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## TAYLOR MAILER NEWSLETTER

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Friends of the Pacific Beach Branch Library

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# EARL & BIRDIE TAYLOR LIBRARY PACIFIC BEACH BRANCH

### New Central Library's Groundbreaking

After years of planning and fundraising, the groundbreaking ceremony for a new Central Library for the City of San Diego was held on July 28, 2010. A standing-room-only crowd of library supporters joined Mayor Jerry Sanders and City and State officials to celebrate the occasion.

To follow the progress of this historic project, visit the San Diego Library Foundation ([www.supportmylibrary.org](http://www.supportmylibrary.org)) then click "New Central Library" at the top of the page. Or read Library Director Deborah Barrow's blog: [sdplvoices.blogspot.com](http://sdplvoices.blogspot.com).

The New Central Library is scheduled to open in August 2013.



### Retirement of Sharon Stevelman

Sharon Stevelman, the Taylor Library's Branch Manager from 1998-2002, retired in September after twenty years of service with the San Diego Public Library system.

Sharon worked with staff, Friends of the Library, and volunteers to establish programs for adults and children in our new building, which opened in 1997. Some of those programs that continue today include the monthly concert series, artist receptions and talks, Friends' booksales and White Elephant Sales. Upon leaving PB, Sharon managed the Rancho Bernardo Branch for nine months, then promoted to the position of Supervising Librarian. As such she oversaw the operations of several branch libraries, including our own.

Sharon reports that her retirement plans include sleeping a little later, taking longer walks with her Golden Retriever, traveling to China with family, as well as visiting and spoiling her 2 grandchildren. We wish her well!

### One Book, One San Diego

The votes are in, and the 2011 selection for the *One Book, One San Diego* program is [The Gangster We Are All Looking For](#) by lê thi diem thúý.

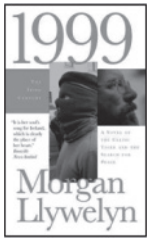
In this momentous literary debut, the life of a Vietnamese family in America is luminously observed through the knowing eyes of a child. In 1978 six refugees (a girl, her father, and four uncles) are pulled from the sea to begin a new life in San Diego. In the child's imagination, she sees everything intensely, hears the distress calls of inanimate objects and waits for her mother to join her. But life loses none of its strangeness when the family is reunited.

In [The Gangster We Are All Looking For](#), lê thi diem thúý has illuminated a world of great beauty and enormous sorrows. Here is an authentically original story of finding one's place and voice in America.

Reserve your copy today at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The PB Book Discussion Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.



#### December 1: 1999: A Novel of the Celtic Tiger and the Search for Peace by Morgan Llywelyn

Llywelyn's Irish Century series is the story of the Irish people's epic struggle for independence through the tumultuous course of the twentieth century. 1999 brings the story from 1972 to the disarmament talks and beginnings of reconciliation among the Irish at the end of the twentieth century.

#### January 5: Meet to select titles for 2011

### CONCERT SERIES

The Library Music Series presents a concert on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:00 pm. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

**December** - No Concert

**January 12** - Dr. Barry Salwen – Classical Piano

**February 9** - Hollywood Steel – Steel Drum Band

**March 9** - Silverwood – Celtic & Scottish Ensemble

**April 13** - Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda – Classical Guitar

**May 11** - Big Daddy Blues

### BIKES INTO BOOKS

One of our lifetime volunteers is willing to spend time and effort to refurbish donated bicycles which can then be sold to increase our book store sales.



For donation arrangements, please call the PB Library at 858-581-9934 and ask for Christina.

## Earl & Birdie Taylor Library

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Phone 858-581-9934

### New Schedule

**Open:** 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday  
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday  
CLOSED, Sunday and Monday

See the monthly calendar for programs and events. Copies for you to take home are available at the circulation desk.

### OASIS LECTURES

Registration for OASIS lectures is required. Please call the PB Library at 858-581-9934 or register at the Circulation Desk.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Wednesday, November 17 @ 6:30-7:30 pm:  
**Game Night**



Games of all ages are invited to play Quiddler Deluxe. Celebrating the fun of words, Quiddler is the SHORT word game that is both easy enough for rookie spellers to enjoy and challenging enough for wordsmiths to savor.



Thursday, November 18 @ 1-3 pm:  
**Titanic: Four Days of Light, 98 Years of Blackness**

The last Titanic survivor died in 2009, but the story of the ill-fated liner still fascinates to this day. Learn the hidden facts of the Ship of Dreams, the stories of the passengers, crew and officers. What really happened during that cold night in April 1912? How did the ship sink? Who was to blame, and what was the legacy of Titanic?

### UNDER THE COVERS

3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30-7:30 pm: November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15

They say you can't judge a book by its cover... so get recommendations from readers who have ventured Under the Covers! Come prepared to briefly discuss a book that you've enjoyed; everyone else will do the same, so by the end of the night you'll gather an eclectic list of great titles to read.



### ART CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 3pm.

**December 8** - Gingerbread House Decoration  
Bring a bag of candy to share and use to decorate your very own gingerbread house. Recommended for children 3-12 years old. Younger children will need adult supervision. Registration required; maximum 40.

**January 12** - Figure Drawing & Snow Scenes in the folk style of Grandma Moses. Learn to draw figures in a winter scene using oil pastels on blue paper. Recommended for children 6-12 years old. Sign up required; maximum 20.

**February 9** - Chinese New Year Dragon Kites  
Celebrate the Chinese New Year by creating fire-dragon kites. Recommended for children 6-12 years old. Sign up required; maximum 20.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2010

Some people feel like summer never arrived, not so for those of us at the PB Library. We experienced one of the most successful Summer Reading Programs in years! We had 713 children and teens join the reading program; and, we had 1,165 people attend our free summer events. One of our very own Pacific Beach youth, Karina Farias, won an iPad in the citywide prize drawing for teens.

Pacific Beach patrons were so busy reading and visiting their Library, they hardly noticed the weather outside – well almost.



### CHILDREN'S EVENTS AT THE PACIFIC BEACH/TAYLOR BRANCH LIBRARY

Autumn has officially arrived and we have many free and fun events scheduled to keep children and teens busy through the end of 2010:

**Pajama Storytime & Craft with Anne** Tuesday Nights @ 6:30 pm (Ages 2-6)

**Preschool Storytime** Thursdays @ 10:30 am (Ages 4 and under)

**Sign-A-Story Circle Time** usually on the 4th Thursday of the month @ 10:30 am, **BUT class will not meet in November and December due to Holiday schedule** (January 27, February 24)

**Wagging Tales-Children Read to Dogs** 1st Saturday of every month @ 10:30am (December 4, January 8, February 5)

**Toddler Yoga** 1st Thursday of the month @ 11:15 am (December 2, January 6, February 3)

**Family Movie** 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 3pm (November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16)

**NEW! Toddler Dance** 2nd Thursday of the month @ 11:15 am, except November (November 18, December 9, January 13, February 10)

## BRANCH MANAGER'S NOTES

Hello, Friends:

I'm writing this note a few weeks before Thanksgiving and want to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for all of you who have chosen to become Friends of our Library.

These are uncertain times for many businesses and families. I'm uncertain about how our PB/Taylor Branch and the rest of the San Diego Public Library will be impacted by the budget cuts that loom ahead of us in the coming year. We all know from reading in the papers that the mayor asked our department to cut 24% of our budget, and that the proposal returned to him was to permanently close 2 branch libraries and to pair the rest of the branches up – so that only half of the remaining branches would be open on any given day. In all likelihood our library would drop to being open only 2 or 3 days per week – a major reduction when you consider that we were open 7 days per week until March of this year. We don't know, though, if the mayor will deem it best to present this or some other plan to the City Council next spring. We don't even know if 24% will be all that is cut from the Library, or if they may need to cut more of our budget in order to preserve other City services.

I take heart in knowing that each of you has proudly declared yourself to be a Friend to our Library. Thank you for showing that your library matters to you. For some of us the main draw is the books, for others it is the movies or free access to the internet. Some people book our programs months in advance on their calendars. Many people tell me that they enjoy the friendly interaction with staff or other library lovers. Regardless of whatever initially drew you to our Library, thank you for joining the Friends of the PB Library. Your membership dues support our library services, and your goodwill supports our staff. And for that I can't thank you enough.

Christina Wainwright, Branch Manager

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**Looking to *go green* while *saving some green*  
this holiday season?**



**Give recycled books bought at  
the Friends of the PB Library Book Sale!**



**WHEN: every Wednesday 11-5 & Saturday 9:30-2 (weather permitting)**  
**WHERE: On the Cass Street Plaza**

**Questions? Call the Library at 858-581-9934**

***Let's All be Friends***

Join the Friends and receive all mailings with library news. Your tax-deductible contribution is matched by the city. Leave application form at library or mail it to Friends of the Library, 4275 Cass Street, San Diego, CA 92109. Make check payable to "Friends of the Pacific Beach Branch Library." Will your employer match your contribution?

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