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MARY'S CORNER

Hello Lakeside Community!

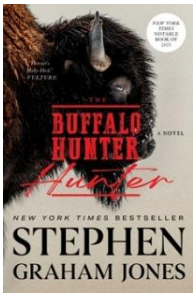
Programming:

Saturday Adventures for Adults!

- Nov. 7 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Watercolor Art Class
- Nov. 14 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm: Richard Lederer
- Nov. 21 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm: Bingo
- Nov. 28 - No program, enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday

Keep Calm and Yarn On: Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

- Have you always wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Please join our talented instructor, JoAnn, who will teach all ages how to create their own magic with yarn and needles. No experience required. We also welcome experienced knitters and crocheters.



Lakeside Book Club: Thursday, November 19 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm (*Third Wednesday this month, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)*
This month we are reading the One Book One San Diego choice for 2026: *The Buffalo Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones.

Special Events:

- **Coffee With the Community: Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**
  - Coffee with the Community gives the public a chance to chat with the San Diego Sheriff command staff, deputies, Crime Prevention Specialists, and Senior Volunteers in a casual setting and exchange ideas and concerns over a cup of coffee.
- **Jest For The Pun Of It: Richard Lederer: Saturday, Nov. 14 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm**
  - Union-Tribune language columnist and International Punster of the Year Richard Lederer will explain what a pun is and perform some of the funniest puns ever created. There will be a Book Signing after the talk.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, Nov. 20 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**
  - Consider donating blood to the American Red Cross! To schedule an appointment or for more information go to RedCrossBlood.org. Use Sponsor Code: SDlibrary or call 1-800-RED-CROSS
    Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting REDCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

    The American Red Cross also accepts teen donors, please visit https://www.red-crossblood.org/... for details and the consent form.

Did you know?

One Book ONE SAN DIEGO | 20th CHAPTER

The One Book One San Diego program is celebrating 20 years!

For 20 years, the One Book, One San Diego program has encouraged everyone in the San Diego and the Northern Baja region to read and discuss the same book in an effort to bring our community closer together through the shared experience. The first One Book title for adults was selected in 2007, while One Book for Kids began in 2012, One Book for Teens in 2013 and One Book, Sin Fronteras (Spanish language readers) in 2015.

The One Book, One San Diego 20th Chapter will reflect on two decades of building community connections. Through the years we have tackled challenging themes together, cried together, laughed together and, most importantly, expanded our worlds together. Powerful storytelling does that. It takes us on a journey. This milestone honors the people, stories, and shared love of reading that have shaped One Book, while turning the page toward the program's exciting future.

"One Book, One San Diego." *KPBS Public Media*, www.kpbs.org/one-book-one-san-diego. Accessed 14 Oct. 2026.

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The Lakeside Library's official ballot drop box will be open until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd. It is located outside the library, in front of the Friends Bookstore, facing Woodside Avenue.



Resources:



Learn business, creative, education and tech skills taught by expert instructors. LinkedIn Learning is available from home, the library, or on the go.

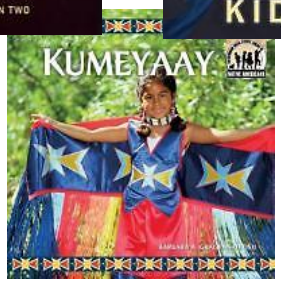
Simply go to our website at www.sdcl.org and click on **eLibrary**. Scroll down to see **LinkedIn Learning** under **Featured eResourse**. Once you click on **LinkedIn Learning** it will ask you for your library barcode number and your five-digit PIN

November is Native American Heritage Month!
Come check out these books and DVDs from the library!

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Stay safe, healthy, and connected,
Mary Lanese

LIFE MEMBER PLAQUE

The Lakeside Friends of the Library Boad will unveil the new LIFE member plaque at our General Membership Meeting on November 10th. These names reflect those who became members after the Donor Wall was full. The plaque will be displayed in a prominent place in the LFOL Bookstore later this month. We will add additional names as more LIFE members join.

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board m**eeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 4:00 pm in the Library Community Room.**

Chairperson: Joan Tilley
Secretary/Grants: Vacant
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 Laison: Nina Drammissi
Publicity/Social Media: Vacant
Member at Large: Phyliss Stevens
Community Relations: Paula Jansen

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*

BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

Come visit the only bookstore in Lakeside! This month we will have a Members Only 50% off Sale November 9th through 14th. We are so thankful for our customers that we will offer all customers 50% off books November 23rd through 25th. What a great time to start your Holiday shopping. Our Christmas items display will be coming this month.

We also offer gift certificates in any amount. If the recipient can't use the entire amount we will give them credit for the unused portion. They make perfect stocking stuffers.

This month our closures are November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 26 - 28th for the Thanksgiving Weekend.

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.

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MEMBERSHIP

Become a Friend of the Lakeside Library

Beginning **October 1, 2026**, all new memberships and renewals will be valid through **December 31, 2027**. Join or renew this fall and your membership will carry you through the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027!

Why Become a Friend?

When you join the Lakeside Friends of the Library, your membership helps support library programs and activities that are not funded by the County. Our beautiful, larger library gives staff even more opportunities to offer programs, events, and activities for our community—and your membership helps make those opportunities possible. Friends' members also enjoy:

- Library news and updates
- Special Members ONLY Book Sales
- A free punch card
- Annual membership meetings

Membership Options (please note that options and prices have changed effective November 1, 2026)

Senior Membership: $15/year
Individual Membership: $20/year
Veteran Membership: $15/year
Business: $25.00
Lifetime Membership: $175

Ready to Join or Renew?

You can become a member or renew:
In person: Visit us at the Lakeside Library.
Online: Visit lakesidecafriends.org.
By mail: Send your check along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and membership type to:
Lakeside Friends of the Library
12428 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040

Thank you to all of our new and renewing members. Your membership helps us continue supporting the Lakeside Library and the programs that bring our community together. **We're grateful to have you as a Friend!**

Jean D.- Senior
Carole H.- Senior
Jill C.- Lifetime
Miranda "Randy" O. - Lifetime
Celine R.- Lifetime
Robin L.- Lifetime
Ivan Y.- Lifetime
Adeline P.- Senior
Shirley M. - Senior
Larry G. - Senior
Jeff W. - Senior
Vicki W. - Senior
Susan C. - Senior
Susan B. - Senior
Margie J. - Senior

Ronel Sidney, LFOL Membership Chair



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a Board Meeting at 4:00 pm, followed by the General Membership Meeting at 5:00 pm on November 10, 2026, in the library Community Room. All members are welcome at both meetings or just come for the GMM if you want.

Unfortunately, the concert by Dierdre Sullivan, a Celtic Lutenist, announced in last month's newsletter will not be happening due to unexpected circumstances.

There will be a short agenda, and a vote for our slate of officers that will need to be confirmed. We will provide a copy of our projected budget for 2027, and a copy of the November 2025 minutes.

Speakers:

Joan Tilley, Chairperson Lakeside Friends
Review 11/04/2025 minutes
Caprice Hubbard-Sander-Treasurer
YTD Treasurer report/YTD Inc/Exp
Bookstore Update
Mary Lanese, Branch Manager, Lakeside Branch Library
2026 Year in Review & Budget

New Business:

Approval of By-Laws
2027 Budget Proposal and approval
Nomination of Officers
Life Time Plaque

Elections:

Positions are two years or until a successor is nominated as needed and confirmed at a regular election or at a General meeting, effective in January. Confirming vote of board as it stands for two years. Renewal 2026, or as board changes occur at next Annual General Meeting.
Nominations from the floor

- Chairperson: Meridith Bowman
- Secretary: Phyllis Stevens
- Treasurer: Leanna Ertz

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2027 Goals & Events

Membership Increase
Increase community engagement
Scholarship for Terry Burke-Eiserling

Light refreshments will be served, and Board members will be available for questions. We will also appreciate the renewal of your membership

If you have skills that you want to share, consider becoming a Friends of the Library Board member. We can always use those with talents in accounting, organizing, community outreach, or anything else that you think would be helpful. We will take nominations from the floor. Remember, many hands make light work.

Contact us if you have any questions. 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*.

JEST FOR THE PUN OF IT



Richard Lederer the Verbivore is coming to the Lakeside Library on November 14, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. He will give a presentation on Jest for the Pun of It. His books will be available to purchase.

Union-Tribune language columnist and International Punster of the Year Richard Lederer will explain what a pun is and will perform some of the funniest puns ever created. He'll be signing his books after his program.

Union-Tribune language columnist **Richard Lederer** is the author of 65 books about language, history, and humor.

"Every book holds a little magic. Some introduce us to people who become lifelong friends, some take us places we could never afford to visit, and others help us understand the world around us. Libraries make that magic available to everyone, reminding us that knowledge, imagination, and the joy of reading should never be limited by the size of someone's pocketbook."

BOOK REVIEW

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

I recently finished *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, and this was a hard one for me—especially as a mom.

There were so many times I wanted to reach into the story and protect Demon. To give him a safe place to land. And maybe the hardest part is knowing that while Demon is fictional, there are kids living stories like his every day.

It would be easier to look away. But I don't think we can. I think we need stories that make us uncomfortable sometimes. Stories that ask us to pay attention to things like addiction, poverty, foster care, neglect, and all the ways people can fall through the cracks. Because when we pay attention, we begin to see people differently. We become a little more compassionate and a little less quick to judge.

And despite how difficult this book was, I still walked away from it with hope.

Maybe reading hard stories is one small way we learn to care for each other better. We can't fix everything, but we can notice. We can listen. We can show up. And from there, maybe we begin building the kinds of communities where fewer people have to struggle alone.

If you'd like to read *Demon Copperhead*, you can request a physical copy through the San Diego County Library or borrow the eBook or audiobook through the Libby app using your library card.

And there's something I really love about that, too—a library putting stories into the hands of anyone willing to read them. That's community, too.

Ronel Sidney, Friends Membership Chair

