on this,” says Maria. This will have a positive impact on thousands more San Diegans like Maria and her children.

Watch Maria’s story at bit.ly/maria-felipa.

■ Creating the future for our libraries



Patrick Stewart, Library Director Misty Jones with Master Plan consultants Carson Block (left) and Jill Ayers (right).

We celebrate the city’s FY23 budget but also recognize the continuing need to find long-term funding solutions to library operational and capital needs. We continue to work with the library to complete the Library Master Plan, officially launching the next phase last month with a community event that included consultants, Friends of the Library, and representatives from our elected officials. And, starting July 9, a signature-gathering effort will begin as part of the Libraries and Parks for All citizens’ initiative to help fix our crumbling libraries and parks and ensure that these public resources can meet growing community needs. In partnership with the San Diego Parks Foundation, we are looking to gather signatures by year-end to qualify for the November 2024 ballot and secure a long-term, dedicated libraries and parks revenue source. Learn more about the ballot initiative at librariesparks4all.com and stay tuned for email updates on the next phase of the Library Master Plan.

■ 20+ visions for 20 bright years ahead

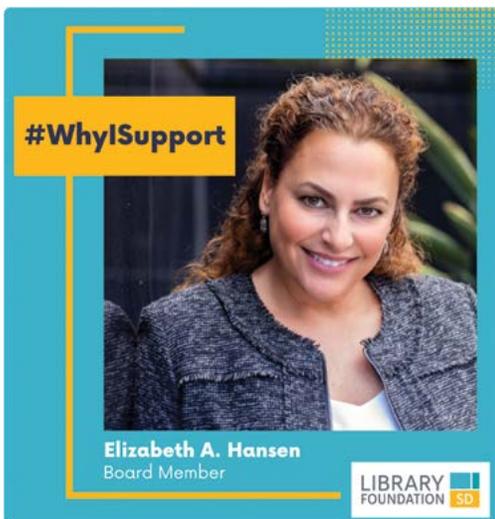


Safia Haidari of Youth Will: “Libraries provide sanctuary for a lot of people...Without these safe places...organizations like Youth Will would not exist.”

We’re proud of our 20 years of partnerships that have helped the San Diego Public Library grow from a time-honored institution into a cutting-edge and progressive network that our community relies on. We asked leaders, parents, and partners in our community to gaze into their crystal balls—and hearts—and share their visions for our libraries in the future. We’ve collected their takes on what the next 20 years for our city’s libraries can bring to San Diego, and what libraries mean to them. We’d love to hear what you think the next 20 years of our city’s libraries should look like, and what you hope to see more of in your local library. Share your thoughts and visions on social media and tag us at our accounts listed on the back!

Read more at bit.ly/20visions.

■ #WhyISupport: Meet Elizabeth Hansen



Elizabeth Hansen is one of our dedicated board members who volunteer their time and expertise to advance our mission. We recently featured Elizabeth as part of our #WhyISupportWednesday series on social media, which we created to hear from our supporters regarding why they support the Library Foundation. “I support our libraries because they offer a safe space for our youth to learn, our seniors to stay connected, and our community to access critical resources, programs, and services,” Elizabeth shared with us. Thank you for your support, Elizabeth! If you are interested in volunteering with us and joining other like-minded library lovers like Elizabeth, please visit our website at libraryfoundationsd.org/about/board-of-trustees and fill out our online inquiry form!

■ Donors support inclusive library resources



We believe that libraries are for ALL! And thanks to our generous donors, like Dick Binford and the Binford family, we were able to provide a new resource for San Diego children with accessibility and neurodiversity needs: the Binford I CAN, TOO! Center. This unique center is designed to be a safe and calm space for children with special needs (and their caregivers) to learn and play using state-of-the-art technology, including screen magnifiers and readers, speech-to-text software, and adaptive furniture and computer equipment. Thank you again to the Binford family for making this wonderful space come to life for San Diego children!

To learn more, visit sandiego.gov/public-library/i-can-too.

■ Library Shop update: Pride storytime



Raquelita and Barbie Q with library staff before Pride storytime at the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library.

June is Pride month, commemorating the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and the thousands of LGBTQIA+ people who gathered to call for equal rights. We are proud to support the library's LGBTQIA+ programming all year long to build a more inclusive, diverse, and equitable library system for all. That includes sponsoring the library's PRIDE Storytime and Dance Parties in the summer, a family-friendly way of recognizing and celebrating our diversity and individuality through age-appropriate stories and songs presented by local drag queens.

For a full list of LGBTQIA+ library services, book recommendations, and more, visit: sandiego.gov/public-library/lgbt.

■ Watch for these upcoming events



Where's Odi @ SDPL? (bit.ly/wheresodi)

The Library Shop's most popular program is back this July—with a twist. This year, instead of Waldo, we're searching for Odi, the library's new mascot! Odi (Opportunity, Discovery, Inspiration) the Coyote (pictured here) is hiding this month somewhere inside each of the San Diego Public Library's 36 branches. How many can you find? Watch the Odi kickoff at bit.ly/Odi-news.



Echoes of Africa (bit.ly/EchoesofAfrica)

Through August 20, visit Arts at the Library: Echoes of Africa at the Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common's Art Gallery. This two-part exhibition features African artifacts from San Diego Mesa College's World Cultures art collection, coupled with artworks produced by local contemporary artists.



Summer Reading 2022 (bit.ly/ReadBeyond)

Through August 31, Read Beyond the Beaten Path: Explore your world and beyond during the Summer Reading Program! Readers of all ages are invited to sign up, venture beyond the beaten path, and finish 10 books, 10 hours, or 10 activities to claim prizes. Adventure is just a book away!

Robothink workshops at the San Ysidro Library are an example of fun and educational summer library programs.



San Diego Art Prize 2022

The Library Foundation SD and library are delighted to present this year's San Diego Art Prize exhibition at the Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common's Art Gallery. Hold September 16 for an in-person reception on the ninth floor to celebrate the opening of San Diego Art Prize 2022.

■ Tell us how we can better serve you

We want to hear from you. Please take a moment to fill out our short questionnaire so that we can ensure that we communicate with you in the ways that you value most. Follow the QR code here or visit bit.ly/libraryfoundsurvey.



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