

Friends of the Library

"Of Books and Things"

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SPRING BOOK SALE BARGAINS: MAY 20 TO MAY 23

Drop in Wednesday evening between 5:30pm and 7pm for first choice, or come in Thursday and Friday between 9:30am and 4:30pm or Saturday 9:30am to 12:30pm. As in the past, the sale overflows from the second floor community room into the hall and our workroom across the hall. Books are added throughout the sale as space becomes available. We supply paper bags. **PLEASE NOTE: The books in the first floor shop ARE included.** Scope them out before the sale. Tell your friends, or even bring them.

Bargains range from 15 cents for some children's books to half of our usual \$2 bargain price on most other



books. Plus, you can find spectacular individually priced books for collectors or gifts.

The money we raise funds the various programs and other needs of the RB Library. We are also happy to be able to recycle previously owned books within our community (to people, that is, not recycle bins).

Children's books go quickly, so come early for those. Trade paperback fiction has a wide selection, and more are added to replace early sales. Also, find travel, gardening, biography, history, self-help, mysteries, hardcover fiction, CDs, some DVDs, some sets, and a generous selection of fiction. And more, Lots more.

We do accept checks (in addition to cash), but we don't have the capability to accept charges.

It's not too late to offer to help. And trust me,

that's a lot of fun. You can help set up on Wednesday afternoon, take in the cash, straighten books, or help people find the category they're looking for during the sale. Or help box the remaining items at the end of the sale. Email Dick Luehring at rb.library.friends@gmail.com or call him at 858-613-3926 to volunteer.

Clip and Save

	SHOP Hours			
Monday	10:00am	-	4:00pm	
Tuesday	12 noon	-	5:30pm	
Wednesday	1:00pm	-	7:00pm	
Thursdays	10:00am	-	4:00pm	
Fridays	10:00am	-	4:00pm	
Saturdays,	10:00am	-	4:00pm	
Sundays,	1:00pm	-	4:00pm	

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Monday	9:30am	-	6:00pm
Tuesday	11:30am	-	8:00pm
Wednesday	11:30am	-	8:00pm
Thursday	9:30am	-	6:00pm
Friday	9:30am	-	6:00pm
Saturday	9:30am	-	6:00pm
Sunday	12:30pm	-	5:00pm



CONCERT NEWS

We eagerly approach the coming of summer with our final two chamber concerts of the season. Our treat on May 27th will be a performance on the double bass by Jeremy Kurtz-Harris. Jeremy is Principal Double Bass for the San Diego Symphony. He has been recognized for breaking new ground in demonstrating the pure magic of the bass as a solo instrument. His performance of Bach's 3rd Suite for Solo Cello (transcribed for bass) will leave you in disbelief. For the remaining works on the program, Jeremy will team with San Diego's favorite pianist, Ines Irawati.

If piano and strings bring you pleasure, you need look no further than our June 17th concert by the Neave Piano Trio. Blending the sounds of violin, cello, and piano, this trio has played to great acclaim throughout Southern California. On the program are works by Mozart, Dvorak, and Piazzolla.

All of our concerts are on Wednesdays, starting at <u>6:15</u> <u>PM</u>. Tickets are not required. Children, aged 7 and older may attend with a parent. Concerts are supported by free-will donations, a grant from the RB Community Foundation, and sponsors, including the Friends of the RB Library. To receive reminder e-mails, send an e-mail to rbconcerts@earthlink.net.

Harvey Levine, Concerts Director

DID YOU KNOW?

We always need help in the shop. Do you like books and people? Our trainer and written guidelines will ease the way. You'll love it.

Donations of books and money can be taken as a tax deduction. We're a 503(c) organization.

The San Diego city budget is very tight, and our branch truly **needs** our financial assistance.

LENDING LIBRARY NEWS

Every month, ten titles are added to the Lending Library, located in the Book Shop. Only paid-up members may sign out 2 books for 3 weeks as a thank you for their memberships.

These bestselling books for May will be in demand: *Memory Man*, by David Balducci,; *The Patriot Threat*, by Steve Berry; *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule*, by Jennifer Chiaverini;









The Stranger, by Harlan Coben; At Water's Edge, by Sara Gruen; Falling In Love, by Donna Leon; God Help the Children, by Toni Morrison; The Children's Crusade, by Ann Packer; Every Fifteen Minutes, by Lisa Scottoline; and Cuba Straights by Randy Wayne.

We reported last month that a number of books had walked away. Not one book has come back, despite our pleas. Again, please check your shelves and the stack by your bed in case you inadvertently acquired one without signing it out. Thank you. *Kathy & Bob Luehring, Lending Library Chair*

HELP! MEMBERSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

The membership chair enters information into an Excel file used by the shop, the newsletter printer, and the Board. Please help the Friends grow. Call Judy Levine (858)485-0602 or email to JudithLLevine@earthlink.net. Thanks in advance.

FROM THE YOUTH LIBRARIAN

The Rancho Bernardo Library 2015 Summer Reading Program will run from June 15th to August 15th. The theme is "Read To The Rhythm." Infants, toddlers, elementary and middle school kids, high school students, and adults are invited to participate in the reading program.

A variety of special activities will highlight the Program's kick off on June 15th including face painting and Scott Land's Marionettes performance. Other activities are science experiments, magic shows, musical and live animal shows. For the schedule, please check the events calendar in the library or the San Diego Public Library's website: www.sandiegolibrary.org.

Prizes will be given to participants who read 10 books or 10 hours during the program. You can read the guidelines prior to or at registration.

The Friends provided funds for our 2015 Summer Reading Program and additional popular paperbacks such as *Wings of Fire, The 26-Story Tree House, House of Hades* and *Spy Camp* needed to replenish the collection.

Zelda Sacro-Santos

HATS OFF TO VOLUNTEERS

Each year, the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation asks Rancho Bernardo organizations to nominate one volunteer who has given extraordinary service. In the past, the Friends of the Library has honored Jerry Peterson, Pino Bartolotta, Marilyn Bertschy, Judy Bunin, and Helen Harte. This year's honoree, selected by the Board of Directors, was Dick Luehring. Congratulations, Dick. You earned it—and your giving continues.

The 2015 **Hats Off to Volunteers** was moved from its former location in Webb Park to Rancho Bernardo High School Performing Arts Center, and the volunteers and their supporters nearly filled the auditorium. Honorees were invited to the stage to accept their hats and plaques, which were given out by local dignitaries, such as City Councilman Mark Kersey, Assemblyman Brian Maienshein, and Congressman Scott Peters. This is a big event!



Dick Luehring with Assemblyman Scott Peters

Descriptions of each honoree's contribution to the community were limited to 25 words. Here's what the program said about Dick: "Beyond being Treasurer and three-term President, Dick gives of himself warmly and tirelessly, managing book sales and supporting our library in so many ways."

We had a display table to promote the Friends and our shop. Millie Boaz, our enthusiastic Book Shop Coordinator, organized the table, found volunteers to help her, and solicited Jackie Hough to create the spectacular (and reusable) signs. Thanks, Millie, Jackie, Ellen Tinker, and Jan Simpson.







Dick with Nick Anastasopoulos, 2015 Hats off Chair Friend of the Library Table showing Jackie Hough's signs

Millie Boaz with welcoming smile for all.

Two more Friends were honored by other organizations: Eleanor Ellis by RB Senior Services and Harvey Levine by the Community Association of Bernardo Heights. We are grateful to them and all our hard-working, dedicated volunteers who share in the work of supporting the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hats Off! was so inspiring! I left there warmed and proud, not only of our Friends, but also of our entire community, all those living here, working together to make life richer for everyone.

How can so many give so much? They'll say, as I do, "I believe what I do matters, and if I don't do it, then who will? Besides, I love the library. I have fun with my many Friends, and I feel good."

Judy Levine

RB ALIVE! ANOTHER CHANCE TO HELP!

At RB Alive on Sunday, June 7th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, we'll have our exhibit in the little park across from Bank of America on Bernardo Center Drive. Other community groups will be nearby. Luckily, we'll have Jackie Hough's colorful artwork (see above) to attract folks. Come visit or help us distribute bookmarks, membership brochures, and a few paperbacks for publicity. Email me at mboaz1938@att.net to volunteer.

Millie Boaz, Shop Coordinator

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A Big Welcome to 14 new members: Reza Azizi, Fabienne Dzialo, Kathy Ekstedt, Lucy Figuracion, Margaret Kamensky, Jane Meiners, April Mitchell, Theresa Moore, Maurice Nahum, Gary Perkins, Ken Rice, John Paul Teague, Wayne Wei Chen Mao, S. Wooten. Thanks for joining.

Marianne Pekala, Membership Chair

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