



Supporting the Lakeside
Library since 1979

Issue #126

Hello Lakeside Community!

Important Information:

- The temporary vendor issue is close to being resolved and new materials are expected to arrive by the end of the summer!



SUMMER LEARNING READING LOGS continue through August 31st!

- Although our Summer Learning programs are done for the summer, you can still bring in your completed reading logs and pick up a new one! Every time you complete an additional reading log you get another chance to enter our OPPORTUNITY DRAWING!
- Adults, Teens, and Children can come into the branch for a reading log and a free tote or book with their first completed Reading Log. **While supplies last**
- 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.
- Prizes include Legos, \$100 gift card to Otta-vio's, \$50 Nintendo gift card, and more!

PROGRAMMING PAUSE:

All Children and Teen programming is paused in August, as back-to-school readiness takes top priority. We'll start again in September!

- **Only** the following special programs continue in August:

August 2026

- o Citizenship Classes: August 4, 11, & 18 (last 3 of a 10-week course)
- o Summer Food Pantry: August 25th from 4 – 6:30 *while supplies last*
- FREE groceries (produce, canned, and boxed goods)
- You can shop for up to 3 households
- o Friendship & Fun: Wednesdays at 10:45
- (this program is intended for adults dealing with disabilities)
- o Lakeside Clothing Swap: Saturday, Aug. 15 | 2 – 4pm

- Bring one bag of unwanted clothes and accessories (for all ages!) to the library and leave with a fresh, new-to-you wardrobe! **Items must be in good condition; freshly laundered, no rips, tears, or stains.**
- Donations are appreciated but not required to bring home a new outfit!
- Accepting donations beginning on July 27th during open hours

No August Book Club: See you in September when we read *James*, by Percival Everett

Library Highlight: A service or program we are highlighting

• Citizenship Classes

o SDCL has partnered with Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS) to offer 10-week Citizenship Classes at our branches. JFS brings qualified instructors to teach all the classes, while SDCL branches provide the facility. Lakeside Library has been fortunate to host two 10-week sessions, Summer 2025 and Summer 2026. A total of 15 of SDCL's 33 branches have been able to offer these classes for free to Lawful Permanent Residents, to help them gain the neces-

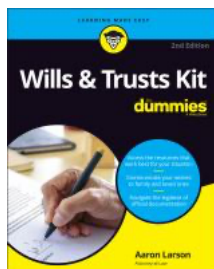
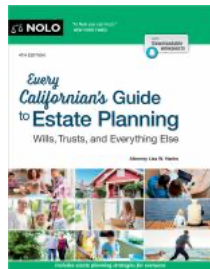


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sary skills to pass the civics and literacy portions of the Citizenship test. Last year, one of the students attending the Lakeside classes was sworn in as a citizen before the end of the 10-week session! She was able to come in and share her experience with the class, teachers, and library staff. In all, 118 class participants have become citizens since SDCL started this partnership. We are so honored to be part of supporting our immigrant community in their path to citizenship.

August is National Make a Will Month!

Check out these books and DVDs 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

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 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! And a big welcome to our newest members:

Caron Berg, Senior; Laura Grosset, Individual; Melissa Phillip, Family

BOOKSTORE NEWS

We will be selling our vintage books at the Lakeside Historical Society Vintage Sale on August 7th and 8th. We will be there from 9:00-2:00 on both days. Tell your friends. They will have the A/C on. There are still some open spots to volunteer there. See Joan Tilley for more details. Alos, ask her about the Woman's Club of Lakeside Bunco event on October 3rd at the VFW.

Our next **Members Only Sale** will be August 17-22nd. Members receive 50% off books during this sale. You never know what you may find. Enjoy the Cool Zone while you browse.

Thank you for supporting the LFOL Bookstore. We support all of the Summer Learning activities in addition to supplementing other programs through the year. Your donations and purchases enable us to fund these programs and provide the prizes for them.



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Branch Building Repairs

From August 19th – August 24th, there will be construction happening in our Community Room. Our Community Room and Poets Patio will be closed for repairs on the glass doors, but the library will remain open. Please bear in mind since there will be construction happening during the library's open hours, we might not be as quiet a space as you are used to.

Andrew Carnegie, Industrialist of the so-called “Gilded Age,” used his vast fortune to establish over 1,700 libraries across the United States. He once said:

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert.”

The Demise of Public Libraries?

Pat Losinski, Senior Advisor - Library Services, Gresham Smith Design

After a long career in libraries, I can say that people have been predicting their decline since about 1994—the year the internet started changing the landscape. Some saw it immediately as a major digital shift, while others worried libraries might lose relevance. Around that time, the Gates Foundation launched an initiative providing free computers and internet access to libraries—much like Andrew Carnegie's efforts to expand access to books a century earlier.

Just as Carnegie built nearly 1,700 public libraries to foster literacy and self-improvement, the Gates Foundation recognized that in the digital age, tech access and digital literacy would be just as essential. Fast forward 30 years, and libraries are thriving because they've successfully repurposed their core work and remained on the cutting edge of service.

Unlike travel agencies, which failed to adapt, libraries have continuously innovated—introducing cafes, maker spaces, collaborative learning environments, and enhanced digital resources. Additionally, libraries benefit

from an extensive network of professionals who share ideas rather than compete. This dynamic allows even local libraries to contribute to a broader national asset and the positive brand of “library.”



Dwight Eisenhower

“The libraries of America are and must ever remain the home of free and inquiring minds. To them, our citizens-of all ages and races, of all creeds and persuasions-must be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth, unvarnished by fashion and uncompromised by expediency.”

“DON'T BURN BOOKS!”

Library at Trinity College, Dublin

