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Welcome to the Rancho Mirage Public Library…

With Autumn comes our annual welcome to another great Library programming season. Please consider this booklet to be your invitation to a wide range of events that will inform, entertain, and often surprise you.

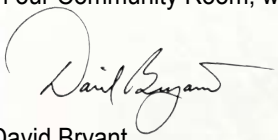
The Library Community Room will be the location for most of the events described within this publication. We hope you agree that all of our programs are noteworthy, but a few stand out:

We give attention to the Salton Sea twice during this quarter. First, on Thursday, October 8, Scott White will offer an update on the Sea and efforts to assure its positive future. Later, in November, we welcome Kurt Leuschner to present his lecture, "Winged Wonders of the Salton Sea."

Christopher Perry, a Library favorite, will present Buster Keaton's silent classic, *The General* (1926), as never shown before in our Desert with live music and sound effects, taking place on Wednesday, November 4.

More film screenings make up our calendar: In celebration of the Centennial of Frank Sinatra's birth, film historian and presenter Jason Bruecks offers four of Sinatra's best films, on four consecutive Monday afternoons in November.

A full calendar follows. We hope you will join us for all the possibilities of lifelong learning in our Community Room, where we never stop "celebrating ideas!"



David Bryant
Library Director

Note: This schedule has been prepared with careful consideration to availability of talent and the Library's Community Room. However, unforeseen circumstances may arise which could alter the schedule contained in these pages. Additional programs may be added as well. Changes are announced promptly on the Library's website, ranchomiragelibrary.org The website is always worth a visit to get the latest information about *your* Rancho Mirage Public Library.

People with disabilities are encouraged to attend Library programs. If you have special communication or access needs, please contact the Library at (760) 341-7323 four business days in advance of the event(s) you will attend.

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Friday
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Friday
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The Rancho Mirage Public Library is a point of local pride with a global reach. It is a cultural center for our City and far beyond. Friendly and with deep intellectual roots, the Library has been called a "House of Ideas," where discoveries are frequent, where research is ever present, and where the Library is open for lifelong learning 300 days each year. Over 1,000 of your neighbors visit and enjoy the Rancho Mirage Public Library daily. Our Library is one of California's busiest and most popular. The Library's patrons run from newborns to seniors, with interests and needs as varied as the Library's remarkable resources.

With the Create Your *Literary Legacy* program, the Rancho Mirage Public Library Foundation recognizes that you may want to make a lasting gift, giving your name or a loved one's name a permanent place in this outstanding Library. You may choose to name a book, a favorite subject area, or a series of events. You might consider naming a Library chair, a Library space, or something special for children in the Library.

Please contact our Library Director, David Bryant, at 760-341-7323, ext. 700 with any questions about the Foundation's *Literary Legacy* program. The Foundation is excited to offer new naming opportunities that will enhance the Library's ability to serve as a vital community resource. You will become an enduring part of your Library, a place which welcomes all and stands as a cultural icon in the Desert.

The Library Foundation would like you to Create Your *Literary Legacy* at Rancho Mirage Public Library and requests your consideration in making a gift that will continue to enrich the intellectual life of our broad community.

Thank you,

Shari Stewart, Chair
Rancho Mirage Public Library Foundation

Palm Springs Writers Guild

Everyone is welcome to attend the Writers Guild monthly meetings at the Library. For more information, please visit www.palmspringswritersguild.org.

Kick-off Meeting

Saturday, October 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

"Write What You Love"

Hear inspiration, wit, and sage advice from best-selling author **Diana Wagman.**

Book-to-Screen

Saturday, November 7, 2 – 4 p.m.

Author Q & A Session

Author **Janet Fitch** answers questions from bestselling author **Eduardo Santiago.**

Industry Renowned Author of the Thriller Genre: David Morrell

Saturday, December 5, 2 – 4 p.m.

Meet this award-winning author who Dean Koontz calls "An absolute master of the thriller."

Fall Book Sale Bounty

This big event features an enormous selection of gently-used books at affordable prices. The Foundation Book Sale raises money for the Library while promoting enthusiasm for reading!

Thursday, October 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, October 23, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Poetry Workshops

Weekly Sessions on Wednesdays,

October-December, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Poets interested in assignments, critiques, and readings are invited to join **Dorothea Bisbas,** Rancho Mirage Public Library Poet Laureate. The goal of these workshops is to encourage poetry based on personal experiences, language, and insights. More advanced poets share their techniques, including revision and details about getting poetry published.

Book Discussion Group

The Library's book discussion group meets on the second Friday of each month. For more information, send an email to the Book Maven at melissab@ranchomiragelibrary.org.

Friday, October 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
The Art Forger, by B.A. Shapiro

Friday, November 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Under the Wide and Starry Sky, by Nancy Horan

Friday, December 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Little Failure, by Gary Shteyngart

An Afternoon of Poetry

Thursday, December 10, 2 – 3 p.m.

Rancho Mirage Public Library Poet Laureate **Dorothea Bisbas** and the Poetry group invite you to enjoy an afternoon with local poets, and to listen to them read some of their creations, accompanied by live music. Refreshments will be served.

LECTURES

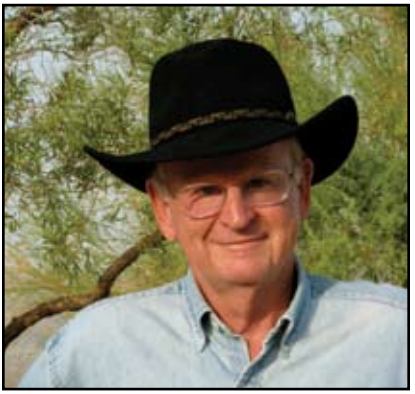
Scott White

Thursday, October 8, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Tourism and The Salton Sea

Scott White, President & CEO of the Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau, gives a presentation on the tourism industry in Greater Palm Springs, including current marketing programs. He also discusses the need to mitigate the deterioration of the Salton Sea and the potential economic impact it will have on our area.

Scott White came to the CVB in late 2010, following four years as the Executive Director of the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau, and eight years at the Greater Phoenix Convention & Visitors Bureau. A Certified Hospitality Sales Professional, he is active in numerous industry organizations, including U.S. Travel Association, Visit California, Meeting Professionals International (MPI), and several others.



Nicholas Clapp

Tuesday, October 13, 2 – 3 p.m.

Old Magic: Lives of the Desert Shamans

For nearly one thousand generations, desert shamans of the far West sought order in the stars and in the mysteries of their grand, unforgiving landscape. They epitomized a Native American ability "to relate to the land in ways beyond a Western way of thinking." Drawing on the lore of a dozen tribes, "Old Magic" conjures the year-to-year life of a shaman—a life of service to his people, a life fraught with torment and danger, a life often taking a man or woman to the edge of madness.

Documentary filmmaker **Nicholas Clapp** has explored, filmed, and written about the deserts of the world. He has won over seventy major awards for his documentary work. He lived with the Zapotecs of southern Mexico, participated in the excavation of the Great Temple of Petra in Jordan, and was leader of a team that discovered the lost city of Ubar in the Sultanate of Oman.

This is a Gold Card Event

Kurt Leuschner

Tuesday, November 10, 2 – 3 p.m.

Winged Wonders of the Salton Sea

The Salton Sea is one of the most important stops for birds traveling the Pacific Flyway. Tens of thousands of birds begin arriving in late September. Birds that overwinter at the Sea will depart by May, but some will remain to brave the hot summer and nest at the sea. Because of this, visiting the Salton Sea at any time of year is a birdwatcher's delight. Follow up the talk with an all-day journey in January to see the Salton Sea and all of its wonders!

Kurt Leuschner is a Professor of Natural Resources at College of the Desert, where he teaches courses on Conservation, Entomology, Field Ornithology, Native Plants, and GPS Navigation. He also teaches weekend courses and workshops on birdwatching, insects, GPS, and backyard habitats for UCR Extension, the Desert Institute, the Desert Studies Center, and The Living Desert.

Nancy Sindelar, Ph.D.

Tuesday, November 24, 2 – 3 p.m.

Ernest Hemingway: A Visit to Papa's Places

Join **Nancy W. Sindelar, Ph.D.,** as she gives the first lecture in a four-part series on Ernest Hemingway. In this presentation, she takes you on a tour of the places where the author lived and worked: Oak Park, Paris, Chamby, Key West, San Francisco de Paula, and Ketchum. Ponder the impact and influence these places had on the life and work of this legendary author. Then stay tuned for three more lectures in early 2016!

Nancy W. Sindelar is the author of *Influencing Hemingway: The People and Places that Shaped His Life and Work.* She has made many presentations about the life and work of Ernest Hemingway, and these presentations are energized by her passion and her research into his private letters, fiction, and non-fiction.

Christopher Perry Presents The General

Wednesday, November 4, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

The General is considered Buster Keaton's true masterpiece and is one of the greatest films from the silent era. This comedy, set during the Civil War, was based on a true story and features the most expensive comedy gag of the silent era. **Christopher Perry** and The Photoplay Ensemble presents this film with live music and sound effects so that you can experience the movie the way it was originally intended.

Christopher Perry, musical director for the Ensemble, arranges silent movie scores by using the original film music cues written for these classic pictures. The "Mad Doctor of Sound Effects" Henry Lozano provides the sound effects, created with mechanical devices–the same way they were created in the silent film era.

Jason Bruecks Presents Ol' Blue Eyes For Your Eyes

Celebrate the centennial of Frank Sinatra's birth with film historian **Jason Bruecks**! In this four-part series, he presents "Ol' Blue Eyes" in a wide range of roles: a sailor who sings and dances with fellow swabbie Gene Kelly; a small-town writer with a taste for booze and the wrong woman; a police detective who unearths corruption at every turn; and a mobster with the world by the tail…until the *right* woman comes along.

Anchors Aweigh (1945)
Monday, November 9, 2 – 4 p.m.

Some Came Running (1958)
Monday, November 16, 2 – 4 p.m.

The Detective (1968)
Monday, November 23, 2 – 4 p.m.

Pal Joey (1957)
Monday, November 30, 2 – 4 p.m.

We invite you to enjoy two afternoons with Indieflix as librarian **Valentine Llort** highlights documentaries and short films available through this online service. Come learn about Indieflix, watch some great shorts and documentaries, and enjoy this amazing service that is available from home and here at the Library!

A list of films shown will be given in advanced and refreshments will be served.

"What's Up 'Doc'?"
Tuesday, November 17, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Enjoy discovering some documentaries available through Indieflix.

"Cozy Up With Indieflix"
Thursday, November 19, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
With the holidays around the corner, it's the perfect time to come watch some feel-good short films.

Peter Sprague, Jazz Guitarist

Wednesday, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m.

Jazz guitarist **Peter Sprague** is a man of many talents: exceptional guitar player, composer, arranger, producer, and recording engineer. He began recording at age 20, cutting his own albums for the vaunted record label Concord Jazz.

He has toured with a who's who of jazz greats, from pianists Chick Corea and Sergio Mendes to flutist Hubert Laws and singer Dianne Reeves. When Peter's on stage, you are guaranteed an evening of exciting, inventive jazz!

This concert is made possible by a generous gift from the Bartush Family Foundation.

So-Mang Jeagal, Pianist

Thursday, November 12, 7 – 8 p.m.

Born in Daegu, South Korea in 1983, **So-Mang Jeagal** began studying piano at age five, and at age eleven gave his first solo recital. He studied at Seoul Arts High School, followed by graduation with highest honors from Seoul National University with Bachelor and Master of Music degrees.

A winner of international competitions, So-Mang was the recipient of First Prize at the 2014 Washington International Piano Competition. He also won First Prize at the 2014 Los Angeles International Liszt Competition. He has performed at many international music festivals and major concert halls. He currently studies under full scholarship with Professor Kevin Fitz-Gerald in the Artist Diploma Program at USC's Thornton School of Music.

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City of Rancho Mirage Cultural Commission Presents From Broadway to Hollywood

Wednesday, November 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join pianist **Richard Glazier** as he weaves together interviews, piano performances, and commentary to create a unique musical view of Broadway and Hollywood. Mr. Glazier explores the history of the great music that has been written for Broadway musicals, Hollywood films, and television. He shares his lifetime love of each, adding his proven talent as a host/narrator and pianist.

Originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, Richard Glazier began studying piano when he was 6 years old. Trained in the classics, Mr. Glazier earned Bachelor and Master degrees in Piano Performance from Indiana University School of Music, Bloomington. He earned a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he also received the Alumni Achievement Award for his contributions to the American Popular Song.

This is a Gold Card Event

Ken Dahleen and His Big Band Staff

Monday, December 7, 7 – 8 p.m.

Christmas, 1941. After Pearl Harbor, Peace on Earth seemed all but impossible. Families were torn apart by the beginnings of war, making it difficult to believe in the spirit of the season. But Christmas did come, and the holiday's memorable music took on an even deeper meaning. Join **Ken Dahleen and His Big Band Staff** as they remember the soldiers, sailors and songs of Christmas, 1941, in a tribute to both the holiday and our veterans.

This concert is made possible by a generous gift from the Bartush Family Foundation.

Fa-la-la with The Joslyn Singers

Tuesday, December 15, 3 – 4 p.m.

The Joslyn Singers look forward to coming to the Library and providing a little Christmas cheer. Bring your voices and good spirits to celebrate a lovely year!

The Joslyn Singers are a lively group of seniors who enjoy sharing their love of singing by performing for clubs and assisted living facilities throughout the Coachella Valley.

TECHNO TALK

Tech Tuesdays

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Get your questions answered and pick up tips and tricks. Registration is required for eBook/eAudiobook sessions only.

Tuesday, October 20, 10 a.m.

eBooks & eAudiobooks (Register online or at the information desk)

Tuesday, November 3, 10 a.m.

Zinio Digital Magazines

Tuesday, November 17, 10 a.m.

eBooks & eAudiobooks (Register online or at the information desk)

Tuesday, December 1, 10 a.m.

IndieFlix (Streaming movies) and Novelist

Tuesday, December 15, 10 a.m.

eBooks & eAudiobooks (Register online or at the information desk)

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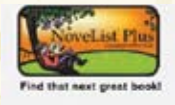

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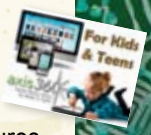
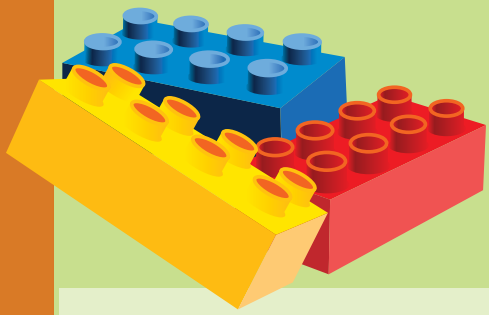


Downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks. This collection features children's picture books, easy readers, juvenile fiction, and teen fiction.

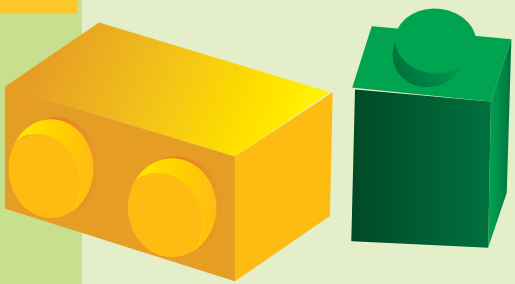


NEW!!! LEGO CLUB

Build with us! For each Lego Club event, there will be a suggested theme. It's up to you whether your creation reflects that theme or your own creative expression! Work alone or in a group. We'll start with baseplates and the theme will be announced. You'll have 45 minutes for building, then about 8 to 10 minutes to show off your work. Then 5 minutes to check for any LEGO blocks that may have fallen on the floor. We'll display the creations until next month. Be sure to check out one of the display books related to our theme!

Wednesday, October 28, 5 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23, 5 – 6 p.m.



STORYTIMES

The Library presents four age-specific storytimes each week:

Tiny Tot Tales – for ages one to three

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Lively songs, fingerplays, action rhymes, flannel board stories, and books, followed by a coloring activity, delight the young ones ages one to three. Younger siblings are welcome. This 25-minute storytime begins promptly at 10 a.m. Since space is limited to the first 25 people, we suggest families arrive early.

Preschool Stories and Me – for children ages three to five

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Engaging stories, songs, and active rhymes captivate the imagination of children ages three to five. Coloring sheets and simple crafts round out the themed storytime experience. This 30-minute storytime begins promptly at 10 a.m. Since space is limited to the first 25 people, we suggest families arrive early.

Each storytime session is held in the storytime room.

Each session begins promptly on designated days. We suggest that participants arrive early so that all can benefit from the total experience and minimize disruptions.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Family Night

"Hear the Beep Where You Sleep": Fire Prevention Program

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

"R. Hero" author **Bunni Benaron** and some of our local firefighters will be here! There's another book about R. Hero and Ms. Benaron will read it for us. The firefighters will show us their gear and their rigs. Smokey (the bear) and Sparky (the Dalmatian) may pay us a visit, too!

Trick-or-Treating and Mysteries Show!

Saturday, October 31, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Gather for our annual costume parade and trick-or-treating through the Library. Will you be able to solve "Wild, Weird and Wacky Mysteries" with **Ina Buckner-Barnette?** Be entertained before you head out for more trick or treating.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Family Night

MakerSpace Night: "Light-up Holiday Cards"

Wednesday, November 4, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Several holidays are coming up. Make a really special card for someone using circuitry, LEDs, and button batteries.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Family Night

MakerSpace Night: Recycled Art with the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery

Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Make some unique gifts for holiday giving–no two alike! Exercise your creativity and talent with the help of **Karen Riley.** She'll provide the spark to get you going

Holiday Family Event Holiday Sweets and Stories

Saturday, December 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

You'll make memories when you include this special event in your holiday plans. Veteran local storytellers will transport you to magical places in an intimate setting, complete with delicious treats. Mark your calendar today!

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DATE AND TIME		
October 3	2 – 4 PM	Palm Springs Writers Guild: Kick-Off Meeting
October 7	5:30 – 7 PM	Family Night: "Here the Beep Where You Sleep" Fire Prevention Program
October 8	4:30 – 5:30 PM	Lecture: Tourism and the Salton Sea
October 9	10 – 11:30 AM	Book Discussion Group: *The Art Forger*
October 13	2 – 3 PM	Lecture: Old Magic: Lives of the Desert Shamans
October 22	9 AM – 5 PM	Fall Book Sale Bounty
October 23	9 AM – 5 PM	Fall Book Sale Bounty
October 24	9 AM – 3 PM	Fall Book Sale Bounty
October 28	5 – 6 PM	Kids' Lego Club
October 28	7 – 8 PM	Music: Peter Sprague, Jazz Guitarist
October 31	3:30 – 5 PM	Family Event: Trick or Treating and Mysteries Show!
November 4	5:30 – 7 PM	Family Night: Makerspace "Light-Up Holiday Cards"
November 4	6 – 8:30 PM	Film: Christopher Perry Presents *The General*
November 7	2 – 4 PM	Palm Springs Writers Guild: Book to Screen
November 9	2 – 4 PM	Film: Jason Bruecks Presents *Anchors Aweigh*
November 10	2 – 3 PM	Lecture: Winged Wonders of the Salton Sea
November 12	7 – 8 PM	Music: So-Mang Jeagal, Pianist
November 13	10 – 11:30 AM	Book Discussion Group: *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*
November 16	2 – 4 PM	Film: Jason Bruecks Presents *Some Came Running*
November 17	2 – 4 PM	Film: Valentine Llort Presents "What's Up 'Doc'?"
November 18	7 – 8 PM	City of Rancho Mirage Cultural Commission Presents Richard Glazier: "From Broadway to Hollywood"
November 19	2 – 4 PM	Film: Valentine Llort Presents "Cozy Up With Indieflix"
November 23	2 – 4 PM	Film: Jason Bruecks Presents *The Detective*
November 24	2 – 3 PM	Lecture: Ernest Hemingway: A Visit to Papa's Places
November 30	2 – 4 PM	Film: Jason Bruecks Presents *Pal Joey*
December 2	5:30 – 7 PM	Family Night: MakerSpace Recycled Art with the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery
December 5	2 – 4 PM	Palm Springs Writers Guild: Author David Morrell
December 7	7 – 8 PM	Music: Ken Dahleen and His Big Band Staff
December 10	2 – 3 PM	An Afternoon of Poetry
December 11	10 – 11:30 AM	Book Discussion Group: *Little Failure*
December 15	3 – 4 PM	Music: Fa-la-la with The Joslyn Singers
December 19	2 – 3:30 PM	Holiday Family Event: Holiday Sweets and Stories
December 23	5 – 6 PM	Kids' Lego Club

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