



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda

Regular Meeting

March 27, 2024, 4 p.m.

Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Dr.
Carlsbad, CA 92008
carlsbadca.gov

Welcome to the Library Board of Trustees Meeting

We welcome your interest and involvement in the city's legislative process. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Library Board of Trustees and the action recommended by city staff. You can read about each topic in the staff reports, which are available on the city website.

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City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

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- Fill out a speaker request form, located in the foyer.
 - Submit the form to the Clerk before the item begins.
 - When it's your turn, the Clerk will call your name and invite you to the podium.
 - Speakers have three minutes, unless the presiding officer (usually the chair) changes that time.
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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Jan. 24, 2024

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation on City Council Legislative Subcommittee

PUBLIC COMMENT: *The Brown Act allows any member of the public to comment on items not on the agenda. Please treat others with courtesy, civility, and respect. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by submitting comments as provided on the front page of this agenda. The Board will receive comments in the beginning of the meeting. In conformance with the Brown Act, no action can occur on these items.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** Accept nominations/volunteers and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of fiscal year 2023-24, and the option of fiscal year 2024-25. (Staff contact: Suzanne Smithson, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommended Action: Receive nominations/volunteers and elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

2. **LIBRARY REPORTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2024:** Receive the Narrative Reports and Statistical Reports for January and February 2024. (Staff contact: Sheila Crosby and Katie Nye, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommended Action: Receive the reports.

3. **CARLSBAD READS TOGETHER 2024:** Receive a report from staff on programs and events scheduled for Carlsbad Reads Together 2024. (Staff contact: Bill Sannwald and Ashleigh Hvinden, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommended Action: Receive the report.

4. **LIBRARY PROGRAM PROPOSAL PROCESS:** Receive a report on the Carlsbad City Library's program proposal process. (Staff contact: Katie Nye and Sheila Crosby, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommended Action: Receive the report.

5. NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT: Receive a report from the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. (Staff contact: Sheila Crosby, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommended Action: Receive the report.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS: *This portion of the agenda is for the Board to make brief announcements, brief reports of their activities and requests for future agenda items.*

STAFF COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Jan. 24, 2024, 4 p.m.

Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Sheffler, DeForest, McBride, Moran.
Absent: Schatt.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONCURRENT MEETINGS: None.

INVOCATION: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Trustee McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting held Oct. 25, 2023

ACTION: Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Oct. 25, 2023 were approved.
3/0/1/1 (Schatt - Absent, DeForest - Abstain).

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Dicken commented on a program she would like sponsored by the Carlsbad City Library. Ms. Dicken requested an agenda item be added to the next meeting for library administration to report on the library's program proposal process. Also, inquired if there is a plan to use the Friends of the Carlsbad Library money more aggressively.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **LIBRARY REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2023** – Receive the Narrative Reports and Statistical Reports for October, November, and December 2023. (Staff contact: Sheila Crosby and Katie Nye, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommendation: Receive the reports.

The board received the reports.

2. **QUARTERLY TECHNOLOGY REPORT** - Receive the Quarterly Technology Report. (Staff contact: Sheila Crosby, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommendation: Receive the report.

The board received the report.

3. FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET POLICIES AND TIMELINES - Receive the FY 2024-25 budget policies and timelines report. (Staff contact: Fiona Everett, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommendation: Receive the FY 2024-25 budget policies and timelines report.

The board received the report.

Vice Chair Sheffler inquired as to when the library board will receive the final budget. Director Smithson responded the board will receive a budget update in April and board concurrence takes place in May.

4. SEMI-ANNUAL DONATION REPORT - Receive the semi-annual donation report for the first six months of FY 2023-24. (Staff contact: Debbie Jo McCool, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommendation: Receive the semi-annual donation report.

The board received the report.

5. NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT - Receive a report from the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. (Staff contact: Sheila Crosby, Library & Cultural Arts)

Recommendation: Receive the report.

The board received the report.

Representative Genean Dunn reported the society did not have any programs during the month of December but did have their first in person holiday party since 2019; installation of new officers; upcoming programs; memoir writing class that meets for 10 weeks at the Georgina Cole Library; spring seminar "Treasure from the Attic, How My Search Began"; and the society is sponsoring a field trip to the Salt Lake City Family History Library in April.

Trustee Moran commented on how well represented the genealogy programs are in the patron comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS

ACTION: Minute Motion by Trustee DeForest, seconded by Trustee Sheffler to add a future agenda item reviewing the library's program approval process.

Motion passed, 3/1/1 (Trustee Moran – No, Trustee Schatt – Absent).

Trustee McBride shared her enthusiasm for the 2024 Carlsbad Reads Together book selection "The Maid" and the process staff used in choosing books with input from the community.

Trustee Moran reported the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation is in sound financial health; the foundation will be supporting upcoming library events; a future speaker series; and the foundations appreciation for the board's attendance at the recent holiday celebration.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS: Library & Cultural Arts Director Suzanne Smithson commented on the following:

- 2024 Carlsbad Reads Together information shared noting that the in-person author event with Nita Prose will be held on April 18
- Winter Reading Program
- TGIF 2024 will return to nine concerts
- Fleet Science Center three month workshop partnership beginning
- William D. Cannon Art Gallery exhibit "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame: Images of an Era" is now open with a reception on Feb. 24
- Library Board of Trustees planned vacancies
- Friends of the Carlsbad Library sales are returning to pre-pandemic levels and book donations are increasing. The Friends are donating \$15,000 in support of Carlsbad Reads Together this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:11 p.m.



Jennifer Davidson
Administrative Secretary



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Staff Report

Meeting Date: March 27, 2024

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Suzanne Smithson, Library & Cultural Arts Director

Staff Contact: Suzanne Smithson, Library & Cultural Arts Director
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Subject: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

District: All

Recommended Action

Accept nominations/volunteers and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of fiscal year 2023-24, and the option of fiscal year 2024-25.

Executive Summary

Due to an unplanned vacancy of a library board appointment, the trustees may volunteer or be nominated for either position and serve the remainder of FY 2023-24. With only three months remaining in FY 2023-24, the board may choose to extend the roles of Chair and Vice Chair through FY 2024-25.

The role of the Chair is to lead the Library Board of Trustees meetings, discuss agenda with the staff liaison, and represent the board to City Council as needed. The role of the Vice Chair is to be prepared to serve as Chair whenever the Chair is unable to serve.

Explanation & Analysis

None.

Fiscal Analysis

No fiscal impact.

Next Steps

None.

Environmental Evaluation

This item does not require environmental review because it does not constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act under California Public Resources Code Section 21065 in that it has no potential to cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Exhibits

None.



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Staff Report

Meeting Date: March 27, 2024

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Sheila Crosby, Deputy Library Director
Katie Nye, Deputy Library Director

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Subject: Library Reports for January and February 2024

District: All

Recommended Action

Receive the Narrative Reports and Statistical Reports for January and February 2024.

Executive Summary

The board will review the library's monthly narrative and statistical reports for January and February 2024. These reports provide a summary of work completed across all Carlsbad City Library divisions and locations as well as data and information about the services and programs provided for the community.

Explanation & Analysis

None.

Fiscal Analysis

None.

Next Steps

None.

Environmental Evaluation

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Exhibits

1. Narrative report for January 2024
2. Statistical report for January 2024
3. Narrative report for February 2024
4. Statistical report for February 2024

**Carlsbad City Library
Monthly Library Report
January 2024**

Highlights:1. Winter Reading Challenge

The annual Winter Reading Challenge was a great success and far surpassed participation in 2023. In partnership with the local Dave & Buster's in Carlsbad, those who finished the challenge earned a \$20 Power Card voucher, while supplies lasted. See the following statistics:

	Registrations	Completions	Rewards Redeemed	Minutes Read
Adults	374	253	171	110,727
Teens	65	43	34	17,742
Kids	730	544	434	166,414
TOTALS – 2024	1,169	840	639	294,883
TOTALS – 2023	258	212	134	142,926

Programs:2. Matthew Quirk: The Night Agent

On Jan. 6, Library & Cultural Arts Department staff partnered to present author Matthew Quirk discussing his novel "The Night Agent," in tandem with a special screening of the Netflix show based on his book. The 2-hour event took place in the Schulman Auditorium. Librarian Liza Blue moderated the author discussion and audience Q&A that followed the screening. 180 people attended the event.

3. Just the Facts! Book Club

Librarian Emily Hardy hosted the inaugural meeting of "Just the Facts!" Nonfiction Book Club on Jan. 4. The hybrid format book club had 25 people in attendance, 15 joining virtually and ten in person. This book club gathering has achieved a goal of attracting a more diverse demographic of book club participants with significantly more male attendees and individuals under the age of 50, as compared to the Tuesday Night Book Club which this new program replaced. Participants provided positive feedback, especially regarding the hybrid format.

4. English as a Second Language

The winter semester of the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes presented in partnership with MiraCosta College started the week of Jan. 22. Two classes are being offered at the Library Learning Center: Multilevel Beginning-Intermediate ESL on Mondays and Wednesdays, and ESL Conversation for Intermediate students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Special Projects:

5. Exploration HUB

Staff are testing demo Windows laptops for the HUB upgrade project. The HUB iMacs will be replaced with Windows laptops providing a more accessible way to serve our patrons with computers on the most popular operating system. HUB staff will work closely with Information Technology colleagues to fine-tune the hardware and software in the HUB's third iteration. HUB offerings will include crafting, 3D design and printing, and coding and robotics for ages 13 and up.

6. Interview Preparation Workshop

An online interview preparation workshop was offered to staff on Jan. 23. The workshop was hosted by Senior Librarian Bill Sannwald, moderated by Training Coordinator Hannah Nelson, and featured a panel consisting of numerous library leaders. Attendees learned about what a successful interview looks like, dissected interview questions with the panel, and participated in a question-and-answer period. The training was recorded so staff who were not able to attend could watch at a later date.



Community Connections:

7. School Tour

On Jan. 18, Librarian Emily Hardy and Senior Librarian Bill Sannwald led a Story Time program and tour of the Georgina Cole Library for a group of Valley Middle School students with exceptional needs. Bill and Emily each read a picture book to the group in the Community Room and led them through the different sections of the library. The group seemed to have a good time and learned a lot about the operations of the library, especially enjoying Bill's tour of the AMH "book robot."

8. School Presentation



On Jan. 8, Principal Librarian Laura Mendez and Library Assistant Christina Lorenzo delivered a presentation about library services for the Army & Navy Academy Professional Development Day. They shared information about Sora, the Winter Reading Challenge, State Parks Passes and more to an audience of 26 educators for middle and high school.

9. School Outreach




Principal Librarian Laura Mendez worked with Circulation Services staff and teacher Robert Brown to create and deliver library cards for the Jefferson Elementary first grade class. The school was so happy about the effort that they will include it in their parent newsletter, and work with the library to deliver library cards to other grades in the coming months.

LIBRARY MONTHLY STATISTICS


January 2024

	January 2023	January 2024
 Total Library Hours Open ¹ Beginning May 8, 2023, expanded library hours 1 hour daily	600	702
 Total Visitors On-site (Includes curbside)	34,597	42,000



Library Services

 Circulation of Library Materials	73,798	87,730
 eAudiobook/eBook/eMagazine Downloads	20,273	25,320
Audio/Video Streaming	733	1,126
Circulation Total	94,804	114,176
 Reference Questions	11,487	10,577

Technology

 eResource Use	7,265	5,893
Library Website Sessions	39,219	41,074
In-House Computer Use	2,452	3,544

Programs, Facility Usage

 Number of Programs Presented <i>(on-site, off-site, includes virtual)</i>	90	93
Programs Attendance	4,029	3,253
 Number of Community Rentals	43	50
Community Rentals Attendance	2,641	2,964

**Carlsbad City Library
Monthly Library Report
February 2024**

Highlights:

1. Author Program

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Librarians Ashleigh Hvinden and Liza Blue hosted authors Piper Huguley and Jeffrey Blount in the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane. 43 people attended this Black History Month event. Ms. Huguley discussed the history of dress designer Ann Lowe, who is famed for designing Jacqueline Onassis' wedding dress, and Mr. Blount discussed how he received inspiration for his book, "Mr. Jimmy from Across the Way" while reading about a black billionaire.

2. In the Pages of History a Black History Month Event with Breanna J McDaniel

Librarian Emily Hardy hosted "In the Pages of History; a Black History Month Event with Breanna J. McDaniel." 34 people attended the program, and an engaged question and answer session was moderated by Library Technician Amberley Middleton. Partner organization Adventures by the Book hosted a book signing afterward and sold nearly all their supply from Dr. McDaniel.



3. Positionality and Power Workshop

In coordination with the author visit and discussion on the same day, Dr. Breanna J. McDaniel, a children's book author, educator and Black History scholar presented a training to Library & Cultural Arts leadership staff along with Training Coordinator Hannah Nelson. Dr. McDaniel facilitated a discussion on "Positionality and Power" which explores how personal identity shapes leadership styles and team interaction.

4. Ruben H. Fleet Science Center workshop series

The Fleet Science Center series of workshops at the Carlsbad City Library began in February. This series is partially supported by Community Arts Grants. The first program of the series started at the Library Learning Center on Feb. 1 at focusing on Color and Light. Three additional programs were presented throughout the month at the other library locations and included subjects on Scribble Bots and Engineering. The workshops will continue throughout March and April. The programs reached max capacity at the Library Learning Center, with a total of 66 participants among the two programs.

Community Connections:

5. Carlsbad Village Farmers' Market

Lead Librarian Darin Williamson and Library Technician Jordan Daley attended an outreach event on Feb. 21 at the Carlsbad Farmer's Market. In addition to donated books, Jordan distributed 110 literacy book bags containing 220 Vox books as part of a grant-funded outreach to raise awareness of the library's Literacy Services program. Staff spoke to 584 people about children's programs, the seed library, Career Online High School, and the English as a Second Language classes offered in partnership with MiraCosta College.

Other:



6. South Orange County Genealogical Society Visit

On Feb. 28, Genealogy & Carlsbad History staff hosted the South Orange County Genealogical Society members visit. Information about the "safari" to visit our collection from their website included this description:




"The Cole Library has an entire floor dedicated to genealogy! Over 30,000 books and many journals, society newsletters, microfilm, microfiche, and CD's. Several computers with access to five paid online subscriptions to great genealogy sites."

LIBRARY MONTHLY STATISTICS


February 2024

	February 2023	February 2024
 <p>Total Library Hours Open</p> <p>¹Beginning May 8, 2023, expanded library hours 1 hour daily</p>	573	672
 <p>Total Visitors On-site (Includes curbside)</p>	33,797	42,052



Library Services

 <p>Circulation of Library Materials</p>	68,418	83,995
 <p>eAudiobook/eBook/eMagazine Downloads</p>	17,632	23,127
<p>Audio/Video Streaming</p>	685	1,045
Circulation Total	86,735	108,167
 <p>Reference Questions</p>	10,692	10,232

Technology

 <p>eResource Use</p>	6,197	5,050
<p>Library Website Sessions</p>	34,019	38,763
<p>In-House Computer Use</p>	2,592	3,476

Programs, Facility Usage

 <p>Number of Programs Presented (on-site, off-site, includes virtual)</p>	98	112
<p>Programs Attendance</p>	3,429	4,005
 <p>Number of Community Rentals</p>	55	59
<p>Community Rentals Attendance</p>	3,019	3,714



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Staff Report

Meeting Date: March 27, 2024

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Bill Sannwald, Senior Librarian
Ashleigh Hvinden, Librarian

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Subject: Carlsbad Reads Together 2024

District: All

Recommended Action

Receive a report from staff on programs and events scheduled for Carlsbad Reads Together 2024.

Executive Summary

Co-Chairs for this year's Carlsbad Reads Together program, Senior Librarian Bill Sannwald and Librarian Ashleigh Hvinden, will share information about Carlsbad Reads Together 2024.

The Carlsbad City Library is pleased to present a month of programming based around the selection for adults, "The Maid" by Nita Prose. This overview will include information on the selection of titles, additional supporting programs, and highlights of new programs for 2024.

Additional programming includes book clubs for children, teens, and adults, and storytimes for children.

Explanation & Analysis

None.

Fiscal Analysis

None.

Next Steps

None.

Environmental Evaluation

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Exhibits

1. Carlsbad Reads Together 2024 Program Guide

2024 Carlsbad Reads Together

PROGRAM GUIDE

Exhibit 1

"The Maid" by Nita Prose

In-person author event: Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m.

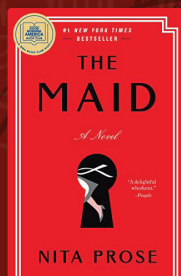
Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane

Admission Process: Interested patrons may claim a number for admission beginning at 5 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for seating. Once all numbers are claimed, a standby line will form and patrons will be admitted as space allows. Please note that this event will not be livestreamed.



About the Author:

Nita Prose is the author of "The Maid" and "The Mystery Guest," which has sold over 1 million copies worldwide and has been published in more than 40 countries. A #1 New York Times bestseller and a Good Morning America book club pick, "The Maid" won the Ned Kelly Award for International Crime Fiction, the Fingerprint Award for Debut Novel of the Year, the Anthony Award for Best First Novel, Barry Award for Best First Mystery and was an Edgar Award finalist for Best Novel. Twitter and Instagram: @NitaProse

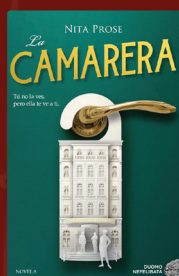


Book Synopsis:

A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed, turning her once orderly world upside down and inspiring a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery in this utterly original debut. A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a

heartwarming journey of the spirit, "The Maid" explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

<http://tinyurl.com/545urpz>



Sinopsis en español:

Molly es una joven camarera en un hotel de lujo. Es tímida y torpe en el trato social. Es también aplicada, comprometida, profesional. Una perfeccionista. En su trabajo, muelle almohadones y arregla los desastres que ocasionan los huéspedes, barriendo sus secretos. Es solo una

camarera, y nadie repara en ella. Pero un asombroso hallazgo en una de las suites hace que su vida dé un vuelco, y la obliga a convertirse en detective para limpiar su propio nombre, a adentrarse en un mundo que va más allá de lo aparente. <http://tinyurl.com/mttbem2h>

Carlsbad Reads Together 2024 events will take place at all three library locations.

Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane – 1775 Dove Lane

Georgina Cole Library – 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive

Library Learning Center – 3368 Eureka Place

Library hours are Mon – Thu 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri – Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



EVENTS FOR "THE MAID"

Adult Book Club Meetings

- Wednesday, April 3, 2 p.m., Dove Library
Gowland Meeting Room
- Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m., Cole Library
Community Room & Zoom (Hybrid Meeting)
- Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m., Cole Library
Community Room

For any inquiries, email librarian@carlsbadca.gov

Special Carlsbad Reads Together Events

Learn about Neurodiversity with Dr. Christina Lambert:

Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m., Georgina Cole Library
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)

Synopsis: Molly Gray in Nita Prose's "The Maid" is a neurodivergent character. While her diagnosis is never explained, it does bring an interesting explanation for the reader about what neurodiversity truly is. Join Dr. Christina Lambert and learn about being an ADHDer, what it means to be neurodiverse and what it means to be on the spectrum.

Heroes vs. Villains in Mysteries

Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m., Library Learning Center
(3368 Eureka Place)

Synopsis: In partnership with the writing group Partners in Crime – The San Diego Chapter of Sisters in Crime, hear local San Diego-based authors lead a discussion about the history of mysteries in literature, what traits make a hero, what makes a villain and why mysteries are one of the most popular genres in fiction today.

How Mysteries are Really Solved

Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m., Georgina Cole Library
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)

Synopsis: Join detectives from the Carlsbad Police Department for a discussion about how crimes are really solved, what detective work entails and how the media accurately or inaccurately depicts crime solving. This panel will be moderated by Senior Librarian Bill Sannwald.

EXPLORATION HUB

Exploration HUB Programs

Join us in the Exploration HUB, the Carlsbad City Library's makerspace and memory lab, for "Carlsbad Reads Together" themed activities. Get hands on experience with 3D design, coding and robotics or learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo, a computerized cutting machine to create personalized designs on vinyl, heat transfer vinyl or cardstock.

All activities are free, no prior experience necessary and all supplies will be provided. All activities are for patrons ages 13 and older unless otherwise indicated. If you have questions, call the Exploration HUB 442-339-2039 or email explorationhub@carlsbadca.gov. Find details here: www.carlsbadca.gov/hub



CARLSBAD HISTORY

Burning Secrets: A Carlsbad Hotel Mystery

Georgina Cole Library

April – while supplies last

Step back in time and experience a taste of the rich history of our community with our new Carlsbad history escape room take-home kit. Explore an adventure set in the past, where you will solve puzzles to find clues and learn a bit about the people and places that shaped the City of Carlsbad. This adventure is perfect for history buffs and puzzle enthusiasts alike and is a great way to learn about the unique and interesting history of the local area. Pick up a take-home kit at any library location and dive into the past with our game that will leave you feeling like a true detective!



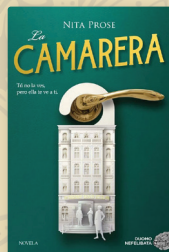
EVENTOS PARA "LA CAMARERA"

Selección de adultos:

"La Camarera" por Nita Prose

Clubs de Lectura en Español (Spanish Language Book Clubs)

- El Club de Lectura en Español Vespertino:
Abril 4, 6 p.m., virtual
- Club de Lectura en Español:
Abril 16, 10 a.m., virtual

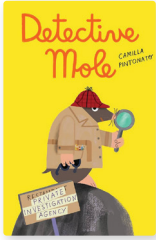


**Carlsbad
Reads
Together**

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CHILDREN'S SELECTION: "DETECTIVE MOLE"



About the book: Oscar is a whiz in the kitchen, but he's always dreamed of being a detective. When a squirrel is reported missing, Oscar hopes this will be his big break. Since he's read so many mysteries and has a nose for details, he knows exactly how to lead an investigation. But the clues pile up and he's nowhere closer to solving the case. Will he be able to track down the missing squirrel?

<http://tinyurl.com/yw4eey7n>

"Detective Mole" Scavenger Hunt

All April Long

Calling all junior sleuths! Can you find all of the clues hidden throughout the children's area and help Detective Mole solve the mystery? Finish the scavenger hunt and you'll win a small reward. The scavenger hunt is available at all three library locations and runs throughout the month of April.

All-Star Readers Book Club

Tuesdays in April (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad Library Learning Center
3368 Eureka Place, Carlsbad 92008

Children in grades one to three are invited to meet on Tuesdays in April and discuss various books relating to the Carlsbad Reads Together theme and discuss the title "Detective Mole" by Camilla Pintonato.

Book Explorers

Thursdays in April (April 4, 11, 18, 25), 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad Library Learning Center
3368 Eureka Place, Carlsbad 92008

A book club for children in grades four to six. Explore all kinds of books including graphic novels and non-fiction titles. The April selection is "The Mona Lisa Vanishes" by Nicholas Day.

Tinker Tuesdays

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane

For Kindergarten to grade three: join us for a forensic science edition of Tinker Tuesday with a hands-on STEAM exploration including microscopes, paint splatter analysis and more!

Tuesday Afternoon Adventures

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

■ Georgina Cole Library

For Kindergarten to grade six: young detectives are encouraged to attend and learn about fingerprinting and forensic science at this special Tuesday Afternoon Adventures program.

Bilingual Storytime Tuesday,

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad Library Learning Center
3368 Eureka Place, Carlsbad 92008

For families and children ages three to five: Join us in the Storytime Room for stories and a craft!

Para familias con niños de tres a cinco años: ¡Acompáñenos para escuchar cuentos y hacer una manualidad!

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

■ Georgina Cole Library

Join us as we read "Detective Mole" as one of our book selections and stick around after the program for play time and a craft activity.

Discussion Questions for "Detective Mole"

- How would you describe Detective Mole's personality? Does he possess qualities that make him a good detective?
- How does Detective Mole's background as a chef influence his detective skills?
- What clues does Detective Mole discover during his search for the missing squirrel?
- Were you able to solve the mystery along with Detective Mole, or were there surprises along the way?
- What challenges does Detective Mole face during the investigation, and how does he overcome them?

"DETECTIVE MOLE" STORYTIME EVENTS

- ♦ **Saturday Stories**, ■ Dove Library
Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. (For families of all ages)
- ♦ **Bilingual Storytime**, ■ Library Learning Center
Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. (For ages 3 to 5)
- ♦ **Preschool Storytime**, ■ Cole Library
Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. (For ages 3 to 5)
- ♦ **Bilingual Storytime**, ■ Library Learning Center
Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m. (For ages 3 to 5)

TEEN SELECTION: "SADIE"

About the Book: Sadie's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated Colorado town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. When Mattie is found dead and the police investigation is botched, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice. She hits the road following a few meager clues. When West McCray, a radio personality working on a segment about small, forgotten towns in America, hears Sadie's story, he becomes obsessed with finding the missing girl. He starts his own podcast as he tracks Sadie's journey, trying to figure out what happened, hoping to find her before it's too late.

❖ Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production

❖ 2019 Edgar Award for Best Young Adult

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Book Warriors Virtual Book Club

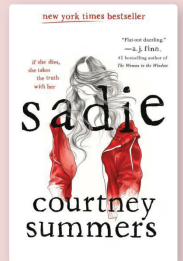
Tuesday, April 16, 4 p.m.

Read "Sadie" by Courtney Summers and join the virtual Book Warriors book club. Email libraryteens@carlsbadca.gov for a Zoom link.

Teen Insights giveaway:

April 1–30, Grades six to 12

Teens are invited to "investigate" the library and submit reviews of any item in the library's collection, program or service. Submit two reviews and earn four service hour credits. Teens who submit reviews will be considered for a small reward. Email libraryteens@carlsbadca.gov.



Discussion Questions for "Sadie"

- What do you think the appeal of true crime podcasts are?
- Did you like how the podcast transcript was interwoven throughout the novel?
- This book is an Edgar Award winner for young adults. Do you think this novel is worthy of that award?

CINEMA CLUB PRESENTS MYSTERIES

Seating is limited and is first come, first served. All films are free to the public and are subject to change. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showing. All films are shown in original language with English subtitles.

"A Haunting in Venice"

Crime, Drama (2023, R, 1h 44m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 3, 4 & 7 p.m.

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 5, 1:30 p.m.

In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to uncover the killer once again.



"State of Play"

Crime, Drama, Mystery

(2009, PG-13, 2h 7m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 17, 4 & 7 p.m.

When a congressional aide is killed, a Washington D.C. journalist starts investigating the case involving the Representative, his old college friend.



"The Pez Outlaw"

Documentary, Comedy

(2022, PG, 1h 25m)

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 5, 4 & 7 p.m.

Steve Glew spent the 1990s smuggling rare PEZ dispensers into the USA from Eastern Europe, making millions of dollars. It was all magical until his arch-nemesis, The Pezident, decided to destroy him.



"Billion Dollar Heist"

Documentary (2023, NR, 1h 24m)

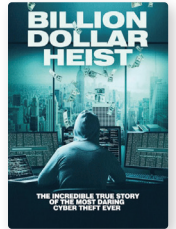
■ Cole Library

Friday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 19, 4 & 7 p.m.

The story of one of the most daring cyber heists of all time, the Bangladeshi Central Bank theft. Tracing the origins of cyber-crime, from turn of the millennium credit card fraud by individuals to global criminal organizations.



"Missing"

Drama, Mystery, Thriller

(2023, PG-13, 1h 51m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 10, 4 & 7 p.m.

After her mother goes missing, a young woman tries to find her from home, using tools available to her online.



"The Girl on the Train"

Crime, Drama, Mystery

(2016, R, 1h 52m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 24, 4 & 7 p.m.

A divorcee becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shockwaves throughout her life.



"The Past/ Le passé"

France, Drama, Mystery

(2013, PG-13, 2h 10m)

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 12, 4 & 7 p.m.

An Iranian man deserts his wife and her two children to return to his homeland. Meanwhile, his wife starts up a relationship, a reality her husband confronts upon his wife's request for a divorce.



"Incendies"

Canada, Drama, Mystery, War

(2022, R, 2h 8m)

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 26, 1:30 p.m.

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 26, 4 & 7 p.m.

Twins journey to the Middle East to discover their family history and fulfill their mother's last wishes.



IF YOU LIKED "THE MAID," TRY THESE

"The Mystery Guest" by Nita Prose

"The Golden Spoon" by Jessa Maxwell

"The Fiancée" by Kate White

"The Housemaid" by Frieda McFadden

"Pistols and Petticoats: 175 Years of Lady Detectives in Fact and Fiction" by Erika Janik

"How to Write a Mystery: A Handbook from Mystery Writers of America" by Lee Child

"Unmasking Autism: Discovering the New Faces of Neurodiversity" by Devon Price



For more movie events at Carlsbad City Library, scan the QR code



Discussion questions for "The Maid"

- What would you do if you did not understand a situation at work? How would you react?
- How does the author portray the neurodiverse protagonist, and what impact does this portrayal have on the overall story?
- Were you able to predict the outcome of the mystery, or were there unexpected twists that surprised you?
- Identify and discuss any recurring themes in the novel. How do these themes contribute to the overall message or meaning of the story?
- Are there moral or ethical dilemmas presented in the novel, and how do the characters navigate them?
- If you've read other mystery novels, how does "The Maid" compare? Are there elements that make it stand out within the genre?



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Staff Report

Meeting Date: March 27, 2024

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Katie Nye, Deputy Library Director
Sheila Crosby, Deputy Library Director

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Subject: Library Program Proposal Process

District: All

Recommended Action

Receive a report on the Carlsbad City Library's program proposal process.

Executive Summary

At the Jan. 24, 2024 Library Board of Trustees meeting, a minute motion was approved by the board for staff to bring back to a future meeting a presentation on the library's public program proposal process. This minute motion was considered after comments made during the public comment section of the meeting.

Staff will share the program proposal process.

Explanation & Analysis

None.

Fiscal Analysis

None.

Next Steps

None.

Environmental Evaluation

This item does not require environmental review because it does not constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act under California Public Resources Code Section 21065 in that it has no potential to cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Exhibits

None.



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From: Sheila Crosby, Deputy Library Director

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Subject: North San Diego County Genealogical Society Report

District: All

Recommended Action

Receive a report from the North San Diego County Genealogical Society.

Executive Summary

The board will receive a report from North San Diego County Genealogical Society representative Genean Dunn. This report provides a summary of services and events for the members of the society and the community.

Explanation & Analysis

None.

Fiscal Analysis

None.

Next Steps

None.

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Exhibits

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