



# Friends of the Del Mar Library

A newsletter for friends and patrons of the Del Mar Library Fall 2014

## THE DEL MAR LIBRARY IS TURNING 100 YEARS OLD!

The Del Mar Library is turning 100 years old! Since 1914 the community has been gathering together to be informed, educated, inspired, and entertained by the resources and services offered at the library. All ages are invited to celebrate this occasion with a party at the branch on Saturday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

The festivities will kick off with remarks by District 3 Supervisor Dave Roberts, County Library Deputy Director Donna Ohr, and Mayor Lee Haydu. Enjoy entertainment by Sparkles the Clown, music by guitarist Lisa Sanders, and refreshments.

“The library has always been one of the cornerstones of the Del Mar community,” said Library Director José Aponte. “While many things have changed over the years, the staff’s commitment to service and the community’s engagement remain as strong as ever.”

In 1914 the Del Mar School District successfully petitioned the County of San Diego to establish a library in Del Mar. After being moved throughout the years, the Del Mar City Council purchased the St. James building to give the library a permanent home. On October 12, 1996 the Del Mar Library opened in the former St. James Church.

The Del Mar Library is collecting



*St. James Church circa 1950.  
Courtesy Del Mar Historical Society*

stories, photos, and mementos to commemorate the 100th anniversary. Please stop by the library to share your memories.

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### From Church to Library

*Del Mar Library  
Spring Newsletter 2008.*

The library was originally built as St. James Catholic Church in 1914, then over the years passed through a series of ownerships and uses including two restaurants, an arts school, and an office building. In the 1930s, the church was well attended by several Hollywood movie stars who had taken up residence in Del Mar and vicinity: Bing Crosby and Pat O’Brien (who were church

ushers), Jimmy Durante, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. After Sunday services, Bing, Pat, the priest and other members of the congregation would gather at La Tienda across the street.

In 1996, with the generous help of donations from local residents, the City bought the building and converted it into a library.

A retaining wall along the front of the library is beautifully decorated with a mosaic mural of mixed materials designed by Del Mar garden experts Pat Welsh and Betsy Schultz. Above the wall, a pillar-like abstract sculpture is by well-known local artist James Hubbell.

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### 100-Year Procession

*by Anthony Corso  
Del Mar Sandpiper April 2011*

... By 1937 the church was undergoing renovation, the Del Mar racetrack was opened and a number of celebrities became parishioners and generously contributed to the reconstruction. They included: Bing Crosby, Pat O’Brien, Desi Arnaz and Jimmy Durante.

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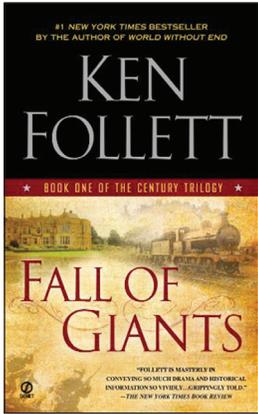
### Save the Date

Celebrate the Centennial at the branch on Saturday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

# Book Review: The Century Trilogy

## Book 1 Fall of Giants

This is an epic of love, hatred, war and revolution. This saga follows five families through the world-



shaking dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for votes for women. It is 1911. The Williams, a Welsh coal-

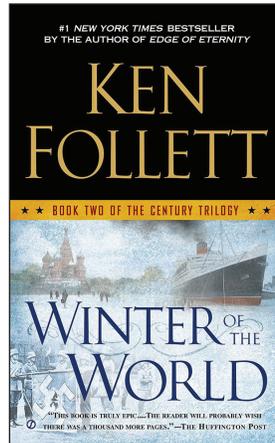
mining family, is linked by romance and enmity to the Fitzherberts, aristocratic coal-mine owners. Lady Maud Fitzherbert falls in love with Walter von Ulrich, a spy at the German Embassy in London. Their destiny is entangled with that of an ambitious young aide to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and to two orphaned Russian brothers, whose plans to emigrate to America fall foul of war, conscription and revolution. In a plot of unfolding drama and intriguing complexity, *“Fall Of Gaints”* moves seamlessly from Washington to St Petersburg, from the dirt and danger of a coal mine to the glittering chandeliers of a palace, from the corridors of power to the bedrooms of the mighty.

## Book 2 Winter of the World

*“Winter of the World”* picks up right where the first book left off, as its five families—American, German, Russian, English, Welsh—enter a time of enormous social, political,

and economic turmoil, beginning with the rise of the Third Reich, through the Spanish Civil War and the great dramas of World War II.

These characters and many others find their lives inextricably entangled as their experiences illuminate the cataclysms that marked the century. From the drawing rooms of the rich to the blood and smoke of battle, their lives intertwine, propelling the reader into dramas of ever-increasing complexity.



## Book 3 Edge of Eternity

Out this month..

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In 1964 the Church experienced a population explosion; parishioners outgrew the space provided for worship and education. The church was sold; it experienced a number of transformations, including serving as the Albatross restaurant and later, the Del Mar Library. The St. James School, across Camino Del Mar, became the site of the current Del Mar City Hall.

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## Polly Cipparrone Librarian



Our new librarian, Polly Cipparrone, received her B.A. from the University of Puget Sound , Tacoma, WA, and her M.S.L.S from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Polly majored in Politics and Government with a minor in writing. She is a San Diego native and graduated from Monte Vista High School in Spring Valley.

Polly worked for 7 years in the banking industry prior to earning her Master’s. She has worked for the San Diego County Library for 16 years in a variety of capacities including Training and Web Services Manager, Community Relations Manager, and most recently as IT manager. Her first job with the County was as Librarian at the Vista Branch Library.

Polly realized that she missed working with the public and decided to make a change and return to the branch system. Del Mar is very fortunate to have Polly here. Perhaps you’ve met her already; if not, please come by the library and introduce yourself.

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Del Mar Library is looking for enthusiastic, customer-focused volunteers. Possible volunteering opportunities at the library include: homework help, coordinating the Friends of the Library Book Sale shelves, publicity, and helping with crafts or other library programs.

For more information, contact library staff at (858) 755-1666.

# Upcoming Events at the Library

## RETIRED LIBRARIANS LEAD NEW KIDS' ACTIVITIES AT DEL MAR LIBRARY

Del Mar Library is pleased to announce two new monthly activities led by retired San Diego County Library (SDCL) librarians.

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning September 17, Barbara Sutton will lead a monthly Science for Kids activity.

The next Jigsaw Puzzle Club for Kids will be on September 13 led by Gretchen Schmidt and continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

## LEARN ABOUT DROUGHT- TOLERANT PLANTS AT DEL MAR LIBRARY

Del Mar Library is hosting a monthly experts' series on growing drought-tolerant and native plants. Learn about the varieties of plants available for creating beauty in your yard that will help save water and money:

Friday, September 19 at 10:00am: Mia from Cedros Gardens, Solana Beach

Friday, October 3 at 10:00am: Jim from Armstrong Nursery, Del Mar

For more information, call the Del Mar Branch Library at (858) 755-1666.

## DEL MAR LIBRARY BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB PICKS FALL READS

Print Goes to the Movies is a book/movie discussion group held

at Del Mar Branch Library on the 2nd Friday of the month at 2:00pm this new book club is facilitated by reader/movie buff extraordinaire Pat Selkowitz, Assistant Branch Manager. Participants read the selected book and watch the movie before the next month's get-together. Copies of the books and movies are available at the library for check-out. Refreshments are served at the monthly meeting.

Upcoming dates and books/movies to be discussed are:

- Friday, September 12, 2pm: "The Invention of Hugo Cabret"
- Friday, October 10, 2pm: "The Descendants"
- Friday, November 14, 2pm: "Seabiscuit: an American Legend"
- Friday, December 12, 2pm: "The Hunger Games"

## CALIFORNIA READS PROGRAM

On October 18 at 10am, Del Mar Library will be hosting a book discussion of *What It's Like to Go to War* in support of the California Reads program. Amazon.com editors have described *What It's Like to Go to War* as unflinchingly honest. "... Karl Marlantes captures *What It Is Like to Go to War* in his compassionate, powerful narrative on Vietnam." An added richness to this discussion will be the participation of local veteran Erik McElvenny in order to share his perspective and experiences in relation to the author's. This program is being offered through a California Reads grant, which invites Californians from all walks of life throughout our state to participate in reading and discussion programs and related activities hosted by libraries, schools, colleges, bookstores and other community institutions.

# President's Corner

Dear Friends of Del Mar Library,

The Del Mar Branch Library has had a remarkable year. We have said goodbye to a beloved librarian, Gretchen Schmidt, and hello to wonderful Polly Cipparrone.

Physical changes have happened. The library has new carpet and new stacks that are on wheels so we can have space for various events such as musicals and new authors chatting about their books.

The Friends buy the Friends Express books that include new releases of fiction and nonfiction. The FDML Board also purchases many of the children, teen and adult programs offered at the library.

Our board is changing, and we would love to have new board members. The commitment to serving on our board is coming to a monthly meeting lasting less than one hour, and giving advice. I have enjoyed my volunteer time and have learned much about the Del Mar Community. Please let me know if you are interested, 858.755.4654.

*Pat Freeman*

President

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## LOCAL DEL MAR STITCHERS LEAD DEL MAR BRANCH'S CRAFTY SATURDAYS.

1st and 3rd Saturdays Del Martian Luisa Kenefick leads/teaches hand-stitching. Embroidery is more than just making samplers.

2nd and 4th Saturdays Del Martian Grace Wang leads/teaches knitting. No experience needed and supplies are provided. Or, bring your own projects and meet and help others.

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**Polly Cipparrone**, Librarian  
**Patricia Selkowitz**,  
Assistant Branch Manager

**Library Hours**

Monday Closed  
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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- \_\_\_ \$35 Individual membership/renewal
- \_\_\_ \$60 Family membership/renewal
- \_\_\_ \$100 Sponsor membership/renewal
- \_\_\_ \$300 Patron membership/renewal
- \_\_\_ \$1000 Corporate/Benefactor membership
- \_\_\_ Other

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