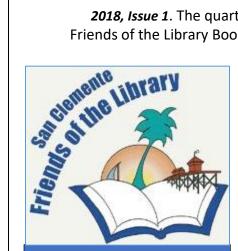


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From SCFOTL President Mary Lou Wakefield

YOU ARE A WINNER!

If you are a member of the San Clemente Friends of the Library, you are a winner. Here are some of the reasons why you are. Over forty dedicated volunteers who fill ninety-eight shifts per month help you with your selections. There are surprises in the store each time you visit. More and more treasures to purchase at bargain prices. There is an amazing selection of children's books, both educational and fun! Special pricing each month on selected categories are highlighted in the store by signature signs you can't miss. Beautiful books set out on our patio for you to peruse and purchase on the first Sunday of each month.

Tell your friends about your visits to the SCFOTL Bookstore. They can join and be a member too and get the advantage of our member-only sales. Remember 50 thousand dollars goes to the San Clemente Library each year for special projects and events.

Finally, check out our Publicity Director's article in this newsletter on the Meet the Author's Luncheon. **Buy Tickets, it's a great venue!**

From 1st Vice President Pete Wilkens

Thank you, Walmart!

The SCFOTL wishes to thank the Walmart Community Grants Team and our local store for the generous grant in the amount of \$500. The grant notification reads: "At Walmart, we strongly believe in giving back and are proud to support organizations that improve communities where our customers and associates live and work".

Our local Walmart store is located at 951 Avenida Pico; please support the merchants who generously support the SCFOTL.

From Bookstore Manager Cass Jones

Dear Friends,

Thank you for a very successful 2017. It's hard to believe we are into a new year and heading into Spring.

2017 ended with the bookstore having over 11,000 books on the shelves in over 100 different categories. In the coming months we will be breaking down a couple of our larger categories: history and military into smaller, specific categories.

In the near future, we will once again have a glass display case to feature our more expensive "unique finds".

One of our more popular areas, "classics" is in need of books. Over the holidays it was a very popular section. If you have been waiting to bring in your used classics, now is the time we could sure use them.

Looking forward to another great year and thank you for your continued support.

"Time flies but books are timeless..."

-Nanette L. Avery

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Welcome to all!

From San Clemente Library Branch Manager Karen Wall

Spring has sprung at the Library, and our program offerings continue to grow! You may not have known, but the library has added several events to our roster. *The Memory Club* generally meets the last Friday of every month at 10:30 am and offers adults the chance to meet with Dr. Jane Mahakian, a licensed gerontologist. Dr. Jane helps us learn basic information about how memory changes over the lifespan, lifestyle strategies that are key to maintaining memory fitness, up-to-date research and information about memory, aging, and dementia, and memory-enhancing strategies and skill building exercises.

Needlework Circle meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 pm. We supply needles, yarn, patterns and company (or you can bring your own). Drop in when you can, or make new friends every week. Join us to knit, crochet, craft and give completed projects back to the community at large.

Adults of all ages can enjoy a monthly film during Sunday matinees. Showings vary from new releases to classics. February 18 at 2:30 pm brings us *Funny Face*, starring Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire.

Free homework help for K-8 students is now available every Saturday from 10:00 am to noon. *Inspire To Be* (San Clemente High School) teen tutors are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students should come prepared with homework, materials, and supplies. Parents must remain in the library while their child is being helped.

These new programs join an already busy schedule of weekly Toddlertimes, Preschool Storytimes, After School Club, and Bilingual Storytimes for children. Adult offerings include two monthly book clubs at 10:00 am; Wicked Wednesdays on the second Wednesday and our long-standing Adult Book Group on the last Wednesday.

Special offerings each month range from lectures, recycled crafting, and writing workshops for adults to S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) programming for children and families.

Join us for an exploration into Irish Genealogy on Friday, March 16 at 2:00 pm. Internationally recognized forensic genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, will share information details about Irish genealogy resources and details from her research experiences. Attendance at these special events fills quickly. For complete listings of all library programs, please stop by the library for an event calendar, or check online at <u>www.ocpl.org</u>.

From Publicity Director Carol Luetz

JOIN US FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL MEET THE AUTHORS LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 11:30 am. Reservations are still available for the MEET THE AUTHORS LUNCHEON, but don't delay. The deadline to make reservations is Monday, February 19. Bring your friends and enjoy lunch at the beautiful Talega Golf Club. This year's participating authors are exceptional. Matt Coyle, Liska Jacobs, and Naomi Hirahara are sure to entertain and there will be ample opportunity to purchase their latest books. The cost is \$60 per person. Print the attached form and mail to the San Clemente Friends of the Bookstore or contact Debbie Wilkens at 949-322-4892.

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Attendance is limited. To assure reservation, please contact Debbie Wilkens at (949) 322-4892. <u>This is a NON-REFUNDABLE EVENT.</u>		
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PARTICIPATING AUTHORS

Matt Coyle is an American penman, having a penchant for penning bestselling books that have autobiographical and biographical elements. He spent his formative years in La Jolla, CA. Matt received an English degree from the University of California.

His debut book entitled *Yesterday's Echo*, published in 2013, is the first entry in what would later become the Rick Cahill series. *Night Tremors* is the second of this series. Rick is a private eye based in La Jolla with a penchant for snooping and peeping. He used to be a police officer but left following the murder of his wife. *Dark Fissures* published in 2016 is the third in his series with *Blood Truth* the latest in the series.

Matt is a winner of the 2014 Anthony Award, Benjamin Franklin Silver Medal, San Diego Book Award, and is a Shamus, Macavity, and Lefty award finalist. Matt lives in San Diego with his yellow Lab, Angus.



Liska Jacobs holds an MFA from the University of California. She started her career as an assistant librarian at the Ghetty Research Institute where she managed the special collections reading room. Realizing this was not her dream job, Liska quit and began writing.

Influences for her writing are Jean Rhys, Joan Didion, and Sylvia Plath.

Her essays and short fiction have appeared in *The Rumpus, Los* Angeles Review of Books, Literary Hub, The Millions, and The

Hairpin. Essays that speak to Los Angeles include "Dreaming Jacaranda" and "Santa Anas" along with ones on Chateau Marmont, Musso's, and Trader Vic's.

In November 2017, the Chicago Review of Books listed Catalina as one of "10 books they are most thankful for".

Catalina is Liska's first novel.

Liska resides in Pasadena.



Naomi Hirahara was born in Pasadena, California to Japanese parents, both of whom were survivors of the Hiroshima bombing. She began writing in elementary school in Altadena, CA. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Stanford University in international relations with a focus on Africa, she spent time volunteering with the YWCA in Ghana, West Africa.

Her first fiction book, *Summer of Big Bachi*, was published in 2003 and was named one of the "10 best mysteries & thrillers of 2004". It was selected by Publishers Weekly as a "Best Book

of 2004. The book turned out to be the first of a series about a Japanese-American gardener, Mas Arai, a survivor of the atomic bomb, but the character was American-born. Mas Arai became the featured character in *Gasa Gasa Girl, Snakeskin Shamishen, Blook Hina,* and *Strawberry Yellow. Snakeskin Shamishen* won the 2007 Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America.

In 2014, Hirahara began a new series featuring a young bicycle policewoman, Ellie Rush. Ellie is the central character in *Murder on Bamboo Lane*. While the Arai series focuses on California centered around the World War II generation, the Rush series is contemporary and expands on Naomi's desire to speak from a woman's point of view. Her first book where the main character was a woman was a juvenile fiction work, *1001 Cranes*, published in 2008. *Grave on Grand Avenue* is the latest Ellie Rush book.

San Clemente Friends of the Library

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The 2018 Meet the Authors Luncheon

Talega Golf Club 990 Anenida Talega San Clemente, CA 92673

Saturday, February 24, 2018

11:30 am – 12noon REGISTRATION

12 noon Lunch followed by program

For additional information about the luncheon, Contact Debbie Wilkens at (949) 322-4892.