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Hello Lakeside Community!

Important Information:

- The temporary vendor issue is close to being resolved and new materials are expected to arrive soon!



Our Summer Learning Challenge may have ended, but stay tuned!

All drawings will take place in September.

Programming:

Saturday Adventures for Adults!

- Sep. 5 | 2:30 – 4pm: DIY Pumpkins **class is currently full**
- Sep. 12 | 3-4pm: Bingo!
- Sep. 19 | 10:00-11:00am: Write Out Loud Presents: American Literary Heroes - Mark Twain

Keep Calm and Yarn On: Mondays | 3-5pm

- 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, September 24 | 4-5pm

- This month we are reading *James*, by Percival Everett

Special Events:

- **Earthquake Preparedness Event: Saturday, Sep. 26 | 10:30am–1:30pm**
- **This is an all-ages event!**
 - Join us for an Earthquake Preparedness event in collaboration with SD County Cert, CalFire, and Listos CA.
 - Representatives from many organizations including Red Cross, SDGE, County Office of Emergency Services, and more will be onsite to provide resources and connect with the community.
 - Activities for all ages will be provided following the presentation at 10:30AM.
 - Listos California staff will be available from 10:30AM to 1:30PM with emergency preparedness information and bilingual resources.

Library Highlight: A service or program we are highlighting

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO EARN
YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Online, on your time.

LIBRARY HIGH SCHOOL

- Library High School allows adults 19 years of age or older to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. Participation in the Library High School program is free, thanks to scholarship funding from the San Diego County Library, and fully online - meaning you can work at your own pace. The coursework can be accessed 24/7 via any device that connects to the internet. The recommended pace is 10 hours a week to complete within 18 months. Life circumstances sometimes prevent students



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from graduating high school with their classmates. Library High School allows students to work around their job or family schedules to study at their own pace to complete their high school education.

- This past July, the County held its *seventh* Library High School graduation ceremony, celebrating 37 new graduates. SDCL staff partner with Cuyamaca College each year to provide a ceremony complete with caps and gowns, and family members cheering on the graduates. Since 2016, Library High School has supported 335 San Diego County residents in earning their high school diplomas, and there are currently 189 students enrolled in the program.

Resources:



HomeworkCA

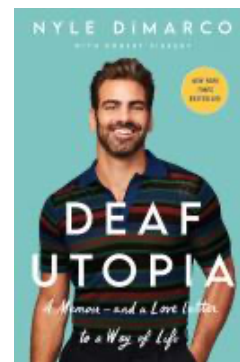
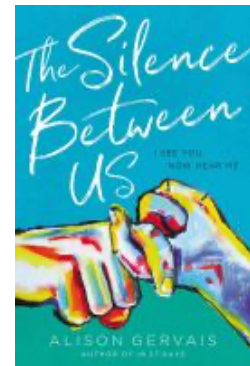
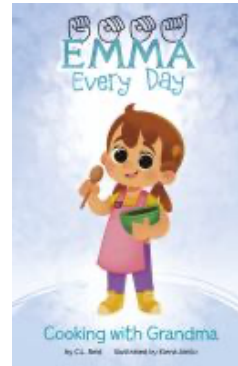
For school calendar year 2026-27, K-12 students can connect with a live tutor for homework help, skills building, and test preparation.

Connect with a tutor for help in all subjects, submit a draft of your writing for review, take practice quizzes, prep for the SAT/ACT and AP exams, visit the Skills Center for study resources like flashcards, worksheets, and learning games; even get help with FAFSA resources and maximizing your financial aid.

Closures: The library will be closed on Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day Holiday.

September is Deaf 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, September 8th 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: Michael Evans-Layng
 Webmaster: Debbie Miller
 Educational/Community Liaison: Nina Drammissi
 Publicity/Social Media: Brittney MacGregor
 Member at Large: Phylliss Stevens
 Community Relations: Paula Jensen



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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.

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 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.

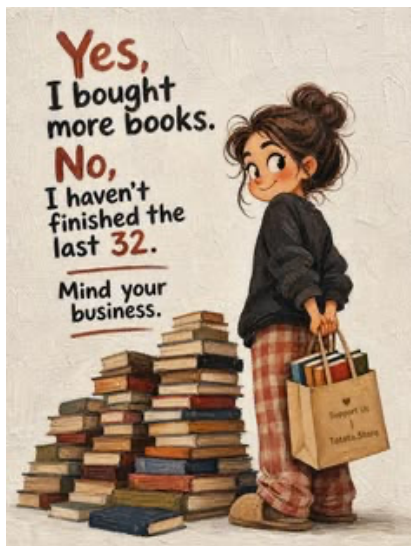
Thank you to all new and renewing members for joining and supporting the Lakeside Library! And a big welcome to our newest members:

Jennifer Ceballos (Lifetime)

Theresa Scott

Bookstore Members Only Sale

September 21-26 with most books 50% off.



Dolly Parton Imagination Library

While Dolly Parton was known as the Queen of Country, her work improving child literacy rates will be another of her lasting legacies.

Parton, who died this week aged 80, grew up in extreme poverty in the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee, the fourth of 12 children to her parents Robert Lee and Avie Lee Parton. Parton adored her dad, describing him as "the smartest man I've ever known" with a good head for numbers. However, he never learned to read or write after leaving school at a young age to work to help support his family. "I knew in my heart his inability to read probably kept him from seeing all his dreams come true," Parton said. "Inspiring kids to love to read became my mission."



Her tribute to her dad became the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which she established in 1995, initially to help underprivileged kids in her rural home county. "I know there are children in your community with their own dreams. They dream of becoming a doctor or an inventor or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer.

"The seeds of these dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world."

It has now been operating for 31 years, expanding across the US, the UK, Ireland, Canada and Australia, where it was established in 2013. Every month the Imagination Library sends an age-appropriate book to all registered children at no cost to their family. Kids can be registered at birth and receive a monthly book until the age of five. The program has so far gifted 332 million books to children around the world.



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Crafters' Paradise

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Alpine Branch

1752 Alpine Boulevard
Alpine CA 91901

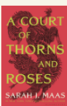
Description

Bring your own portable project and relax in good company while keeping your hands busy. If you don't have your own project, not to worry! At Crafters' Paradise we will teach you how to crochet or knit and even provide the yarn for free!

Suitable for Adults and teens

TOP 11 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2025

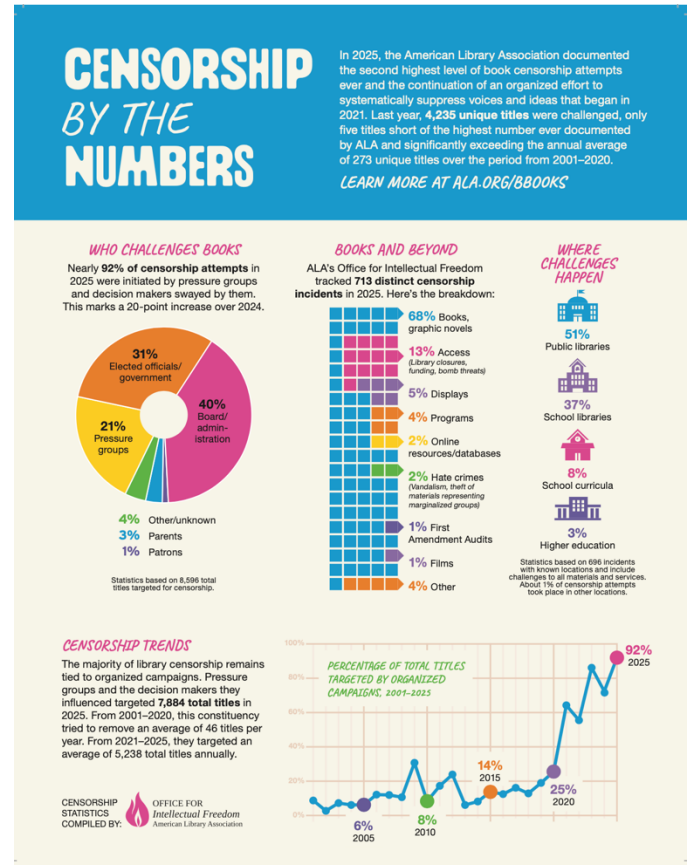
The American Library Association documented 487 attempts to censor books at libraries, schools, and universities in 2025. The reasons most commonly cited for censorship were false claims of illegal obscenity for minors; inclusion of LGBTQIA+ representation; covering topics of race, racism, social justice, and diversity; and presenting political or religious views with which the challengers disagreed. Of the 4,235 unique titles that were challenged or banned in 2025, here are the top 11 most frequently targeted.

1  SOLD by Patricia McCormick Why this book matters: bit.ly/soldBR	2  THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER by Stephen Chbosky Why this book matters: bit.ly/wallflowerBR	3  GENDER QUEER: A MEMOIR by Maia Kobabe Why this book matters: bit.ly/genderBR	4  EMPIRE OF STORMS by Sarah J. Maas Why this book matters: bit.ly/empireofstormsBR	5 (TIE)  LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB by Malinda Lo Why this book matters: bit.ly/telegraphclubBR	6  TRICKS by Ellen Hopkins Why this book matters: bit.ly/tricksBR
7  A COURT OF THORNS AND ROSES by Sarah J. Maas Why this book matters: bit.ly/thornsBR					
8 (TIE)  A CLOCKWORK ORANGE by Anthony Burgess Why this book matters: bit.ly/clockworkorangeBR  IDENTICAL by Ellen Hopkins Why this book matters: bit.ly/identicalBR					
 LOOKING FOR ALASKA by John Green Why this book matters: bit.ly/alaskaBR  STORM AND FURY by Jennifer L. Armentrout Why this book matters: bit.ly/stormBR					



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There is a Little Free Library at:

Louis A. Stelzer County Park

11470 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

Park: (619) 561-0580

Reservations Center: (858) 565-3600, (877) 565-3600

Hours: 9:30 a.m. – sunset, daily

Day-Use Parking is \$5. Read the [park brochure](#). [View the video!](#)

