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President's Message

What a busy summer at the Poway Library! "Reading by Design", the Summer Reading Program, was a huge success. We topped the county in sign-ups and completions. Quite an achievement.

The donations for our Book Store just keep coming and we are so appreciative of the support of the community. In September we wrote a check for "matching funds" that will pay for the Hot Right Now titles, both book and DVD, the newspapers and magazines and a package of materials for the kids. This can only happen when our supporters make donations that we can add to our Book Store stock and in turn sell to make providing our library with extra materials and programs possible.

In September we also said goodbye to Jenny Hansen and welcomed Marisa Lowe as our new branch librarian.

Membership renewal letters were mailed in late September so we hope you will renew your membership and continue to support the Poway Library and the Friends of the Poway Library with your donations and advocacy.

Joye Davisson



A Few Words (Farewell) from Jenny Hanson

Every librarian at some point dreams about running their hometown library. I was lucky enough to get that chance, and have greatly enjoyed getting to run the Poway library over the last 16 months. However, a new position was created at library headquarters over the summer that is uniquely suited to my strengths and talents, the position was offered to me, and I have accepted it. I am now the Lead Metadata Specialist for SDCL. That means it's my job to make sure that you all can find what you're looking for, both on the shelf and in the catalog, amongst the millions of items you have access to with an SDCL card. There are exciting plans for the future in that realm that I'll be heading up.

Poway is a beautiful branch, with amazing support from both the [Friends of the Library](#) and the larger community, and a fantastic staff. And those things won't change now that I'm gone. I'm leaving the branch in the care of Marisa Lowe, a colleague I have worked with since day one at SDCL (literally – we started the same day as Library Technician Is at Solana Beach Library). She'll tell you all about herself further on in this newsletter.

Jenny Hanson

Happenings

The Friends helped to purchase some much needed paint brushes for our **Paint A Masterpiece** program on July 17 as well as purchase foam sheets necessary for our **Create Your Own Masterpiece: Andy Warhol** program on July 30.

The Acoustic Showcase concert was attended by 70 people (record high attendance for the year)!



“What is that feeling when you’re driving away from people and they recede on the plain till you see their specks dispersing? - it’s the too-huge world vaulting us, and it’s good-bye. But we lean forward to the next crazy venture beneath the skies.”

Jack Kerouac, On the Road

My name is Chris Curley, and my time at Poway Library has come to an end. I started my journey at Poway three years ago. I was fresh out of graduate school and ready to take on the world when I was sent here to start my librarian career. I didn’t know what to expect when arriving, everything was new. I was working in a new library system, in a new city, surrounded by new people. I felt out of place during this time, but an amazing thing happened. During my first months here at Poway I began to feel embraced and accepted by the Poway community and the people I worked with, and this feeling has never diminished in the three years that I have been at Poway. I would like to express my appreciation to the Poway community and all the families I have met during my time here. You all have made me love my job, which not a lot of people can truly say, so thank you. I would also like to thank the **Friends of the Poway Library**. If it wasn’t for your continued support we would not have been able to provide such amazing programs here at Poway Library. I would like to send a special thank you to Joye and John. You two have been amazing Friends partners and I will miss seeing you two and opening the back door for you both. As I begin my new adventure at Bonita Library, I will never forget all that I have learned at Poway and all the amazing people that embody this amazing community.

-May the force be with you, always... -Mr. Chris

Our New Librarian! Marisa Lowe

Hello Poway Friends of the Library!

My name is Marisa Lowe and I'm the new manager of the Poway branch library. I'm very excited to be the new manager and join this wonderful team and start my new chapter with San Diego County Library. I have worked for the San Diego County library system for nearly 15 years, starting off as Library Technician I and then becoming a Youth Services librarian at Santee and then as branch manager at Lakeside and Bonita-Sunnyside branches. I'm excited that as the new manager at Poway I will work with the staff and volunteers to reach out to new community groups and new community partners and share our services with them.



A little about me: I have always loved writing and reading (I was the kid whose parents use to yell at her at night to turn off the flashlight, stop reading and go to bed!) and so working in the library seemed like a nice natural extension of my loves. Libraries also run in my family – my grandmother worked for Los Angeles County Library for many years and my aunt managed the circulation desk for UCSB's Davidson Library. My library growing up was the University Heights library in Normal Heights and then the Tierrasanta Library in Tierrasanta. I worked as a volunteer at the Tierrasanta Library as a teen and was on the Young Book Review Council in Middle School.

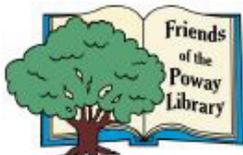
I enjoy working in the library because I enjoy connecting with people and helping them get the information they need. I also enjoy learning about new things and what people are interested in.

In addition to learning new things, I am an avid reader, who is always eager to share recommendations or hear yours. Please feel free to stop by and share some of your favorites or even duds with me. Some of my recent favorites include: Radium Girls by Kate Moore (a non-fiction book about the clock dial painters of the 20s), Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro and All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

In my free time, I enjoy cooking and traveling with my fiancé to cities that have good bike trails and good food. We just visited Portland, Oregon this summer to experience the eclipse. It was pretty incredible. We also had a lot of fun eating lots of good food and visiting one of the best Farmers' Markets I have ever been to. Especially memorable were the ice cream, peaches and the biscuits!

Please feel free to drop me an email or stop by and say hi when you are at the branch. I like getting to know the Friends and the community! My email is: marisa.lowe@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you!



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Important Dates 2017 and 2018

**2017 Book Sale
October 21 and 22.**

**2018 Book Sales
February 24 & 25
June 23 & 24
October 20 & 21
Pancake Breakfast
February 17
Annual meeting &
Volunteer Appreciation
April 28**