

Issue #55



MARY'S CORNER

Hello Lakeside Community!

We continue to add more services and new ways to reach our community! Three weeks ago we began offering **In-Person Services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. On these days you can come into the library between 10:00 am -12:30 pm, and 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm, we must close for an hour in the middle of the day for a sanitation break. You are welcome to browse and check-out books, pick-up your holds, use our computers (we have four desktops and two laptops available), get a library card, and speak to library staff.

“What if I have health concerns about going to public places?”

Don't worry! If you have concerns and are not ready to come inside and interact with others, you can simply come to the library on **Mondays and Fridays, when we still offer our Door-Side only service between 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**. You walk up to the table set up at our front door, scan your card, library staff retrieve your items and check them out, and then push them across a six foot table for you to take home.

“Why do you need the sanitation break?”

I'm glad you asked! We have a cleaning service that comes twice during the day to clean and sanitize the high-touch surfaces of the library (think shelves, countertops, chairs, doors, bathrooms, etc.). However, they do not clean electronics. During that hour-long sanitation break, our staff dons Personal Protective Equipment to clean the Self-Check Stations, Public PCs and Laptops, Catalogue Computer, Copy Machine, and PC Reservation Station. That is also when we all take our lunch break.

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WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US!

Many of you who know me, know that I volunteer, and that I love our community. As a community volunteer who has applied for grants, and researched funding resources it is true that the Census affects our community funding for ten full years!

You can **go into any library and use a computer specific for the Census**...takes just a few minutes. You can visit: my2020census.gov or call: 844-330-2020 English and 844-468-2020 Spanish. DEADLINE is October 31, 2020. Please ask your family members, friends, neighbors and workers who come to your homes to complete the census. Every household counts!

In working on past projects I have run into being turned down for grants, donations and dollars based on the demographics that are collected by the Census. You're not eligible because: your median income is “x”, your family base is “x”, your population is “x”, your older population is “x”, your children in your area are “x”. These figures last a community for 10 whole years!

Everyone needs to complete the Census. Federal Law protects your information...it is data collection only. They **DON'T** ask for your Social Security information, money or a donation, political party or bank or credit card information.

What kinds of funding are affected by the Census: education, school lunches, new schools, Special Education funding, Head Start programs, Health Care Clinics, nutritional food programs, housing programs, emergency services, highway construction, block grants (important to our community!). The census results play an important role for all including singles, families, children and older adults. Let's not short-change our Lakeside by NOT taking the time to complete the Census.

Thank you!

Terry Burke-Eislerling
Lakeside Friends of the Library, Chairperson





BOARD MEETINGS



October's in-person 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

Board Members:

Chairperson:	Terry Burke-Eiserling
Co-Chairperson:	Joan Tilley
Secretary/Grants:	Michael Evans-Layng
Treasurer:	Caprice Hubbard Sander
Assistant to Treasurer:	Leslie Ward
Membership/Hospitality:	Tina White
Newsletter:	Sharon Smith
Educational/Community Liaison:	Nina Drammissi
Social Media:	Arline Critchlow
Marketing/Promotional:	Jennifer Ceballos
Member-at-Large:	Martha Morrison

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



Jars have temporarily been removed but will return in January, so 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!

MARY'S CORNER (continued)

"Are your book-drops open?"

Great question! Yes, but only our **outside** book drops are open. This is because we are still required to quarantine returned items for at least four days. Due to limited space and the number of book bins, we are not able to accept returns inside. Our outdoor Book Bins are marked with signs that tell you which one is open each day. The one closest to the street is our Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and weekend bin. The one closest to the library is our Tuesday, Thursday bin. The book bins are opened when we come in at 8:30 am and closed at 5:00 pm, except for weekends when they are open 24 hours for your convenience.

We aren't sure who is more excited about welcoming back customers to the library, YOU or our staff! It's been just lovely to get reacquainted with our regular customers, welcome new faces, and feel like we are better serving the Lakeside Community. Don't forget to pick up one of the Lakeside Rocks on display at the Self-Check stations! The majority of the rocks are painted by our very own Dawn Espedal, but all staff have been contributing to this endeavor. We've painted messages of hope and strength, pretty landscapes, back-to-school things, and just fun ideas - we hope they make you smile as much as seeing you makes us smile.



Important news: WE WILL BE A MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATION, FROM OCTOBER 6TH – NOVEMBER 3RD! We will have a table set up for just Mail Ballot Drop-off, and it will be available Monday - Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, even during our sanitation breaks. From October 26th – November 3rd, we will only offer Door-Side Service so we can be sure to accommodate all voters.

Stay safe, healthy, and connected,

Mary Elder



LAKESIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

And the award goes to our very own **Caprice Hubbard Sander**.

Caprice loved to read books long before she ever stepped up and took on being a leading member of the Lakeside Friends of the Library. She also has been an Ambassador for our Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, dedicating many years to supporting events that make our community family friendly. She's a member of the Woman's Club, Lakeside Garden Club, and a tireless proponent for education and fighting Alzheimer's. Caprice is a mom, daughter, sister, auntie, niece and friend who makes her family number one. She has accomplished many things in her life and continues to strive ahead to stay informed, open minded, generous in spirit and so very kind hearted.

Caprice stepped in to help with the Lakeside Friends of the library, seeing the needs to make us be more efficient. As a committee of three or four she took on being the queen of spreadsheets! Organizing spreadsheets for membership, keeping our membership and recruiting new members, with each step learning to be better. Then she went after communicating with our members by creating a newsletter, without the experience of having done one before. A newsletter all could enjoy and a template for our current newsletter. She created basic job descriptions, and outlines for some of our early projects so we would have a "how to" starting point. She volunteered to attend County Friends' meetings and booksellers' meetings, toured libraries to absorb as much information as she could about libraries and bookstores for our new library. She took on a big job of reviewing and analyzing how to best do our treasury reports on a monthly and yearly basis, and complete necessary state forms and set-up a system of reminders for completion of state mandated forms. Once again ... the spreadsheet Queen tackles and conquers our treasury information. Anyone can open our financial books and have a sense they are accurate, and they are!

Our Lakeside Library Friends group has grown, and Caprice helped set into place easy transfer of some jobs, templates for the newsletter, ease of membership, and so much more...all with the clear vision of what a new library and bookstore will bring to our community. Not only is she the Queen of Spreadsheets, but she also greets me with various pieces of paper that she checks off with lists of things to do, what to think about, or what we can disregard! Ahhh...but I do the same with her, our lists are something we can laugh about...but clearly she

gets things done and moves on to the next thing; creating and achieving goals for herself and making us all better.

Caprice Hubbard Sander has made the things she touches the best with her brilliant mind, a caring heart, building great friendships as she creates an atmosphere where teams of people want to work together to accomplish the best of our **Volunteer world of work**. Thank you for being you! Much respect my friend and Congratulations!

Stand alone, Caprice has earned this Lakeside Chamber of Commerce 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award.

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.

"Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators."

— Stephen Fry

SPOTLIGHT ON ALBERT TORRES!

I first started with the County Library as an intermittent substitute in March 2014, at Crest Library. I was hired as a permanent, part-time employee at Del Mar Library, in October 2015. I worked for a little over one year, before a transfer opportunity came along at Lakeside Library. In March 2017, I started working part-time at the Lakeside Library.

One of the activities I love doing at Lakeside Library is running the Lakeside Chess Club with co-worker Eric Jones. It's very fun teaching/playing chess with all age groups, from beginners to advanced players. I also help run our annual Lakeside Chess Tournament, which is a great place to see amazing chess talent throughout the County converge in our community. Last year Lakeside Library also participated in a County Library vs Public Library Chess Tournament, which was exciting as well.



I also do Read Aloud and other programs in the Lakeside community. I read to the children at Children's Choice Academy and do Chess demonstrations at Tierra Del Sol Middle School, depending on branch's staff availability.

My hobbies are chess, studying the financial foreign exchange markets and crypto currency like Bitcoin, listening to podcasts & vlogs, politics, entrepreneurship, exercising (hiking, cardio, and taking the kids on walks or to the beach). I have been married 10 years and have 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl - Azaiah (11 months) pronounced (A-zay-yah), Kaleah (a little over 2 ½ years),

and Amari (4 years). I was born in Tucson, Arizona, and moved to San Diego County in 5th grade (about 10 years old). I've lived in Poway, Chula Vista and other neighborhoods, and settled in East County in La Mesa around 2007, and El Cajon in 2010.

I'm excited to get back to teaching and playing chess in the future with all the Lakeside community.

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile customers can now support Lakeside Friends of the Library in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

*AmazonSmile has donated over \$200 million to charities worldwide! You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to **Lakeside Friends of the Library** by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0474911 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.*

I want to congratulate librarians, not famous for their physical strength or their powerful political connections or their great wealth, who, all over this country, have staunchly resisted anti-democratic bullies who have tried to remove certain books from their shelves, and have refused to reveal to thought police the names of persons who have checked out those titles. So the America I loved still exists, if not in the White House or the Supreme Court or the Senate or the House of Representatives or the media. The America I love still exists at the front desks of our public libraries.

—Kurt Vonnegut

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.

Caprice Hubbard Sander (Friends Treasurer) says, I think Mary Elder already reviewed and recommended ***Where the Crowdads Sing*** by Delia Owens. It is an enchanting book. The descriptive prose just draws one in and makes it difficult to put the book down. When I finished it, I felt as if I had lost a friend. Reserve your copy from the library today.

Terry Burke-Eiserling (Friends Chair) is reading: ***101 Secrets for Your Twenties*** by Paul Angone.

Being around young people, often brings up many of the questions that are addressed in this book. This book is filled with a perspective of humor mixed with insights of adulthood.

At 70, for me, an interesting read and look back at remembering my own fears, failures and accomplishments.

A couple chapter titles that got me thinking:

Our plans aren't the problem. Our timeline is.
 You grow into GROWING UP.
 The biggest surprise about becoming an adult that no one talks about..Adulthood. Never. Stops.
 The most IMPORTANT secrets are the ones you figure out for YOURSELF.

Michael Evans-Layng (Friends Secretary/Grants) is reading ***Master and Commander*** by Patrick O'Brian

In the mood for an enthralling sea yarn that is firmly rooted in the history of the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic period? Look no further than ***Master and Commander*** by Patrick O'Brian. This is the first volume of a 21-volume saga of the sea highlighting the exploits and friendship of Captain Jack Aubrey and his ship's surgeon/naturalist Stephen Maturin. The writing is absolutely first-rate and the relationship between the two main characters weaves its spell throughout the series.

O'Brian was a scrupulous historian, except where he had to take certain liberties with the calendar to accommodate the adventures as the series extended further and further.

All the sea battles are derived from actual historical accounts and can be followed by the reader who is not familiar with sea warfare (such as this one!).

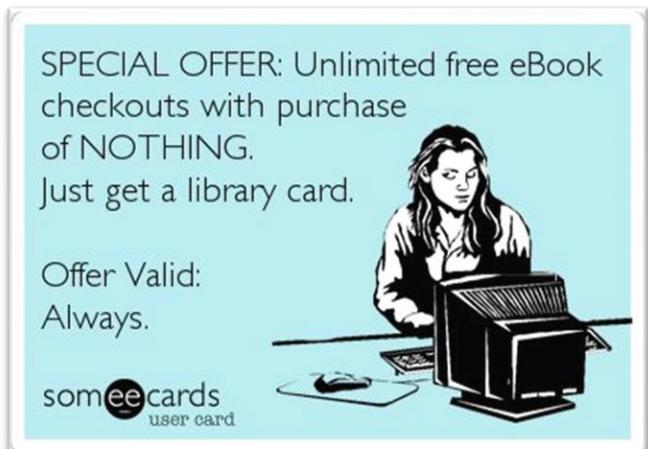
Master and Commander shows us Jack Aubrey as he takes command of his first ship, the HMS Sophie, and meets his future best friend Stephen Maturin. Both are fans of music and able musicians themselves. Both have wonderful quirks of mind and personality that are endearing. Jack successfully prosecutes a successful attack against a much more powerful foe that sets up developments and opportunities in subsequent volumes.

These novels captivated me throughout, and if you've never encountered the historical fiction of Patrick O'Brian you have a real treat in store with ***Master and Commander***.

FIRE – SD COUNTY ALERT SYSTEM

We sit here waiting and watching the fires and winds in East County at the start of fire season. Please take heed of our preparation and distribute this to your Friends and family and ask them to sign up with the SD County Alert System and have a preparedness plan. My thoughts and prayers to those who do not have cell and internet access, and I know you will help them as you can. We are all a spark away from disaster.

<https://www.readysandiego.org/content/oesready/en-us/alertsandiego.html>



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– Paul Sweeney