



Dear Library Foundation supporter,

As Library re-openings and services expand, the Library Foundation is strengthening its role as a [conduit for opportunity, for all San Diegans](#). You make the stories of success and impact presented in this report possible through your giving and advocacy. Thank you.

Next year marks the Library Foundation's 20th anniversary. In 2022, we will celebrate 20 years of strengthening our Libraries and our communities. Support from Library Foundation donors has helped launch and sustain life-changing Library programs - like Career Online High School and Library NExT, which help students achieve their dreams. With your advocacy support, we've successfully preserved our Library's budget during historic recessions and helped ensure equitable access to free Library resources for all who seek them. I'm so proud of our impressive history as a trusted Library partner and support system.



I recently joined Library Arts & Culture Exhibitions Manager Bonnie Domingos at the new *Call to Serve* exhibit. Learn more at sdplf.org/call.

The Library Foundation ensures that our Libraries fulfill their mission by growing the support base and by funding vital education programs. In 2022, you will see us making some changes to how we describe and present ourselves to make sure our mission is more clearly communicated. Stay tuned for more on that exciting new development!

I also know you have many holiday shopping options and hope you'll consider purchasing for a cause and choosing some of your gifts from our Library Shop. You'll be shopping small while you support your Library.

I hope you enjoy this update on the impact of your Library support and have a joyful and peaceful holiday with those you love. From our entire team, thank you for your support.

Gratefully,

Patrick Stewart
Library Foundation CEO

Read more about the
impact of your support



LIBRARY MOBILE HOTSPOTS KEEP SD CONNECTED



To help close the digital divide that leaves so many residents behind, the Library is providing resources that help people succeed in school and work. Library Foundation donors support the Library's participation in SD Access 4 All, which offers free public WiFi at all branches. Additionally, patrons can check out mobile hotspots at 14 Library locations, so they can have internet access at home.

This program significantly impacted one City Heights family after their father lost his job due to COVID. Living out of their car while they sought housing, they heard about the Library's mobile WiFi program on the radio. When the family's mother returned the device, she tearfully expressed her gratitude and said the hotspot allowed her children to continue their schoolwork, helped her husband look for work and apartments, and made them feel more at home by streaming videos and music.

HELPING SHAPE THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE



We are proud to continue our partnership with the Library, Friends of the Library, and Library Commission to develop a long-range vision and strategy for investments in Library facilities, programs, and technology. The current Library Master Plan was approved by the City Council in 2002. It is outdated and based on information from the 1990 census. It does not consider current technologies or reflect how the Library has evolved and is used today. The draft framework document includes input from more than 8,000 San Diegans via a community survey, focus group meetings, and online public comment. Public input is being incorporated into the Library Master Plan Framework before it is finalized and presented to the City Council for approval in early 2022. Learn more at sdplf.org/libraryplan.

MEET CARNEGIE SOCIETY MEMBERS RANDI & PHYLLIS



Randi Dropkin and Phyllis Charlton have been vocal Library fans for years. Libraries have played a steady role in their lives, starting from their childhoods and continuing throughout their careers and beyond. This inspired them to give back by making a lasting gift in their trust. Additionally, Randi and Phyllis designated the Library Foundation a contingent beneficiary of their retirement plans. They said they made their planned gifts in recognition of the vital role our Libraries serve in making opportunities available to all. "Libraries are hidden gems," Randi said. "So many resources, and all free! Anyone is welcome." Read more about their story and how you can use your estate to make an impact in the community at sdplf.org/randi-and-phyllis.

WHAT IS A LIVING TRUST – AND DO YOU NEED ONE?

California Living Trust Basics with Jennifer M. McGibbons



WATCH NOW

Our popular estate planning webinar series continued with “California Living Trust Basics.” Featured speaker Jennifer M. McGibbons, Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law, walked Library supporters through the basics of a California Living Trust. The webinar helped attendees determine whether this option is one to consider during their estate planning.

If you missed the presentation or want to watch it again, visit sdplf.org/trust-basics.

*This event is for informational purposes only. Not intended as tax or legal advice. Please consult with your own qualified professional advisors.

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS JOB RESOURCES TO SAN DIEGANS



Libraries are hubs for free workforce resources. Library IDEA and Innovation Labs, Career Online High School, and the upcoming Microbusiness Center help San Diegans succeed in careers and business. The Library’s long-standing partnership with the San Diego Workforce Partnership is an example of how the Library moves our economy forward. This collaboration recently helped San Diegans – regardless of income, age, or background – explore and rediscover interests and home in on untapped skills. With Library Foundation support, adult participants in the free Family Career Exploration Day who needed digital access received a free laptop. We look forward to continuing to work with the Library and the Workforce Partnership to ensure all people have access to career pathways and jobs they love. Read more at sdplf.org/workforce.

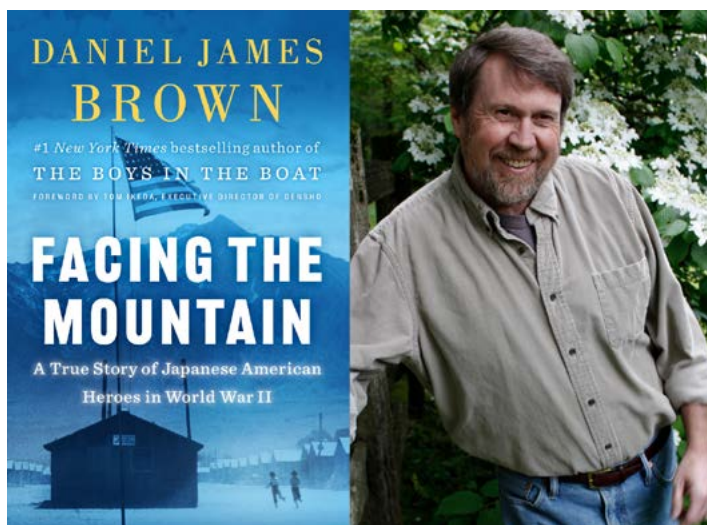
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Our Library Shop is not just a well-curated gift and book shop, it’s also another great way to support your Library. All proceeds help to support the Library programs you’ve read about here. When you shop with us, you’re also supporting independent bookstores and the local vendors we carry. It’s guilt-free shopping! Enter the coupon code **ThankYou30** at online checkout for 30% off your entire purchase. Plus, any purchase over \$100 is eligible for free local delivery directly to your doorstep.** We’re open Monday–Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit the Library Shop in person in the downtown Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, or shop online at libraryshopsd.org.

**Coupon code is valid through December 31, for any single online purchase.

BOOKMARK THESE EVENTS



December 1 - Library Shop with New York Times bestselling author Daniel James Brown, presenting *Facing the Mountain*.

- Register at sdplf.org/brown.
- Purchase the book at sdplf.org/mountain.

December 8 - Library Shop's *2nd Annual Shorties: A Virtual Awards Gala for the 5th Annual Matchbook Story Contest*, San Diego's shortest story contest.

- Register at sdplf.org/shorties2.

December 16 - Virtual champagne toast to ring in a hopeful New Year with Library Foundation CEO Patrick Stewart and Library Director Misty Jones.

- Save the date! [Details coming soon](#).

January 2022 - LibrariesTransformSD advocacy coalition's annual State of the City screening.

- [Details coming soon](#).

TELL US HOW WE CAN BETTER SERVE YOU

We want to hear from you. Please take a moment to fill out our short questionnaire so that we can ensure that we communicate with you in the ways that you value most. Follow the link here or visit sdplf.org/survey.



Visit SupportMyLibrary.org or follow us on social media for more information on the impact of your support!



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