



A newsletter for friends and patrons of the Del Mar Library - Fall 2019

## President's Column: Your Contributions Make a Difference



*Dear Friends:*

Amazing! Another year since our last newsletter.

The Library has had many personnel changes. Pat Selkowitz, Wendy Pierce and Erica Jones have moved to other San Diego County Branches. Maria Saldivar is our new assistant librarian.

Bernard Figuracion and Jennica Espinoza are now with us and will be our staff for Sundays and other days. Emily Thayer will be our Youth Services Librarian. The Del Mar Library Branch has become a training library for the county. Our librarian Polly Cipparrone has a wonderful gift teaching new staff and encouraging staff development.

The children's programs have grown so much they may soon become too large for the community room and may be held in the main library area. Often staff have had to close admission because our space is full.

The adult bluegrass music programs remain very popular. I look forward to January when the series begins again.

Our Board needs new members as several of us "old timers" have retired

The Del Mar Library attracted more than 83,000 visitors last fiscal year, while circulation increased nearly 11 percent over the previous year. Nearly 12,500 people attended the 757 programs held at the library and nearly 255,700 items were checked out.

Many of those programs are funded by your donations to the Friends of the Del Mar Library, including the ever-popular Blue Grass Concert series, which starts up again in January, the Summer Reading Program, Friends' Express book purchases, magazine and newspaper subscriptions and other adult and children's programs.

Thanks to a generous donation from Del Mar's Gary Seger estate, the Friends also purchased shutters for the community room and staff room and recovered some of the chairs. The City of Del Mar, which owns the building, also contributed to the improved look of the library with upgrades to the

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by moving away or for health reasons. Adding new members to our board is our most pressing need. Let me know if you are interested!

Our Friends Board also invites you to come join us at our board meetings on the first Wednesday of "even-numbered" months at 4 p.m. at the Library. We welcome your input to improve our services and maintain support for our community. If you cannot attend in person, please send in your ideas.

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rest rooms and exterior work on the building.

This fiscal year we hope to continue our ongoing programs as well as expand our activities.

We hope you will continue your support of the Friends by using the enclosed envelope to make your donation. Or contribute through your charitable trust; the Friends' tax ID number is 953786763.

Thank you in advance for your gift.

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## Save the Dates: Friends Sponsor New Lecture Series

This fall shark expert Dr. Daniel Cartamil kicked off a new series of adult lectures by San Diego area authors sponsored by the Friends of the Del Mar Library. The series continues in 2020 with the following:

- *Strangers in a Strange Land*, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Richard Carrico's new edition of the history of native Americans of San Diego County includes previously unpublished maps and illustrations. Carrico is a adjunct professor at San Diego State University and the owner of Recuerdos Research.

- *Wild Edible Salad Guide*, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Authors Michelle Howard and Michelle Renaud are your guides to differentiating between edible plants—such as common mallow and sweet

## Take a Magical Mystery Tour

What could be better than curling up with a great mystery on a chilly winter's night? Here's a preview of some new and upcoming mysteries you may want to consider for your bedside table—or your holiday gift list.

- Anne Cleaves: If you aren't familiar with her Vera Stanhope series—or Jimmy Perez of the Shetland series—her latest, *The Long Call*, introduces police detective Matthew Venn, newly married to his male husband and caught up in an intriguing case in a small town in Scotland.

- Michael Connelly: Los Angeles is always the base, but Connelly likes to mix things up by pairing his crime-solving characters. *The Night Fire* is the second time he's got his long-standing detective Hieronimus Bosch teamed with newcomer Renee Ballard.

- Deborah Crombie: *A Bitter Feast* is set in a Cotswolds village so charming it almost steals the spotlight from Crombie's long-time wed Scotland Yard team, Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James.

- Peter Robinson: In *Many Rivers to Cross*, Detective Alan Banks investigates the death of a Middle Eastern boy.

- Martin Cruz Smith: *The Siberian Dilemma* takes the reader far from Moscow as Arkady Renko searches for a missing journalist in the far north.

- Helene Tursten: This Swedish crime writer known for her series featuring Detective Inspector Irene Huss embarks on a new series with *Hunting Game* debuting Detective Inspector Embla Nystrom.

- Charles Todd: In post World War I Britain, nurse Beth Crawford makes her 11th appearance in *A Cruel Deception*, in this series by the mother-and-son team who also pen the Ian Rutledge series.



New youth librarian Emily Thayer (left) made it a 'spooktacular' Halloween for her preschool charges at this well attended children's program.

## Get Ready for Some Great Reads!

Each month, the Friends purchase between 10-12 books for exclusive use by Del Mar Library patrons for six months. After that time, the books are available to all San Diego County library users. Here's what's coming as we close out 2019:

### FICTION

*Bloody Genius*, John Sandford  
*Cold Storage*, David Koepp  
*A Door in the Earth*, Amy Waldman  
*The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett  
*Elevator Pitch*, Linwood Barclay  
*The Institute*, Stephen King  
*Land of Wolves*, Craig Johnson  
*Lethal Agent*, Vince Flynn, Kyle Mills  
*Olive, Again*, Elizabeth Strout  
*No Judgments*, Meg Cabot  
*Quichotte*, Salman Rushdie  
*Red at the Bone*, Jacqueline Woodson  
*The Secrets We Kept*, Lara Prescott  
*This Tender Land*, William Kent Krueger  
*The Titanic Secret*, Clive Cussler and Jack Du Brul  
*The Water Dancer*, Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*The World That We Knew*, Alice Hoffman

### NON FICTION

*The Education of an Idealist*, Samantha Powe

## Join the Crowd: One Book, One San Diego

*The Great Believers*, by Rebecca Makkai, was chosen for adult readers in the "One Book, One San Diego" program this year.

Set in Chicago and Paris during the aids crisis in the 1980s, the book was a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

*The Crossover*, by Kwame Alexander was chosen for young adults, and Eramos

uno Ninos, a translation of Patti Smith's *Just Us Kids*, was chosen for Spanish readers.

*Dreamers*, by Yuyi Morales, is the picture book selection. Morales is a Caldecott Honor artist and a six-time recipient of the Pura Belpre Illustrator Award. Morales will be speaking on Dec. 7 at the new San Ysidro Library. Check with the library for times.

The One Book program includes many activities throughout the San Diego area. Check with [www.kpbs.org/onebook](http://www.kpbs.org/onebook) for more information.

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fennel—and poisonous look-alikes to concoct your own native salads.

- *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Popular speaker Richard Halsey, the founder and director of the California Chaparral Institute, has revised and updated his landmark book that describes California's extensive plant community, as well as how to protect our fragile environment.