Lakeside FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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MARY'S CORNER

Hello Lakeside Community!

Important Information:

- **A temporary vendor issue is still delaying the arrival of new materials. Thank you for your patience.**

Programming:

- **Saturday Adventures for Adults: Saturdays (see each program for time)**
  - Mar. 7: Adult Arcade *2:30 – 4:00 pm*
  - Mar. 14: Bingo! *3:00 – 4:00 pm*
  - Mar. 21: Watercolor Art Class *2:30 – 4:00 pm*
  - Mar. 28: Ceramics Class *2:30 – 4:00 pm*

- **AARP Free Tax Prep Assistance: Thursdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
  - This service is being offered from February 5th – April 9th
  - No appointments
  - Held in our Community Room
  - For more information, please call 1-888-227-7669 or go to http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide

- **Lakeside Book Club: Thursday, Feb. 26 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm**
  - This month we are discussing *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott

- **Virtual Author Talk Featuring Kate Quinn: Thursday, March 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm**
  - Join us as we livestream an Author Talk with New York Times bestselling author Kate Quinn. She'll be talking about her latest book, *The Astral Library, which* poses the question: Have you ever wished you could live inside a book? The livestream event will be presented on the big screen, in our Community Room.

Resource Tables:

- Thursday, Mar. 12 from 10:00 - 11:30 am, Grossmont Health Library
- Friday, Mar. 13 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Neighborhood Healthcare

Special Resource Event:

- Friday, Mar. 6 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: The Live-WOW (Live Well On Wheels) Bus will be in the library parking lot for customers to sign up for CalFresh and Medi-Cal. You can also inquire about existing cases.
- The bus will be at the library the first Friday of each month, in March, April, and May.

Closures:

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, March 31st, in observance of Cesar Chavez Day

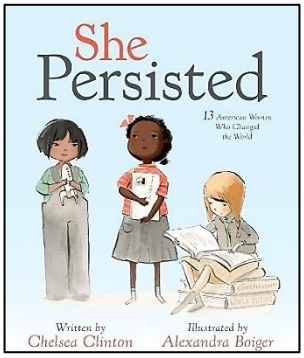
Resources:

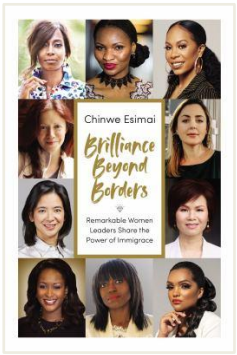
Morningstar is a well-regarded source for tracking mutual funds and stocks, with data reports that cover more than 30,000 securities. Use provided data and tools to manage your portfolio, or build your financial knowledge with self-study courses covering stocks, bonds, ETFs, financial planning and more.

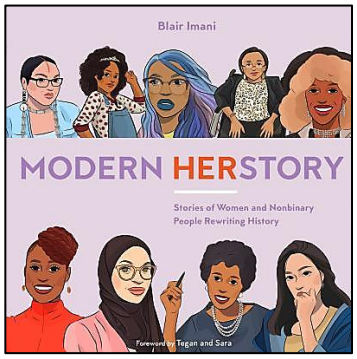
*Simply go to our website at www.sdcl.org and click on **eLibrary**. Scroll down to see **Morningstar** under **Popular**. Once you click on **Morningstar** it will ask you for the name of your library and library card number. Type in **San Diego** for Library and the barcode from the back of your library card.*

March is Women's History Month!

Check out these books in our catalogue:







Stay safe, healthy, and connected,

Mary Lanese

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 3:30 pm in the Library Conference room.

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*

MEMBERSHIP

There are many benefits to becoming a member of the Lakeside Friends of the Library. Members receive the latest news on the library, are entitled to Members Only book sales, get a free punch card, may attend Board meetings and are invited to the yearly general membership meetings.

Individual membership - $15 / year
Senior membership - $10 / year
Veterans - $10 / year
Family membership - $25 / year
Lifetime membership - $150

Your membership supports library programs that the County does not fund. With our larger facility, there is room to hold events in various areas at the same time. The library staff has many programs planned and also welcomes your suggestions.

You can renew your membership in person at the library bookstore, 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, 12428 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

Thank you to all new and renewing members for joining and supporting the Lakeside Library.

Ken C. - Senior
Sharla C. - Senior
Shelly H-S. - Family
Jill C. - Senior
Leanna E. - Senior
Phyllis S. - Individual
Carrol D. - Senior
Karen S. - Lifetime
Lisa O. - Individual
Marilyn M. - Senior
Jen D. - Family
Dani H. - Senior
Sherrie C. - Senior
Bryan C. - Senior
Victor M. - Veteran
Rosie Y. - Individual
Marcia Z. - Senior

Remember to renew your membership for 2026. After February, we will take you off our list. We don't want to lose you.

"Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?" — Henry Ward Beecherr

LIFETIME MEMBERS

The following Lifetime members unfortunately did not make our Donor Wall in the library as there was no room left. The Friends Board is working on a way to honor these important members. We hope to have something in our LFOL Bookstore soon, but things take time with the County, so not sure when that will be. We thank all of our Lifetime Members as they are the heart and soul on the Lakeside Friends of the Library. Here are the names of those that are not on the wall:

Lakeside Friends of the Library Lifetime Members as of 2/25/26 – Names Not Included

Betty Corvey
Deanna Herman
Dolores Basilio
Karen Standford
Kelley Nielsen-Radtke
Kenneth Horton
Lakeside Acupuncture
Sioban Kanine

BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

Members only 50% sale is March 16th – 21st. If you aren't a member, please consider joining. If are a member renewals are now due for 2026. Please renew this month before we delete you from our contact list.

Come browse our selections at the only bookstore in Lakeside.

Thank you to The Library Friends of San Diego County, who hosted our first East County Friends Book Crawl, February 14 - 21, 2026. If you missed the Book Crawl this year, be on the lookout for the 2027 event. It will be even bigger and better. Everyone had a fun adventure. Pictures are available on our web site at https://www.lakesidecafriends.org

The Lakeside Friends of the Library strives to encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading throughout our diverse community. Our bookstore prices are affordable. Stop by today.

As always, we will accept donations of your gently used books during our business hours. Thanks Lakeside, for supporting our bookstore.

EAST COUNTY'S FIRST ANNUAL BOOK CRAWL WAS A BIG SUCCESS

East County's first annual Book Crawl for the Friends of the Library was a great success! The crawl kicked off on Saturday, February 14th and ran through February 21st. Some of our board members hit the road on Saturday and Tuesday, passports in hand, to visit several East County Friends bookstores. Many other Friends boards, our members and volunteers joined in throughout the week.

Descanso had the cutest little bookstore

It was so much fun visiting the eight East County Friends bookstores that participated in the Crawl and supporting their stores with our purchases. At each location, we had the opportunity to chat with the dedicated volunteers who run the bookstores and help support their local libraries.

Lisa O. and her husband at Ramona Library

At the Ramona bookstore we saw one of our LFOL members, Lisa and her husband! Being able to visit other bookstores and see how they operate was truly a highlight of the Book Crawl.

Meanwhile, back at the Lakeside Friends of the Library bookstore, our volunteers worked hard all week assisting enthusiastic customers with their purchases. From there, customers headed to the stamp station to have their passports stamped and receive their gifts. Thanks to everyone involved, this event was an amazing success.

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We are all looking forward to next year's Book Crawl, and we hope to add more Friends Bookstores to this wonderful event.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

What do you like best about volunteering?

I like meeting new people and interacting with the community.

What are your favorite books and authors?

I read for pleasure only. I like most mystery authors and some romance novels.

What do you like to do for fun?

Travel, travel, travel. Spend time with my family (son, daughter and five grandchildren) most of whom live in Ramona. One of my most favorite things to do is going to harass my three brothers (they all live in the desert)'

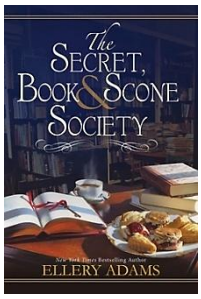
Anything else you would like to tell our readers?

Hi everyone, I'm a lifelong member of the community since 1959. I went to El Capitan High School and worked in the Lakeside Union School District for more than 20 years. I am an active member in the Woman's Club of Lakeside, the Lakeside Historical Society, and help with the VFW Auxiliary whenever I can.

I was retired and having a ball and then joined the Woman's Club of Lakeside in 2014, where I met Terry Burke-Eiserling, and then as they say…. the rest is history.

AUTHOR/BOOK REVIEW

I recently discovered a new author that I absolutely love: **Ellery Adams**. Because I'm involved with Lakeside Friends of the Library and its bookstore, her work immediately caught my attention. Many of her series center on bookstores, books, and strong friendships—making them especially appealing. While Adams's books are classified as mysteries, they offer so much more than that, with rich characters and heartfelt connections that keep readers fully engaged.



My first introduction to her writing was the **Secret, Book & Scone Society** series. Set in the small town of Miracle Springs, North Carolina, the story follows four close friends who are also small business owners. They often gather at Miracle Books for girl time, book club discussions, and—inevitably—conversations about the latest murder that seems to have cropped up. Adams draws readers in with vivid descriptions and well-paced plots that make the setting feel warm, inviting, and intriguingly mysterious.

Another series I'm currently enjoying is her **Book Retreat Mysteries**. This series takes place in rural western Virginia at the beautiful Storyton Hall, a resort designed especially for bibliophiles. Guests come to relax with books, attend literary events, or try to access the resort's legendary secret library—a collection of rare books spanning generations. With dead bodies, secret passages, and plenty of action, this glorious book retreat series keeps you turning pages and wanting more.

Enjoy all the cozy mystery twists found in each of Ellery Adams's books.

Debbie Miller

"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."

— Mark Twain