Jump Into Summer Learning with SDCL!

The Summer Learning Challenge runs from June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Readers of all ages can sign up for the summer learning challenge on the library website: www.sdcl.org/summer. It is free to participate and does not require a San Diego County Library card.

Participants should also stop by the branch library to pick up an activity book and special gifts that include free books, tote bags, and coupons to famous San Diego attractions.

Plus, the Encinitas Library will offer a special “challenge” each month of the summer for kids and teens. Stop by the branch in June to complete a scavenger hunt for famous characters in juvenile literature. Come by in July and play “Library Bingo” with us to learn more about your local library and staff. In August, help us build a Friendship rock garden by contributing a painted/decorated rock to our collection. Participation in these special activities each month earns you a trip to the Treasure Chest, chock full of ocean-themed toys and crafts.

Stay tuned to our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts for details on our International Friendship Day celebration (July 30) and our first-ever Back-to-School Night at the Library in September!

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Music at Your Library

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Sale at the Bookstore

We will have a special 2 for the price of 1 sale, for certain categories, for the entire month of July, August, and September. (No other books will be on sale.) If combining a lower and a higher price book, the higher price will prevail. This is your chance to expand your library in these special categories!

July- History
August- Biography
September- Spirituality
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With summer upon us, the Friends of the Encinitas Library concert series continues with an exciting lineup of artists. Our free concert series is entirely funded by book purchases and donations. Please join us for concerts on the first Sunday of the month, and please help with donations if you can. New volunteers are joining the Friends, with many opting to work in the bookstore. We welcome inquiries from anyone who might wish to volunteer or serve on the board of directors. The Friends board approved a $20,000 contribution to the county library’s matching funds program, to enhance its print and e-book collection. The board is exploring possible author events, and there may even be a documentary film premiere coming, so stay tuned!

~Jim Austin

New Bookstore Hours

Sunday-- 1 to 4 p.m.
Monday-- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday-- noon to 3 p.m.
Wednesday-- noon to 3 p.m.
Thursday-- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday-- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday-- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

News from the Bookstore

As I'll bet you all know, our Bookstore has thousands of books in many categories. We offer a friendly environment and very low prices. In fact, recently when I was volunteering there, a young man called our store a ‘gem.’ One of our most popular categories is our Art book section. It is divided among Art, Architecture, Crafts, Learning to Draw & Paint and Photography. Here are three examples of books that you will find in this section.

Gauguin by Alan Bowness Gauguin was one of the most formidable artists of the late 19th century. This book contains 48 full page color prints with clear commentary for each color plate. $3

Drawing Class- Learn to Draw in Just 12 Lessons This instructional book is user friendly for both beginners or those who wish to improve their drawing skills. Examples include portraits, objects, animals. It will teach you how to create powerful compositions. $2

Faberge: The Imperial Eggs This beautiful book is the Catalogue from 1989 Exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Art. The collection was part of the Armory Museum, the State Museum of the Kremlin. There are many full page gorgeous photographs of these unbelievable eggs by Faberge. $2

Please drop by soon; new books are shelved daily.

~Joyce King, Bookstore volunteer

FRIENDS MISSION STATEMENT

To support the Encinitas Library as it strives to encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading throughout our diverse community. Through fundraising, we seek to enhance the library’s resources, increase the community’s access to information and knowledge, and provide a vibrant cultural gathering place.
Rob Thorsen Quartet

July 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

The award winning Rob Thorsen Quartet will perform a variety of music which includes jazz, latin music, original compositions and more. The band includes bassist Rob Thorsen, pianist Alexander Anderson, vibraphonist Matt DiBiase and drummer Richard Sellers. Together they integrate many different music styles that contribute to their modern jazz sound. From Duke Ellington to Wayne Shorter and Miles Davis, the quartet weaves together a unique sound that honors the jazz masters while inspiring a fresh approach to this great American art form.

Bassist Rob Thorsen maintains a diverse and busy schedule in Southern California as a performer, educator, clinician and composer. After playing classical guitar, flute, saxophones, tuba and electric bass as a youth, he found his true voice in the upright bass. “When I began playing upright bass, the fact that I felt the sound as much as heard it had a profound effect on me. I was hooked for life.” A San Diego based musician, vibraphonist Matt DiBiase has performed his original music on multiple tours in the U.S. as well as internationally in Europe and the Middle East. California native Alexander Anderson is a forward-thinking pianist, keyboardist, composer, and arranger with a bent toward mixing 70s-influenced jazz and fusion with hip-hop and R&B. Alexander has multiple record releases to his credit and is also a prolific composer and arranger. Richard Sellers has been playing drums with countless groups and ensembles in a variety of styles, including straight-ahead jazz, avant-garde jazz, Brazilian, Latin, funk and hip-hop. Richard recorded with the Internationally Mike Wofford/ Holly Hofmann quintet for their 2014 release “Turn Signal”.

JazzGrass

August 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Jazzgrass is an exciting band dedicated to toe-tappin’, accessible music, honoring the traditions of bluegrass, Appalachian music, Americana and the jazz composers who have their ears attuned to our rural homeland. Jazzgrass will be performing music written by Jerry Douglas, Bela Fleck, Pat Metheny, Dave Grusin, Barnaby Finch, Natalie McMaster, the Allman Brothers and many more....

Jazzgrass bio: Jazzgrass was put together in 1999 by Barnaby Finch to honor the newer and more progressive side of Bluegrass music. Jazzgrass originally had Sean and Sara Watkins, soon to be very famous with Nickel Creek, and Kevin Hennessy on bass. Nickel Creek burst onto the scene, and that was the end of that lineup. In 2011, Barnaby wanted to perform that music again and recruited some talented locals to play. There’s Don Reed on mandolin, dobro and guitar, a famous Idyllwild virtuoso who has performed with J.J. Cale, Dick Dale, Ian Tyson, and Jackie de Shannon. Also Lily McCabe on fiddle, a talented young lady with a gorgeous tone, who plays for the Troubadours at the Ramona Festival, and with her partner, Wayne Cameron, as part of the popular duo, Swift Pony. On bass is Bill Saitta, one of the busiest musicians in the Coachella Valley, and Andy Fraga, Jr. on drums. Andy is the son of piano legend Andy Fraga, Sr., and is a very busy virtuoso himself. Rounding out the band is veteran ace Sean Longstreet, who has a long list of credits. Sean is an accomplished educator, and is involved with the Diamond Valley Arts Council in Hemet. Pianist Barnaby Finch is the musical director, with credits ranging from George Benson, Lee Ritenour, Tom Scott, Lionel Richie and many others. If you don't like the music, it's his fault.

Peter Sprague Quintet

September 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

The Friends are proud to present one of Encinitas’ own, the world famous, Peter Sprague Quintet in a very special show, playing the music of Paul Simon. Featuring: Peter Sprague - guitar; Allison Adams Tucker - vocals; Tripp Sprague - sax, flute, piano; Mack Leighton - bass; Duncan Moore – drums.
Growing the Library’s Collection

Ever wonder where those dollars and cents go when you make purchases at the Friends Bookstore, contribute to the donation jar at the Frist Sunday Concerts, or sign up to be a member of the Friends of the Encinitas Library? Your money goes directly to support the library, and a good part of it is used to purchase new materials for our shelves – both the physical and digital variety.

This year the San Diego County Library plans to spend $7.6 million on new books, movies, music, magazines and newspapers. One million of those dollars will purchase digital titles that customers can access through Libby/Overdrive, and via the eLibrary at SDCL.org. These purchases are made possible by the generous actions of our Friends to gather donations through book sales and membership drives. The Friends of the Encinitas Library have pledged to donate $20,000 to help expand the library collection, and the County Library will be matching that donation, dollar-for-dollar, in July. Look for new titles to begin hitting the shelves this summer and take pride in the fact that your generosity made that happen!

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Greetings from Awaken the Poet Within

As a community poet, I don’t often think of the words poetry and success together; however, I believe Awaken the Poet Within is an Encinitas Library success story. Why? Covid presented our weekly writing group with challenges (no place to meet) and opportunities (Zoom meetings) to change, grow and adapt to our dynamic world. This brave group of poets did not wait for the master class on surviving pandemics, we embraced unfamiliar technology, wrote about toilet paper, laughed, cried and kept showing up.

Awaken the Poet Within continues to assemble on Zoom at our regular time, Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for now. I’m meeting with the librarians on June 16th and will have more information about in-person and hybrid events soon. Support from our local community has been a big part of our ability to thrive during these chaotic couple of years. A generous grant from an anonymous poetry-loving donor is allowing Awaken the Poet Within to keep the poetry light on for 2022. Awaken the Poet Within has a new logo! The art is by Bradford Schneider of Studio 454 in Encinitas. Joanne Sharp, local artist, poet and member of Awaken the Poet Within chose the font and placement of the words. I see t-shirts in our future. . . .

Contact Dr. Marit Anderson for the Zoom link to attend Awaken the Poet Within online at drmartyanderson@sbcglobal.net and look for more news about community poetry soon.

Spectator Sport
Eight foot swells
on this month's highest tide
gather graying pros and bros
at the friends' old meetup spot.
They shoot the breeze, watch the groms
fail and fail to paddle out beyond the break,
each wipeout eliciting an Ohh—
It's just too big for them,
the ringside audience agrees.
Too big for me the oldest grins, and
finally the kids give up, but one keeps
pushing, pushing, almost there—
so close then, big surprise!
A ten foot cleanup dumps
right on his head, and Ooohh—
that one will hurt, they yell
at today's Surfus Maximus.
—Joanne Sharp 1/5/22

“Ocean Blue” - by Kevin Anderson
Mural in Children’s Area—Encinitas Library
Looking for a special gift? Be sure to check out the hundreds of books available on [http://www.amazon.com/shops/FOEL-Bookstore](http://www.amazon.com/shops/FOEL-Bookstore) All proceeds go to support the Encinitas Library.

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**QUOTE ON BOOKS**

Good fiction creates empathy. A novel takes you somewhere and asks you to look through the eyes of another person, to live another life.

-Barbara Kingsolver, novelist, essayist, and poet (b. 8 Apr 1955)

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For Encinitas Library updates, events, and Bookstore happenings visit us on

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