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"Gratitude is the most direct route to God and the angels."

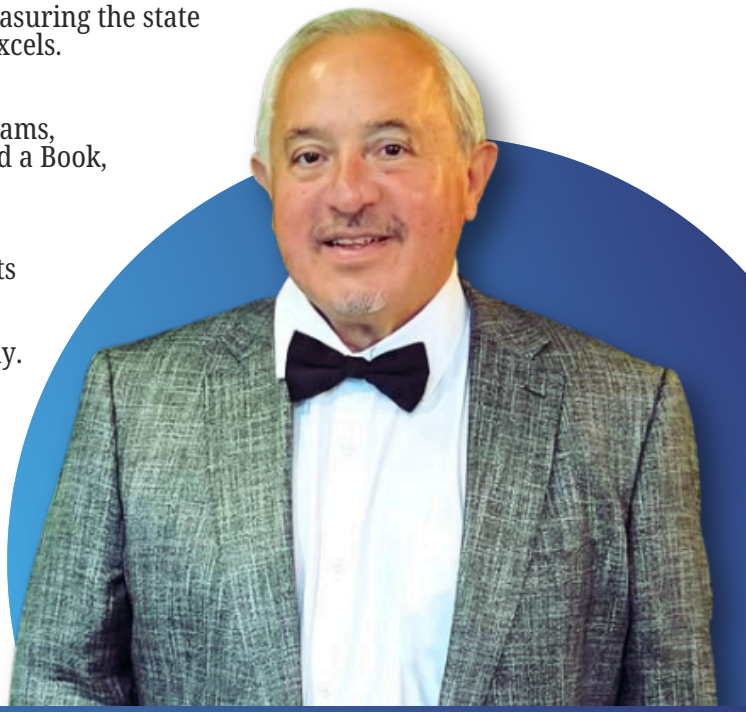
Dear Friends,

It has been a wonderful 40th anniversary year for all of us who invest in greater literacy in our community through SDCOL. We are devoting this space to expressing our gratitude for special contributions that people and agencies have made towards our efforts. The listing below is evidence that we are making good on our mission to unite the community to support literacy for all through advocacy, partnerships, and resources.

- **c3 Communications**, for one year of pro bono promotional services, thus putting literacy and SDCOL in the public eye and helping us celebrate and shine in our 40th year. More people were served, and more resources were generated because of the generous investments made by c3.
- **Tom Davis and the Center for Educational Innovation**, for selflessly using their connections in 2025 and 2026 to raise funds for SDCOL through publishers' panels.
- **Dr. Seuss Foundation**, for adopting the Imagination Library program and bringing more books to local children, ages 0-4. As SDCOL transitioned from this program, the Dr. Seuss Foundation picked up the programming.
- **KPBS and USD**, for their second year of presenting the San Diego Book Festival. This event is a major undertaking. Special Thanks to Jenelle Dean for her amazing work.
- **The Molina Foundation**, for the book grant that brought 30,000 books to the San Diego region in 2026. In the past 10 years, SDCOL has distributed over 580,000 books throughout the community, mostly because of the Foundation.
- **Data Science Alliance**, for finding meaningful ways of measuring the state of literacy in the San Diego region. Once again, San Diego excels. DSA makes all of us look good.
- **ABC 10News**, for numerous profiles on local literacy programs, Storybook Time, Report on Literacy, When You Give a Child a Book, and more!
- **The 35 affiliated programs, tutors, teachers, and SDCOL Board of Directors**, for giving their time and hearts towards our noble, life-changing cause.
- **And You**, for the role you play in our greater literacy family.

THANK YOU!

Jose L. Cruz,
Chief Executive Officer



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The San Diego Council on Literacy invites you to attend its annual

Literacy Champions Reception & San Diego Literacy Hall of Fame Induction Program

Thursday, December 3, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

San Diego Oasis, Rancho Bernardo
17170 Rancho Bernardo Center Dr.
San Diego, CA 92128

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Achievement Highlights

- 100,000 served annually by SDCOL affiliated programs.
- 35,000+ books distributed in 2026. 585,000+ books distributed since 2016.
- Replenishment of Little Free Library stations with SD County Library.
- Defining the state of literacy with Data Science Alliance: Adult literacy by zip codes.
- *Once Upon a Fair* with SD County Fair: Fables, Fairy Tales, Folktales, Books/Stories.
- KPBS San Diego Book Festival.
- Volunteer recruitment and information & referral services.

San Diego Literacy Hall of Fame

Community Champions

Robert Alden
Gordon Baker
David C. Copley
Paula Cordeiro & David O'Brien
Gregory Cox
Jeffrey Demos
Audrey Geisel
Judith Harris & Dr. Robert Singer
Jane Johnson
William D. Lynch
Shula Monroe
Helga Moore
Rose Patek
Ron Roberts
Nancy Rohland-Heinrich
Drew Schlosberg
Laura Walcher
Robert Walcher

Practitioners

Robert Condon
Stoney & Gloria DeMent
Nancy Hampson
Valerie Hardie
Lynda Jones
Stan Levy
Chris McFadden
Carrie W. Scott

Learners

John Corcoran
Maria Gonzalez
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Denise O'Neal
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Founders

Brian Bilbray
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