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POYC Concert Series

Sunday, January 18th - 2:30

The Life of Sergei Rachmaninoff
in Music and Narration

From the President's Pen

The Friends welcome Richard Burke, our new branch manager, to the Scripps Ranch community. Having a person of his experience, caliber, and easy-going manner is a delight. Richard has been on the job since early October, has already met with the Friends of the Library Board, and is becoming knowledgeable about many aspects of the Scripps Ranch community.

Pat Kuebitz has rejoined our staff as the reference librarian, filling the position that was held by Sue Fox, who retired at the end of July. Pat is a Scripps Ranch resident, and prior to working at the Rancho Bernardo branch, Pat was part of our branch staff. Any of you who are interested in reserving space in the Community Room or Seminar Room can make those arrangements through Pat; she handles the calendar for our branch.

Unfortunately, we do not have a replacement yet for Miss Ann, our Youth Services Librarian who retired last spring. Filling this position is on hold while the mayor and city council work on adjustments to the city budget.

As the holidays approach, the Friends are again launching our Holiday Bookplate Drive. In the past many of you have made donations requesting that a bookplate be placed in a new book in honor of or in memory of an individual. Letters have been sent to the previous donors, and additional forms are available in the library for anyone who wants to participate this season.

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President

"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library." ~*Jorge Luis Borges*

Welcome Our New Branch Librarian!



When you write for a newsletter you get to talk to the nicest people! I met with Richard Burke, our Branch Manager, Richard Burke. He comes to our library with lots of experience. Among his goals for our library is to increase the quality and quantity of our DVD collection. Richard is a film buff with a lot of expertise in this area. I asked him to

talk to me about his favorite movies. He listed a few Truffaut works I didn't recognize. So he took pity on me and talked about his admiration for the technical skills shown in "Titanic". He also spoke about the possibility of showing the work of local artists in the library. (I love this idea.)

Richard is thrilled to be here with us. He spoke about the great team of employees and volunteers at the library and how much burden the SRFOL removes from his shoulders. Richard is impressed with Scripps Ranch. In his word, he is "charmed" by this community. Stop by and say hi to Richard. You will be as "charmed" as I am.

Dianne Seaman, Folio Editor

Armchair Update



A total of \$5,445 has been donated to the Adopt-an-Armchair project. Included in this figure is a generous, anonymous donation of \$4,000 from a Scripps Ranch family foundation. Donations from residents of the Promontory totaled \$820. Other residents donated \$625. The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library will match the above donations, giving us a total of \$10,890. Over the next few months we hope to have 50 armchairs reupholstered. The SRFOL appreciates the generosity of all the armchair donors. The entire community of Scripps Ranch will benefit from your gifts. Thank you!

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President

Notes from the Librarian

Hello and greetings to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library community! My name is Richard Burke, and I am the new branch manager at your library, replacing Nancy Assaf, who recently retired after years of dedicated service to Scripps Ranch. Indeed these are “large shoes” to fill, but I want to already thank so many of you for stopping by to introduce yourselves, and wish me well. For those of you who haven’t had the opportunity, please do so and share your ideas, or just say hello! The staff, Friends, and public have made my transition to this position very welcoming. Previously I was branch manager of the La Jolla Riford Branch Library for nearly 11 years. I find this community very friendly and very supportive of our branch library and dedicated staff. Thank you for the warm welcome!

I have some ideas on expanding certain areas of our collection (audio-visual material, for an example), and would also like to further programming at the branch, on top of the phenomenal job the Friends of the Scripps Ranch Library already do in sponsoring our very special music events and children’s programs. Check our schedule online or feel free to call the branch for upcoming programs. I have been in touch with an organization called the Art of Living, and starting in January, 2009, the library will be sponsoring classes on meditation and yoga on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Please join us for these free sessions and learn how to “de-stress” during these difficult times. This is just an example of what I would like to see at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library.

I would also like to mention that we are having our annual blanket drive for SAY San Diego (Social Advocates for Youth), plus our ongoing donation box for Hidden Valley House, a shelter for women and children. Their needs include non-perishable food items and diapers.

We, your library staff, would like to wish all of you, our patrons, a warm and wonderful Holiday season, and a peaceful year to follow.

Richard Burke, Branch Librarian

Help Your Library

Want to meet more of your Scripps Ranch neighbors? Want to help your community without having to make long commitments or long commutes in traffic? The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library needs you!

You can help in all sorts of areas: hosting Sunday “Pleasure of your Company” concerts, baking (or buying) refreshments for a concert or special event, volunteering for a single event or fundraiser, decorating the library display cases, organizing membership records, preparing occasional mailings, and much more. Over the next three months, we need help preparing mailings for our Holiday Bookplate project – you can even do this from home, in your slippers, on your own timetable.

Students can earn Community Service credits for their work. Contact Lynn Owens, SRFOL Volunteer Coordinator, for more information: volunteer@srfol.org or (858) 566-7717.

Lynn Owens, SRFOL Volunteer Coordinator

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___ Sponsor (\$30) ___ Business (\$50) ___ Lifetime (\$250) ___ Other Donation

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I would like to volunteer to help...

___ in the Library ___ as a SRFOL Board member ___ with music programs
___ with children’s programs ___ in Grace’s Book Nook ___ with fundraising

Please make checks out to: **Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library**. Membership is tax deductible.

Mail to: SRFOL Membership Renewal, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131-1252

What Have You Been Reading?

Recently, I've been reading mysteries written in the 1940's. Here are a few of my favorites:

The Norths Meet Murder by Frances and Richard Lockridge: While planning a party in 1940's Manhattan, Pam North discovers a body in a bathtub in a vacant apartment in her building. Although the victim remains unidentified for a while, finding his killer turns out to be tightly linked to Mrs. North's social circle, her knowledge of their behavior and their secrets, and her planned party. This was the first in a series of 40 books about the Norths, written between 1940 and 1963. One was made into a movie starring George Burns and Gracie Allen.

Home Sweet Homicide by Craig Rice: Home Sweet Homicide is an early "cozy" mystery. When a neighbor woman is murdered, three children decide to try to solve the crime themselves. Along the way, they also try to fix up their widowed mother with the police detective who is working on the case. Craig Rice (born Georgiana Ann Craig) wrote many mysteries under different pseudonyms, and was sometimes known as the "Queen of the Screwball Comedies". This one was made into a movie in 1946.

The Right Murder, also by Craig Rice, begins with an assertion by someone that they will kill someone in plain sight of a whole group of people, and not be blamed for the crime. This is one of a series featuring lawyer John J Malone. He is somewhat assisted by friends Jake Justus and heiress Helene Brand, who often go off in their own directions and complicate things.

The Kahuna Killer by Juanita Sheridan: This is part of the "Lily Wu quartet", set in post-WWII Hawaii. Lily Wu and friend Janice Cameron return home to Hawaii and find mysterious things happen - Janice's father's old papers have been stolen, a Witch Doctor has been seen late at night in the village, and soon Janice finds fresh blood on a ruined ancient altar. The setting of these mysteries, a post-war Hawaii which is struggling with transition from a rural environment to a more urban economy, is an interesting part of all of the books.

Sue Brunkow, SRFOL Treasurer

Libraries Spared – For Now

Editor Note: Gail Harriss wrote this article before the November 24 City Council vote to reject Mayor Sanders' budget amendment. I left much of the article here to clarify what Mayor Sanders was proposing.

Perhaps you have heard that Mayor Sanders' budget amendment recommends temporary closure of seven of the San Diego public library branches as one way to balance the City's budget. Fortunately, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library is not slated for closure at this time. The various branches, one in each of the seven council districts, were selected for closure due to low or declining circulation and/or overall use.

No plan has been set forth for distributing the collections from the closed branches to other branches because space does not allow it. So, not only will citizens whose branches are marked for closure be adversely affected, others will not be able to request copies of books from the closed branches.

The Library is being asked to take a disproportionate share of proposed cuts. The proposed cuts of more than \$2 million to the Library's \$37.6 million FY09 budget are a 5.4% reduction. Cuts recommended for the Parks and Recreation, Fire and Police Departments are all 2.5% (or less) of those departments' budgets.

Ironically, in tough economic times and when bookstore sales are declining, the public turns to their local libraries for free materials, resources, and programs. In the last three months, there has been an 8 percent increase in circulation in San Diego Public Libraries.

Gail Harriss, SRFOL President

The Hunt For *the right* Red October

If you have a hardcover edition of *The Hunt for Red October* by Tom Clancy, with an intact dust jacket, look at the dust jacket. If the back of the dust jacket contains 6 (not 8) reviews, and if the third review is by Clive Cussler, and if there are only 18 lines of text on the copyright page, your book could be a rare first printing of the first edition worth anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Later printings sell for as little as \$1. Every time someone donates a hardcopy of *The Hunt for Red October* to the library, my heart beats a little faster -- until I turn it over and see 8 reviews, rather than 6, on the back of the dust jacket.

Richard Busch, SRFOL Web Master

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Special Events at the Library...

Every Tuesday:

Storytime for Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Every 3rd Wednesday:

Book Discussion

Sunday, December 14th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *The San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts Chorale*.

Saturday, January 17th, 10:30

Meditation and Yoga Class

Sunday, January 18th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *The Life of Sergei Rachmaninoff in Music and Narration*

Sunday, February 15th, 2:30

“The Pleasure of Your Company” presents *Colin McAllister, Solo Guitar*.

Saturday, February 21st, 10:30

Meditation and Yoga Class

Web site: www.srfol.org

Library Hours

Monday and Wednesday:

12:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday:

9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.