Dear Friends,

We have had a wonderful year. The programs for children and adults that we sponsor have been well attended. The Bluegrass Concert Series has a large following in part because the acoustics of this former Catholic Church allow the audience to listen to these bands at their very best—without amplification. Stop by yourself in January when the series begins its new season.

We also received a totally unexpected bequest from long-time Del Mar resident Gary Seger’s estate. We appreciate and are very thankful that he remembered the Friends.

His gift will help us with several library improvements, including the re-upholstering of three chairs that are in the “teen” section. We also are planning to buy new window coverings as the current blinds are in sad shape. The city of Del Mar, which owns the library building, also plans to upgrade the rest rooms in coming months.

My very favorite item in our annual budget is the Friends Express Books.

Do Public Libraries Have a Future?

By Lynn Cox, Editor

Public libraries have taken it on the chin in recent years—from budget cuts to wholesale outsourcing. But a shift in opinion may be on the horizon.

In July, Forbes magazine published an article arguing against public support of libraries because they had lost their purpose. The intense backlash forced Forbes to pull the article from its website within 36 hours.

Now, library advocates have found a new champion in New York University sociologist Eric Klinenberg. In his new book, *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* (Crown, 2018), Klinenberg insists that libraries and other community infrastructures are key to a better, more connected, more resilient society.

The reason? Like grade schools, campuses, pocket parks and other free social-gathering places, libraries provide a welcoming place for diverse people to form connections. These ties enhance civility and help people become more resilient to natural disasters, as well as everyday setbacks, says Klinenberg, by promoting interaction, not isolation.

“Your book is a love note to libraries,” said Dorian Warren, president of the Center for Community Change Action and a Fellow at Roosevelt University, to Klinenberg during their recent discussion of the book at the Strand book store in New York City (YouTube, posted Sept. 12, 2018).

The book started to develop after Klinenberg was appointed research director for Rebuild By Design, formed after Hurricane Sandy. In working with architects and landscape...
Fall Preview: Movies From Books

For those who like to read the book before they see the movie, be sure to check out these titles heading for the big screen this fall:

_**Bel Canto**_: Renée Fleming supplies the operatic voice for Julianne Moore in this movie based on the novel by Ann Patchett. Moore portrays an opera star taken hostage in South America. Paul Weitz directs the cast, including Christopher Lambert, Ken Watanabe and Sebastian Koch.

_**Boy Erased**_: This movie, based on the memoir of Garrard Conley, stars Lucas Hedges as a minister’s son forced to participate in a gay-conversion program. Academy Award winners Russell Crowe and Nicole Kidman play his parents. Director Joel Edgerton also wrote the screenplay.


_**The Girl in the Spider’s Web**_: Claire Foy takes on the role of computer hacker Lisbeth Salander in this adaptation of the book by David Lagercrantz, who took over the writing of the Millennium series originated by Stieg Larsson.

_**The House With a Clock in its Walls**_: Cate Blanchett, Jack Black and Kyle MacLachlan star in this adaption of a novel by John Bellairs. A young orphan sent to Michigan tries to find a hidden clock that could destroy the world.

_**Mowgli**_: Actor Andy Serkis—known for his roles as Gollum in “The Lord of the Rings” and Cesar in “War for the Planet of the Apes”—makes his directorial debut with this adaptation based on one of the stories in Rudyard Kipling’s *The Jungle Book*. The film features the distinctive voices of Christian Bale, Benedict Cumberbatch and Cate Blanchett in this story of a child raised by wolves in the jungles of India.

architects on the project, they referred to the need for “resilience centers.”

“I told them, your resilience center is a branch library. You walk right by it,” Klinenberg explained to Warren.

Key to the strength of the community infrastructures is whether they promote positive engagement—a positive “social infrastructure”—or continued isolation of people separated by age, economies and background.

In his review of the book in “The New York Times Book Review.” Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Ind., said, “Anyone interested in cities will find this book an engaging survey that trains you to view any shared social system as, among other things, a kind of social network.”

Buttigieg said the book prompted him to begin asking how ordinary features of his city “might affect the greater well being of residents.”

Let’s hope other civic leaders start asking the same questions.

The Friends of the Del Mar Library continues to financially support library programs for all age groups that bring together our community. Please help us continue to make the Del Mar Branch of the San Diego County library one of the most vibrant in the system.

**Conversational Spanish:** 6 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays.

**Day in the Life of a Naval Aviator:** An insider’s view by a former aviator now serving as a docent aboard the USS Midway Museum; 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25.

**Local Authors:** Rosemarie Rubinetti-Cappiello, *Speaking From Spirit: Inspiring Stories and Messages from Those Who Passed On*; 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

**Meditation:** 6 p.m., fourth Wednesdays.

**Yoga:** “Chair” yoga classes; 10-30-11:20, 11

1:30-12:20, Wednesdays. “Mat” yoga classes, 12 p.m., Tuesdays.

Please check the library’s website sdcl.org to verify dates.

**Autumn Children’s Programs**

**Baby Story Time:** Age-appropriate games and songs for pre-walkers only; 11 a.m., Tuesdays.

**Do Re Mi & You:** Interactive music appreciation and education; 10 a.m., Wednesdays.

**Face Painting:** Wear your costume and get your face painted for Halloween; 10:30-Noon, Oct. 31.

**Matter Minds:** Canyon Crest Academy students present science programs for kindergarteners through sixth-graders with hands-on experiments; 11 a.m., first and third Saturdays.

**Pre-School Play:** Activities for children ages 5 and younger to teach milestones for kindergarten; 3:30 p.m., second and fourth Thursdays.

**Pre-School Story Time:** Stories, songs and finger plays for preschoolers ages 3-5; 10 a.m., Wednesdays.

**Rady’s Toddler Time Class:** Literacy, music and movement for toddlers; 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18.

**Scripps Musical Story Time:** 10 a.m., second Tuesdays.

**Story Time:** 11:20 a.m., Friday, Oct. 12 and 26.

**Stranger Awareness and Avoidance:** Program for parents and children ages 4-6 to learn how to verbally defend themselves, recognize inappropriate behavior, set boundaries, and use their voices. 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27.

**Toddler Yoga:** 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays

**Del Mar Foundation Children’s Programs**

The Del Mar Foundation is sponsoring two children’s programs:

- **Art & Culture Class by Zone** for children 6 months to 6 years old; 3:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays.
- **Learning to Play By Zone** for children 6 months to 4 years old; 11:20 a.m., first and third Mondays
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Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Website:**  
www.friendsofdelmarlibrary.org

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