

Serra Adult Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Via Microsoft Teams:

Minutes Recorded by Azalea Ebbay

1. Call to Order

Pete Miesner called the meeting to order at 10:36 am.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Pete Miesner, San Diego Public Library
Azalea Ebbay, San Diego Public Library
Azar Katouzian, Escondido Public Library
Kelly Andrade, Coronado Public Library
Ashley Chase, Coronado Public Library
Cecilia Salgado, San Diego County Library
Beverlee Cabral, San Diego County Library

3. Approval of Minutes from August November 2023 Meeting

- Pete Miesner made the motion to approve minutes. Kelly Andrade seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval to Adopt the Agenda

- Pete Miesner made the motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Andrade seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

- No public was present.

6. 2023-2024 Serra Adult Professional Workshop

- 2023 Professional Development Workshop Planning: Mastering Adult Services: A How-To of Library Programming on May 9, 2024 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 - Keynote speakers

Title: A Future of AI in Libraries? Exploring How AI Supports the Library's Adult Programming Services and Professional Development

Description: We hear a lot about AI, do we really see it entering our workforce? Yes! It's inevitable but doesn't mean we can't be prepared for it. Workforce opportunities are focused on using generative AI tools. This interaction session focuses on how librarians can engage with communities using generative AI tools to enhance programming and engagement. In addition, these tools may offer a learning opportunity for librarians in various ways. The presenters will highlight examples from different library types and show how it is important to have conversations and workshops on ethical usage of these tools. Bring your questions, ideas, and thoughts to this session!

Raymond Pun (he/him) is the academic and research librarian at the Alder Graduate School of Education, a teacher residency program in California, where he supports library services by engaging with graduate students/pre-service teachers and teacher educators. Ray holds a Doctorate in Education from Fresno State, a Master of Library Science from the City

Jamie Lin's (she/her) library career spans 15 years in public, academic, corporate, and non-profit sectors of the information profession. She is currently Head of Community and User Research at Skilltype, where she combines her interests in technology and learner-centered design to build community networks for information professionals to develop and share expertise. She has also served as Education and Professional Development Manager at Atla, a member association serving religious studies and theological librarianship, as an educational technology designer and digital technologies librarian in the higher education industry, and as a corporate researcher at Qualcomm. University of New York - Queens College, a Master of Arts in East Asian Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from St. John's University.

- Breakout Sessions: With our current schedule, we can budget for a total of four speakers for 35 minute sessions.
 - Ideas
 - SDPL
 - **Book A Librarian: Virtual reference offered Monday-Thursday.**

Book-a-Librarian began June 2021 as a service offered by SDPL staff to meet patrons where they are while keeping their access to library services uninterrupted. This offering came out of the pandemic when we saw an increase in patrons who were still facing health, telework, and family challenges. Patrons can book an appointment online to renew their cards over video conferencing software (Setmore.com) just like they would do in person at the library. The renewal process only takes a couple of minutes, but we schedule 15 minutes per session to give patrons time if they don't have the proper ID required and for the inevitable tech issues. Any extra time gives patrons to ask any additional library question or staff to share and promote other services and upcoming programs. We have all classifications of staff from LA2 to LIB4s staffing one 2-hour shift per week Monday-Thursday. Below are stats from our first full year 2022 and we are on track to surpass 2,300 renewals in 2023 with 99% of patron reviews positive! We hope to expand to include reference services and database overview sessions in the near future.

- **Book Match: Reader's Advisory Services.**

Did you just finish reading a book and are not sure what to read next? No problem! Take a few minutes to fill out the form below and let the library help you. You will receive a personalized list of authors and titles recommended just for you. Unlike Amazon or Goodreads, your recommended list will be prepared by people and not by machine algorithms. Be forewarned that some of the choices may be quirky, adventurous, whimsical, or all the above. Complete and submit your reading profile below. The more information you give us, the more we can match your tastes with books curated just for you.

- **How-To Festival: Staff and community-run scalable program that can be offered at one location, system-wide, or virtually.**

The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with California Coast Credit Union, proudly presents its 8th How-To Festival on Saturday, June 3 at 10:30 am! The How-To Festival is an interactive community educational event with something for everyone and for all ages. We will be hosting an in-person event at Mira Mesa Library with a selection of how-to demonstrations presented by Library staff and community members, and simultaneously a curated collection of how-to videos will premiere online and will remain

available for later viewing. Round up your friends and family and learn something new together, like How-To Bind a Mini Hardcover Book by Hand, How-To Make a Decorative Air Plant, or How-To Draw Odi the Coyote. There is something for everyone and all ages!

- **Library Podcast: Practical aspects of starting a podcast.**

Listeners' Advisory: The San Diego Public Library Podcast

Listeners' Advisory is the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) podcast and audio access point that connects users with SDPL services, facilities, and staff. Enjoy a mixture of narrative-driven segments, in-depth interviews, and roundtable discussions about everything from professional recommendations to community-centric matters. Now in its third season, the Listeners' Advisory podcast strives to engage listeners with unique content that expands perspective and knowledge. This podcast is supported by the Library Foundation of San Diego.

- **Seed Library: How to start a seed library.**

- **Patent and Trademarks: How to research a patent or trademark.**

- SDCL

- Sustainable staff or community practices at the library. This could involve 2 or 3 speakers.
- Seed Library: How to start a sustainable garden.

- Locations

- Poster Sessions

- Cecilia suggested inviting County Departments to present posters.
- We could spread out posters on the 9th floor: Shiley, terrace, dome, and Commissioners Room. We should have introductions about poster presenters to the audience. Poster session presenters can also be listed on the program.
- Catering went smoothly last year. The group conceded that we can support them again due to past performance.

- **Action items**

- Everyone will send breakout session summary ideas to Azalea.
- Everyone will enlist people to present poster sessions at the next meeting.
- Pete will verify our budget.
- We will consider how we convey our schedule to attendees.

8. Sharing/Cooperative-Wide Programs

Carlsbad City Library

- No representation

Chula Vista Public Library

- No representation

Coronado Public Library

- Received a \$150,000 grant to add doors to our Spreckels Reading Room to recreate a new event space and two make two new study rooms in our old computer lab area.
- We had a workshop with the city council and got feedback from the public about either remodeling or expanding our event space, the Winn Room. There are four options to choose from and it is still currently being decided on which option to choose from.
- We have been working on a new exhibit about military nurses in the Vietnam war. It is set to go up at the end of January.
- Santa Story Time was very successful.
- We had a holiday concert with the San Diego Mandolin Orchestra and a Holiday Sing-Along with the Coronado Ukulele Club.
- A partnership program, LFJCC Mandelbaum Lecture Series, started in November and is ongoing month through May.
- In January, we will begin the program, Poetry for the People: U.S. Poet Laureates.

Escondido Public Library

- We have a new library Director, Rino Landa, a new assistant library director, Dan Wood, one librarian 1, and one library assistant from October
- We had three successful cultural programs granted by the California Humanities grant, and they called
- Cultural Fair Series:
 - Ukraine Culture and Art on September 16: 118 Attendees
 - Afghan Culture and Art on November 18: 64 Attendees
 - Yalda: Persian Winter Solstice Celebration in December 7: 120 attendees
- Star Wars Read Day on October 14
- The Dia De Los Muertos, November 2, 150 + attendees
- The Christmas tree trimming celebration was a successful program
- Our Adult Craft program, Artsy Adult, is widespread, and we will have one session on January 24, 2024
- We will have a succulent swap at the end of January, and it is a very popular program in our library 27,2024
- We are planning for the Winter Reading Challenge in January
- We have received COVID-19 test Kits to give away
- We received the first shipment of Tax forms (1040 SR forms)

Oceanside Public Library

- No representation

San Diego County Library

- Digital Literacy & Tech Help Support – Rancho San Diego, Casa De Oro Dec.22
- Awaken the Poet Within – with Dr. Marit Anderson Encinitas Branch, Dec. 23

- New Year's Party Hat Workshop -Cardiff Branch, Dec,30 from 10:30-12:30p
- New Year's Eve Party at Poway & El Cajon Branches
- Music on the Mountain John Nilsen, Julian Branch, Jan. 5th , First Concerts with Ize Trio, Encinitas Branch Jan.7th
- Adult Laser Tag, Lakeside Branch, Jan. 5th
- Beekeeping Basics, Alpine Branch, Jan.6th
- Film Festival, Borrego Branch, January 12-13 Several speakers Film experts, Authors interviews, panels, films made in Borrego
- EDD Job Help, Vista Branch–Bilingual program job leads, coaching, and resources Jan. 16th

SDCL Systemwide programming

Recruitment: Library Technician recruitment

1. Partnered with Office of Equitable Communities – Community Health & Engagement Team,

Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities to offer a OBOSD library program for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & Kinship Families at 6 library locations:

- El Cajon: Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
 - Fallbrook: Friday, January 26, 2024 from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Imperial Beach: Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Lincoln Acres: Friday, January 19, 2024 from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Pine Valley: Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Vista: Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
2. SDCL partnered with ROV to be training centers, vote centers, and ballot drop box for the upcoming 2024 elections.
 3. The [San Diego Circuit libraries](#) are offering a series of author talks as part of our initiative *Advancing Climate Resilience, Sustainability, and Environmental Justice Through Collaborative Programming*. The [San Diego County Library](#) will host the next Author Talk with [Wawa Gatheru](#) featured on the book [Love Your Mother](#) on Wednesday, January 31st, 2024.

Event Schedule:

4-5pm: Sustainability Resource Fair

5-6pm: Author Talk

6-7pm: Book Signing

Registration: [Wawa Gatheru: Resource Fair. Presenter & Book Signing](#)

San Diego Public Library

- With our Librarian III process we have enlisted new Librarians for our Central Teen and Children's service areas. We are planning to recruit a Librarian IV for the newest Pacific Highlands Ranch Library location.
- SDPL received a Mellon Foundation grant, which will provide monies for Memory Labs.

- The new year will bring a new patron printing system using Princh software on Ricoh printers. Patrons can print from home computers, smart phones, and laptops, as well as our own public computers. We will accept electronic payment.
- We will celebrate the 2024 Winter Reading Challenge in January. This year's theme, Where We Come From encourages readers of all ages to explore the history of their own family (biological and found), culture, and identities, as well as the experiences of our incredibly diverse San Diego community. Every person has a rich history and unique stories to tell — dive deeper into your own this winter!
- The 58th Annual Local Author Showcase is coming up in January 2024. The Local Author Program highlights the intellectual and creative accomplishments of writers in the San Diego region and is presented for reading interest as well as the opportunity to highlight the diverse and abundant talent we have locally.
- Our latest Library Podcast is out - Listeners' Advisory: The San Diego Public Library Podcast featuring a segment our Mission Valley Homeschool Resource Center: <https://listenersadvisory.buzzsprout.com/1729115/14072921-homeschool-resource-center>
- SDPL is distributing free COVID-19 Tests.
- Our Central Library Swing Dance Under the Dome has ended for 2023 and will resume on February 5th.
- Our Fall Central Concert Series has ended, and the Winter/Spring will begin on Jan 21 with the Sue Palmer Motel Swing Orchestra. Concerts will run through May.

Serra Cooperative Library System is a network of public libraries in the southern California counties of Imperial and San Diego. You can find your local library to discover services and programs available throughout the region. Our goal is to work collaboratively with each other to provide materials and shared services when possible. We are a special district of the State of California, with funding primarily from the State, but augmented through member contributions and grants. For more info visit:

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