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## Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Harley & Bessie Knox Library

### Friends of the Library Newsletter [library92103.org](http://library92103.org)

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As we enter 2020, the Friends are busy supporting a program-filled year. We are continuing our popular **Our Neighborhood Stories** series, done in conjunction with the Branch and the San Diego History Center, with programs on Mission Hills in January followed by Bankers Hill/Balboa Park in February. We are also supporting a **Lunch & Learn Lecture Series** for seniors in our community. These programs are coordinated by a group of dedicated women from the community who are working with the Branch to provide a regular roster of events aimed at providing a place for seniors to learn, socialize, and support each other. We are also pleased to announce that the Friends will be supporting the Branch's efforts to include programming from OASIS on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The partnership with Oasis allows us to choose programming from a huge variety of topics related to health, technology, arts and crafts, history and literature. And, as always, we have programming for children and teens several times a week. In January, the focus will be on activities related to the Chinese New Year, ranging from a **Chinese New Year Baby Storytime** (Jan. 9) to a **Library Anniversary and Chinese New Celebration** with a Lion Dance performance (for all ages on Jan.25). We encourage you to check the Friends' website at <http://library92103.org> and the [Branch calendar](#) for the dates and times of all the exciting programming and events going on at the MH-Hillcrest/Knox Library.



#### **Phyllis C. Marion**

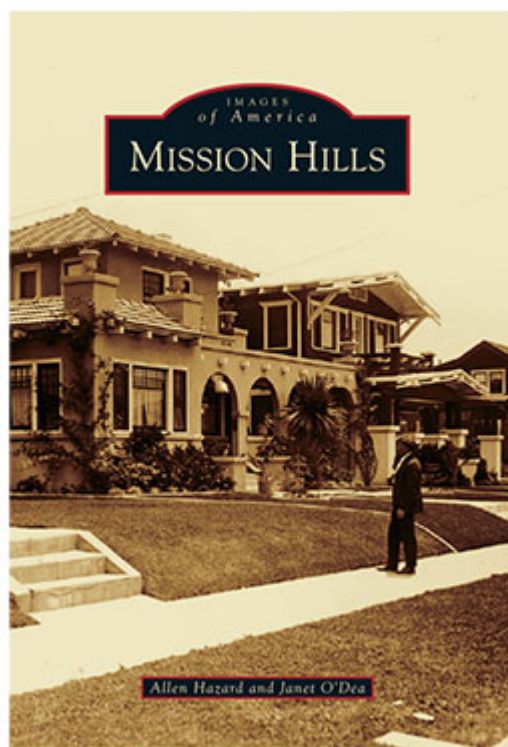
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### Sharing Our Neighborhood Stories: Mission Hills

The Mission Hills-Hillcrest Friends and the Library have partnered with the San Diego History Center for interactive conversations about the unique communities that constitute our area.

On January 25, join local authors of *Mission Hills, Images of America*, Allen Hazard and Janet O'Dea, as they provide commentary and insight about this stunning architectural community as it developed. In 1905, George Marston, a San Diego civic leader, commissioned urban planner John Nolan to implement a development plan for the city. Nolan's plan, however, was never adopted. In 1908, as if to prove what was possible, Marston's syndicate formed the restricted subdivision of Mission Hills. Then in 1909, the city announced plans to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal. The fuse was lit and the boom that followed brought builders and skilled artisans to San Diego. As it was built, Mission Hills became architecturally magnificent.



**Saturday, January 25**

**Mission Hills, Images of America**

*Local authors Allen Hazard and Janet O'Dea*

**3 to 4 p.m.**

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### Senior Meet-Ups at the Library

In late September 2019, a group of women from our neighborhood decided to brainstorm to create a "Virtual Village" for seniors in our community and provide a physical space for seniors to come together to learn, socialize, and support each other. One of the group, Carol Moseley (also a life member of the Friends of the MH-Hillcrest/Knox Library), suggested that the Branch would be a perfect place to meet and Branch Manager Gina Bravo happily concurred. There will also be a get-together for socializing, games, and discussion on Jan. 27 (and other Mondays on dates to be announced.)

The group began its work in October by inviting seniors to a variety of Monday morning activities throughout the fall, including programs on Financial Scams & Fraud against Seniors and Estate Planning for Seniors. The group also sponsored other get-togethers and social events.

This year, the group will sponsor the **Lunch & Learn Lecture Series**, twice a month on Mondays at 11:30 in the Library's Community Room. Seniors are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and come for an educational outing. There will also be get-togethers for socializing, games, and discussion on other Mondays (*dates to be announced*).

### **MH-Hillcrest/Knox Library Senior Lunch & Learn Lecture Series**

January-March, 2020

- Jan. 6 at 11:30 a.m. *Whole Body Donation: Is It For Me?* -- UCSD Professional Anatomical Scientist -- [More](#)
- Jan .13 at 11:30 a.m. *Senior Resources in San Diego* -- Sharp HealthCare -- [More](#)
- Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m. *Primary Ballot Propositions & Measures: Pros & Cons* -- League of Women Voters -- [More](#)
- Mar. 2 at 11:30 a.m. *City of San Diego AgeWell Services* -- Recreation Specialist for Parks & Recreation -- [More](#)
- Mar .16 at 11:30 a.m. *Our World Through the Lens: A History of Travel Photography* -- Museum of Photographic Art, San Diego -- [More](#)

## **Start the New Year with a Great Book**

Looking for your next book, or movie, or CD? The Friends book store has an ever-changing collection of reasonably priced and curated selections. Please drop by and browse and remember that your purchases help support the Friends support the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library.

### **Bookstore Hours**

Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Noon to 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Noon to 6 p.m.  
Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, Closed



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## **Protect Library Hours and Services as an Advocate**

You can help ensure essential library services are properly funded by joining other library supporters and advocating for our libraries. With a budget shortfall projected for the Fiscal Year 2021 City budget, your support is essential.

Please consider reaching out to Councilmember Ward ([by email](#) or at 619-236-6633) and let him know how important the library is to you and your hope there will be no reductions in service levels in the 2021 budget. I also hope you will become a part of the #LibrariesTransformSD

coalition of Library supporters, we have had success encouraging local leaders to more fully fund public libraries in the past and need you to add your voice to other library supporters. If you are interested in participating in advocacy efforts, visit [LibrariesTransformSD.org](http://LibrariesTransformSD.org) to sign up as a coalition member.



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