

2022 CORONADO COMMUNITY READ

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Library Director

The Coronado Community READ aims to unite the community around the shared reading of a book and participation in associated events. Discussing and hearing the ideas of others can be an enriching experience that can create new understanding and a stronger sense of community. We hope you enjoy *West with Giraffes*.

BRENDA JO ROBYN

President, Library Board of Trustees

After two difficult years that have often been isolating because of masks, social distancing and closures, the Coronado Community READ allows us to get back together again as a community. We welcome you to all the events surrounding this year's chosen work, *West with Giraffes*. Please join us at the library where staff are eager to share the many upgrades to the facility that have taken place over the last couple of years, including new furniture, fresh carpet, self-checkout machines and many more improvements both inside and on the library's website.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lynda Rutledge holds an MFA in creative writing, an MA in American literature, and has won awards and residencies from the Illinois Arts Council, Writers League of Texas, Ragdale Foundation, Atlantic Center for the Arts, Squaw Valley Community of Writers, and Sewanee Writers Conference. Her debut novel, *Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale*, won the 2013 Writers League of Texas Novel of the Year and was adapted into a major French film starring Catherine Deneuve (French title: "La Dernière Folie de Claire Darling") released in 2019 in France and around the world through 2020. Lynda's latest novel, *West with Giraffes*, was inspired by a forgotten true story she discovered about a hurricane-surviving pair of giraffes who were transported cross-country in little more than a tricked-out truck during the Great Depression, turning heads, capturing hearts, and making 500+ headlines along the way. Lynda lives with her husband and resident dog outside Austin, Texas.

APRIL EVENTS



CORONADO COMMUNITY READ KICKOFF

Featuring the Coronado Big Band
Saturday, April 2, 3:00 p.m., Library Park

Get ready to cut a rug with the Coronado Big Band! We are kicking off the 2022 Community READ in 1930s style with jazz, swing and big-band standards. Enjoy a fun outdoor concert and activities for all ages as we celebrate this community-building event.

An Evening with Lynda Rutledge
Thursday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., Winn Room



Don't miss this capstone event for the 2022 Coronado Community READ featuring *West with Giraffes* author Lynda Rutledge. Lynda will discuss her inspiration for the book and research about the two giraffes who survived a hurricane at sea and were transported

from New York to the San Diego Zoo by truck. The event will conclude with a book signing. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Bay Books.

Movie: *It Happened One Night*

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., Winn Room

When her father threatens to annul her marriage to a fortune-hunting playboy, spoiled heiress Ellie Andrews hops a cross-country bus to New York, where she plans to live happily ever after with her handsome new hubby. Romantic complications soon arise, however, when she's befriended by fellow passenger Peter Warne, a brash and breezy reporter who offers his help in exchange for her exclusive story. Starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert.

Biography and Memoir Book Club:
The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 p.m., Ruby Room

Discuss the story of Antonia Zabinska and the heroic acts she and her family performed during World War II. In 1939 Poland, Antonina and her husband, Dr. Jan Zabinski, have the Warsaw Zoo flourishing under his stewardship and her care. When the Germans invade their country, they are forced to report to the Reich's newly appointed chief zoologist, Lutz Heck. To fight back on their own terms, Antonina and Jan covertly begin working with the Resistance.

Lecture: *The World in 1938*

Thursday, April 14, 11:00 a.m., Winn Room



University of San Diego professor Dr. Ali Gheissari discusses the state of the world in 1938 and draws parallels to the world we are living in today. The year 1938 saw Nazi Germany building up for World War II with the invasion of Czechoslovakia. It saw the dramatization of Orson Welles'

The War of the Worlds unfold live on the radio, causing a panic as people believed it was a news broadcast, not a play. Seabiscuit beat War Admiral in an upset that captivated the country. The United States was in the middle of a recession that occurred as the Great Depression lingered on. Vast dust storms swept the Midwest leading to migration to the coasts. Gheissari will address how the world looked in 1938 and how it reflects across history.

Wildlife Photography Talk with
Krisztina Scheeff

Friday, April 29, 11:00 a.m., Winn Room

There is a thrill in capturing the exciting moment of a Grebe running across the water's surface, or that split-second shot of a baby bird poking its head from its nest. Renowned nature photographer Krisztina Scheeff of KS Nature Photography expertly captures these moments. In this talk, Krisztina will delve into the stories of her favorite birds, such as the sweet Atlantic Puffins in Scotland, and the explosive flight of the Sandhill Cranes in Bosque del Apache. From California to the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica and Scotland, Krisztina will take you on a journey of wildlife photography, birds and more. She will also share useful tips for finding and photographing birds in the wild, including San Diego's celebrities: the rushing Grebes of Lake Hodges.

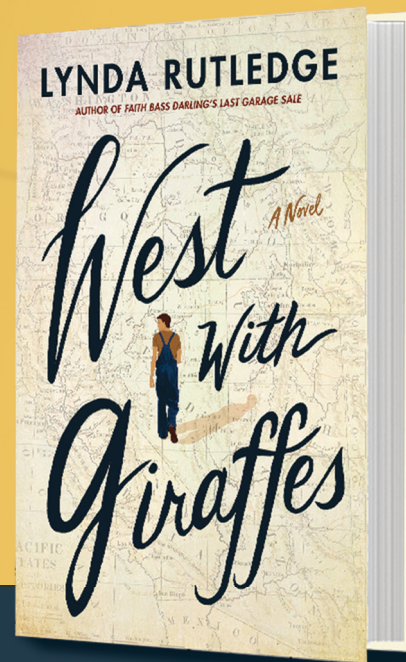
CORONADO COMMUNITY READ
FINALE
Featuring the High Society Jazz Band



Saturday, April 30, 2:00 p.m., Library Park

Put your dancing shoes on as the High Society Jazz Band performs jazz and popular favorites from the 1920s and 1930s. As the 2022 Coronado Community READ closes, there's no better way to do it than with the most popular tunes that the *West with Giraffes* characters would have loved to dance to. This six-member group has entertained around San Diego and beyond for over 30 years. Enjoy the music, humor, and energy of High Society!

WEST WITH GIRAFFES BOOK DISCUSSIONS



- Tuesday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m., Winn Room
- Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m., Conference Room
- Wednesday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m., Winn Room
- Thursday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m., Winn Room

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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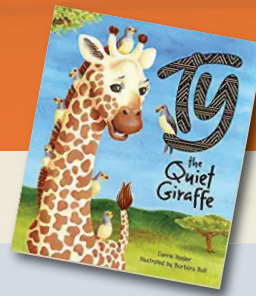


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Children's Pick: *Ty the Quiet Giraffe*



Art with Joel Anderson

Thursday, April 7, 3:30 p.m., Winn Room

Join artist, author, and Autism Tree Foundation representative Joel Anderson for a painting event! Paint your very own giraffe while Joel paints with you.

Storytime with San Diego Zoo
Author Carrie Hasler

Thursday, April 21, 3:30 p.m., Ruby Room

Join Carrie Hasler for a special storytime as she reads her picture book, *Ty the Quiet Giraffe*. Ty is a giraffe who is very quiet, and his friends start to wonder why. When danger comes, Ty uses his voice to save the day!

Movie: *Madagascar*

Monday, April 25, 3:30 p.m., Winn Room

A lion, zebra, giraffe, and hippo from New York's Central Park Zoo accidentally find themselves on a ship heading for Africa! Rated PG.

Community READ Storytimes

Toddler Storytime

Tuesday, April 12, 11:00 a.m., Children's Area

Join the library for Toddler Storytime, perfect for ages 2-4 and their caregivers. Enjoy finger plays, stories, and songs and more centered on giraffes!

Preschool Storytime

Friday, April 15, 11:00 a.m., Children's Area

The library's Preschool Storytime, geared for ages 3-5 and their caregivers, features songs, stories, and yoga in the Children's Area. This week's giraffe storytime will be fun for all ages.

TEEN

Teen Pick: *Turtle in Paradise*



Citizen Science: *WildWatch Kenya*

Month of April

Help identify and track giraffes and other wildlife in a citizen science project called WildWatch Kenya, where you'll review photos taken by trail cameras in nature preserves. By identifying animals you see in the photos, you'll help researchers at the San Diego Zoo and beyond find out which animals are in the area, track their movements, understand a bit about what they are doing, and aid in their conservation. Teens can earn volunteer hours for the time they spend observing! Email tdavies@coronado.ca.us for more information and volunteer-hour verification.

An Afternoon with Jennifer L. Holm

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m., Winn Room



Author and graphic novelist Jennifer L. Holm (*Turtle in Paradise*; the "Sunny" and *Babymouse* series) will discuss her books and meet fans. Following the talk, books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club:
Turtle in Paradise

Monday, April 25, 5:00 p.m., Ruby Room

Join the Teen Graphic Novel Book Club as we discuss the 2022 Coronado Community READ teen pick, *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm and Savanna Ganucheau. All teens are welcome to attend this event.

For more information about these events, and to learn about a special Community READ presentation on African wildlife by NBC 7's weather anchor Dagmar Midcap, please visit cplevents.org.

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