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## *President's Message*

Fall is upon us...regardless of current temperatures!

The Friends Board of Directors recently voted to contribute \$22,500 in “matching funds” to provide more materials for the library. If you are an ebook reader you should be seeing more titles available too.

We had a very successful book sale this past weekend. Cookbooks in particular flew out the door. Our customers found a lot of bargains at 50 cents for hardcover and 25 cents for regular paperbacks. Mark your calendar for the next book sale, which will be February 15 and 16, 2020. This will be a great time to replenish your winter reading material -- whether it is a new author or something you have been wanting to learn about.

One of the prizes offered during Summer Learning is a gift certificate for a free book from the Friends Book Store. To date over 350 books have been claimed by folks who completed at least 10 books or activities. Way to go Poway Library customers!

The Acoustic Showcase discontinued earlier this year has a new title. Join us for our “Second Saturday Concerts.” The programs are free for your listening pleasure.

Membership renewal letters have recently been mailed. Please join and continue providing support and advocacy for our great library. Programs, Hot Right Now, periodicals and more are available because you belong to the Friends of the Poway Library and support our Book Store through donations and purchases.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Joye Davisson



FOPL President Joye Davisson hands Poway Library Branch Manager Marisa Lowe and Assistant Branch Manager Dan Rivera a check for \$22,500 for matching funds. This donation will be doubled by the Board of Supervisors and provide \$45,000 in new materials for the Poway library and the San Diego County library system.

Funds will be used to purchase new children's picture books, new young adult fiction, E-books and E-audiobooks, newspapers and magazines for the branch, bestselling new DVDs and book titles, holiday books and new large print. Thank you to the Friends!

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

## Librarian's Message



Customers enjoy droid racing in the library.

Hello Friends,

Happy fall to you! I'm excited to report that our Summer Learning program was a fantastic success. I'm glad that you are such a strong advocate and supporter of our amazing library.

Thanks to the Poway Friends, we were able to host some incredible programs this summer, from the **Harry Potter Party** to a **Luau** to **Kids Fest** to a **Paint Night** for adults to **providing grand prize certificates** to local businesses!



Dad and his baby enjoy the festivities

## Some of the more notable highlights I wanted to share with you:

### *Picnic on the Patio Concert with Fred Benedetti – Saturday, August 3*

The idea for this great event developed out of Friends' President Joye Davisson's suggestion for an after-hours library program that included music and lemonade. So, librarian Karen Baluyot got to work and made Joye's vision a reality. The two-hour concert brought the music enthusiasts to the library patio. Everyone brought a picnic dinner or takeout and then enjoyed the cold lemonade provided by the Friends. Because of the concert's success, we are planning to host more afterhours concert series. – 72 attended. One customer described it as, "this is just like the Hollywood Bowl, but without the Hollywood Bowl!"



Customers make Star Wars light sabers from pool noodles.

### *Star Wars Program – Saturday, September 21*

The branch hosted a successful Star Wars Day on Saturday, September 21. Thanks to the Friends who supported the library program by funding crafts supplies and snacks. Additionally, two members of the Friends of the Library volunteered to serve snacks during the event.

Librarian Loretta Gibson was already planning a Star Wars Day, when librarian Danielle Ghio was approached by the local Winecreek Ensemble, a group of volunteer semi- and non-professional musicians seeking to provide intimate orchestral experiences for the community. The group approached Dani to see if the branch was interested in having the group perform the music of John Williams for branch events. Our Youth Services team jumped on that possible partnership and booked the organization immediately.

Their event-themed music was amazing and made our event even better than we could have imagined. If you have not already seen, there is some fantastic footage of the group performing while the 501st cosplay participants march into the library on the branch's Facebook page. We received so much positive feedback from this musical addition. Friends supported the program by purchasing Otter Pops, which were turned into light sabers, and providing financial support for the various craft stations, which included Yoda Ears, origami Yodas and pool noodle light sabers.



Members of the Winecreek Ensemble pose.



Hard at work on Yoda ears and origami Yodas.



Members of the Winecreek Ensemble posing.

## Library Happenings! - Continued

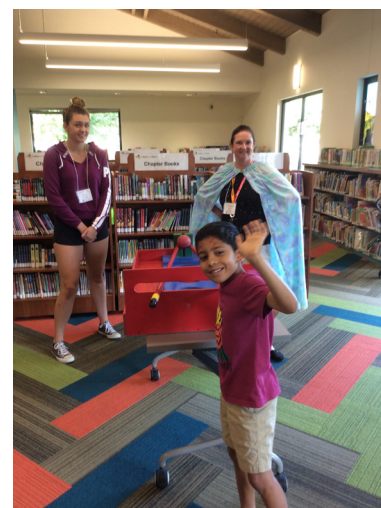
### *Goodbye to Sabrina Millard; Hello to Farrah Mazhari, Dani Ghio and Kelly Dunn!*

New staffing changes at Poway are underway. Youth Services Librarian **Sabrina Millard** is moving on, having accepted a librarian position in Las Vegas. Librarian **Farrah Mazhari** has been promoted and is now a Librarian II overseeing the Adult Services department at our branch. This means that **Danielle Ghio**, who prefers to go by “Dani,” will pivot and take on managing the Youth Services department. You will be introduced to Dani in this issue. In addition, you will also meet our new part-time Librarian I in Youth Services, **Kelly Dunn**. (*Correction: In the last issue of the Friends of the Library newsletter, library technician Nickolia (Nicki) Ortega’s name was misspelled with two “k’s” instead of one. Branch manager Marisa Lowe apologizes for the misspelling.*)

Tuesday, July 23 we celebrated Harry Potter’s Birthday with a variety of Hogwart’s-themed crafts and stations, including a Sorting Hat station, Defense Against the Dark Arts area, and the Care of Magical Creatures. Check out some of the highlights below.



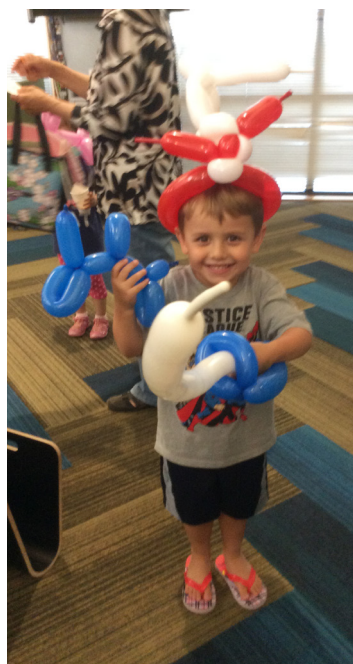
NCL volunteers greet customers attending the Care of Magical Creatures class.



A young wizard plays the Bludger training game. The game is used by Hogwart students to prepare to play Quidditch.



A young muggle transforms into Harry Potter.



Future Hogwarts students show off their transfiguration skills.

## Library Happenings! - Continued

**Diwali – Host Ms. Loretta educated participants about the Hindu holiday of Diwali.** Members of a local dance troupe discussed the holiday and gave a special classical dance presentation on Sunday, October 13. The celebration and learning continued, Sunday, October 20, with Henna tattoos and crafts for all ages.

One of our community partners, the National Charity League hosted its annual Halloween Carnival on the branch patio and in the community room on Saturday, October 26. Families were invited to come and enjoy a variety of Halloween-themed games, crafts and activities!

Adults and teens met local author Jessica Johnson and heard her talk about her recently published book, *Haunted, Hidden and Abandoned San Diego*, Thursday, October 24 at 6 p.m. The book highlights haunted, abandoned spaces in San Diego.

Free flu shots are being offered for adults and children age 9 and older, on Wednesday, December 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. inside the library. Younger children or those with asthma must obtain their flu shot from a pediatrician or local health clinic. This service is provided by community partner Palomar Health.

Thanks again for your support and advocacy,

Marisa Lowe



## Staff Book Recommendations

### October Book Recommendations from Poway staff.

#### Adult Services Librarian Karen Baluyot recommends...

*Bookshop on the Corner* originally published as *Little Shop of Happily Ever After* by **Jenny Colgan** (Call number: F Colgan)

This title is written by London-based Scottish author **Jenny Colgan**. Colgan has been writing for almost two decades, and I have read several of her books. My favorites so far are the books in the *Beach Street Bakery* series, but for today, I have chosen one of her stand alone titles, *The Bookshop on the Corner*, originally published as *The Little Shop of Happily Ever After*, since the main character is a librarian.

The librarian, **Nina Redmond**, is a reader's advisory expert and has the magic touch in finding just the right book for just about any person. She is quite shy and has been on autopilot in her life for a while, when she learns she is being laid off from her position. Still in a bit of a slump, she attends a career transition meeting and it is here when she realizes that being laid off is her opportunity to fulfill her dream of owning a bookstore. However, when she looks into finding a shop space she can lease, she discovers the cost is prohibitive. Instead, she comes up with the brilliant idea to open a mobile bookshop. Even this endeavor is challenging and her search for the just the right vehicle takes her to the tiny town of Kirrinfief in the Scottish Highlands. When the locals learn that she wants to open a book shop, they convince her to set up business in their town as there hasn't been a library or bookstore there in two decades. As she settles into life in Kirrinfief, she also finds herself caught between two romantic prospects – a Latvian train conductor named Marek with whom she exchanges books by hanging them on a tree on his railroad route, and her grumpy, soon to be divorced landlord Lennox.

I love Jenny's writing and I find myself using a British accent in my head as I am reading her books. I could totally see this title being turned into a movie ala Bridget Jones' Diary. It's a light comedic romance – the equivalent of a beach read for the coming chilly autumn weather. I recommend this for anyone who likes Sophie Kinsella.

#### Branch Manager Marisa Lowe recommends

*The Catalog of Shipwrecked Books: Christopher Columbus, His Son and the Quest to Build the World's Greatest Library* by Edward Wilson-Lee (Call no: B Colon)

This fascinating biography takes readers on the incredible journey of Christopher Columbus's illegitimate son Hernando Colon to achieve two of lifelong pursuits. First, to make sure his father's legacy as the first discoverer of America was preserved. After Christopher Columbus' death, many in the Spanish royal court attacked the explorer's claim to discovering America. (Colón, at age 14, was among the sailors on his father's fourth expedition to the New World, which ended with the crew stranded in Jamaica after a shipwreck.) The biography goes back and forth between Colon's quest to protect his father's claim to America and his second lifelong love: his staggering effort to build the biggest library the world had ever seen. Between 1509 and his death in 1539, Colón travelled all over Europe – in 1530 alone he visited Rome, Bologna, Modena, Parma, Turin, Milan, Venice, Padua, Innsbruck, Augsburg, Constance, Basle, Fribourg, Cologne, Maastricht, Antwerp, Paris, Poitiers and Burgos – buying books everywhere he went and eventually amassing the greatest private library in Europe. Most wealthy people at the time owned about 100 books; Colon's collection was in the tens of thousands. He wanted to create a library containing every written work in every language, a feat that was unheard of at the time because libraries were generally reserved for rare, royal, venerated or religious texts. He even collected poems, manuscripts and tavern posters as part of his library. The book is a fascinating take on the many cities that Colon visited; the books he lost – he lost about 1,000 books in a shipwreck, shortly after purchasing them from Venice. There's also information about the family's scandals -- Colon spent a great deal of time rescuing his brother from pending paternity lawsuits from the myriad of women he slept with – to the more cerebral – Colon employed an army of scribes to create a catalog for all those books. *The Catalog of Shipwrecked Books* is a fascinating biography you will want to add to your reading list.

#### Library Technician Paige Dillard recommends

*Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult (Call no: F Picoult)

*Leaving Time* is a novel about elephants, but it is also about so much more. It is about a young girl determined to find the mother that went missing from her life when she was just a toddler. It is about a woman determined to prove to the world that some animals are capable of intimate feelings—such as grief. It is about the past, the present, and the unknowable future. It is a mystery, a love story from a daughter to her mother, and a lesson on the deeply moving emotions of both animals and humans and how we may not be so different from each other after all. As in most of her novels, Jodi Picoult is able to write a novel where her characters are relatable, and the story is believable. She writes a story in which readers can learn, can feel, can hope, and can understand. If you've never read a Jodi Picoult novel, I highly recommend this one, and if you're familiar with Jodi Picoult's works then I believe you will greatly enjoy *Leaving Time*.



## *Introducing... Kelly!*



Hello Friends of the Library! My name is Kelly Dunn and I am the new part-time Youth Services Librarian. I am so happy to be here!

I have worked/volunteered at the Poway Branch of the San Diego County Library for the past four years. I am so lucky to be able to continue my career at the library that I started at. I began as a Saturday volunteer, while working as an Analyst for Ashford University and continued volunteering when I worked as a Cost Analyst for General Dynamics NAASCO. I decided to change my career path and became a Substitute Library Technician in 2017. I also have worked at the Escondido Public Library as a library associate. One of the many things I love about working at the library is that I can help find answers or solutions to patrons' questions.

I am currently working on my Master's in library sciences through San Jose State University. I have a Library Associate Certificate through Palomar College and a Bachelor's degree through UC Irvine in Film and Media Studies. I especially loved taking a class on New Russian Cinema and a class devoted to the musicals. I also have a Master's in Business Administration from Ashford University.

I am married with two children, a six-year-old boy and a two-year-old girl. In my free time, I love hanging out with my family, watching movies and TV shows, going to the Sunset Cliffs and exploring different places to eat. One of our favorite shows is Battle Bots!!! I also enjoy reading (of course), enjoying our beautiful San Diego weather, and exploring new local festivities/ activities. My family and I also love going to amusement parks

I have recently fallen in love with some of our children's series since my son is starting to read. He has loved the Piggy & Elephant series by Mo Willems, the Click, Clack series by Doreen Cronin, and the Pete The Cat series by James Dean. As for me, I love a wide range of books but lately I have been really enjoying adult graphic novels and young adult materials. My favorite graphic novel series is Locke and Key by Joe Hill.

I am so excited to be here and look forward to working with you. Feel free to say hello and let me know if you have any suggestions. My email address is: [Kelly.Dunn@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kelly.Dunn@sdcounty.ca.gov).

## *And Here's Dani*

My name is Dani Ghio and I am the new Librarian II head of Youth Services here at the Poway Library. I have only been with the San Diego County Library for a little over a year, but I am far from new to the world of libraries. In fact, I used to work for the San Diego Public Library for almost 18 years before starting my new adventure here at the county. I have a B.A in Theatre Arts from San Diego State University and a Master of Management and Library and Information Science (MMLIS) from the University of Southern California (USC) Marshall School of Business. A fun fact to know is that I was part of the inaugural graduating class for the new MMLIS program at USC where they had not had a library school in 30 years!



A little about me: Well, I like to read... I know, I know such a librarian thing to say but it's true! I like to read a wide range of books, but my favorite genres are fantasy, horror, and graphic novels. I am also a big theatre fan, truthfully, I think that if I didn't love the library so much I would be working in the world of theatre. I have traveled from San Francisco to New York to Los Angeles and even to London and Paris in search of amazing theatre. There is just something so special about being part of a live production. However, I not only like to watch stories come to life on stage but also on the screen. I have been known to spend a weekend watching a great new show on Netflix or seeing the latest movie in the theatre.

In my free time, other than reading of course, I enjoy watching tv/movies, going on trips to new places, traveling, playing video games, going to the theatre, visiting museums, immersing myself in pop culture events like Comic Con and hanging out with my cat Robbie.

As the new head of Youth Services, I am always on the lookout for new ideas for kids books, programs, and activities so if you have something you would like to see here at the library feel free to send me an email. I would love to hear your ideas!

Danielle.Ghio@sdcounty.ca.gov Can't wait to see you at the library!

# Friends of the Poway Library Membership Application

Membership year is September 1 to August 31.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Donation for "Matching Funds" \$
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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.  
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## Poway Library

13137 Poway Road, Poway CA 92064

### 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

**February 15 & 16**

**June 20 & 21**

**October 16 & 17**