



A newsletter for friends and patrons of the Del Mar Library Spring 2015

New Book-to-Film Summer Movies

Some movie fans like to read the book before seeing the movie. Others are inspired by the movie to read the book.

Wherever you stand, plenty of books are making their way to the big screens this summer, including:

- “Far From the Madding Crowd,” based on Thomas Hardy’s novel starring Carey Mulligan.
- “Every Secret Thing,” starring Elizabeth Banks, based on Laura Lippman’s novel.
- “When Marnie Was There,” an animated film based on a 1960s novel by Joan G. Robinson.
- “Gemma Bovary,” based on a graphic novel by Posy Simmonds that takes off on Flaubert’s Madame Bovary.
- “Madame Bovary,” based on the classic with Mia Wasikowska and Paul Giamatti.
- “Testament of Youth,” based on the 1933 memoir of Vera Brittain who lost her fiance, brother and close friend in World War I.
- “Paper Town,” from the young adult novel by John Green, who penned last year’s blockbuster The Fault in Our Stars.
- “The Diary of a Teenage Girl,” based on a graphic novel by Phoebe Gloeckner and starring Kristen Wiig of “Bridesmaids” fame.

Books on the Big Screen Inspire New Library Group

Love books AND movies?

Consider joining “Print Goes to the Movies,” where members select the titles they want to read AND watch.

Participants are expected to read the books and see the movies before the discussion group meets under the tutelage of Assistant Branch Manager Pat Selkowitz. Coffee and snacks are served. See library staff for copies of the book and/or DVDs.

The award-winning films scheduled for this summer are:

“The Thin Man” at 2 p.m., Friday, June 12.

“Being There” at 2 p.m., Friday, July 11.

“No Country for Old Men” at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14.

Based on a story by Dashiell Hammett, “The Thin Man” was one of the most popular movies of 1934, perhaps because depression-weary Americans embraced its fun-loving style. The mystery/comedy garnered four Academy Award nominations (picture, actor, director and screenplay) and inspired five sequels.

Throughout the film, co-stars William Powell and Myrna Loy, as Nick and Nora Charles, are constantly upstaged by their dog, Asta, another cast member who found fame. Although Powell never took home the golden statue, his portrayal of the carefree retired detective Nick Charles is one of his best.

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Patty, Joan and Marilyn (from left to right) get ready for their Friday meeting of “Print Goes to the Movies.”

Youth Services Librarians Gear Up for Summer

What's the major challenge for a children's librarian?

"Putting the right book with the right child," says Jennifer Runge. "You want them to have a love for books and associate the library with being a fun, happy place to be."



Jennifer Runge

That's fairly easy to do in the summer, says Josh Mitchell, because the Summer Reading Challenge

seems like a two-month party in the library.

Ms. Runge, who has split her time between the Del Mar and Cardiff branches, is moving on to another position in the country library system. She is being replaced by Mr. Mitchell, who's been with the library for 13 years.

Ms. Runge's favorite part of the job is story time, where she can read, sing, dance and play with puppets. Not only do the children have fun, story time gives her the opportunity to observe the children's reactions and determine which books are most likely to inspire her young readers.

With a master's degree in library information services from UCLA, she started out as a library technician, got a job in the children's reference department and fell in love with being a children's librarian. The reason?

"Children ask the best questions," she says. Such as? "Are spiders ticklish?" she says quickly. Did she know the answer? No, but like most skilled librarians, she knew where to find the answer--in random fact books.

Mr. Mitchell started out as a library page shelving books and quickly transitioned to youth services. He, too, enjoys story time, and likes to select interactive books that engage his audience, like "It's a Tiger," by David LaRochelle.

He says the best part about the Summer Reading Challenge is that it keeps children engaged in reading throughout the summer in a fun way and helps them ease back into school in the fall.



Josh Mitchell

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Actor Peter Sellers campaigned for eight years to bring "Being There" to the screen in 1979. His efforts playing Chance the gardener and Chauncey Gardiner eventually won him a Golden Globe for best actor, although he lost the Oscar race to Dustin Hoffman for "Kramer Vs. Kramer."

Polish-born American author Jerzy Kosinski co-wrote the screenplay based on his own novella published in 1970. This black comedy, much

of it filmed at the Biltmore estate in Asheville, N.C., also stars Shirley MacLaine, Melvyn Douglas and Jack Warden.

"No Country for Old Men" is based on Cormac McCarthy's 2005 novel set in the 1980s in west Texas near the Mexican border. The 2007 Oscar-winning best picture stars Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Woody Harrelson and Josh Brolin.

Directors Ethan and Joel Coen also took home Oscars, along with Bardem, who won for his supporting role as the brutal hit man.

Jen & Josh's Top 10 Books for Kids

If you're looking for a new book for your child or grandchild, niece or nephew, you can't go wrong with these choices:

Picture books, beginning readers (K-2):

Eric Carle, *The Grumpy Ladybug*, *The Hungry Caterpillar*, etc.

Ian Falconer, the *Olivia* series
Nancy O'Connor, *Fancy Nancy* series

Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*
Mo Willems, *Elephant and Piggie* books

Chapter Books:

Erin Hunter, *Warrior* series
Daisy Meadows, *Rainbow Magic* series

J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter* books

Geronimo Stilton, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

Do you have your own favorites you'd like to share with other Friends members? Send us the titles of your favorite children's books, and we'll publish them in our next newsletter. Email your submissions to lynncox1964@gmail.com with Friends books in the subject line.

Library Closed July 3rd, 4th

All San Diego County Library branches will be closed July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Summer Reading Challenge Ramps Up the Rhythm

Readers of all ages are welcome to join this year's "Read to the Rhythm" Summer Reading Challenge, where great prizes will be awarded for reading 10 books or reading for 10 hours.

Prizes include a SDCL tote bag, an Echo microphone, ear buds with case and grand prizes of \$20 and \$25 Target gift cards.

The event kicks off with two events: a John Abrams "Animal

Magic" at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 17, and a concert at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, featuring San Diego country singer/songwriter Suzanne Harper.

Over the last two years, Harper has received top honors in many prestigious contests including the North American Country Music Association International (2013 Female Entertainer of the Year, 2013 Horizon Vocalist of the Year), the San Diego County Fair's Singer/Songwriter competition (2nd Place), Fox 5's 3 Minutes to Stardom (3rd place), and was named Star Repertory Theater's Best Lead Actress 2013 for her role as Madame Thenardier in "Les Miserables."

She has opened for such acts as The Wallflowers, Tristan Prettyman, and Lee Rocker, as well as performed onstage with Sugarland (2012). The concert is provided through the support of the San Diego Bluegrass Association and the Friends of the Del Mar Library.

The summer program ends with the "Amazing Dana" magic show at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Sign up begins on June 1. Go to www.sdcl.org/src. Click on the tab for your age group, then click on "Sign Up Here." Fill out the form and click on "Save." Participants can pick up a paper reading log from the reference desk to track their reading at home.

Among the children's events are:

- Mad Science, 10:30 a.m., July 1.
- Hullabaloo Music, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 38
- Craig

Newton's Musical Morning, 10:30 a.m., July 15

- Gaston Puppets, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 22
- Pacific Animal Productions Show, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 29.
- Sparkles the Clown Magic and Bubble Show, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 24.

Summer reading challenge for teens includes:

- Sugar Skulls & Chocolate, 4 p.m., Thursday, June 18
- Rainbow Loom Craft, 4 p.m., Thursday, June 25.
- DIY-Make Your Own Speaker for your smart phone, 4 p.m., Thursday, July 2.
- Harry Potter Tween Lock-In, 5:30-8 p.m., Friday, July 10. An after-hours event for ages 9-13 (permission slip is required).
- Friendship Bracelets, 4 p.m., Thursday, July 16
- Henna & Glitter Art, 4 p.m., Thursday, July 23 (permission slip is required)
- Dance, Dance Revolution, 4 p.m., Thursday, July 30



President's Corner

Dear Friends,

In May, we elected our board for the coming year. We have three new members: Lynn Cox, Joe Jelley and Sean Wheatley. Returning members are Kathy Finnell, Bill Michalsky, Mary Murrell, Marion Perlman and Randy Stoke. Retiring from our board are Barbara Anderson and Anne Benckendorff, and I will continue as FDML president.

Among the amazing things happening at the library are programs for adults and children to do together. Until I saw the class, I didn't know babies could do yoga.

We also have more musical programs and author "greetings" than ever. Our bookshelves on wheels enable the staff to create a space in the main library for these events. And the acoustics are wonderful because our building began as a Catholic Church.

As I look around our library I see needs for improvement. The red chairs with the conference table are looking rather shabby and will need to be replaced or recovered. I am always surprised at the cost of furniture for public spaces. This table and chairs were donated to our library 25 years ago and patrons enjoy using them.

In the coming year FDML will continue to buy Friends Express Books, as well as various newspapers and magazines, and continue our support of the many programs for children, teens and adults.

We particularly want to thank all of you who financially support the FDML, volunteer in our library and help us continue to make this a special place for young and old alike.

Pat Freeman,
President

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