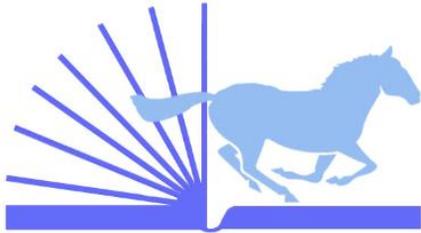


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Lakeside
Friends of the Library



Hello Lakeside Community!

This week we started a different service model at the library, and added a couple of things!

- You no longer have to make appointments to pick up your items.
- Request a book, movie, or CD at sdcl.org or by calling your local branch.
- You will get a notification the same way you used to (phone, email, mail) that your items are in.
- Come to the door of the library between 10:00 am – 4:00 pm with your library card or government ID and we will check your items out to you. *Please note that properly worn facial coverings and physical distancing are required for all staff and customers.*
- You can also apply for a library card, get a replacement card if you need one, or if you applied for a digital card while we were closed you can switch to a physical card without losing your digital items.
- Our outside book drops are now open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, and for your convenience we are leaving them open 24 hours on weekends. *Please note that all returned items are quarantined for at least four business days. It may take several days for returned items to be removed from your account. Rest assured you will not be charged for those quarantined days.*

September 2020

- All due dates have been extended for SDCL materials to December 31, 2020.

SDCL does not currently have a timeline for providing in-person library services. As soon as we have a timeline or more information, I will let you know.

The staff here is so grateful we get to see our customers coming to the door and getting their items! We miss our daily interactions with you all and the fun programs we were able to provide. We recently did some rock painting here at the branch with our own Dawn Espedal, and will have a special treat for you all when we are able to open our doors.

Stay safe, healthy, and connected.

Mary Elder

EVERYONE CAN USE A LOT MORE “FRIENDS!”

If you're reading this article, then you know there's a group called the Lakeside Friends of the Library. But you may wonder, who are these "Friends," what do they do, and why should I become one?

Our Lakeside library is funded by property taxes, which are a pretty stable revenue source, but they are not unlimited. This is where the Lakeside Friends of the Library come in. We supplement what the County budgets so that the Library can offer extra programs and activities that enhance the cultural and educational life of the Lakeside community. We also support Library staff. In fact, we are immensely proud of our relationship with Lakeside library staff. The Friends primarily help by stretching out the library's resources, generating revenue for the library, providing volunteer and program support, and by advocating for the library, its services, and the community. Additionally, Friends groups makes it easier for libraries to get grant money.

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“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” – Lady Bird Johnson

SPOTLIGHT ON DAWN ESPEDAL!

I have been working for the Lakeside Library since 2004, when I started out as a sub. I was hired on part-time at La Mesa Library in December of 2005 where I worked for six months before getting hired at Lakeside Library. In March 2018, I was hired on full-time at the Lakeside Library.

One of the activities I started was participating in the Lakeside Western Days Parade. Go Lakeside! I also started the rock painting program, getting the San Diego Bloodmobile to come once a year, and Minute to Win It.

I enjoy running the Toddler, Kids in Action, and PJ Storytime programs. I also go out in the community and read to the children at Children's Choice Academy and participate in the Lakeside Run for the Arts with a booth. I miss seeing all the customers, many of who I feel are friends. My hobbies are reading, playing Pickleball, and rock painting.

I have been married 37 years and have six grown children, four of whom are married. I'm the proud grandma of 9, soon to be 11. I'm a true East Countian having been born (at home) and having grown up in El Cajon. Something that is kind of fun to know is I had my third son in the house that I was born in! I now live in Lakeside and love it. I'm looking forward to the library reopening and seeing all of you again.



“FRIENDS!” *continued from page 1*

Besides playing an integral role in advocating for a new Lakeside Library (and raising more than \$100,000 for programming and other “extras” that the County typically couldn't afford with a new library), your Friends group has raised money for the Lakeside Library to provide summer reading programs, host coding and other STEM programs for students, and purchase additional branch library materials.

The Friends generate revenue through a variety of fundraisers, holding book sales, and through membership dues. As you can imagine, COVID restrictions have made most fundraisers impossible. And, until the Friends can hold a book sale, we cannot accept book donations because we have no room to store the donated books. **This makes membership in the Lakeside Friends of the Library, and monetary donations to the Friends, more important than ever.**

Our library is a community hub for information, technology, cultural exploration, and community building. People of all ages visit the library to enjoy books and media, get help learning to read, and develop job skills. Math, science, and engineering programs have become part of daily operations. Libraries make a community and communities make a library. Your membership in the Lakeside Friends of the Library directly supports your community. To make a donation or to join the Lakeside Friends (or renew, if you are already a member), visit our website www.lakesidecafriends.org. You can also mail a donation to:

Lakeside Friends of the Library
9839 Vine Street
Lakeside CA 92040

The Lakeside Friends of the Library is a non-profit tax-exempt organization (501(c)3) so donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged.





BOARD MEETINGS



September's meeting has been canceled due to Covid-19. The Friends of the Lakeside Library normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the library. All members are welcome! Contact us to ask questions or to volunteer your time. We can be reached at 619-631-5614. Leave a message and someone will return your call, or e-mail us at lakesidecafriends@gmail.com

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T-SHIRT SALES

"I'd Rather Be Reading" T-Shirts are now available for purchase in both men's and women's sizes for \$15. They are in the library and make a great gift for any book lover.



CONTRIBUTION JARS



Please patronize these local merchants. We appreciate all they do for the Lakeside Friends of the Library!!

Cafe 67 ~ Copy Corral ~ Yogurt Barn

Lakeside Café ~ Allie's Gifts ~ Boll Weevil

Please visit our website www.lakesidecafriends.org and like us and follow us on Facebook. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP

We are grateful for all of our Lakeside Friends. We hope that you will continue to support this group. Becoming a member will keep you informed about library activities including progress toward the new library. There are many benefits to becoming a member of the Lakeside Friends of the Library

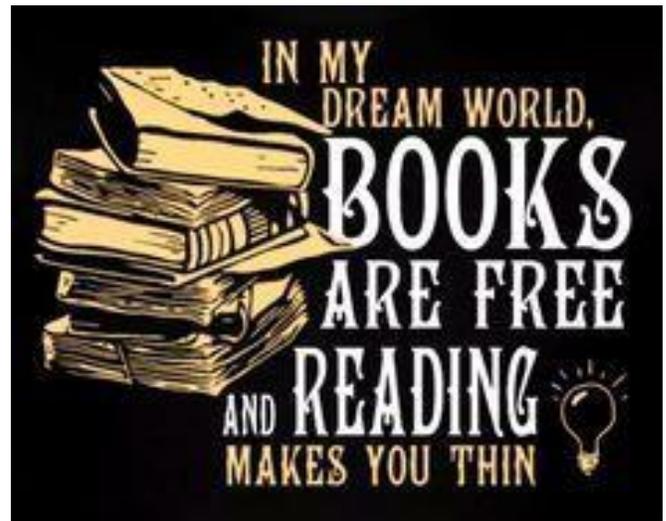
Members receive this newsletter, receive the latest updates on the new library, are entitled to free opportunity drawing tickets at designated events, get specials at book sales, may attend Board meetings and are invited to the yearly general membership meetings.

Individual membership - \$15 / year
 Senior membership - \$10 / year
 Family membership - \$25 / year
 Organization/Corporate membership - \$75 / year
 Lifetime membership - \$150

Monetary donations of \$500 or more shall be granted Lifetime Membership and all its privileges.

You can renew your membership in person at the library, on our website lakesidecafriends.org, or mail your check with your name, address, phone number, email and type of membership to Lakeside Friends of the Library, 9839 Vine St., Lakeside, CA 92040.

Thank you for supporting the Lakeside Friends of the Library.



WHAT ARE YOU READING???

Tell us about it by going to our Facebook page or to our website: www.lakesidecafriends.org visit Contact Us and let us know what you are reading with a short review and we will try to publish some in our newsletter. While you're there also complete our Survey Questionnaire as we truly are going to still be getting a new Lakeside Library...with shovel in the ground December 2020.

Michael Evans-Layng (Friends Secretary/Grants)

One of my favorite types of literature is science fiction, especially when the author does what he or she can to get the science right, or make reasonable extrapolations from what we think we know rather than flimsy flights of fancy (for that, I turn to fantasy, another genre I enjoy). There's an astrophysicist on the faculty of the University of California, Irvine, who writes such science fiction, Gregory Benford, and the book of his I recommend to you today is called Great Sky River.

Imagine a roving band of human beings, for all they know they're the last humans alive on the planet Snowglade. They do their best to elude and, when necessary, fight a civilization of mechanical/electronic beings, the Mechs, who see all biological life as a threat. A man named Killeen is a central figure in this forlorn group of augmented people, and the book is the well-told tale of hardship, setbacks, and, perhaps, a sort of triumph.

Benford does a great job of developing his characters, and it's not just a male-centric shoot-'em-up. I was drawn in, enthralled, surprised, and even moved to tears. If you like science and stories with a hard edge, I think you'll enjoy Great Sky River.

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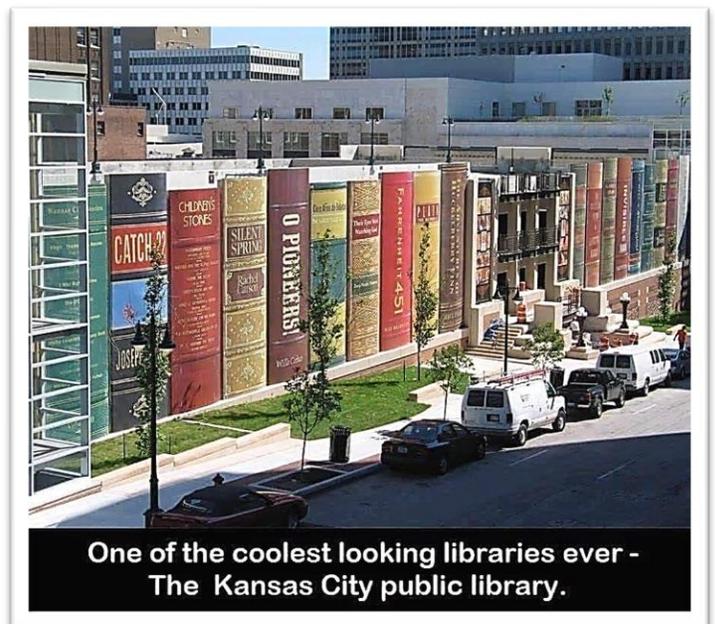


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"Fools have a habit of believing that everything written by a famous author is admirable. For my part I read only to please myself and like only what suits my taste." - Voltaire