



## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Library Renovation Project:** Progress continues according to the established timeline. Library and city representatives agreed upon a preliminary design plan. This will allow IDS to prepare a more specific budget, prioritize work, and narrow the project's scope. A reduction of the stacks' footprint, the addition of study rooms, a quiet space, a teen space, a café area, and a dedicated space for the Friends of the Library are all included in the plan. Areas of concern include costs not covered by the grant, including any furniture, equipment, and technology to support the changes to the library's spaces.
- **Staff:** Two new staff members will begin working the week of May 13: a new Literacy Associate and a Library Associate 3 in Customer Service. Library administration is looking into the possibility of adding another Literacy Associate using grant funds to bolster literacy services further.
- **Library Website:** The new library and city website went live on May 6. Updates and changes are ongoing as staff test out the site and hear feedback from the public.
- **American Library Association (ALA):** The annual conference for the ALA will be hosted in San Diego this year from June 27 to July 2. Approximately 10 EPL staff will attend at least one day – all paid for by LS&S to promote professional development. The conference offers breakout sessions, a vendor hall featuring famous authors, and plenty of opportunities for professional networking.





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## ADULT SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS



### **April 6: Uncovering the Impact of Terrariums**

To kick off the month, the Library hosted an educational terrarium-making workshop in honor of Earth Day; graciously hosted by **Russel Ray of the Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society**. Attendees learned about the importance of terrariums in our ecosystem and how to make and care for one. **23 people** attended this event, with the feedback being overwhelmingly positive. Patrons noted that they liked making the terrariums and would like more gardening/plant life classes.

### **April 13: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Concert Series – Peter Sprague Trio**

On a rainy April afternoon, the Escondido Public Library invited the Peter Sprague Trio to play Brazilian-style jazz to brighten the gloomy skies. This event was attended by a whopping **79 attendees**: 75 in person and 4 over Facebook Live. Peter Sprague is an accomplished virtuoso guitarist who performs with his brother Tripp and friend Leonard to create a medley of Brazilian music, American pop, and jazz.

### **April 24: Artsy Adults – Dots on Rocks**

Bringing the month to a close, our quarterly Artsy Adults program introduced a new and simple DIY craft: Dots on Rocks! On April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, attendees came to the library to paint colorful dots on various shapes and sizes of rocks. **27 people** attended this event. Feedback was astoundingly positive. Patrons admired the craft; painting as many as three rocks each. They noted that they wanted more art programs.





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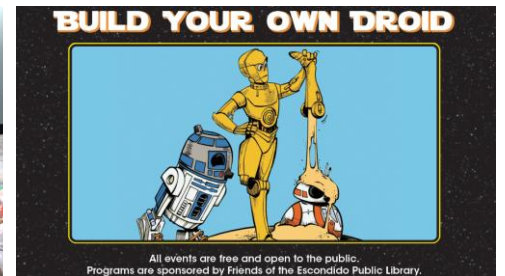
## PIONEER ROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The **2024 Pioneer Room Calendars** have arrived! This Pioneer Room Friends Calendar issue, *All in the Family*, pays homage to some of our hardy Escondido Valley Pioneers and their relationships. Calendars can be purchased at the Main Library, Library Bookshop, and Pioneer Room for a **\$10 cash donation**.

This month, the Pioneer Room served **35 patrons**. We processed **2 new collections** coming soon to CONTENTdm and published 2 new collections in CONTENTdm. Check out the [Home: A Living Archive here](#) and the [Robert C. Emery Collection here](#).

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## YOUTH SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS



On Saturday, April 27, we hosted our annual **Día de los niños/libros (Day of the Child/Book)** event, which had **115 attendees**. This year's theme was how to make and eat tacos. Families got to make mini-piñatas, tissue flower bouquets' or headbands, and design their own book back. Children also received free books for their home libraries and goodie bags. The treats that were served included tacos from a local Mexican restaurant that had been a staple of the community for over 40 years.

**Star Wars Week - Build Your Own Droid:** Monday, April 29, saw the start of our third annual Star Wars Week with the Build Your Own Droid event. Attendees built their own droids from upcycled materials donated by the community. We had **115 in attendance** for the program. Some built multiple and smaller droids, and some spent an hour and a half building intricate ones. Materials were taken home to continue the building fun.

