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PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS

APRIL ~ JUNE 2016

Welcome to the Rancho Mirage Public Library...

This program guide will give you a broad range of events befitting a Library that is also a cultural center.

You will find:
Film Screenings
Concerts
Lectures
Book Discussions
Storytelling for Children
The Spring Book Sale
and much more

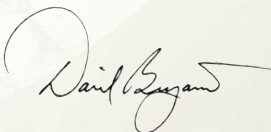
You will also begin to see in this quarter, the start of construction of the Rancho Mirage Observatory in our west parking lot. This is an exciting project that promises to offer very high level science programming for all ages beginning later this year or early in 2017.

Before we start this construction we apologize for any disruption and at times, limits on Library parking. However, in the long term, adding an Observatory to the Library campus pushes the learning opportunities and future of our City to the very highest levels.

We are in a golden era as the Library celebrates twenty years of service to our residents and we hope you agree, continues to find ways through a visionary Library Board to keep getting better!

There is much to be enjoyed at the Rancho Mirage Public Library...

and YOU are invited!



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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9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday – Saturday
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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Monday
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20 YEARS

The Library's First 20 Years January 1996 – January 2016

Checkouts: 9,000,000

Patron visits: 5,000,000

Information questions: 1,200,000

Program attendance: 500,000

Programs: 15,000

Website visits: 2,000,000

You can sponsor a DAY at Rancho Mirage Public Library!

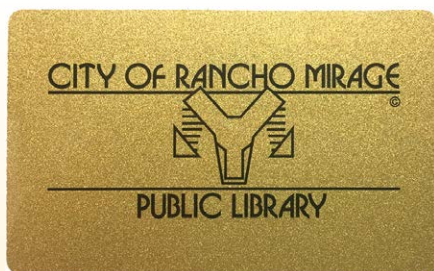
Your gift of one thousand dollars will provide a full day of Library services, collections, research support, programs for children and adults, tutoring for computer use, and much more.

This contribution to the Rancho Mirage Public Library Foundation is a friendly welcome to *every* one of the nearly one thousand visitors who come to the Library each day.

Creating the "John and Mary Smith Day" at your Library can be a tribute to a loved one. Or your "day" will tell your neighbors that *you* place a great value on one of California's best libraries.

For more information, call Library Director David Bryant at 760 -341-7323 x 700.





You will notice that our major Library programs have a Gold Card Seating notation. The Gold Card assures preferred seating for Rancho Mirage residents and donors.

The Gold Card Seating policy gives early entry to our Community Room to Library Gold Card holders for our biggest programs. The general public will be admitted fifteen minutes before these events begin, usually finding good seating as well. When seating is limited, we will ask all members to register online.

These Library Gold Card programs will be identified in our Program Guide and on-line at: ranchomiragelibrary.org.

Library Gold Cards for Gold Card Seating will be issued to: Rancho Mirage residents, Library Volunteers, Library donors contributing \$100 or more per individual, Library donors contributing \$200 or more per couple and Lifetime Members of the Library Foundation.

Please call 760-341-7323 X 700 or see ranchomiragelibrary.org for more information.

**Rancho Mirage
SCIENCE FICTION
Drive-In Theater Series**



The Library's year-long 20th Anniversary celebration continues with three evenings of B movies in our Community Room – set up as an (indoor) drive-in theater!

Three films will be screened on three consecutive nights – all '50s era classic science fiction pictures.

Watch them drive-in style – while seated in one of 40 golf carts parked bumper to bumper in the Community Room.

What better way to re-create a fondly remembered movie-going experience from yesteryear?

Library Director David Bryant will kick off each night's event with a brief welcome followed by an overview of the evening's featured presentation by **film historian Christopher Perry**.

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Film Schedule

Wednesday, April 27: Plan 9 From Outer Space (1959)

Thursday, April 28: Attack of the 50 Foot Woman (1958)

Friday, April 29: This Island Earth (1955)

Patrons are encouraged to wear 1950's attire, although it is not required. Popcorn will be served. Due to this event's special seating arrangements, space is limited to 80 movie attendees, two per golf cart, each night. Registrations will be limited to two people, the night you choose, only.

To attend an evening of this one-time-only series, patrons must register online for Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Registrations may be made at ranchomiragelibrary.org.

This is a Gold Card event.

This series of films is made possible by a generous gift from Ron and Debbie Weinstein



Palm Springs Writers Guild

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

Saturday, April 2, 2 – 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 2 – 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 2 – 4 p.m.

Book Discussion Group

The Library's book discussion group meets on the second Friday of each month. No advance sign-up necessary! For more information, send an email to librarian Valentine Llort at valentinel@ranchomiragelibrary.org.

Friday, April 8, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Heart of Darkness

by Joseph Conrad

Friday, May 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey

by Candice Millard

Friday, June 10, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Interpreter of Maladies

by Jhumpa Lahiri

Poetry Workshops

Weekly Sessions on Wednesdays,

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.



Library's 20th Anniversary Celebration Continues

Heading into the midway point of a year-long span of events, RMPL invites you to take in a science fiction movie drive-in style. See page 6 for more details regarding this very unique event!



Ron Sharrow

Do It Yourself Publishing

Thursday, April 7,
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

You can tell a book by its cover—learn how to create a marketable, enjoyable, page-turning experience for a reader, and find out what is required to have it published, where to get it published, and what buttons to push to get it marketed.

Ron Sharrow is a full time resident of Rancho Mirage, has written and published 12 of his own books, and assisted other writers with all facets of book design editing and publication.

This event is in the Conference Room where seating is limited to 25 people. Register online at <https://rmpsharrow.eventbrite.com>.

James McFarlin

Cybersecurity: Threats & Consequences 2016

Thursday, April 7, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join author and popular national speaker **James McFarlin** as he takes you on a revealing behind-the-scenes journey into a rapidly transforming digital age. National security cyber threats and rampant cyber crime progressively define a world where our personal and financial assets—and increasingly, our way of life—are at risk.

Co-sponsored by the Rancho Mirage Emergency Preparedness Commission.

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Spring Book Sale

This big event will feature thousands of gently-used books at affordable prices. The book sale raises money for the Library while promoting enthusiasm for reading!

Thursday, April 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, April 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.





Exploring Ernest Hemingway

Join **Nancy Sindelar, Ph.D.**, as she completes her four-part lecture series on Ernest Hemingway, in which she explores various facets of the life of this famous American author.

Hemingway and War

Tuesday, April 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

Examine Hemingway's attitudes toward war and the people and experiences that influenced these attitudes, and view and discuss photos depicting Hemingway's involvement in World War I, the Spanish Civil War, and World War II.

Hemingway and the F.B.I.

Tuesday, April 19, 2 – 3 p.m.

Explore Hemingway's fascination with sleuthing and espionage and the role these adventures played in the development of his FBI file. Excerpts from the FBI files on Hemingway and the author's paranoia regarding FBI surveillance are explored as well as other events that preceded his suicide in Ketchum, Idaho.

This lecture is made possible by a generous gift from Tom and Nancy Cunningham.



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Jack Thompson

Friday, April 8, 2 – 3 p.m.

***Inside the California Desert's
Three Newest National
Monuments: Sand to Snow,
Mojave Trails, and Castle
Mountains***

On February 11, 2016, President Obama designated three new national monuments in the California Desert. Join **Jack Thompson**, co-founder and manager of The Wildlands Conservancy's Whitewater Preserve and Director of The Wildlands Conservancy's Desert Preserves, for a talk on these natural treasures. He will present a brief history of conservation in the California desert and describe how this led to the recent designations of the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains National Monuments. He will tell you where they are, what they offer, and how you can get to them. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about these remarkable monuments!



Timothy Krantz, Ph.D.

Monday, April 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

***New Initiatives for Restoring the
Salton Sea***

Join Professor **Tim Krantz** as he discusses the future of the Salton Sea. Once a popular tourist destination, it is now the subject of much concern. The Salton Sea is one of our region's most notable natural features and plays host to over 400 species of birds.

Professor Tim Krantz holds a PhD in Geography from the University of California-Berkeley, and is a professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Redlands. Dr. Krantz is a recognized authority on the Salton Sea, where he served as the Salton Sea Database Program Director for eight years, overseeing a \$4.7 million federal-assistance grant to develop a regional geographic database for the area.

**Rancho Mirage
SCIENCE FICTION
Drive-In Theater Series**

This is a Gold Card Event



**Christopher Perry
1950's Sci-Fi Drive-In Theater
Event with Golf Carts**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, April 27-29



Plan 9 From Outer Space

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

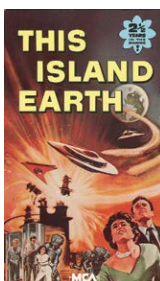
Plan 9 From Outer Space is Ed Wood's unintentionally hilarious film in which aliens plan to take over the world by resurrecting only three corpses. Horror icon Bela Lugosi died during production and was replaced by a chiropractor who hid his face behind a cape. The film also features Vampira and wrestler Tor Johnson. Quite possibly the best bad movie ever made, *Plan 9*, with its hubcap flying saucers on strings, is sure to entertain.



Attack of the 50 Foot Woman

**Thursday, April 28,
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

After wealthy Nancy Archer has an alien encounter that zaps her metabolism into overdrive, her cheating husband never stands a chance. Soon, Nancy's size matches her rage. It's impossible not to have fun with this all-time kitsch classic which, as fans know, is actually about a very big woman with a very bad attitude. She'll prove big girls don't cry, they get even.



This Island Earth

**Friday, April 29,
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Atomic scientist Dr. Meacham is chosen to participate in a top-secret research experiment in a remote lab but he discovers it is actually an evil scheme by alien Metalunans to take over Earth. He and the gorgeous Dr. Adams escape shortly before the lab explodes but are whisked away in a flying saucer to Metaluna. Will interstellar negotiation triumph, or will the scientists be forced to take part in a treacherous battle to the death?

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Special thanks to Cart Mart, Inc. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 for providing the golf carts.*

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This is a Gold Card Event



Danny Holt, Pianist

Wednesday, April 6, 7 – 8 p.m.

Piano Then and Now

Pianist **Danny Holt** has been called “exceptional” by the Los Angeles Times, and The Record (Waterloo, Ontario) described him as “the classical music equivalent of an extreme sports athlete.” He brings his boundless energy and wit to performances of classical repertoire as well as music by the composers of today. Mr. Holt’s eclectic recital will include works by Bach-Busoni, Mozart, Brahms, Villa-Lobos, and contemporary British composer Graham Fitkin.

International Classical Concerts of the Desert

Saturday, April 9, 4 – 6 p.m.

Escher String Quartet

Single tickets \$25. For tickets or information, call (760) 416-5355.

This is a Gold Card Event



Ken Dahleen and His Big Band Staff

Monday, April 11, 7-8 p.m.

Tunes Old & New, Tunes Hot & Blue

Ken Dahleen's Big Band Staff serves up an ear-pleasing portion of some of the most interesting big band tunes from the past 75 years! Come enjoy a wide array of songs by composers and arrangers spanning the best of the big band years...and beyond. Old tunes, new tunes, hot tunes, blue tunes. When Ken and his Big Band Staff take the stand, they are sure to put a smile on your face and get your toes to tapping.



Kristin Korb

Wednesday, April 20, 7 – 8 p.m.

Beyond the Moon

When we last saw **Kristin Korb**, in 2011, she was just embarking on a new marriage and a move to Denmark. Since then, the bassist and vocalist has been busy writing new music and spreading her effortless swing across Europe. In 2014, Korb released *Finding Home*, her tribute to love and the adventures that happen when you move to a new land.

Come for the sneak peek of Kristin's latest project: *Remind Me to Dream of This*. This concert will feature a mix of Johnny Mercer's hits, new songs based on his unpublished texts, and some other surprises.



Steinway Society's 11th Annual Festival Winners' Concert

Wednesday, May 11, 7 – 8:00 p.m.

The Steinway Society of Riverside County presents the winners of the 12th Annual Festival Competition in concert. Winners range from 7 to 17 years of age.

The Society was founded in 2002 to promote excellence in piano performance, bring music into schools and encourage music education at all levels, provide financial awards through competitions, and provide music lessons for deserving children.

The Desert Winds Freedom Band Saturday, May 21, 4-5 p.m.

The Desert Winds Freedom Band is thrilled to return to the Library for their annual "Pops Concert." They'll celebrate the upcoming Memorial Day holiday with a diverse selection of musical Americana.

The Desert Winds Concert is always a standing room only performance, so arrive early to get a seat.



John and Jeannine Henebry

John and Jeannine Henebry's reputation as the world's foremost golf landscape photographers rests on their passion for both photography and golf. The brother and sister collaboration, known as The Henebrys, has been featured internationally in major golf publications and dozens of books.

They first came to Palm Springs on golf vacations as youngsters with their golf-mad Dad, but were later drawn to the artistic potential of the Coachella Valley's golf tradition when John, having finished a series of National Geographic assignments in Asia, turned his camera's eye toward the gorgeous golf courses of the Coachella Valley.



In recent years The Henebrys have turned their eyes to our wonderful natural world, whether one of the National Parks or another beautiful wild place, they use the same developed techniques and patience as regards to waiting for the optimal light to appear.

In every image, The Henebrys demonstrate their deep understanding of the landscape. Their patient approach yields the viewer an exceptional perspective, evident in each of their extraordinary prints.

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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.

No storytimes on Wednesday starting June 1 during the summer.

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 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.

MAY EVENTS

Family Night: Enchanted Memories' Folklorico Dancers

Wednesday, May 4, 6 – 7 p.m.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo (almost)! Enchanted Memories' wonderful Folklorico Dancers will entertain you with their lively dancing and colorful costumes. You'll be ready to celebrate in style!

This event is held in the Community Room.

JUNE EVENTS

Family Night: Summer Reading Club Preview: "Read for the Win!"

Wednesday, June 1, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Be among the first to sign-up for our 21st annual Summer Reading Club. This year's theme celebrates sports, games and achievements. We'll have lots of fun playing all sorts of games together, old and new. Find out how to get your name on our Wall of Fame! Join in activities that will bring a smile to your face and prizes along the way!

This event is held in the Children's Room.





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SUMMER READING CLUB “READ FOR THE WIN”

June 20 – August 12

Our theme this year celebrates sports and achievement – a perfect tie-in with our Library’s achievement of its 20th year of operation. Be among the first to sign-up for our 21st annual Summer Reading Club (SRC) on June 1st, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get a taste of what we’re planning for SRC. We’ll have lots of fun playing all sorts of games together, old and new. Find out how to get your name on our Wall of Fame! Join in activities that will bring a smile to your face and prizes along the way! Keep an eye out for our special SRC brochure detailing all of the exciting events and activities.



SUMMER READING CLUB PREVIEW WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Summer Reading Club Performers

Wednesday, June 22

John Abrams, Animal Magic

Join us for a wild adventure with John Abrams’ Animal Magic Show! You’ll laugh and scream with John’s zany blend of magic, comedy, music and live exotic pets in an entertainment experience guaranteed to amaze the entire family!

Wednesday, June 29

Wildlife Wendy’s Tropical Birds

Come see the most entertaining species of the tropical bird world. Performing parrots that show off natural and trained behaviors: prop tricks, talking, singing and free flight. You can even meet the birds after their performance!



KIDS' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Readers ages 9 to 12 meet monthly during the school year to discuss the book selection they've read for the month. We have several copies of each title available for you to borrow. Sign up at the Children's Desk or online on our website, www.ranchoiragelibrary.org. Click on the Events Calendar, select the "Month" view and select the month you want to attend. Scroll down to and click on the date, click "Register Now" and follow the instructions. Then come by the Library and pick up a copy of the book – while supplies last.

Tuesday, April 19, 4 - 5 p.m.

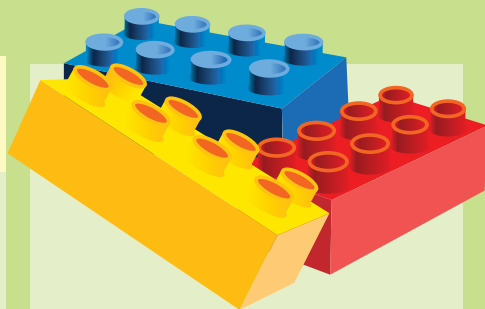
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Tuesday, May 17, 4 - 5 p.m.

Party and Summer Reading Club KBDG preview

Summer Reading Club dates and titles will be available in our SRC brochure. Stay tuned!



LEGO Club

Come build with us! We'll have a monthly theme which you may (or may not) use as your building guide. Start with a baseplate (or not), work for 45 minutes, then for about 10 minutes we'll ooh and aah at each others' creations and finally clean up LEGOs away until next time. We will display some of the creations until the next meeting. Be sure to check out one of the display books related to our theme!

Wednesday, April 27, 5 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25, 5 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22, 5 - 6 p.m.



Literary CREATE YOUR *Legacy*

Each day, over 1,000 of your neighbors visit and enjoy the Rancho Mirage Public Library. Our Library is one of California's busiest and most popular.

With the **LITERARY LEGACY** program, the Library Foundation recognizes that you may want the opportunity 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, a program or series, Library seating, or choose to name a Library space, even a room.

Please contact Library Director, David Bryant at 760-341-7323, ext. 700 with any questions about the Foundation's **LITERARY LEGACY** program. The Foundation is excited about new naming opportunities for your Library that have emerged from the Library's space planning initiative.

Your **LITERARY LEGACY** awaits you at the best Library in Southern California, one of the best in the state and in America.

Thank you,

Shari Stewart, Foundation Chair



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April 5	2-3 PM	Lecture: Hemingway and War
April 6	7-8 PM	Music: Danny Holt, Pianist
April 7	10:30 AM -12:30 PM	DIY Publishing
April 7	7-8 PM	Emergency Preparedness Town Hall Forum
April 8	10-11:30 AM	Book Discussion Group: Heart of Darkness
April 8	2-3 PM	Lecture: Inside the California Desert's Three Newest National Monuments
April 9	4-6 PM	Music: International Classical Concerts of the Desert
April 11	7-8 PM	Music: Ken Dahleen and His Big Band Staff
April 14	9 AM - 5 PM	Spring Book Sale
April 15	9 AM - 5 PM	Spring Book Sale
April 16	9 AM -3 PM	Spring Book Sale
April 18	2-3 PM	Lecture: New Initiatives for Restoring the Salton Sea
April 19	2-3 PM	Lecture: Hemingway and the FBI
April 19	4-5 PM	Kids Book Discussion Group: Plunked
April 20	7-8 PM	Music: Kristin Korb, Bassist and Vocalist
April 27	5:00-6:00 PM	Family Event: Lego Club
April 27	7:00-8:30 PM	Film: Christopher Perry Presents Plan 9 from Outer Space
April 28	7:00-8:30 PM	Film: Christopher Perry Presents Attack of the 50 Foot Woman
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May 4	6-7 PM	Family Night: Enchanted Memories' Folklorico Dancers
May 7	2-4 PM	Palm Springs Writers Guild
May 11	7-8 PM	Music: Steinway Society's Festival Winners' Concert
May 13	10-11:30 AM	Book Discussion Group: River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey
May 17	4-5 PM	Kids Book Discussion Group: Party and Summer Reading Club KBDG Preview
May 21	4-5 PM	Music: The Desert Winds Freedom Band
May 25	5-6 PM	Family Event: Lego Club
June 1	5:30-7 PM	Family Night: Read for the Win! Preview
June 4	2-4 PM	Palm Springs Writers Guild
June 10	10-11:30 AM	Book Discussion Group: Interpreter of Maladies
June 22	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Family Event: Lego Club



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