



*Supporting the Lakeside
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Issue #124

MARY'S CORNER

Hello Lakeside Community!

Important Information:

- The temporary vendor issue is close to being resolved and new materials are expected to arrive this summer!
- Libraries across the country experienced delays after the unexpected closure of the nation's largest book vendor. This created a massive backlog as remaining vendors absorbed so many new clients.
- We truly appreciate your patience during this transition, and we look forward to getting new books, authors, and discoveries onto our shelves as soon as shipments resume.



What's New: SUMMER LEARNING IS HERE!!

Adults, Teens, and Children can come into the branch for a reading log and a free tote or book (*while supplies last*). Check our monthly calendar and our website for programs and events: <https://www.sdcl.org/lakeside>

Summer Programs for Adults will be on Saturday Afternoons from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

- Our first Summer program for Adults will be an after-hours Laser Tag Event!

Summer Programs for Children will be on Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am

Summer Programs for Teens will happen after-hours on one Friday each month



June 2026

All ages that complete our Summer Learning Challenge will be eligible to enter our OPPORTUNITY DRAWING for a prize!! Prizes will be awarded in September.

Starting June 20th, our Saturday Adventures will become Summer Learning Adults! We've got a lot of fantastic programs coming to your library this summer! 😊

Starting June 11th, our Wiggles & Giggles Storytime will become Summer Learning Kids! Some AMAZING kids' programs are coming this summer!

Programming:

Saturday Adventures for Adults: Saturdays

- June 6 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Adult Arcade
- June 13 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm: Bingo!

Summer Learning Adults!

- June 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm: Laser Tag!! (After-hours event)
- June 27 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Adult Painting Class, with Marsha Cook, register in-person at Lakeside

Lakeside Book Club: Thursday, June 25 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm

This month we are discussing *The Lost Story*, by Meg Shaffer

Special Events:

LiveWOW (Live Well On Wheels) Bus: Monday, June 1st from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

- Monday, June 1 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: The LiveWOW Bus will be in the library parking lot for customers to sign up for **CalFresh & Medi-Cal**. You can also inquire about existing cases and learn about the new federal and state policy changes.
- The bus will be at the library the first Monday of each month in June and July.



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**Summer Learning Kick-off: Thursday, June 11th
from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Lakeside Community
Center**

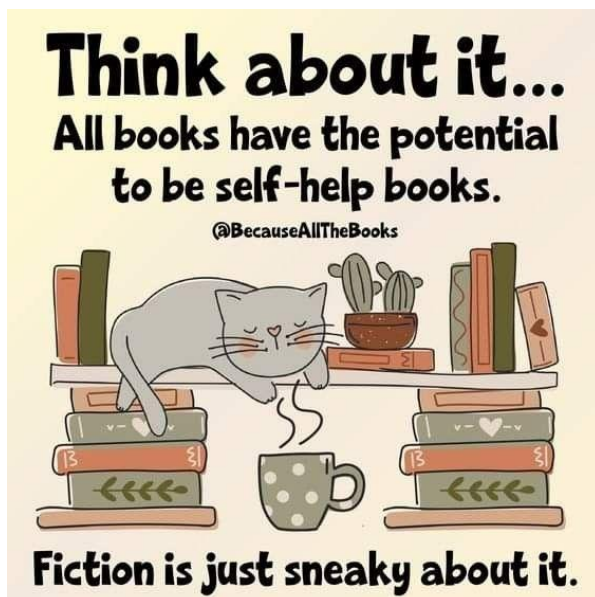
- Join us for a fun afternoon of performances, free giveaways, face painting and more!
- Michael Rayner - Comedy Performance: 1:30 - 2:30 pm at the Community Center
- *This event is intended for school-aged children, teens, and families*

**Citizenship Course: Tuesday, June 16th from
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

- Join this free 10-week Citizenship Course instructed by Jewish Family Service and conducted in English. Participants will receive a textbook, supplies, and access to resources for online assignments and test preparation. Strengthen your speaking, reading, and writing skills to confidently prepare for the U.S. Naturalization interview. **Register today at (619) 753-1630 or citizenship.ed@jfssd.org**

**Summer Food Pantry – Feeding San Diego:
Tuesday, June 30th from 4:00 – 6:30 pm**

- Feeding San Diego's Summer Pantries allow community members to pick up fresh, nutritious produce and pantry staples at a convenient location, in this case, your local library. Please bring your own bags.
- The Food Pantry will be at Lakeside on June 30th, July 28th, and August 25th



**NEW Library Highlight: A service or program we
are highlighting**

Friendship & Fun - This program began years ago at the old location, when our staff member Eric Jones noticed that we had several group homes bringing their clients to the library on a regular basis. The clients were adults with varying physical and mental disabilities, and they seemed so happy to be welcomed at the library, Eric thought that offering them programming could be beneficial. Eric talked to the caregivers to find out what kinds of programming they might enjoy and the program was born! The caregivers and clients were so excited to have programming designed just for them, and soon word got around to a few places. When Carlene Rocheck joined the Lakeside staff, she'd led a similar program at Santee Library and wanted to continue the program at Lakeside. Carlene's heart for this program is unmatched, and she not only continued the program but grew the program ten times over!

Friendship & Fun offers a chance for these amazing adults to practice small and large motor skills, express their creativity, and build social skills and relationships. We provide instructor-led support along with all craft supplies. The first Wednesday is Music and Movement, second Wednesday is Arts and Crafts, third Wednesday is Chair Yoga, and fourth Wednesday is Bingo. What began with 6-10 adults has grown to between 80-100 adults coming to enjoy programming designed for them, at their library. The feedback we receive each week shows how much of a positive impact Friendship & Fun has on the clients and their caregivers. Lakeside Staff truly feel that we get more from these beautiful humans than they'll ever know. ❤️

Closures: The Library will be closed on Friday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday

- [What is Juneteenth?](#) Click to learn about this important holiday

Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading made my dreams come true.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg



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Resources:

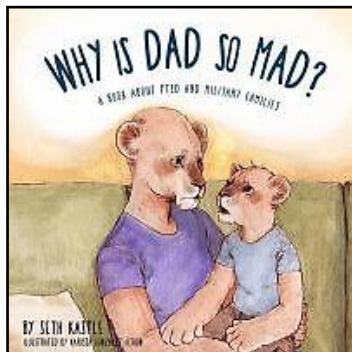
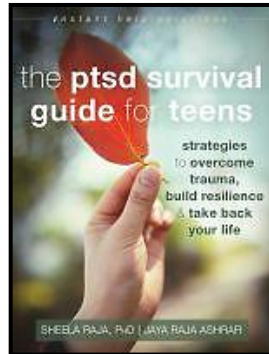
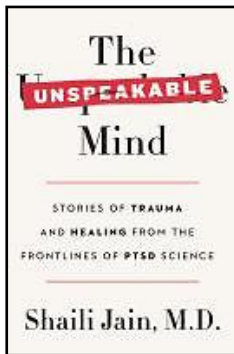


Did you know you have full access to the online edition of the New York Times, including breaking news, in-depth articles, op/ed pieces, videos, blogs and more, all with your library card?

Simply go to our website at www.sdcl.org and click on **eLibrary**. Scroll down to see **A-Z Resources** and scroll to the **N's** to find **NYTimes.com**. Once you click on it, you'll see that you have two choices for access, inside and outside the library. Follow the instructions based on whether you are inside the library on one of our public PCs, or on your own device.

June is PTSD Awareness Month

Check out these books in our catalogue:



Stay safe, healthy, and connected,

Mary Lanese

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 4:30 pm in the Library Conference room.

Chairperson: Joan Tilley
Secretary/Grants: Michael Evans-Layng
Treasurer/Bookstore Manager: Caprice Hubbard Sander
Assistant to Bookstore Manager: Vacant
Assistant to Treasurer: Vacant
Membership: Ronel Sidney
Hospitality: Meredith Bowman
Newsletter: Sharon Smith
Webmaster: Debbie Miller
Educational/Community Liaison: Nina Drammissi
Publicity/Social Media: Brittney MacGregor
Member at Large: Phylliss Stevens
Community Relations: Paula Jensen

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.

Sue T.

Welcome



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BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

Our Members Only Half-Price Sale will be June 15-18. The Bookstore will be closed June 19 -20 for Juneteenth, but the library will be open June 20th.

We now have a FREE cart as a way of recycling some of the books that have not sold or do not meet our shelf standards. It is located outside the bookstore. Also check out our minor cart inside for special items. These items are price at 50 cents.

We are so grateful for our volunteers who cover various shifts. Their time is precious just like yours. They work hard to make our bookstore a friendly place as well as to process your donations. Our goal is to support library programs, but we have to balance that with our own priorities.

We are going to have some closures due to the upcoming Holiday Weekends:

June 19th and 20th - Juneteenth
July 3rd and 4th – Independence Day
September 5th – Labor Day

We will post signs. Many of these closures coincide with the Library closures. Thank you for understanding.

We also sell **Gift Certificates** in our bookstore in any denomination. If the recipient can't use the entire amount we will give them credit for the unused portion. What a great gift for special occasions like Graduation, Father's Day, etc. Stop by soon!!

As always, we will accept donations of your gently used books during our business hours, Monday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm except for Tuesday when we open at 12:00 pm. Please call during business hours with any questions: 619-219-6709.



SDCL SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

San Diego County Library invites you to participate in the Summer Learning Challenge, track your progress online or at your local branch, and pick up prizes upon completion by August 31, while new library books are arriving and the library celebrates the nation's 250th anniversary.

Note

- Download or pick up a learning log at your local SDCL branch to track progress.
- Visit any SDCL branch to pick up prizes after completing the challenge.
- Complete the SDCL Summer Challenge by completing 10 books, reading hours, and activities.
- Explore SDCL's website for curated America's 250th anniversary reading lists, programs, and exhibits [here](#)
- Register for the SDCL Summer Learning Challenge online through Beanstack or at any SDCL branch.

San Diego County Library is recognizing the nation's 250th anniversary throughout all of 2026 across our 33 library branches. Each branch is hosting at least one activity connected to the commemoration, with efforts designed to reflect local community interests and history. The library is supporting learning through:

- Local history exploration connected to San Diego County
- Civic topics that highlight the evolution of participation and rights
- Cultural and educational engagement for families and adults
- Reading initiatives that encourage reflection on the nation's past and future

We are also offering curated America's 250th anniversary reading lists on Libby, making it easy for residents to explore history digitally from anywhere. Residents can also find programs, booklists, and online exhibits connected to the anniversary by visiting our website.