



# Of Books and Things

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## Annual Meeting November 12

### Featured Speaker Misty Jones, Director SDPL

In this century, many people believe books and libraries are on their way out. Misty Jones will give us a clear-eyed, enthusiastic look at why that is not so, and what lies ahead for us.

Misty believes libraries are the great equalizer, always inclusive and never exclusive. She thrives on change and believes that the strength of libraries is in their ability to redefine themselves to fit public need.

Misty Jones is Director of the San Diego Public Library. The SDPL is a city department with a Central Library and 35 branches throughout the city. Misty previously served as SDPL's Deputy Director, overseeing a wide range of support services. Her diverse duties included overseeing budget development, IT, building services, grants and capital improvement, as well as the Central Library's move, opening, and operations.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina's Masters of Library and Information Science program, she started her library career at Greenville (South Carolina) County Library, then at the Charleston County Library, eventually becoming Regional Branch Manager for the Main Library.

Misty has committed herself to library advocacy. While in Charleston she worked to promote libraries to the public, legislators, and other elected officials statewide. After moving to San Diego she immediately sought further opportunity for advocacy and is now a member of the California State Library Legislative Committee and Advocacy Sub Committee.

**Annual Meeting Schedule: 10:00 am – Refreshments and chat; 10:30 – Welcome, reports and election of officers for 2017; 10:45 – Featured speaker Misty Jones**

## October Big Book Sale - Tell Your Friends and Neighbors!

**Wednesday, October 19, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm – Friends of the Library Special Preview Night**

Thursday, October 20, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday, October 21, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

We always need your donations of saleable books. Please make your donations before October 17.

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## A Big Welcome to New Members

Richelle Becker, Sandra Belliveau, Abby Boretto, A. Dolores Canizales, Doug and Debra Clark, Gisela Clemons, Ann Connolly, Molly Coughlin, Paul Courtright and Susan Lewallen, Rebecca Cummings, Debby Dutilly, Donna Fishman, Lynn Flanagan, Steven Frederick, Linda Gannon, Diane Goldberg, Diane Marie Gray, Michael Hadlow, Tami Holtz, Helen Jacobsen, Jeff James, William Jaynes, Elizabeth Kilsdonic, Patty Kimbrell, Katie Knoll, Meg Kocol, Lisa Lantz, Gerianne Laigo, Shou Wei Lam, Natalie Lewis, Desiree Louis-Maubert, Dawn Mackay, Judy Nichols, Gloria Nishioka, Marie Owens, Martina Pappas, Julie Parrish, Roberta Pessah, Jackie Restive, Mary Shay, Diana Sisson, Mary Smigliani and Carla Swenke

## We Need Your Friendship

**Rancho Bernardo Friends of the Library**  
17110 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

I want to be a member of the Rancho Bernardo Friends of the Library. My tax-deductible check is attached.

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I would like to help with Book Sales, Book Shop, Sorting Donated Books, Concerts, Publicity, Website, Other. Please contact me.

## President's Message

From Judy Levine

I am so grateful to every one of our members who help our library. Our shop does a profitable business and looks fabulous, too, due to **all the wonderful Friends** who keep the sales perking along working with **Millie Boaz** (Vice President of Operations) and **Diane Heinz** (Bookshop Director), who provide guidance, scheduling, and ideas. I keep hearing about ladies and gentlemen who go above and beyond, working extra hours when needed. And how important are the best sellers in the Lending Library to us all? Thank you, **Kathy and Bob Luehring** for that.

We must also recognize the efforts of all those whose muscles set up the semi-annual sales with **Dick Luehring** and then keep it going from Wednesday evening through Saturday afternoon. And the bag sales, too. It's great how these sales come off, time and again, without a hitch. What great workers we have! And what would the shop, the bag sales, and the semiannual sales have to sell if **the volunteers in the workroom** under **Jan Ash** failed to show up to sort the books? All of you work so hard, week in and week out.

Furthermore, we can't possibly forget the Board members who get the word out. Our Publicity Director, **Jeff Meyer**, has found us several new outlets for our news. **Paul Duggan** is our Webmaster as well as Treasurer, and you should check out our attractive, well-organized Website. **Diane Harris** puts together our newsletter to coincide with our "big events" schedule. **Vivian Eisenecher** efficiently handles membership applications and our membership database, and **Ginny Orchard** chairs our hospitality efforts.

We can't forget **Harvey Levine**, our Concert Director, who heads up the best library concert series in all of San Diego County, no kidding!

Finally, we welcome **Diana Sisson**, our dedicated new Secretary, and welcome back **Dave Hall**, who is returning after an absence of nearly two years to take on the position of Vice President of Membership and Support. A warm welcome and heartfelt thanks to both of you for agreeing to serve.

I am not throwing empty words around. My job as President is relatively easy because so much that members and

board members do runs smoothly. You can't imagine how grateful I am! I love you all.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

## Donations Needed

Imagine your ideal lifestyle. Does that include making your community a better place to live? Does that include clutter? Community yes! Clutter no!

Accomplish both goals at the same time by taking a look at your books. Have some of them served their purpose? Do you need to clear space to make room for new interests?

We are looking for donations... gently used: any books, CDs or DVDs in good condition. (We don't wish to receive items you wouldn't buy yourself: anything damaged, moldy or tattered; or encyclopedias, magazines, Readers' Digest Condensed Books or VHS tapes.)

Bring any books you decide to donate to the circulation desk. Thank your books for the wonderful memories and part from them with gratitude. (Tax receipts are available upon request.)

## Lending Library

We now have several books of over 500 pages; these may be checked out for three weeks. All others are still two-week loans. See the Friends Website for a complete listing of Lending Library titles.

New this month:

Catherine Coulter – Insidious  
Janet Evanovich – Curious Minds  
Joseph Finder – Guilty Minds  
Emily Griffin – First Comes Love  
Nancy Isenberg – White Trash  
Liane Moriarty – Truly, Madly, Guilty  
Daniel Steel – Magic  
J.D. Vance – Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir  
Ruth Ware – The Woman in Cabin 10  
Colson Whitehead- Underground Railroad  
Stuart Woods – Smooth Operator

## 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.

## Bag Sale December 10

Our Bag Sale on August 6 was a wonderful success, netting about \$300. Customers were able to fill a grocery sack full of hardcover and paperback books for the bargain price of \$3 for Friends. Our next bag sale is Saturday, December 10.

Be sure to regularly stop by the bookshop to check out our monthly and seasonal specials. There are always bargains to be found. In mid-September a celebration of Oktoberfest will be in full swing. October will bring specials on mystery and Halloween books. Cookbooks will be the special in November. December will highlight holiday and gift books

If you enjoy spending time in our bookshop, why not volunteer to work a shift or even to be an occasional sub? We can always use help to provide a great service to the community and you'll have the opportunity to meet some wonderful people. If you are interested, please contact Diane Heinz at [dsheinz@icloud.com](mailto:dsheinz@icloud.com).

## Concerts Report

Concerts Director Harvey Levine just released the schedule for the 2016-2017 concert season. Once again, the Friends are sponsoring ten classical chamber concerts and six jazz concerts. The chamber series opened, on August 24, with a quartet of cellists from the San Diego Symphony. It was an unusual and superbly performed concert and the full-house audience (over 125 attendees) was thrilled. We even had the world premiere of pieces



that were transcribed for four cellos by a Ramona resident, who was a cellist with the Detroit Symphony for 31 years. She was present for a standing ovation. It was truly a remarkable evening. The calendar for all the concerts is on the Friends website. You can also get on the e-mail distribution list (for monthly reminders) by sending an e-mail to Harvey at [rbconcerts@earthlink.net](mailto:rbconcerts@earthlink.net).

The RB FOL can be extremely proud of the reputation that the RB Library has garnered as one of the best places for non-fee music in San Diego County. Support of the Friends, the community and our appreciative musicians has been strong.

## Library Youth Services

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) was a great success. We registered over 1,400 people of all ages. Our Branch came in second place out of 36 libraries! The RB staff and volunteers were essential to the success of this program. What an awesome team we have here!

SRP encourages patrons to read up to 10 books or 10 hours of reading and receive prizes for their accomplishments. The SRP is vital in the prevention of "summer slide," where young people lose their academic skills over the summer holiday. But the SRP wasn't just about reading. It was about having fun, new ideas, and creativity, including performances by clowns, magicians, exotic animals, Mad Science, music and jumping rope.

And we can't forget to mention our Harry Potter Celebration. We transformed our Community Room into the School of Hogwarts, where attendees could join Snape's Slime potions class, make a wand, and create bookmarks and Harry Potter glasses. We also served wizard-friendly snacks: my personal favorite was the love potion punch that was steaming with mystical fog. It was a memorable experience for all muggles and wizards alike.

Regular programs that took a break during the summer are starting back up in September, along with a few new ones. We are concentrating on more STEAM-type programs (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) for school-aged children and teens, with a Robotic Workshop on September 24, Nerdy Derby with the Steam Makers on September 14, ArtBot with the Steam Makers on October 5 and several Computer Programming Classes in October.

We have also added a Chess Club on Tuesday evenings and are looking for some volunteers to help us lead it. What do volunteers have to do? Play chess! Sounds easy? Then this is the right job for you! Come and talk to a library staff member for more information. Along with chess we are hosting a Family Game Night every Friday.

Many thanks to the Friends for the wonderful support you have provided through your time and generous donations. You make these free programs possible.

