

# THE OPEN BOOK

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## *President's Message*

I hope all of our Friends are well and handling “social distancing” as well as can be expected. It’s been over four months since we decided not to open the Friends Book Store, to protect our older volunteers. Several days later almost everything closed down. It has been an experience for which we were unprepared.

Both our annual meeting and Friends volunteer appreciation events were canceled. Please know that even without an event, the Friends volunteers are awesome and totally appreciated.

In this issue we’ll touch on how we are filling in the time and the staff has shared some awesome information.

Stay safe, be healthy and take care.

*Joye Davisson*

## **How are members of the friends coping?**



*Nancy:* Sewing face masks for Pomerado Hospital, and keeping in touch with friends.

*Judi:* “Hello everyone. I’ve thrown my hat into the ring to become a volunteer and somehow feel cheated that I have been unable to meet you all.”

*Sue:* Truly misses volunteering but getting out for tandem bike rides and hikes with her husband, and keeping social distances. Please listen to scientists and doctors.

*Dorothy:* Catching up and misses the book store, volunteers, customers and library staff.

*Blaine:* Taking almost daily three-mile hikes, wife teaching her fourth graders via Zoom.

*Vicki:* I am able to work for my company from home. Like many of us, I’m in the higher risk category. I have a lot of deliveries made (thank you Instacart, Door Dash, and Amazon!). I haven’t driven anywhere for over two weeks. I have a couple errands that need done,

*Bob Masters and Alison Leighton* (on-line book sales): They have averaged about six sales a week. Allison commented via email to Bob, “...we’ll keep the bookstore going even with the virus.” Now that’s Attitude!

## *Librarian's Message*

Dear Friends,

Our entire staff has missed everyone these past months!

I am excited to let you know the Poway branch started offering limited services to the community, June 1. Poway and ten other branches in the San Diego County Library system now offer doorside service which provides access to library materials previously placed on hold via the online catalog, without providing access to the rest of the library.

Door-side service allows the pickup of requested items by appointment only. The items will be waiting for people at a table near the front door. Library staff will contact those individuals who had reserved items at a branch when the libraries closed in March. All public health orders will apply to these visits, and instructions will be provided by the library staff when they contact people. This is the only "traditional" library service that is available until further notice.



How door-side service works:

- If a customer had items on the request shelf at one of the available locations on the day the library closed, they will be contacted by library staff to set an appointment to pick up these items.
- We are not accepting returns or charging late fees at this time. Customers should hold on to materials until we begin accepting returns.
- All items that are currently checked out to customers have been renewed through July 31.
- In case you don't have anything currently on hold, extensive online library resources are also available at <https://www.sdcl.org>. In this issue of the newsletter, Poway staff share with you some of their favorite online library resources.
- Currently, library storytimes and other programs have not resumed, and community rooms are unavailable until further notice. However, SDCL's annual Summer Learning Program – in virtual form – will kick off on Monday, June 22. The website to register will be: [www.sdcl.org/summer](http://www.sdcl.org/summer)

Our staff look forward to beginning to provide limited library service to our community members. For new updates about our branch services as they happen, please visit [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org)

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can email me at [marisa.lowe@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:marisa.lowe@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Warm regards,

Marisa Lowe, Branch Manager  
Poway Branch Library --San Diego County Library (858) 513-2900

## Staff and Friends Book Recommendations

Book Review by Marisa Lowe - Poway Library Branch Manager

### *Forest Feast: Mediterranean, by Erin Gleeson*

If you are looking for a little escapism right now, then author Erin Gleeson's *Forest Feast: Mediterranean* may be just the book for you. Part cookbook, part travelogue, *Forest Feast* is inspired by the author's three-month journey leisurely traveling around the Mediterranean with her husband and two young children. (He had a sabbatical from work and she is a full-time cookbook writer and blogger.) As she describes in the book, they ate and drank their way around the Mediterranean and went to many places off the beaten path. The book is overflowing with stunning photographs of sparkling aqua-marine coasts, beautiful bright food, and the funky and medieval architecture of the quaint villages of Spain, France, Portugal and Italy.



Her descriptions of her adventures at the farmer's markets, wine tours on terraced vineyards, seaside villages, and the colorful landscapes in between destinations may leave readers day-dreaming of sun-kissed beaches and vacation days. Her recipes appear easy to make, and she has some fun, creative ideas for drinks and appetizers. I have my eye on making the provolone dip one night and serving it with some crusty bread and aperitifs! There's also a recipe for cauliflower gnocchi that looks yummy. I'm salivating just writing this. By the time you are done flipping through the pages, I hope you too will feel transported to the Mediterranean and be miles away from our current reality! This book is available for checkout on Libby and Overdrive, the county's digital book apps.

Book Review by Jennifer Peranteau - FOL Newsletter Editor

### *The Secrets of Flight - Maggie Leffler*

From the back cover, "*A captivating breakout novel that brings readers from the skies of World War II to the present day, when a woman is prepared to tell her secrets at last*

*Estranged from her family since just after World War II, Mary Browning has spent her entire adult life hiding from her past. Now eighty-seven years old and a widow, she is still haunted by secrets and fading memories of the family she left behind. Her one outlet is the writing group she's presided over for a decade, though she's never written a word herself. When a new member walks in—a fifteen-year-old girl who reminds her so much of her beloved sister, Sarah—Mary is certain fate delivered Elyse Strickler to her for a reason.*

*Mary hires the serious-eyed teenager to type her story about a daring female pilot who left home for the sky and gambled everything for her dreams—including her own identity.*

*As they begin to unravel the web of Mary's past, Mary and Elyse form an unlikely friendship."*

Great writer here. I'd read her other books in a minute. But my dad was a WWII pilot so I love planes and WWII fiction. The characters were believable and I cried, laughed and sighed with them. The older character was spry and thoughtful about her own mortality and I could tell she knew it was time to share her secrets. (And what amazing ones they were!) The younger character needed to just write more to learn her craft and was also figuring out who she was and where she fit in the world. I loved the switching back and forth from the present day to the past. Her visuals - both for people and settings made me feel like I was right there. The sounds of the planes - I have been to enough airshows to hear them overhead in those passages. The plot twist I sort of saw coming - but that didn't diminish the reveal. I also loved that book was based on actual women pilots during the time period. I stayed up at night to read it. This one is keeper.

**Poway Library Book Club Review, May, 2020**

***The Bluest Eye - By Toni Morrison.***

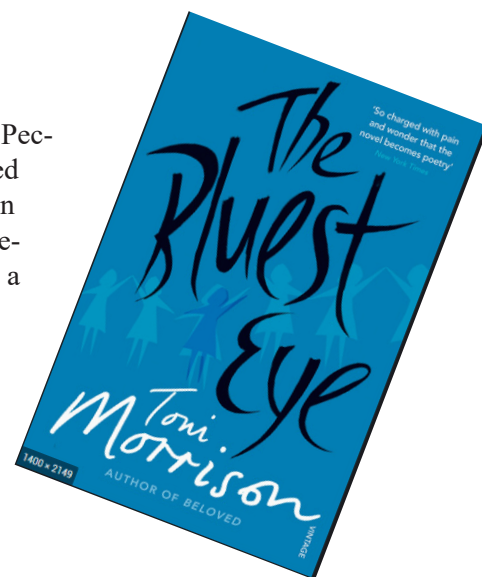
It was 1941 in the black neighborhood of Lorain, Ohio. Young Claudia tells 11-year-old Pecola's story. Pecola came to live with them after their home burned down. Her story started long before that. It is traced back to her father and mother when they lived and married in the South, then moved to Ohio for a better chance in life. The dream turned sour as the reality of living in a poor black neighborhood outside of Cleveland. Eventually he became a drunk and she worked as a maid for a rich white family. The children, especially Pecola who they consider ugly, are neglected and abused in their poor home.

The girls play with white dolls and drink from Shirley Temple glasses. The people they see from day to day do not match the established norm for beauty. Pecola begins to wish she had blue eyes so she can be beautiful.

The Bluest Eye is Nobel Prize for Literature winner Toni Morrison's first novel. It was published in 1970. It is gritty, showing how life was for her community during that time. The place and time where she grew up. It includes racism and abuse as well as the occasional spark of hope. The book is short, around 225 pages. It holds pictures that portray the harshness and difficulties of the community. It is not a feel good book. It makes the reader think.

The members of the book club met by Zoom for the May meeting. Some people hated it for the distressing portrait of the time. Others like Morrison's writing and felt the book was excellent. The general overall rating put the book between average and good by the members who attended. Some readers could tell it was one of Morrison's early works and can see the spark of the writing that earned Morrison the Nobel Prize. Other of Morrison's books were recommended as a follow up read.

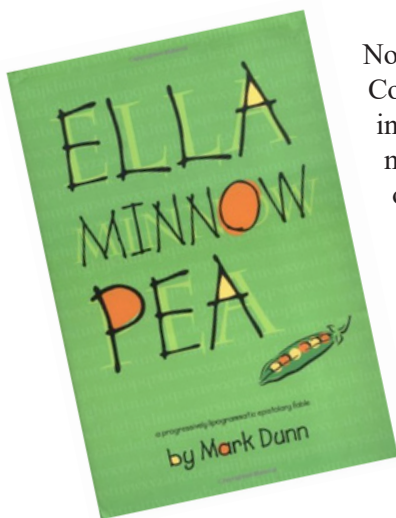
We spent much of the meeting discussing the unfairness, the racism, and the inequalities that show in the book. It is uncomfortable accepting the realities of history even if the story is fiction. Although never said, many of us knew similar situations still exist around the world and in our own country.



**Book Review by Vicki Harden - FOL Secretary**

***Ella Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters*, By Mark Dunn**

Ella Minnow Pea lives on Nollop Island off the South Carolina coast. Nevin Nollop, the man who wrote "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" lived on Nollop. There is still a statue of him in the town square with the memorial sentence mounted on it.



Nollop Island is a quiet, fishing island. The people are friendly and are governed by the island's Council. That's where the trouble starts. When the "z" in "lazy" falls off the 150-year-old statue, instead of gluing it back, the Council decrees that letter "z" will no longer be in the language. That means no pizza, no quizzes, no gazes, etc. "Z" is not used much, so it won't be missed, right? If only that were the only letter that falls off.

Ella Minnow Pea is a funny, tongue-in-cheek story told in epistolary fashion – letters and notes between cousins and others on the island. It's a perfect book for the reader who loves to play with words, grammar, and spelling. The punishment for using the rejected letter is quick and harsh. It cannot be used in writing or out loud. The third offense kicks the person off the island for good.

This humorous book can be appreciated by children who read chapter books up through the geriatric reader who loves words. The people in the book are upset, frustrated, or self-righteous. The Council finally agrees to change it's rules if someone can find another sentence using all 26 letters that is shorter than Nollop's famous phrase.

If you want a fun escape from the world, pick up Ella Minnow Pea.

# Cool Resources

## **Website: [Live Well @ Home](#) - Rene Gehr**

Live Well @ Home is one of my favorite San Diego County resources! Go to [sdcl.org](http://sdcl.org) and click on the second button on our rotating banner. You will see a variety of tools and activities for mind, body and spirit to help cultivate well-being while staying at home. The link offers a broad selection of inspiring topics that are organized by age group – from Toddlers to Seniors.

Parents & Care Givers and Seniors & Older Adults are two of my favorite sections. In the Parents & Care Givers section, you can find tips for homeschooling, telecommuting and talking to kids about COVID 19. There are many enlightening and entertaining resources for distance education such as NASA S.T.E.M activities and Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems.

In the Seniors & Older Adults section, you will find practical tools and resources such as physical fitness, food assistance, mental health services and transportation along with many fun and inspiring links to online Oasis classes, virtual hikes, videos for Senior Yoga and Tai Chi and NPR Tiny Desk Concerts. Check out the link for Google Arts and Culture, where you will find a plethora of beautiful art and virtual travel. Live Well @ Home lifted my spirits. I hope you like it too.

Live Well @ Home is part of a larger County of San Diego initiative to create healthy, safe and thriving communities throughout San Diego.

## **Website: [Diverse BookFinder](#) - Kristi Mansolf**

Parents and educators, if you are looking for multicultural picture books for your little ones, you may want to try Diverse BookFinder. This is a website where you can identify and explore multicultural picture books. From the website, “We collect all depictions of Black and Indigenous people and People of Color (BIPOC) in mainstream picture books published or distributed in the U.S. since 2002. Our collection is uniquely comprehensive -- to serve research and education -- and uniquely accessible through most libraries -- to serve general use.” “We aspire to be a go-to resource for librarians, educators, parents, book creators, and publishers who seek to create collections in which all children can see themselves -- and each other -- reflected in the picture books they read.”

## **SDCL Resource: [Overdrive](#) Downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks, and more! - Farrah Mazhari**

Even though our physical buildings are closed, you can still check out eBooks and eAudiobooks, and even magazines and videos at this time with your SDCL card through OverDrive! OverDrive is a free resource that just requires your library card number and PIN to use. Don't have a card? You can apply for an instant digital library card for OverDrive just using your mobile phone number (the phone number must have a billing address in San Diego County). Visit <https://sdcl.overdrive.com> to access our OverDrive collection directly. You can also access OverDrive through their free Libby app, available for Apple and Android platforms.

Additionally, our collection development department recruited bilingual staff from our branches to be part of a World Languages project to select and order OverDrive e-books in foreign languages such as Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Persian, Russian, Korean, Vietnamese and more. Two Poway staff members were actually part of this project. The goal was to expand our reach to the readers of these languages. If you know of anyone who speaks any of these languages, please make sure to tell them about this new collection on Overdrive/Libby. Some of the titles are translations of the popular titles in the U.S, for instance you will see Harry Potter translated in most of the above mentioned languages. Look for a World Languages link to be listed in our OverDrive collections soon to access these titles.

## **SDCL Resource: [Overdrive](#) for Kids and Teens - Loretta Gibson**

Families looking for books for their students to read while at home can find great eBooks and audiobooks available through the San Diego County Library's Overdrive collection. Using the special collections and search filters can help you quickly and efficiently find the perfect book for your student.

You can access the special collections for kids and teens through the San Diego County Library Overdrive page ([sdcl.overdrive.com](http://sdcl.overdrive.com)) by clicking on “Collections”. You will see collections that include: “Kids”, “Teens”, “Kids' Schoolhouse”, and “High School @ Home”. Within these collections you can browse by categories, like “Classroom Classics” and “Award Winners”, or you can search for a specific subject or title. If you are using the Libby app, tap on “Explore” in the blue bar under the SDCL logo to pull up this same “Collections” menu.



You can use Overdrive's filters to refine your results in order to find a book that is right for your student. You can filter your results to look for eBooks or audiobooks, fiction or non-fiction, or to only show available books. You can also filter your results by Grade Level, Lexile Level, and Interest Level. Using filters to narrow your search results can make it easier to find a book your student will enjoy.

In addition to a wide variety of eBooks and audiobooks, the San Diego County Library Overdrive collection also offers streaming videos for kids. There are instructional videos, documentaries, TV shows and more.

**SDCL Resource: [Testing & Education Reference Center \(TERC\)](#) - Nickolia Ortega  
eLibrary page ([Testing & Education Reference Center & Lynda.com](#))**

Are you looking for some additional resources for college and career exam preparation? San Diego County Library's Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC) hosts online practice tests, courses, and eBooks for college and career exam preparation, including the ACT, SAT, CLEP, NCLEX-RN and many others. Current and prospective college students can use TERC to search for scholarships as well as use the college planning guide to prepare for their secondary education.

One of the best features of TERC is the availability of interactive online practice tests. Users can take timed tests as many times as they like, make notes on or bookmark test sections, and make study schedules based on a projected test date.

To use this service, select the "Testing & Reference Education Reference Center" link on SDCL's eLibrary web page (<https://www.sdcl.org/refdb2.html>). To browse the site, you will need your library card. To access specific tests and log your progress, you will need to create a free account.

**SDCL Resource: [Lynda.com](#) - Karen Baluyot**

Lynda.com, soon to be known as LinkedIn Learning, is a new resource that was recently added to SDCL's online collection to provide customers robust learning opportunities that they can take advantage of from home.

Lynda.com offers a wealth of online video tutorials in many popular fields for both professional and personal development. Topics run the gamut from business classes, software and hardware tutorials, photography, CAD, 3D animation, art, music, and more. If you are looking for professional development or exploring a new career field, Lynda.com offers curated course paths with several hours of video tutorials in your chosen subject. The video tutorials are only a few minutes in length and usually only cover one specific concept to make the course material easily digestible. The tutorials are taught by subject matter experts and the videos are professionally produced. Transcripts of all the videos are provided, as well as downloadable exercise files for you to reinforce your learning.

Staff is already using many of Lynda.com's offerings as part of our professional development at this time and it is a resource that we are very excited to share with our library customers! To access our Lynda.com subscription, click on the eLibrary button at [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org), choose Lynda.com, and enter your SDCL card number and PIN. It will ask you for an email address when you first use it, but no other account set up is necessary. You will just need your library card number and PIN for future visits and Lynda.com will keep track of your courses as you complete them.

**SDCL Resource: - [Storytime Shorts](#) Danielle Ghio**

Have you been missing storytime? So have we! That's why the San Diego County Library system created a brand-new offering called Storytime Shorts. In these short videos your favorite librarians read books and sings songs but that's not all, included with each storytime is a companion activities sheet. The activities sheets include book recommendations, videos, crafts you could do at home and STEAM projects, all revolving around the theme of the Storytime Short. Each week new stories and activities will be released for you to enjoy from the comfort of your home, because while we may not be able to see you in person the library is always there. Please visit [www.sdcl.org/storytimeshorts](http://www.sdcl.org/storytimeshorts) to check out all the great storytimes! See you on the small screen!



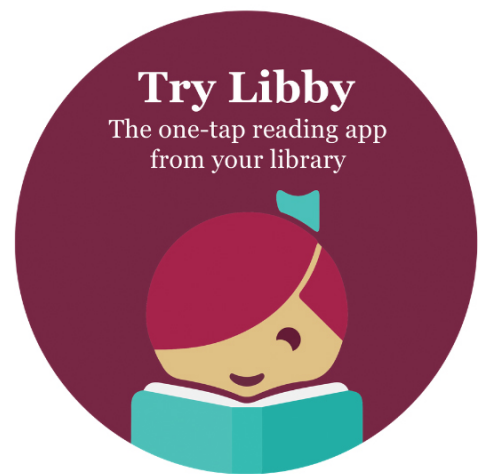
**Fun Stuff: Family Fun with Legos - Kelly Dunn**

During this time, my family and I have taken a lot of pleasure in trying new hobbies and enjoying our time together. One thing we have really enjoyed doing is building LEGOs. My son is seven years old and has fallen in love with building LEGOs. He is especially fond of Minecraft LEGOs and Hidden Side LEGOs. I attached a picture of all his hard work. This new hobby has been exciting and has helped us have something to look forward to during this time of uncertainty.



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Please make checks payable to: **Friends of the Poway Library, P. O. Box 1333, Poway, CA 92074-1333**

I would like to volunteer some of my time to help the *Friends*:  On a Committee  In the Library  
 In the Book Store  In the Book Store Workroom  Book Sales  Special Events  
 Please do not mention my membership/donation in the Friends newsletter.

**The *Friends of the Poway Library* is a non-profit, volunteer organization.  
Memberships and contribution are tax deductible as allowed by law.**

## **Poway Library**

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### Hours

Mon-Thur 9:30AM - 8PM

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

Sunday Noon - 5PM

Phone: 858-513-2900

## **Friends Bookstore**

### Hours

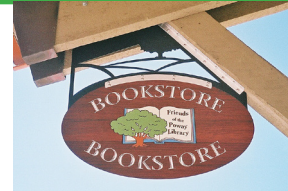
Tues - Thurs 9:30 AM to 7 PM

Friday & Saturday 9:30 AM to 4 PM

Sunday Noon to 4 PM

Telephone 858 513 2862

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## **Important Dates 2020**

**Book Sale Dates 2020**

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