



Refurbishment of the Library



The Friends of Del Mar Library received a generous grant from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds of San Diego County District 3 Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. This grant will purchase furniture for the Del Mar Library. FDML appreciate Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's support for our library. Pictured are Gretchen Schmidt, Librarian; Pat Freeman, President FDML; Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and Bill Michalsky, Treasurer FDML.

Letter from the President

October 2012

This is an exciting time for Friends of Del Mar Library. We are in the midst of an effort to "refurbish" the Library. Our aim is to update the library interior to serve the needs of our current users. The main library service desk will be removed and a smaller one installed. Some of the library stacks will be removed and

replaced by gondolas that are on wheels and can be moved as needed. This will open this space allowing more sunlight and will enable us all to see more of this fantastic historical building. Teens will have a designated area. A laptop bar will be added. In the children's area the computer desks will be changed and some new furniture added. New carpet will be installed throughout the library. The current carpet is the original from 1996 opening.

The Friends of Del Mar Library, a community non-profit (501.c.3) received a grant from San Diego County Board of Supervisors at Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's recommendation for new furniture. Four chairs and two tables have already been purchased. Come sit in these very comfortable craftsman style chairs. More furniture will come. The Friends of Del Mar Library have committed to paying for the new carpet. The Del Mar Farmer's Market Board has pledged to aid in this carpet purchase which will be a significant cost. Since the Library building is owned by the City of Del Mar, they will undertake to assist with many of the interior updates that will include removal of the service desk and electrical upgrades. The San Diego County Library system will supply the gondolas, new smaller service desk, and laptop bar.

The Board of FDML believes these changes will enhance all your library experience.

Our funds will be greatly depleted as a result but we feel the changes are worth the expense.

Sincerely,

Pat Freeman, President

SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY NAMED 2012 LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

Inform, educate, inspire, and entertain – nobody does it better than San Diego County Library (SDCL). On June 5, Gale (part of Cengage Learning) and Library Journal magazine announced that SDCL was selected as the 2012 Library of the Year. This prestigious honor is awarded to the top public library in the nation. SDCL was selected for its devotion to building community and providing access to a variety of essential programs and services.

SDCL first opened its doors in 1913 and has experienced unprecedented growth in recent years. Over the last six years, SDCL has managed to triple materials circulation to a whopping 12.4 million annual check-outs and quadruple program attendance to 427,666 annual attendees. In addition, SDCL has implemented an ambitious capital project program with new libraries for Lincoln Acres and Lemon Grove underway. Open an average of 52 hours a week, SDCL has increased hours and retained all staff members despite the global recession. The award specifically applauded SDCL's unique and innovative programs, including foreclosure prevention clinics, health and fitness programming, parenting classes, and a variety of others.

"We have our finger on the pulse of the community of San Diego County," said Library Director José Aponte. "Our staff members work day in and day out to develop and implement life-changing programs and services, never wavering from

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Liana-Melissa Allen

Library Volunteer and Author and Illustrator of Children's Books

Liana-Melissa Allen, 16, a Junior at Torrey Pines High School has been volunteering at the Del Mar Library every Saturday for about the past four years. She is now the author and illustrator of five published children's books; *A Horse Valley Adventure: The Three Little Horses and the Big Bully Donkey*; *Los Tres Caballitos y el Burro Bravo*; *The Tale of Jane Sadear*; *The Ice Queen*; and *The Horse and his Girl*. She is currently working on her latest book called *Donkey's Kite* that will be the second book of her series *A Horse Valley Adventure*.



Liana-Melissa has had a passion for reading, writing, and illustrating since her young years at Del Mar Heights elementary school. It all started with her dad reading to her in what they fondly called "The Big Chair." To show Liana-Melissa how fun reading was he would make a batch of his famous popcorn, and read aloud to her, making her laugh with the different amusing voices that he would conjure up for the characters (although he always insisted that the characters were merely speaking through him). Then as a test to make sure that she was

following along he would suddenly stop at various parts of the story, so that Liana-Melissa would have to take over the reading in order to receive her dad's delicious popcorn as a prize.

Reading has been engrained into a part of Liana's daily life. Her dad insists that the TV will only melt your brain cells into a pile of mush, and that you can always be assured that reading will bring those mushed cells back to life to fuel your imagination into forming a magical motion picture in your head. "Turn

off the TV and Read!" is Liana and her dad's favorite mantra (which her dad repeats to the first graders that he has been reading to every Friday for the past twelve years at Del Mar Heights School).

Liana firmly believes that reading is like magic, and that the more you read, the more knowledgeable you will be, the better your vocabulary, and the stronger your imagination will become. Reading has improved Liana-

Melissa's writing, and ever since her dad started to read to her in that "Ol' Big Chair" she knew that she wanted to be an author and illustrator.

All of Liana-Melissa Allen's books can be obtained online at Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, Warwicks.com, and all the other online bookstores. Go to Liana-Melissa's website www.LMAbooks.com for more information and the links to her books.

Liana-Melissa Allen loves volunteering at the Del Mar Library

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Books, Books, Books

When patrons donate books to the FDML, we recycle them by putting them into the library's collection or selling them. These donations are responsible for contributing \$200 to \$300 monthly to our budget. Please continue to donate your gently used books.



Childrens and cook books are very popular. Giving one box at a time is greatly appreciated!

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a devotion to providing the best customer service possible. Our branches are community living rooms where people from all walks of life are welcome to learn, explore, and transform.”

For more information on SDCL and the 2012 Library of the Year award, visit www.sdcl.org or contact Polly Cipparrone, Community Relations manager, at (858) 694-2447.

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because it is such a quiet and beautiful library with a great history. But mostly because the librarians are so friendly and helpful and have focused on developing many great reading programs for children.

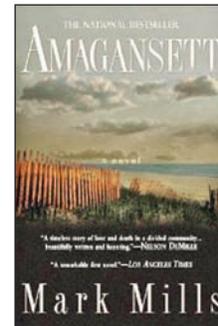
Book Reviews

Amagansett by Mark Mills

What a good mystery this is! Set in 1947 in Amagansett on Long Island's coast which was home to two separate communities. The locals are mostly fishermen and shopkeepers who are descendants of early English settlers and ethnic immigrants. The other community are the wealthy New Yorkers who built large vacation homes and employed but did not mix with the locals.

A young woman turns up dead in the fishing net of Conrad Labarde, a

second generation Basque immigrant and newly returned veteran from the Second World War. She is the daughter of one of the wealthy summer people.



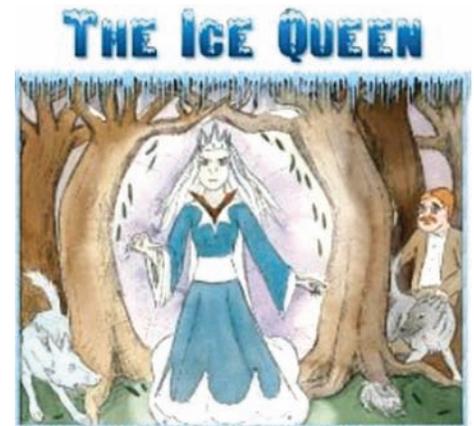
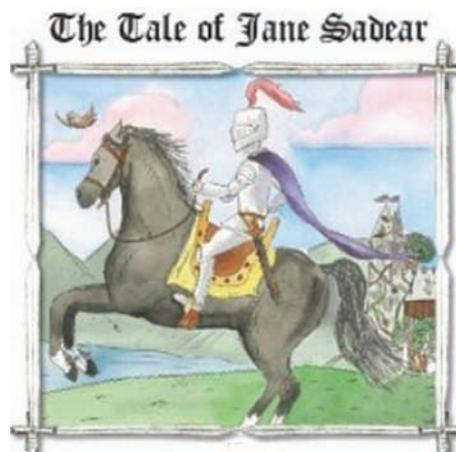
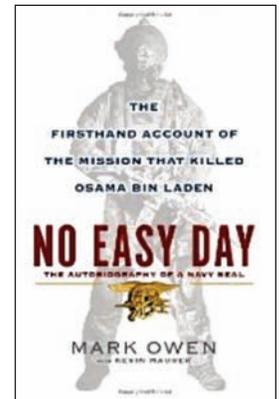
The story follows Conrad and the detective, Tom Hollis, as they separately investigate the death that appears to be accidental. There is some interesting fishing history of the area, intrigue and conflict which makes

for a good mystery.

This was the first novel by Mark Mills who has written 3 other novels and some screenplays.

No Easy Day, by Mark Owen

No Easy Day with Kevin Maurer is a fascinating look at the life of a Navy SEAL and the teamwork that must work for the missions assigned. Should the author have written the book and did he compromise SEAL security.....the reader can make his or her own call, but the mindset required for this job is unlike any other. The missions are all very different and ingesting, but the commitment is there for every member of the team. Don't miss this one.



Two books written and illustrated by Liana-Melissa Allen

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