



Of Books and Things

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Hats Off to Volunteer John Dean



Friends of the Library volunteer John Dean was honored at the annual “Hats Off to Volunteers” community event on April 22. Each year Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation and RB High School Foundation recognize individual contributions to our local community. Each of 67 organizations nominated one special volunteer to receive a hat and certificate in recognition of their accomplishments.

The Friends nominated John for his above-and-beyond contributions to the library. He volunteered in the Bookshop for many years and developed the framework of guidelines for operations. As Secretary to the Board, he not only produced excellent minutes of meetings, he worked on the by-laws and developed a process for updating member lists. He also helped set up our first booth at “RB Alive.” And, says Millie Boaz, FOL Operations Vice President, “John’s sense of humor has helped maintain a friendly, constructive tone at our FOL meetings.”

Unfortunately, John was unable to attend the ceremony at Rancho Bernardo High School, so Millie Boaz stepped in on his behalf. Millie, in turn, presented him with his hat and certificate at a later date. Thanks to you, John Dean!

Important Notice to All Friends

This will be the last newsletter that you will receive by mail. Due to the costs of production and mailing, we have elected to begin posting the newsletter on the Friends of the Library Website (above). This will start with the September 2017 issue.

We will be happy to send you an email alert when each future issue is available. To allow us to do that, please be sure that we have your current email address. If you need to update your address, please stop by the Bookshop and the volunteers there will help you with that. If you do not have an email address, please let us know that, too.

The Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library raise funds to support our local branch. This step to an electronic newsletter has been taken to help those funds go further toward library programs in an environment of budget reductions.

Book Sale News

Our four-day sale in May brought smiles to our customers...and our volunteers...in spite of the rain showers.

Now we're looking forward to a Sunny Summer Bag Sale on **Saturday, July 29**. It will be held from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in both the Bookshop and the work room. We'll have some brown grocery bags on hand but we ask that you BYOB: Bring Your Own Bag, meaning a brown grocery bag or a shopping bag of comparable size. The pricing will be the usual for one-day bag sales: \$3 per bag for Friends of the Library and \$5 for non-members. New member sign-ups will be available on the day, of course.

Yes, the May sale was our only four-day sale this year. In addition to the July Bag Sale, we'll have two more: **Saturday, October 21**; and **Saturday, December 9**.

Dick Luehring, our Sales Manager, has a team of volunteers now working on Amazon sales and they're doing very well so we decided to focus on that venture rather than staging another big four-day sale. Our next multi-day sale will probably be in the spring of 2018.

Amazon Book Sales

We have been selling donated books since the Friends of the Library was established in 1973. Most of our books sell for \$2 or less.

When the internet became part of our lives, it provided a tool for the sale of more valuable books. Because of declining Bookshop and special sales income, a team of volunteers was established and with their hard work since last November we have sold 38 books for an average price of \$27. We have over 60 books listed for sale and look forward to a great year.

We Need Your Donations

As always, we continue to look for donations of saleable books, CDs, DVDs and audio books. Trade fiction and mass paperbacks in decent condition are in demand, as well as children's books that are clean and readable. Please bring your donations to the front desk of the Branch and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. The proceeds from our sales, including the Bookshop, support the many activities of the RB Library.

Essay Contest Winners Honored

If all books in the world were about to disappear but you could save one, what would it be? Why?

These were the questions that students were asked to answer in the San Diego Public Library's 20th annual "Writing for Literacy" essay contest. This writing contest is open to all students in grades 4, 8 and 10 who attend a school served by the San Diego Public Library system.

Our local winners were recognized at a reception co-hosted by Rancho Bernardo Library Friends and Staff on April 25 at Balboa Park. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with these talented students, as well as their families, teachers and principals. Kelly Pepo, District Supervisor, and Laura Anthony, RB Branch Youth Services Librarian, had the honor of presenting the awards.



Top local contestants are shown with Youth Librarian Laura Anthony:

- Manon van Woerder , Monterey Ridge Elementary
- Sean Kim, The Bishop's School
- Navy Alfonso, Bernardo Heights Middle School
- Danica Chen, Del Norte High School
Best of all the Essays

All top winners in each grade level were honored at the Balboa Park event. Prizes for the region-wide winners include a laptop computer and \$500 cash prize.

Details on how to enter the next contest will be available through local schools in September.

Library Happenings

With summer quickly closing in, the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library is busily organizing a fabulous Summer Reading Program for Adults, Teens, Children and Babies. This year's theme is "Reading by Design."

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) is designed to prevent "summer slide" for school age children. For every 10 books or 10 hours of reading, incentives are received. To encourage the love of reading for children, we are offering several programs which incorporate the "Reading by Design" theme.

For adults, we have created a bingo-style board with reading topic ideas. Interested? This program runs from June 15 through August 15. Registration opens on Thursday, June 15.

How do I register?

This year we are going "entirely green" by asking patrons to enroll for the Summer Reading Program online. At the RB Library, awesome SRP Ambassadors will be ready to assist patrons in the enrollment process. The first step is for patrons to access the SRP registration from the San Diego Public Library's home page. This can be done from one's home computer, or at any SDPL Branch Library terminal. After creating a SRP account online, patrons will enter each of the titles they read during the program (June 15 through August 15). The system will alert participants when they are eligible to receive reading-incentive prizes.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, June 15. You won't want to miss hearing *Ronald McDonald* perform a lively story time with great music at 3:30 pm. And *Spirit the Clown* will be here, too, creating fabulous balloon animals and colorful face painting at 2:30 pm. So, come join the fun! Let's all enjoy making memorable adventures by participating in this year's "Reading by Design."

In addition, the Branch will be packed with activities for families, adults and teens throughout the summer.

We start June 13 at 1:00 pm with Oasis presenting *Journey through History of Design and Architecture* for adults. Then a program for families on Wednesday, June 14, at 3:30 pm with Michael Rayner, an incredible, hilarious juggler and balancer. Family Game Days will be on Fridays at 3:30 pm throughout the summer and there will be a variety of nature and science events for all ages. Teens and tweens will want to sign up for the *Food Science Experiments* on Saturday, June 17, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Laura Anthony, Youth Services Librarian

New Lending Library Titles

Fredrik Backman
David Baldacci
Jeffery Deaver
Michael Finkel

David Grann

Paula Hawkins
Mary Higgins Clark
Dennis Lehane
Debbie Macomber
Adm. William H. McRaven
James Patterson
James Patterson
John Sanford
Lisa Scottoline
Anita Shreve
Danielle Steel
Elizabeth Strout
Stuart Woods

Bear Town
The Fix
The Burial Hour
The Stranger in the Woods
Killers of the Flower Moon
Into the Water
All By Myself Alone
Since We Fell
If Not for You
Make Your Bed
Black Book
16th Seduction
Golden Prey
One Perfect Lie
The Stars Are Fire
Against All Odds
Anything is Possible
Fast and Loose

These are new books for May and June. You can access the FOL Website at any time to see the newest additions on the Member's page. User ID is: member; password is: folrb3141.

Last Concert of the Season



Our final FOL concert before the summer break will feature a wide range of music with Slavic, Latin, Indian and Middle Eastern influences performed by the guitar duo

of Benedetti and Svoboda on Wednesday, June 28, at 6:15 pm. Both musicians have performed around the world and are also composers. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated.

We Need a New (Old) Desk

Our bookshop is looking to replace our well-worn desk and a donation would be most appreciated. It can't be too large, though. Our current one is 47 inches wide and 27 inches deep. If you have a smallish desk that you don't need, please contact Diane Heinz at dsheinz@icloud.com.

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