



# Shore Lines



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## WAYR : What Are You Reading?

Factfulness by Hans Rosling

*From Bill Rhodes*



Answer the following two questions:

1. In the last 20 years, the proportion of the world population living in extreme poverty has...
  - A. Almost doubled
  - B. Remained more or less the same
  - C. Almost halved
2. What is the life expectancy of the world today?
  - A. 50 years
  - B. 60 years
  - C. 70 years

Did you answer C to both of these questions? If you didn't, you are not alone – over 90% of US citizens answer these questions incorrectly. If you are interested in learning why you answered the way you did, I highly recommend Factfulness by Hans Rosling. The recently deceased Dr. Rosling was a professor of international health, and in this book, he presents the case developed through his research and statistical analysis that the world is in a much better state than we think.

Further, he defines 10 ways in which our basic human instincts tend to distort our perspectives of the world. These instincts are often capitalized upon by the media (across the entire political spectrum) to sensationalize issues. Understanding these instincts can help us to shift our focus from merely worrying about everything all the time to embracing a worldview based on facts so that we can properly focus on the things that threaten us the most. As Bill Gates has said “One of the most important books I’ve ever read – an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world”.

## Branch Manager's Report

*by Karen Wall*

This summer “It’s Showtime at Your Library!” This year’s Summer Reading Challenge brings an assortment of activities, fun, and flair for all ages. Children, teens, and adults are sure to enjoy stepping up to meet the challenge. Sign up, log the time you spend reading, and stop by the library weekly for small prizes. At completion, everyone picks out a brand new book to take home and gets an opportunity ticket for their choice of several fabulous Grand Prizes. Everyone can participate! Summer reading programs run from Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

*(Branch Manager's Report, continued)*

There is something for everyone on any given day during the summer. Movie buffs will enjoy our family-friendly Monday Movie Matinees, beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>. Films will be shown weekly at 10:30 am. Teens may want to check activities just for them on Monday afternoons at 3:00 pm.

Tuesdays are devoted to 11:00 am Storytime run by Library staff and the Laguna Storytellers alternating weeks, and 12:30-2:30 pm reserved for Needlework Circle (adults and teens can learn to knit or crochet, create and help give back to the community).

The first Wednesday offers Builders' Club for kids at 4:00 pm, while the second and last Wednesday host two different adult book groups at 10:00 am.

Special shows are on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am next door in the Community Center Auditorium, and include magicians, live animals, music, and fun!

Fabulous Flair Fridays are on June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am ...design and create your own stunning button designs! Everyone's creative juices can really flow in several ways all summer long.

Summer reading programs are fun not only for the community but for staff as well. We love seeing folks get excited about books, reading, learning and creating, winning prizes, and enjoying the performers. Local service organizations help sponsor some of these weekly shows, and local businesses donate a variety of items to support the community, which also helps defray program costs.

Membership in the Friends, shopping in the bookstore and donations all help support programming at the library year-round, and especially during the summer. We'll look forward to seeing all of you soon. Thanks for all you do!

## **BRANCH MANAGER'S ADDENDUM**

*by Karen Wall*

Did you know...? From January to April 2019, Friends of the Library gave to the library:

- \$ 7,757.05...
- \$ 4,401.38 worth of books
- \$ 2,433.44 worth of DVDs and books on CD
- ALL programs funded by Friends of the Library
- \$ 922.23 worth of programs
- 178 programs/classes, attended by 5,758 people.

Thank you for all your hard work!

**From Board President Mary Lou Wakefield:**

***Thank You, Junior Women's Club!***

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to the San Clemente Friends of the Library. The funds you donated will support the Library's Summer Reading Program. The San Clemente Library hosts over 200 programs a year for children, teens, and adults – serving between 800 to 1000 patrons daily.

A primary objective of the Friends of the Library is to enhance the Library by means of gifts, services, and endowments. Through the sale of donated books and donations such as yours, the Friends of the Library is able to contribute approximately \$50,000 a year toward new materials and programs for the Library.

Thank you for your partnership and support of the San Clemente Friends of the Library. We couldn't do this without you!

**From Bookstore Manager Cass Jones:**

*"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you."* – Louis L'Amour

As I read this quote, I started thinking about the books I have read over the years and realized how true it is. Books take us to countries we may never get to, times we never encountered and sometimes to magical places. How wonderful they are.

It seems the new craze of spring organizing has begun. We have received several great donations including a large selection of DVD's ... yes, people are still buying them at only \$1.

New sections added in the bookstore are Architecture, Graphic Novels (comic novels) and Automotive. Please let me know if you have a special section you would like us to create.

Don't forget, if there is a book you are trying to find, you may fill out a Book Request Card. The volunteers check the requests weekly and will notify you if we receive your book.

Our next ½ Price Members Only Sale will be the first Sunday in October. Just in time to find that special gift book.

Have a great summer!

## From Vice-President Pete Wilkens:

### Amazon Smile Enrollment

With the recent change in tax status from a supporting organization to a stand-alone public charity, the San Clemente Friends of the Library is eligible to participate in the Amazon Smile program. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by their customers. Enrollment is easy; please follow the steps below:

1. Log onto smile.amazon.com, using the same username and password you use for amazon.com. If you don't have an account, you can set one up from this site.
2. If this is the first time you've logged into smile.amazon.com, you'll be asked to select a charitable organization to start shopping. You'll be asked to choose one of the Amazon spotlight charities, or further down the page to pick your own charitable organization.
3. To support our organization, enter "San Clemente Friends of the Library", and click on the "Search" button to the right of the search box.
4. San Clemente Friends of the Library will be displayed; click on the "Select" box.
5. You'll then see this message: "Yes, I understand that I must always start at smile.amazon.com to support San Clemente Friends of the Library". Acknowledge this by checking the box to the left of the message, and then click the "Start Shopping" box below.
6. On subsequent visits to smile.amazon.com, you'll see just below the search box that you're supporting the San Clemente Friends of the Library. (If you are currently supporting another charity, please consider changing your designated charity by hovering over the name and selecting "Change").

Thank you for your continued support of the San Clemente Friends of the Library!

## From Secretary Mary Chase:

How about this!? It's fantasy for the young and the young at heart. Fans of Harry Potter will love these books. There's a wonderful selection of fantasy books in the Children's section – 50% off in MAY ONLY.

