

# THE OPEN BOOK

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## *President's Message*

Here we are, already beginning the third month of 2022.

Who knew that twenty-two plus months later we would still be wondering if our life as we knew it in January of 2020 would ever be the same. We are having to adjust to the “new normal”. Continue to be safe.

What hasn't changed is the quality of service at the Poway Community Library. Hours may be reduced, but there are still many opportunities for you to check out books and other materials.

Looking ahead, it is hoped that soon hours will increase by offering some weekend and evening hours. You'll see some new faces as several of the former staff members have moved on in their careers. We miss them but wish them all the best. And do stop by and welcome the newcomers.

The Friends Bookstore is open and donations have been steady. So stop by and pick up some books ... maybe try a new author, or learn something new. Every Thursday there are specials.

And, watch for upcoming book sales.

I came across this quote recently.

***A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.  
Asian Proverb***

Watch for any new and breaking news about hours and programs at *your* Poway Community Library.

*Joye Davisson*

## **Important Dates 2022**

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# *Librarian's Message*

## *Welcome Melody Flory!*



Hi! My name is Melody Flory and I have been with SDCL since June 2019.

I started at the Ramona branch where I ran teen and adult programming, including Citizenship classes and a STEAM program.

For over a year, I was reassigned to the COVID effort and helped the test results and vaccination teams. Now, as one of Poway's adult librarians, I would like to help support adults in becoming better equipped to access our extensive ebook and audiobook collection. I also hope to create more opportunities for lifelong learning, by bringing in skilled artists and craftspeople, interesting speakers/presenters, and cultural experiences.

I have a varied background that includes a BA in History, experience as a teacher and coach, and as a Chemist in a lab. I enjoy watching Korean TV dramas and reading mysteries and thrillers.

I am happy to be at the Poway branch and look forward to learning more about your community.

## *Welcome Pam Schwartz!*



Our new Library Technician I. Pam is a native Texan who moved to San Diego in 1987 after visiting here on business trips and realized that she could actually live in this beautiful city.

She got a degree in Business Education at North Texas State University and started working for San Diego County Library in 2016 as an Intermittent Worker for the Coastal Branches and North Book Mobile.

She became a part-time Library Technician I at the Cardiff Branch in 2019 and is very excited to become a full-time Library Technician I at the Poway Branch!

In her spare time, Pam enjoys raising her teenage twins, seeing local bands perform, watching international films, and of course, reading! Her favorite genre of books is historical fiction, suspense novels and psychological thrillers. We were lucky to have her for a few weeks. Lucky Pam received a promotion and has advanced in her career. Congratulations.

## *Welcome Corianne Way*

Corianne Way began working for the San Diego County Library in 2018. She started as a volunteer at the Fallbrook Library and has spent the last three years at the Valley Center Branch Library as a Library Technician I. Corianne is proud to be joining the Poway team as a Library Technician II. She has an undergraduate degree in History and her love of public service as well as reading and all things pop culture are what inspired her to pursue work in the library.



In her spare time, Corianne loves camping and spending time outdoors. She is also an enthusiastic traveler and would love to hear your recommendations for your favorite places in the world! On the weekends, she likes to find live music to listen to, go see the latest movie, or spend a cozy day in at home with her husband, dog, and cat.

## ***AND CONGRATULATIONS TO:***

Dan Rivera recently celebrated 10 years as the Tech IV at Poway. He has worked really diligently to bring Poway Community Library to being a top library in the San Diego County Library system.

Congratulations to Karen Baluyot who was recently promoted to a position at headquarters. Karen was a "go to" person and she will be missed. We wish her all the best.

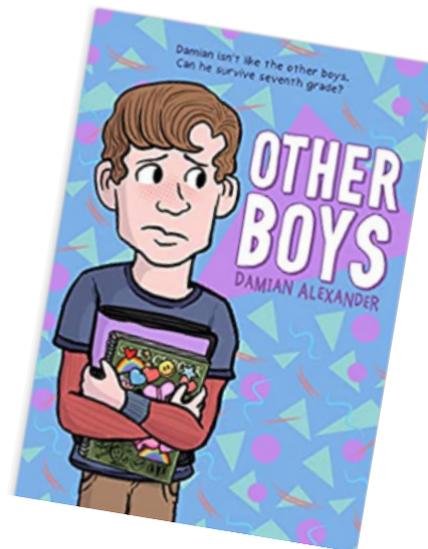
# Staff and Friends Book Recommendations

SDUT Recommended Read  
Carly Gutierrez  
SDCL, Poway Branch

## ***Other Boys***

Author: Damian Alexander

Aimed at young people 10-14 years old, *Other Boys* is a story of being shunned by the world. It is a must-read autobiographical juvenile graphic novel, an amazing debut both written and drawn by Damian Alexander. The artwork is clean with a peppy use of color. Our narrator wants nothing more than to blend into the shadows after the death of his mother and incessant bullying by children at his school. Damian and his brother are taken in by their grandparents. He has a chance to be a brand new 7th-grader at a shiny new school. To avoid any issues with the other kids, he decides to no longer speak at school. But, alas! His well-meaning grandmother has told his teachers of his mother's death, and they in turn told the students. Now everyone knows he has no mother.



Will his plan of staying silent backfire? How will he ever make it through school?

Damian fantasizes about having the same types of things as the other children, things like a washing machine or two cars, but mostly a mother. With his father not in the picture, either, things seem bleak. He is teased for being poor, and worse, he enjoys things that other boys do not, like playing with dolls and sewing with his grandmother. Alexander handles the sharp sadness in a touching and lovely way that shows a deep empathy for the young reader. This is a fantastic book, especially for anyone that has experienced bullying, loss of a loved one, homophobia, domestic violence, or poverty. The graphic novel does not shy away from the subject matter at hand. This is a memoir. These things happened. The effects are real. In Damian Alexander and his delightfully brave work, a new and stunning talent has been discovered.

## **POWAY LIBRARY KNITTING GROUP**

**MAR. 28, 2022 FROM 1-3 PM**

*Spend the afternoon with fellow knitting enthusiasts!*

*All are welcome, including beginning knitters, although no formal instruction is provided. Bring your own supplies.*

*A partnership with the San Diego Knitting Guild*



## **Celebrate Women's History Month!**

[Here's](#) a small selection of the amazing true stories by and about women across the world and throughout history.

# Friends of the Poway Library Membership Application

Membership year is September 1 to August 31.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Family \$10/year <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$25/year <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor/Business \$50/year <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$100/year <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$250/year <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$1000/one time only	Additional Donation for "Matching Funds" \$ <input type="text"/>
	Total Enclosed \$ <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check

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

13137 Poway Road, Poway CA 92064

Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 4 PM

Welcome back to all our supporters and friends. We look forward to seeing you.

Phone: 858-513-2900

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