

# THE OPEN BOOK

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## *President's Message*

Our June book sale was tremendously successful! Thank you to all who hauled, sorted, and in general volunteered to make the event so great.

Our thanks to for the many individuals who visited the sale and went away with great bargains. With this support we are able to fund more materials and interesting programs for the community.

Join us on August 3 for an evening of music on the Poway Library courtyard featuring Fred Benedetti. The event is 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. If desired, bring a picnic supper. We will have some tables set up and will be providing lemonade.

If you have not signed up for the Summer Learning program, you still have time. The program runs to the end of August -- and it's not just for the kids, but for everyone. After reading ten books, ten hours or completing other learning activities, you can receive a nice San Diego County tote bag and the Friends have included a certificate for a free book from our Book Store.

We hope to see you at the August concert. And mark your calendars - our next book sale is October 19 and 20.

Joye Davisson

## *Librarian's Message*

Dear Friends,  
I'm sure many of you are familiar with the recent shooting at the local synagogue, Chabad of Poway.

As part of this newsletter, I wanted to take a moment to highlight and share the excellent work the Poway team did in response, demonstrating how important a library is to the community.



After the shooting, Poway staff responded quickly, compassionately and strategically to find and implement ways to support the community in the face of such a devastating incident.

Librarian Farrah Mazhari coordinated and facilitated a panel of five interfaith leaders - a Zen Buddhist, a Christian, a Muslim, a Rabbi, a Hindu, and a Sikh - to come together to share their beliefs and discuss how the community could help in times of crisis. We were anticipating six people to show up and more than 100 people attended this event!

Librarians Karen Baluyot and Laura Mendez planned and coordinated the cutting of more than 100 leaf-shaped Ellison Dies to create a Tree of Healing. We want to extend a big thank-you to the Jacumba branch for making this possible! The tree was a collaborative public art piece. Staff encouraged community members to leave short messages of support on the tree, promoting unity and healing.

## **#POWAYSTRONG**



## *Librarian's Message - continued*

Librarians Laura Mendez and Karen Baluyot designed an informational flyer about the special events and decided to utilize the social media tag #PowayStrong. In addition, they coordinated with San Diego County Library's Collection Development department to provide a list of e-book and e-audiobook resources that would assist customers with overcoming trauma, coping with grief, and being resilient.



Youth Services Librarian Loretta Gibson coordinated and hosted a storytime with the Poway Sheriff. The deputy read books and sang the Hokey Pokey and Slippery Fish with our storytime crowd. Poway City Council member Caylin Frank brought her young daughter to the storytime.

Technicians Paige Dillard, Suzanna Earwicker, Rene Gehr, Nicki Ortega and Aleta Davis worked hard to create and keep well stocked a display of book resources centered around grief, unity, healing, and safety for the entire community.

Assistant branch manager Dan Rivera reminded everyone on staff of steps that our own staff could take to be safe day to day and if there ever is an active shooter.

And branch manager Marisa Lowe coordinated a Public Safety presentation with the San Diego Sheriff's Department, and Librarian Karen Baluyot facilitated the presentation. The department's crime prevention specialist discussed the ways customers could protect themselves in an active shooter situation and how to be aware on a regular basis.

## **Library Happenings! \*\*\*\*\***

Have you signed up for Summer Learning yet? If you haven't, it is not too late! We will be accepting signs ups and completions through August 31. You can sign up at [www.sdcl.org/summer](http://www.sdcl.org/summer) or by coming into the branch and having library staff or one of our teen summer volunteers assist you.



Pride therapy dog Bella and owner Beth (representative from the Mama Bears) provide pets and comfort, Saturday June 29 at 10 a.m.

When you complete 10 learning activities, you win a prize. Learning activities include reading one book or one hour - you can read a book or magazine or listen to an audiobook, attend a library program, tell a library staff member a joke (or just ask us a question), use the library database from the eLibrary, share a picture or story about what you love about the library, check out a museum pass or complete a library scavenger hunt!

Children who complete ten activities will earn a free ticket to the San Diego Air & Space museum, a free ticket to the Natural History Museum, a free ticket for two to the San Diego Children's Discovery Museum (child or accompanying adult), a free kids meal to Rubio's, a free kids meal at Chipotle, a free book from the Friends of the Library bookstore, and their choice of a free book or Summer Learning tote bag.

Teens will earn a free admission to the San Diego Air & Space museum, a free pass admission to the Natural History Museum, free guacamole and chips from Rubio's, a free book from the Friends of the Library bookstore and their choice of a free book or Summer Learning tote bag.

Adults will earn free guacamole and chips from Rubio's, a free book from the Friends of the Library bookstore and their choice of a free book or a Summer Learning tote bag. In addition, everyone who completes the activities will receive a electronic entry into our grand prize drawing.

## Library Happenings! – Continued

This year's grand prize winners will be entered in a raffle to win a gift card to In-N-Out Burger, Sprouts, Target or Hamburger Factory. Gift certificates were purchased thanks to the financial support from the Friends of the Poway library!

Keep reading to earn more electronic raffle tickets to our grand prize drawing.

In addition to the learning portion of the summer program, the library will host some special programs, you are invited to attend.

**Tuesday, July 23:** Harry Potter's Birthday, 10 a.m. (geared toward all ages): Celebrate the birthday of Hogwarts's most famous wizard with a variety of special Harry Potter-themed stations, including a Sorting Hat station, Defense Against the Dark Arts area, and the Care of Magical Creatures.

**Tuesday, July 30:** Luau at the Poway Library, 10 a.m. (geared toward all ages): Join us for a luau complete with Hula dancing, Hawaiian-themed crafts and ukulele lessons!

**Saturday, July 27:** Waterwise Butterfly Gardening, 2 p.m. Learn tips and tricks for drought tolerant gardening that will attract beautiful creatures to your backyard. Presented by Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden. (No registration required.)



Library technician Kristi and County Park Ranger Louis Cherkow present a special summer storytime about camping, Monday, July 8.

**Wednesday, July 31:** Pride at the Poway Library: From Stonewall to San Diego, 6 p.m. Walter Meyer, manager of the Lambda Archives of San Diego, will speak about how the Stonewall uprising in New York in 1969 inspired the local LGBTQ community to start protesting and fighting for their rights. This 45-minute presentation will feature photos of those early moments in LGBTQ civil rights history.

**Saturday, August 3:** Picnic on the Patio - Concert with Fred Benedetti, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We'll provide the lemonade; you bring a light picnic dinner to enjoy while you relax on the library's patio. Enjoy a summer evening with the Poway community while listening to the sounds of Fred Benedetti on guitar.



Women's Choir gets ready to perform at the 2nd annual Pride Resource Fair, held Saturday, June 29 at 10 a.m.

We hope to see you at the branch this summer!

Warmly,  
Marisa Lowe



A very successful Summer Learning Paint Night for Adults on Thursday, June 20 at 6 p.m.



A very successful Summer Learning Paint Night for Adults on Summer Learning crowd favorite Sparkles the Clown wows and amazes the crowd, Tuesday, June 25.

## Staff Book Recommendations

**Assistant Branch Manager Dan Rivera recommends, *Chernobyl***

*Chernobyl* is an HBO historical drama miniseries about the Soviet nuclear disaster of 1986. The series chronicles the mistakes and cover-ups of the meltdown and cleanup efforts. Even though the series has a “made for tv” feel, it still is gripping and shocking. The initial episodes of the series maintain the aura of confusion regarding the misinformation given about the disaster along with the mismanagement of officials. The aftermath of the physical effects upon the staff of the power plant and the emergency crew is devastating. If you are a fan of historical dramas or political intrigue, *Chernobyl* is a must see. Look out for this show at the library once it is released to DVD.



**Library technician II Nickolia Ortega** recommends two children’s books this month; perfect for reading one-on-one with a little one. First is *Swatch: The Girl Who Loved Color* by Julia Denos. Follow Swatch, a young girl who aims to “tame” the colors of the world. With vibrant, imaginative illustrations and an engaging story, *Swatch: The Girl Who Loved Color* is an exciting read for ages 4-8.

*Stay, Benson!* By Thereza Rowe. Benson the dog loves to play. After his owner Flick leaves for the day, Benson escapes the yard for an adventure. Will Benson be able to get home before Flick? Filled with sharp, high contrast illustrations and die cut pages, *Stay, Benson!* is a humorous tale for ages 2-6.

**Library Technician Paige Dillard recommends, *Station Eleven*** By Emily St. John Mandel

First of all, I’m usually a sucker for post-apocalyptic stories. While Mandel has yet to admit thinking her work as a science fiction novel, which most apocalyptic genres coincide with, she does admit that her novel is absolutely post-apocalyptic. A flu has killed a majority of the world’s population, leaving the survivors without electric technology, vehicles, and a form of government/authority. I would definitely say that falls into the post-apocalyptic genre. When asked in an interview why she chose a post-apocalyptic setting, Mandel stated “I thought of the book as a love letter written in the form of a requiem.” Basically, she wanted to write a story in which it was undeniable that the survivors missed how the world used to be, and made the reader become more aware of the extraordinary, every day. But goodness, this novel is so much more than just that.

*Mandel* takes us on a past to present roller coaster that follows characters Jeevan, Arthur Leander, Kirsten Raymonde, and the Traveling Symphony, as well as occasionally touching on the lives and thoughts of Miranda and Clark. We meet Jeevan at the time of death of the actor Arthur Leander, who Kirsten worked with when she was a young child actress. The Traveling Symphony is a group that travels from town to town of survivors and puts on Shakespearean plays. When Kirsten discovers the disappearance of two close friends, she and the symphony decide to find them. But, what is a great post-apocalyptic novel without a crazy cult? The Traveling Symphony finds themselves hunted down by a deranged man who is known only as The Prophet and his violent followers. Kristin and the rest of the symphony, now on the run, set their sights on a place called the Museum of Civilization, hoping to find their friends and refuge. But, where does “Station Eleven” come into play? Well, I recommend that you read the novel and discover this secret for yourself. It truly is worth the read.

Because this novel follows the lives of many characters, it is at some points challenging to remember who is who. This isn’t a novel to read lightly or an audiobook to only half-listen to unless you enjoy missing crucial details and getting character histories mixed up. Also, with every ending to a chapter, it’s not easy to predict what character you’ll be following next or whether you’re going to be pre-apocalypse, present apocalypse, or post-apocalypse. Due to this jumping around, some readers may feel frustrated or find it annoying. Personally, I reveled in it. I also greatly enjoy following multiple characters and discovering any connections between them. Let me just say, *Mandel* did not disappoint. If you enjoy post-apocalyptic novels; novels with an extensive list of characters who are fun to relate with and try to connect to each other throughout the story; novels with an evil cult, suspense, and an air of mystery, then this is a novel for you.



## Introducing... Nikki!

Nickolia has a background in the Social Sciences, having obtained her B. A. in History at San Diego State University in San Diego, CA. She also has some background in Early Childhood Education studies. Nickolia is currently pursuing her Master's in Library and Information Science at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Nickolia plans to become a librarian and is interested in either becoming a youth services librarian or specializing in user experience (UX) work. In the future, she hopes to work in a Metadata department, designing user interfaces to make public-facing experiences via the computer more streamlined and user-friendly.

In her free time, Nickolia enjoys spending time with her husband Antonio and her Pitbull, Rosie. Nickolia and Antonio love trying new places to eat and hiking at Mission Trails. Nickolia's favorite book is *The Hero and the Crown* by Robin McKinley. Nickolia also enjoys reading fantasy and science fiction novels in addition to historical biographies.

## And Here's Karen Baluyot

Hello! My name is Karen Baluyot and I am an adult services librarian at the Poway Library. I have been at Poway since 2013, but I have been with SDCL since 2006, and in a previous life I was a social worker. I am a lifelong reader - unfortunately the only reader in my family. We have a joke that I must be adopted because I am the only one that enjoys books!

I fondly remember reading *The Hobbit* on a long family drive from San Diego to Seattle. I was so engrossed in the book that I missed much of the scenery around me. Some of my other childhood favorites include *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Dark Is Rising Series* by Susan Cooper. As an adult, I now gravitate towards historical fiction, with Lisa See being one of my favorite authors.

When I am not helping you find your next read, getting you set up to read ebooks, or answering a research question, you can find me watching K-dramas or traveling. My last big trip was to Morocco & Portugal and it was the trip of a lifetime so far. My favorite memory from this trip is camping on a moonless night in the Sahara and watching shooting stars until falling asleep. Some of my other favorite countries/memories include Australia (snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef and hiking at the base of Uluru/Ayers Rock), Germany (attending Oktoberfest), and Iceland (hiking on a glacier). I want to see as many countries as I can and am on a quest to set foot on all 7 continents one day. I only have South America and Antarctica left. I am pretty shy, but please say hello the next time you are in the library!



## Hello! I am...



...Dan Rivera (all my friends call me Danny) and I'm the assistant branch manager here at the San Diego County Library Poway branch. It is my continuing honor to work with such a great staff and Friends of the Library group. I've worked with the San Diego County Library since 2005. I started as a Library Technician II at the Bonita branch. I was promoted to Library Technician III at the North Mobile branch. I have since worked at the La Mesa, Santee, and Encinitas branches. I have been at the Poway branch since 2011. Coming to Poway has been the highlight of my library career. We have achieved so much in a short period of time. We survived the remodel 2014-2016. The remodel process taught me what it takes to comprehensively make a library go. The Poway branch is better than ever. I'm always humbled when visitors from our HQ or other branches tell me how efficient our branch runs and how attractive the public area is. We should be so proud of how many of our staff have moved on to other branches and still speak so highly of their experience at our branch.

I've worked in libraries most of my adult life. I originally looked for a summer student job at SDSU. There was an announcement for student jobs at the library. I thought I would apply for the job and move on to something else after the summer. Almost immediately, I really took to the work. I was lucky enough to be asked to return for the regular semester and eventually became a student assistant supervisor. In my senior year, I applied for a full-time position and low and behold, here I still am working in libraries.

It is so satisfying to work at a public library to see how libraries create relationships with a community. In my free time, I enjoy doing two contradictory things: I like to exercise at the gym and hike as well as eat out at restaurants. I really like enjoying the diversity of cuisine San Diego has developed in recent years. Food can make your mind travel to all countries. I also like to see all kinds of movies (not a movie, but I recently watched the mini-series *Chernobyl*, which was so compelling). I also like almost any genre of music.

I'm really excited to see what SDCL looks like in the next 5-10 years. I really think the future is bright for libraries and Poway Library specifically.

# Friends of the Poway Library Membership Application

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 Please do not mention my membership/donation in the Friends newsletter.

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## **Poway Library**

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Fri. and Sat. 9:30AM - 5PM

Sunday Noon - 5PM

Phone: 858-513-2900

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### Hours

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## **Important Dates 2019 & 2020**

### **2019 Book Sales**

**October 19 & 20**

### **Book Sale Dates 2020**

**February 15 & 16**

**June 20 & 21**

**October 16 & 17**