

CHAPTER UPDATES

LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!



LION DANCERS AT SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA

This continues to be one of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library's most highest attended event. Made possible with funds from Friends of SM-KM Library

Lantern Painting was well attended at Serra Mesa. All 100 lanterns paid for by the Friends which included tea lights were painted to be displayed with love in their new homes



Oak Park was one of the branches that hosted Lunar New Year Festivities which included Lion Dancers, activities for children, book readings by Friends volunteers, trivia book prizes, drawings and refreshments. The event signed up 4 memberships, recruited 1 volunteer. We also recruited three volunteers in January. Our Instagram has been working great in promoting our Volunteer flyer. We received a call seconds after the post from a two persons who responded to volunteering. We now have 7 volunteers! Shout-outs to our volunteers Kaylynn Nguyen, Anh Nguyen, Hassan Abdirahman and Jaxon Cox, who helped coordinate the Lunar Festival.

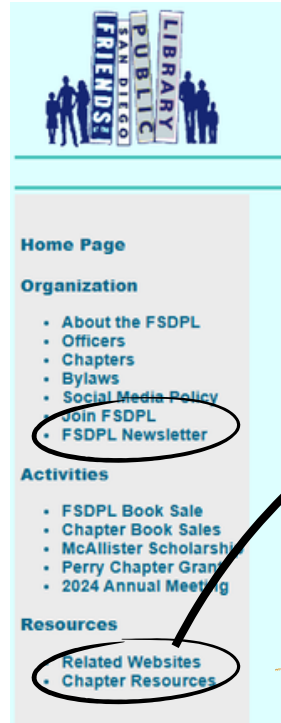
North Park Library also held festivities thanks to the Friends of the North Park Library, which paid for the event, the North Park Library celebrated the lunar new year with a fabulous lion dance. Along with Santa's visit, it's the most popular program at the library each year. The only downside was that only one of the active members of the FONPL was there to pitch new Friends memberships, and it was a day-of-the-event decision on his part. For his efforts, got one new membership . . . every one helps . . . but it's those sorts of activities that are the best ways to grow a chapter. We'll plan better next year!

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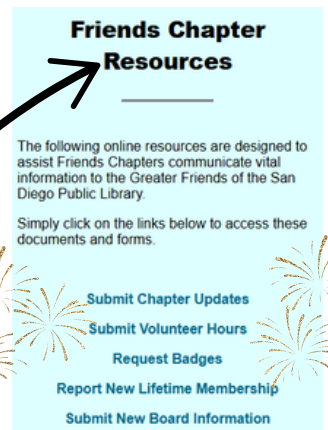
“For the month of December while the foot traffic into the Library was down by 7%, there was a 20% increase in craft kits and 50% of STEAM kits picked up by our members. Currently, preparations are being made for the Essay Contest winner's celebration to be held April 11, 2025. Over 100 essays have been submitted for judging.

In December, our treasurer relocated out of state. The prior treasurer stepped up to fill the gap until the February Board meeting, when a new treasurer will be elected.”

-Kensington-Normal Hts Friends-



NEW LINKS ADDED TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEBSITE!
<https://www.friendsofsdpl.org/>
Thank you to Webmaster Richard Busch!



Friends of the Library Volunteer, Sam Yoeth, was recently featured in San Diego Magazine to discuss her experience with volunteering in support of Libraries. Read about it via the link below or scan the QR Code.

<https://sandiegomagazine.com/uncategorized/volunteer-diaries-the-san-diego-library-foundation/>



We would also like to start featuring volunteers in our Newsletter. Consider introducing one of the volunteers from your Chapter in the next Update submittal!

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A NOTE FROM TIERRASTANTA FRIENDS

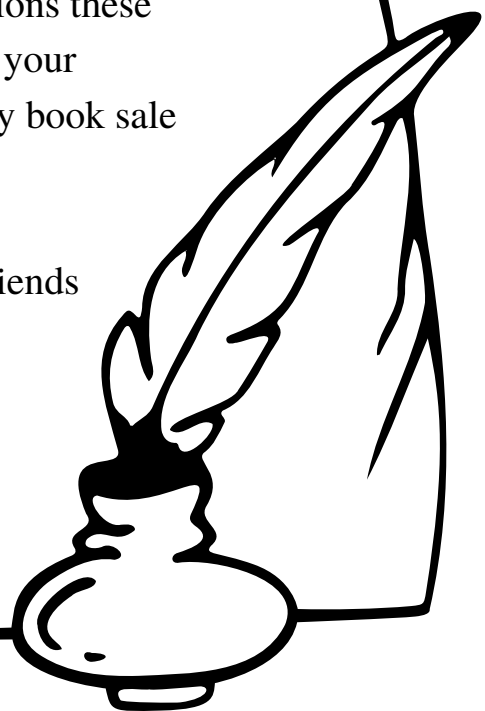
We have a total of 3 NEW and RETURNING members.

Please be sure to visit our next member's only presale next Thurs. 4:00-5:30p January 30th to mingle with other Friends members and get first pick of some great titles!

We've had a bumper crop of donations these past few weeks so please invite all your valentines to our romantic February book sale on 1/31, 2/1, 2/3.

We are so grateful for all of our Friends members!

Best regards,
Cynthia Davis
President, Tierrasanta Friends Of the Library



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SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA FRIENDS WILL MISS AL RHINER DEEPLY. HE LOVED VOLUNTEERING FOR THE LIBRARY, HELPED US WITH NOT JUST SORTING DONATIONS, BUT HELPING US FIX OUR BOOKSHELVES WHEN NO ONE ELSE KNEW HOW. HE WAS ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND AND DROVE HIS TRUCK TO HELP MOVE BOOKS, NOT JUST FOR SERRA MESA BUT ALSO FOR CORPORATE AND TO HELP MOVE BOOKS TO THE SHELTERS IN DOWNTOWN. CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN BELOW TO READ HIS FULL MEMORIAL AND OBITUARY:



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