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# TAYLOR MAILER NEWSLETTER

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## *EARL & BIRDIE TAYLOR LIBRARY PACIFIC BEACH BRANCH*

### BRANCH MANAGER'S NOTE

Hello, Friends!

As I write this message, it has been more than 3 months since all of the San Diego Public Libraries closed our doors and bookdrops, in order to do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. I speak for our entire staff when I tell you that we have missed you so much – helping you find what you need, chatting together, even just sharing a quick smile on your way in or out.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the PB Library began offering Contactless Pickup Service (available Monday-Friday from 10:30am-5:30pm), and the bookdrops at all 36 SDPL locations were opened during the week (Monday at 9am through Friday at 5:30pm). You can also call our staff with reference questions or for help placing Holds during the week: Monday-Friday from 9am-5:30pm, at 858-581-9934. We appreciate all of these opportunities to be of service and also to catch up with you. It's a huge relief each time we hear from you that you and your family are doing well, or when we "spot" you out and about in the community. As I'm writing this message to you, a co-worker literally just popped his head into my office to tell me that he saw one of our neighbors and Friends of the Library walking her dog, and we both exclaimed with joy that it must mean that they are doing well.

Things are so different right now from what we've been used to. All of us have experienced changes in our personal lives as well as with work (or interactions with businesses, if you're fortunate enough to have already retired). Thank you for continuing to support San Diego's libraries, even when we can't interact in person. Usage of SDPL's digital collections has skyrocketed (238% increase in visits to SDPL's eLibrary page from 2019 to 2020, for March 16-May 6), and our staff at the PB Library has been working hard to create original content for you to engage with virtually.

Thank you again for choosing to be a Friend to our library. This Spring the City Council was faced with a budget proposal that would have drastically cut library hours and even permanently closed one branch library. Largely thanks to the advocacy of Friends like you, our City Council instead voted to maintain SDPL's hours and staffing. When it is safe to do so, our staff very much looks forward to being able to directly serve you once more.

Even when we are physically separate, we are all in this together. Thank you for standing with our library ... both virtually, and from a distance of at least six feet while wearing masks.

Christina Wainwright, Branch Manager



## Summer Reading Goes Virtual

This year's Summer Reading Program is completely online. All ages are encouraged to track your reading on the website ([sandiego.beanstack.org](http://sandiego.beanstack.org)) or with the handy app (Beanstack Tracker in the app store). Prizes are earned for reading 10 books or for 10 hours and include a library tote bag, museum passes, restaurant coupons, a free book, and a raffle entry for one of five Library Shop \$100 gift cards (stay tuned for an announcement on when prizes may be picked up). You can also earn virtual badges by completing fun activities that are listed on the website/app for each age group.

New this year is a community Read-a-Thon sponsored by the Library Foundation and Intuit. If San Diego readers log 200,000 books before August 31, the Library Foundation and Intuit will donate \$10,000 for youth library programs.

Since in-person events are not possible at the moment the library has moved programming to the Stay-In Summer Reading Club Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/groups/SDPLstorytime](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SDPLstorytime)) Join us there for fun activities for all ages. Something is happening every day.

**For Kids:** Daily Storytimes at 10am (Friday is bilingual, Saturday is Science themed), Story-a-Day at 12pm (aimed at school age kids). 2pm activities include Create! Monday and Wednesday, Special Guest Spotlights Tuesday and Thursday, Booktalks on Friday, and Simple Science Activities on Saturday.

**For Teens:** Stop by on Monday and Wednesday at 4pm. Monday is Create! crafts and activities while Wednesday is "It Speaks to Me" Booktalks) Also check out the Teen Instagram page @SDPLTeen for more fun activities, book and comic recommendations.

**For Adults:** Join us at 4pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday at is All about Books, Thursday is Create! crafts, food, and more, and Friday is a special themed series each month. In June we enjoyed concerts by library staff, in July we will Dig Deeper into San Diego History with fun talks about the past, and in August we will Dig into Gardening.

And don't worry if you can't tune in live. Everything will be available to watch later at your convenience. You can find details and links to everything that is happening this summer at [sandiego.gov/SummerReading](http://sandiego.gov/SummerReading)



## STAY-IN SUMMER READING CLUB

### Monday & Wednesday

- 10 a.m. Daily Storytime
- 12 p.m. Lunch Bunch: Story-a-Day
- 2 p.m. Create!
- 4 p.m. Live Teen Programs  
Monday - Create! | Wednesday - It Speaks to Me

### Tuesday & Thursday

- 10 a.m. Daily Storytime
- 12 p.m. Lunch Bunch: Story-a-Day
- 2 p.m. Special Guest Spotlight
- 4 p.m. Adult Programs  
Tuesday - All About Books | Thursday - Create!

### Friday

- 10 a.m. Bilingual Storytime
- 12 p.m. Lunch Bunch: Story-a-Day
- 2 p.m. Children's Fiction Booktalks
- 4 p.m. Adult Program Series

### Saturday

- 10 a.m. Science Storytime
- 2 p.m. Simple Science Activities

### Sunday

- 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin's Storytime Challenge

● Ages 0-5 ● Ages 6-11 ● Teens ● Adults

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### Summer Reading Program 2020: Prizes

Children (Ages 0 - 11)	Teens (Ages 12 - 17)	Adults (Ages 18+)
<b>Finishers:</b> Tote bag and book Library Shop Raffle Entry*	<b>Finishers:</b> Tote bag and book Library Shop Raffle Entry*	<b>Finishers:</b> Tote bag
<b>Museums:</b> Free pass + guest to the NAT Free pass + guest to the Children's Discovery Museum Free pass + guest to the SD Model Railroad Museum Free pass to the SD New Children's Museum Free pass to the SD Air and Space Museum	<b>Museums:</b> Free pass + guest to the NAT Free pass + guest to the SD Model Railroad Museum Free pass to the SD Air and Space Museum	Gift Certificate for a free book from the Friends of the Library  Library Shop Raffle Entry*
<b>Restaurants:</b> Free Kids Meal at Panda Express Free 5oz yogurt at Yogurtland Free Kids Meal at Islands Restaurant	<b>Restaurants:</b> Free Panda Bowl at Panda Express Free 5oz yogurt at Yogurtland	<b>Museums:</b> Free pass + guest to the NAT  <b>Restaurants:</b> Free Panda Bowl at Panda Express



### Virtual Programming

Our staff misses being able to interact with you in our regularly scheduled programs: the wellness classes for Adults, the Storytimes and Dance Party for little ones, and so much more. Since we cannot safely host in-person programs for the foreseeable future, we've been developing a range of new virtual content for you to enjoy.

### Stay-In Summer Reading Club

Our staff members have hosted several programs in the Stay-In Summer Reading Club ([www.facebook.com/groups/SDPLstorytime](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SDPLstorytime)) for kids, teens, and adults. So far, Robert and Christina have led craft activities in the *Create!* Series for adults, Rebecca hosted a storytime with craft for young kids, and Christina recommended 2 books as part of the All About Books series. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, during a week of PRIDE-themed programs, Rebecca demonstrated a craft for Adults on how to make Rainbow Heart String Art. Fortunately, even if you missed them the first time around the videos all stay up for later viewing.

### How-To Festival

When the San Diego Public Library first launched its How-To Festival in 2016, the Pacific Beach Library was one of only 4 libraries to participate. The H2F is a unique opportunity to interact while learning experientially, in that we invite members of the community to teach and share with others about a topic that they are passionate about. The festival has grown over the past five years, such that SDPL had planned on simultaneously hosting 2020's H2F at 34 libraries on Saturday, May 30. However, when COVID-19 made it unsafe to gather in-person we transformed this year's H2F into a fully virtual event. Employees from across the Library Department created videos about HOW-TO do something that they love, and their 50 videos will remain available on SDPL's website to view over the next year. The videos all premiered on May 30<sup>th</sup>, and the good news is that since we went virtual you can still participate in the How-To Festival! Read the descriptions and open links to view all 50 of the H2F videos at [sandiego.gov/howtofestival](http://sandiego.gov/howtofestival). If you'd like to virtually visit with our staff while learning something new, 5 PB Library employees filmed HOW-TO workshops:

- Cari: How-To Make Play Dough
- Christina: How-To Cook Omurice
- Cindy: How-To Make Chia Pudding
- Rebecca: How-To Fold a Mini Comic Book
- Robert: How-To Make a Holiday Wreath



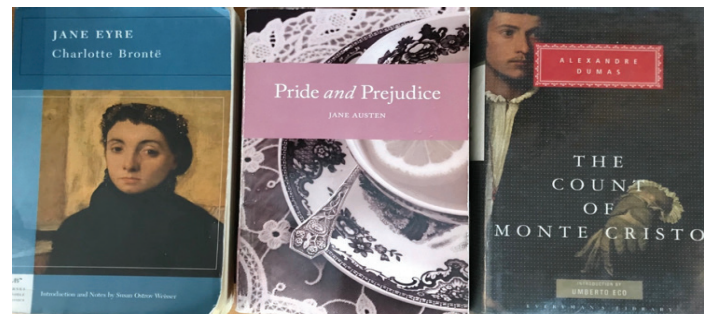
### Read-Alouds with Tea

Since mid-April, PB's Branch Manager has been hosting daily read-alouds from classic novels over a freshly steeped mug of tea. Every weekday at 3pm you can tune in to a live stream of Christina reading 1-3 chapters of a classic novel, in a Facebook group that our branch created in the wake of the COVID-19 closure as a way to keep reading together. The group is currently called Tea with The Count of Monte Cristo, as we recently began reading Alexandre Dumas' epic tale of hope and revenge.

Videos of Christina's past read-alouds are available via Facebook in the SDPL Tea group ([www.facebook.com/groups/SDPLtea](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SDPLtea)). You can also find playlists devoted to all of the classic novels that SDPL librarians have been reading aloud on SDPL's Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/sdpubliclibrary/playlists>). At present, the classics that local librarians have narrated are:

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas (in progress)
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne (in progress)

*NOTE: The first 3 titles were read-aloud by Christina; the last 3 were read by Bill, the manager at the La Jolla Library.*



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Hours and services will change in accordance with health and safety guidelines. Please call the PB Library or visit [sandiego.gov/library](http://sandiego.gov/library) for current information. As of when this issue went to press, here is the schedule for services:

- Book Drops Open: Monday at 9:00am - Friday at 5:30pm
- Phone Service: Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:30pm
- Contactless Holds Pickup: Monday-Friday from 10:30am-5:30pm

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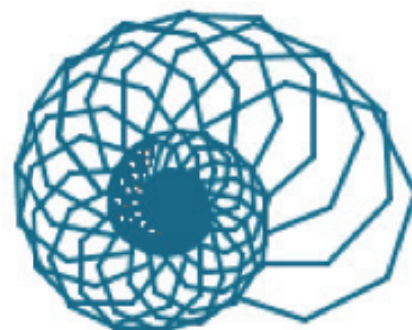
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