

Chartered October 26, 1925
Wednesday 12:00 noon
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

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La Mesa Branch San Diego County Library



Jacob Sexton, Adult Services Librarian at the La Mesa Library, provided an update on the Library Services. The La Mesa Library is one of the 33 branches of the San Diego County Library system. The La Mesa Library circulates over 400,000 titles, 250,000 digital items, provides 10,000 programs and has 182,000 in person each year. The Library, open 7 days a week with a variety of hours, includes a computer lab with 18 computers, offers on-line classes for folks to earn their GED.

The Friend of the La Mesa Library operate a bookstore in the branch and sell donated books and other items, giving the proceeds right back to the library. The bookstore is open every day, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Story time for lap children, older children and Lego time are included in the programs. There are also special programs such as the Mad Hatter Tea Party, Star Wars Read Day (adults are dressed as the Star Wars characters) and a Summer Learning Program.

ADOPT A FAMILY OR CHILD PROJECT

Thank you to everyone that signed up to adopt one of the foster children from Camp Julian Oaks or a member of the family from the Grossmont Hospital Pregnancy Clinic. If you didn't have an opportunity to participate in the sign up today you can notify President Becki that you would like to donate money or a gift card for the project. **Please remember to bring your gifts, gift cards, etc. to the December 11th meeting. Becki will be coordinating the gift wrapping aspect of this project.**

The next **100 Year Anniversary Committee** will be meeting at 11 am on Wednesday, December 11th.

La Mesa Historical Society

Upcoming Programs



There will be a new exhibit honoring 100 years of La Mesa Rotary on display.

Blanket & Coat Drive



We're holding a blanket and coat drive in conjunction with the homeless outreach lunch on 12/21. The Mt. Miguel Interact Club, La Mesa Rotary and Legacy Church are jointly participating in this homeless outreach project that will provide lunch, showers, haircuts, new clothes, blankets, etc.

Please bring extra blankets and jackets that you are no longer using to the club on Wednesday, December 11th or 18th.

December Birthdays

12/8 Becki Schwartz
12/17 Maggie Eggers
12/31 Jen Flynn

December 4, 2024

Jacob Sexton
La Mesa Library

December 11, 2024

Carl Nettleton
Open Oceans. org
Holiday Party

December 18, 2024

Victoria Floyd
UCSD Alvarado Medical Center

January 8, 2024

Alan Turner
Rotary Mental Health Initiative

Lunch Time Service

Please trade with someone if you are unable to perform your assignment.

December 11, 2024

Greeter Kathy Olsen
Pledge Ron Morrell
Thought Mark Matthews
4 Way Jim Kline

December 18, 2024

Greeter Sue Richardson
Pledge Kathy Olsen
Thought Ron Morrell
4 Way Mark Matthews

January 8, 2024

Greeter Kim Schafer
Pledge Sue Richardson
Thought Kathy Olsen
4 Way Ron Morrell

BIKES FOR KIDS



Mark your calendars, **Saturday December 14th, at 7 am**, we will gather at Christian Brothers Restoration to put bikes together. We need everyone that can participate to show up as we will be building 175+ bikes. We will be building 55 bikes for Avondale Elementary and Christian Brothers will be building 120 bikes for Lakeside elementary students.

Bike Build at Christian Brothers Restoration, **10176 Riverford Rd, Lakeside.**

If you have them, please bring the following tools with you: Box Cutter, Phillips Head Screw Driver, 15 mm crescent wrench, Allen wrenches, 13 mm socket wrench.

Bikes will be delivered to Avondale Elementary on December 17th at 10:30. Avondale is located at **8401 Stansbury, Spring Valley.**

Join us for both of these fun events.



Holiday Party



The 2024 Holiday Party will be held at our regular Wednesday, December 18th meeting. Please let President Becki know if you are bringing a guest so we have sufficient food. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater to the event.

Wheelchair Project



In January we will have a speaker from a Los Angeles Wheelchair Foundation. The Foundation provides wheelchairs to folks in need. We would like to provide the gentleman a check for several wheelchairs. Please let Bill Ashman or Ryan Barnhill know if you can participate in this worthy cause. The cost of a wheelchair is \$100.

December 2024

Disease Prevention & Treatment

12/11 100 Year Anniversary Committee Mtg 11 am
12/21 Homeless Outreach Legacy Church & **Mount Miguel Interact @ La Mesa Village Church/Legacy Church**
12/14 7 AM Build a Bike at Christian Brothers Restoration
12/17 10:30 AM Bike Giveaway at Avondale School
12/20 11:30 – 1:15 pm Distribute food to Seniors at the Adult Enrichment Center
12/28 Rotary Rose Parade Float Decoration

January 2025

Vocational Service

1/18 Generate Hope Event 8 am
1/22 High School Music Contest
1/25 Model UN Training
Ivan Nolan Scholarship

Volunteers Needed

5 or 6 volunteers are needed to carry boxes of food to senior's vehicles on Friday, December 20th from 11:30 to 1:15 pm. The event will be held at the Adult Enrichment Center located at 8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa. Please Park at the Little League Field, 4900 Memorial Drive, La Mesa.

Please let Sue Richardson know that you can participate in this project.