Latest News for November

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Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Library Construction and Reopening Update

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library continues to be closed for deferred maintenance work. Although the Scripps Ranch Friends of Library (SRFOL) was informed a few weeks ago that our library's much anticipated reopening could possibly occur sometime during the month of November, that appears to be increasingly unlikely as work on the new HVAC system and interior repainting are still in progress. Updates will be posted on the SRFOL website [https://www.srfol.org] as they become available. Please check for the latest information. It should be noted that, unfortunately, that the parking lot expansion will take additional time until completion, which is now projected for summer 2027, so once the library does finally reopen, ongoing parking challenges can be expected for a while longer.

Accessing Library Services during the Closure

Library books and other materials can be returned to the Mira Mesa Branch Library or to any library in the SDPL system: [https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/locations]. Holds placed online can be picked up at the branch library of one's choice.

Grant Received!

The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library (SRFOL) recently learned that the Voice of Scripps Ranch (VOSR) has awarded a generous grant to support the important work of the Friends of the Library. This is the third time that SRFOL has been recognized in this way by VOSR. These funds were used to purchase a set of super large building blocks for the children's area, which was one of the items on our librarians' wish list, and will be ready for play — think child-size structures! — when the library reopens.

Book Discussion Group

This month the group is reading *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Copies are on hold and available for checkout at the Mira Mesa Library. Join the discussion on Thursday, November 12, 12:00–1:30 pm, at the Mira Mesa Library, where meetings are being held during the time that the Scripps Ranch Library is closed. (Note that the meeting will take place earlier in the month than the usual 4th Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.) Next month's meeting, which will also be earlier in the month, is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, will feature the traditional holiday potluck and selection of books for 2027.

Be a Friend of the Library!

Help celebrate the library's reopening by becoming a Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library member or by renewing your membership now. New and renewed memberships are effective through December 2027. Visit [https://www.srfol.org/join.htm] to join or for more information. Our library needs Friends like you!

Stay informed about the latest library info by subscribing to the *Folio* — SRFOL's e-newsletter. Email [president@srfol.org] to have the *Folio* delivered to your inbox on alternate months while the library is closed; monthly publication will resume after the library reopens. Or alternatively, check SRFOL's website [https://www.srfol.org] for library news and status updates.

Big 'Glad-to-Be-Back-in-the-Library' Event in the Works!

SRFOL is looking forward to having our library reopen and to welcoming back several returning staff members plus a few who will be new to Scripps Ranch. In the meantime, SRFOL is busy planning a festive and fun celebratory event that is hoped will appeal to community members of all ages and interests. This will take place after the library is up and running smoothly again.

Grace's Book Nook

As library reopening nears, Book Nook volunteers are already planning for how to make the already fabulous Grace's Book Nook, our popular volunteer-run used bookstore, even better. The Book Nook is completely volunteer-run and is SRFOL's largest ongoing fundraiser, having raised well over $350,000 to support our library!

Book and Media Donations: During the remaining time of library closure, it would be wonderful if you could continue to hold onto your unwanted gently used books and media just a little while longer. Then we can help find new homes for them while raising funds to support the library you love! But if that's not possible, please check [https://www.srfol.org/gbn-donate.htm] for other donation options that support our libraries. Please observe the posted signage and do not leave donations outside our shuttered library as sadly they will end up in the landfill — a terrible thing on so many levels.

Volunteer in the Book Nook: The Book Nook is seeking a few more volunteers to join our enthusiastic team and help staff weekly or alternate week 2½ hour shifts. Volunteers typically assist customers, serve as cashiers, and help keep the Book Nook stocked, during their shifts. To learn more, email [booknook@srfol.org].

Other Volunteer Opportunites

In addition to the Book Nook, there are other ways in which you can become involved as we look forward to the library's reopening!

Monthly Concert Series: We plan to restart our monthly "The Pleasure of Your Company" Concert Series, which has a 40-year history, after the library reopens, and we are looking for volunteers to help bring live music back to our community. Interested? Please reach out to us by email at [volunteer@srfol.org].

Folio Editor: Are you interested in writing and perhaps looking for more creative outlets? Do you enjoy supporting our library and our community? Consider editing the monthly *Folio* e-newsletter which is distributed to Friends of the Library and library patrons. You collect articles and images from the SRFOL Board and library staff, add your writing flair, and send the e-newsletter via Constant Contact. Email [volunteer@srfol.org] to learn more.

Scripps Ranch Seed Library

The Seed Library, founded in collaboration with Sustainable Scripps Ranch and sponsored by SRFOL, continues to be available during the library's closure. Check out the selection of winter veggies, flowers, native plants, and more at [https://www.srfol.org/seed-library.htm]. Seeds can be requested by email and will be made available for contactless pickup at a central Scripps Ranch location.

Social Media and Detailed Information About Programs and Library Happenings

- Facebook: @ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary, @SDPLVitualHub, @GracesBookNook
- Instagram: @srfolibrary, @sdpubliclibrary, @sdplteens
- SRFOL website [https://www.srfol.org], or
- Library's Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/ScrippsMiramarRanchLibrary].