

**The Philosophical Library  
2091 E. Valley Parkway, Suite D  
Escondido, CA 92027**

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**THE PHILOSOPHICAL LIBRARY  
A SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER**



# THE BEACON OF LIGHT

2091 East Valley Parkway, Suite D 760-745-2724  
Escondido, California 92027

# April

## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 26

1-5 p.m.

Celebrate Our 45th Year!  
(details inside)

**Hours of Operation:**

**Tuesday through Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays**

**Web Site:**

***www.philosophicallibrary.org***

**E-mail:**

***info@philosophicallibrary.org***

# What's New.....

Please join us on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for our very special Open House Event - CELEBRATING OUR 45<sup>th</sup> YEAR! We, which includes YOU dear reader, will have a very special time on this day. It is that time of the year for our Annual Celebration from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It was 45 years ago when the Library opened its doors for the first time, recently landing in our latest incarnation at the new location on East Valley Parkway. You must join us for an afternoon of interesting programs and people!

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**4:00 PM - Bardic Circle Time! Bring your own creative gift to share; musical instrument(s), poetry, prose, song... Everyone takes a turn around the circle!**

- ...Spiritual Readers
- ...Refreshments
- ...Community

The Library, in its various forms, has provided an incredible community service. And has it changed! Just keeping up with the location could be tricky - first on Rose Avenue, then to Felicita & Center City, next to Grand & Broadway, then to Escondido Avenue & 5<sup>th</sup>, and finally to the current location at 2091 East Valley Parkway. As most of you know, The Philosophical Library is an all volunteer, non-profit organization. When it first opened its doors in 1963, books of a different kind - books on a large variety of philosophies, religious texts, spirituality, and metaphysical practices were not as easily found as they are today. Even book stores were not as easily found as they are today! Once inside a locally owned emporium of tomes and periodicals, one would be lucky to find a copy of "Be Here Now" or "An Autobiography of a Yogi" by Paramahansa Yogananda. Information just "a click" away would not exist for almost 40 years. But the Library has continued in the tradition of its founder, Stuart Otto, who saw this as a place not only of study and research, but of fellowship and spiritual growth. The facility itself has under gone a great deal of spiritual evolution as classes, group discus-

The Philosophical Library is located next door to St. Clare's Home at 2411 E. Valley Pkwy. Our driveway is right next to the Amvets resale shop. The Philosophical Library is a non-profit organization. The Library is run by dedicated volunteers and has been a community asset in Escondido since 1964. With over 10,000 books, audio, video and reference materials it is the largest privately owned lending library open to the public in Southern California. Our selections cover an extremely wide range of spiritual topics – from Astrology to Zoroasterism - and everything in between! We have classes, seminars, and special events scheduled everyday. Come visit with us and relax with a book for a while. There's a new Gift Shop with a selection of gems and crystals, gifts, new and used books, and incense. The Philosophical Library and gift shop are open from 1pm to 5pm Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 pm Saturdays. Visit us on line at [www.philosophicallibrary.org](http://www.philosophicallibrary.org).

***Our mission at The Philosophical Library is to create a conscious community by providing unique resources for those seeking meaning through diverse paths of wisdom.***

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
Waddy Wells.....	President
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Gwyn Henry.....	Program Director
Ed Kohout, Judy Laguna, Kathy Jacobs, Keith Smith	

*Newsletter Editor: Jan Burke*



### Readings with Joan Lascola

Joan Lascola, M.A., Spiritual Healer, Counselor, Teacher, Writer and Reader is available for readings. She has 17 years of medium experience and uses tarot cards and a pendulum to access spirit. Contact her at (951) 698-9736, (760)739-9189 or (520) 360-9994.

### Astrology Readings by Ed

Ed is available for astrology readings. You can contact him at (760) 644-5461.

### Kaballah Readings

#### Thursdays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Leslie Saunders will be at the Library on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. Leslie does Kaballah readings utilizing Hebrew cards. You can phone for an appointment (760) 214-5681.

### **Newsletter Submissions and Scheduling**

In order to serve our members, giving enough prior advance notice for events, classes, etc. we **MUST** have the newsletter ready to be mailed early enough in the month. This means that items for the newsletter need to be submitted by the 8<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month, allowing for creating, proofreading, revisions, printing, processing, etc. For booking new events, check with Gwyn Henry (760) 233-0848 or choctaw44@cox.net as to availability of dates. Once your date and time has been established, you need to write a description of the event (75 words or less). This “blurb” should be kept to a reasonable length (see current items) and include a contact person and number and/or e-mail address for further information. You should also indicate whether you will be charging a fee or it will be on a donation basis to the Library. Send these blurbs to Gwyn AND Jan at janieb@cox.net.

**A meeting room** is available for those looking for a facility to hold a class, workshop, speaker, etc. Room fee is \$15 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. Contact Gwyn at (760) 233-0848 or choctaw44@cox.net.

sions, and the large variety of meetings continue to adjust and meet the ever changing needs and demands of the public it serves. The guiding principals of the Library were very unique and although guaranteed by our country’s Constitution, promoting ideas embraced by other than the main stream vocal majority and providing the materials for research of such subjects was just beginning to emerge in the early 60’s. AT&T had just released the touch-tone phone, the Beatles released their Number One hit “I want To Hold Your Hand”, and Dr. Martin Luther King attempted to release a country from turmoil with his “I Have A Dream” speech. In that year the Philosophical Library’s mission was set as follows: Not supporting or identifying with any one specific teaching, doctrine, or creed in exclusion of others – and to be an open place for the pursuit of wisdom. Let me repeat the last portion of that last sentence—it is important: **An open place for the pursuit of wisdom.** Let those younger than I not take this for granted. It wasn’t always so, even in a country such as the United States. That basic human right, if not exercised, has been and could be again, severely limited. (I’ll get down off my soap-box now!) Though one may find a variety of information on-line and purchase books on-line and join discussion groups on-line, the Library has what the on-line realm cannot offer. Personal interaction with like-minded people. I will not take shelter in the often used “I must just be getting’ old” mind frame. And I will state for the record, (of course this is my opinion and not that of the Library’s), there IS something missing from the on-line life style. Buying books on-line will not let you feel the book, weigh it in your hand, peruse the content, smell the newly minted ink and pulp, or ask the person standing next to you “What did you think of this?” On-line chat rooms will not let you see the expression of a face or hear the passion in another’s voice. E-mails back and forth will not replace a quick and easy decision making telephone call with a live person. And I will go so far as to say – something is *missing* – without the human contact. Contact, if just on a casual basis, perhaps *especially* on a casual basis, is so natural, and so necessary.

So - please stop by the library for a little casual contact, and help us celebrate our Open House and 45<sup>th</sup> year Celebration. Take a couple hours out of your busy schedule to relax and renew with positive, loving, and open minded energies. Special mention and thanks to the Moeller Foundation for their recent gift of a grant to help replenish the Library with new books, electronic media, and learning materials. And VERY special thanks to our founder Stuart Otto. Remember – on April 26<sup>th</sup> YOU will be welcomed by all of us, and YOU will have a nice, relaxing afternoon with lots of friends—a few I’d bet you didn’t even know you had!

# April Activities

For certain events, limited space is available. Phone 760-745-2724 to reserve a seat.

## Monday Events

### CAPSTONE: Writer's Critique

Monday, April 21, 7-9:00 p.m. (no meeting April 7)

(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month)

Whip those old memoirs out of the closet, dust off that idea you had for a novel, or set down those metaphysical ideas you'd like to share with the world. Any project written in prose is welcome. Maybe you'll be the next to top the best seller list, but if not, you can honor your work by compiling it into a form to share with colleagues, family and friends. Whatever your objective is, publishing or sharing, the mission of CAPSTONE is to help you achieve COMPLETION of your project, for without completion, none of these ends can happen. Bring your project and join us for gentle critique, sharing of information and mutual encouragement. Fee \$30 per month Contact: Gwyn Henry 760-233-0848.

## Tuesday Events

### La Entrada de la Luz

All Tuesdays 7-9:00 p.m.

Founded in 2003, "La Entrada" defines itself as a spiritualist society which promotes world peace, environmentalism, and spirit guidance. Our meetings are open to everyone. Each meeting includes a get-acquainted conversation time, a new topic and speaker, refreshments, and a message circle. A donation is taken to benefit the Library. For more information, call Rev. Leslie Saunders at (760) 214-5681.



Do you have any questions about the Library, the newsletter, or our website? Please feel free to call any of our volunteer staff at (760) 745-2724

# Paths

(\$12 in the Library bookstore)

We are proud to present a selection from "Paths: Notes from the Spiritual Journey". Paths, an anthology in Poetry, Prose, and Visual Art was published in April 2007 by the Philosophical Library and was edited by our own Gwyn Henry. This month's selection is an excerpt from the poem "Startled by Spring"

**STARTLED BY SPRING**  
(For Jon & Cristina)

Overnight the east wind claims  
the mulberry's last brown leaf  
and hangs the crescent moon  
like a cradle  
between the boughs.

A haze of pink above the grove  
speaks to us of apples,  
of every longing answered by another,  
pulling us always forward and away,  
forward and away.

News of a grandchild,  
dearly yearned for, yet surprising  
as the sign of the moon at midday.  
Magic, not to be explained.  
Little pool of blessing

we step in and swim.

--Connie Petersen

Please note that the Library does not ascribe to any of the material presented in the activities hosted. It is our purpose to offer a forum for the presentation of a wide variety of philosophical, spiritual, religious, and secular beliefs without endorsing those beliefs



## Wednesday Events

### Alexander Speaks

**Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)**

You are invited to have a 15-minute conversation with Alexander about your questions, beliefs and experiences regarding your Soul's purpose and intent in this lifetime. Discover the spiritual wisdom and the lost teachings of such great philosophers as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Library donation \$5. For more information, contact Jim Buchanan (858) 486-8390.

### Metaphysical Singles of North County San Diego

**Wednesday, April 23, 7:00-9:30 p.m.**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)**

Meet like-minded singles that share your interest in Metaphysics. Join us! Donation of \$5 or more for our room rental. Join Dane and DE-STRESS! Experience techniques such as Meditation, Breathing, Centering, finding INNER PEACE. More information and to reserve your space, **contact Celeste at (760) 294-4526. <http://singles.meetup.com/674>** DON'T MISS!! Also Field Trip to Buddhist Temple 4/27<sup>th</sup> Carpool 10 am. & Spiritual Cinema Circle – check website or call for details.

## Thursday Events

### Toning

**All Thursdays, 7:00 p.m (no class on April 13)**

Toning is a simple, esoteric vocal tool that affects your entire field – body, mind and emotions. It clears, aligns and balances your energy; and best of all, it feels great! Join us in this group work as we submerge ourselves in a sea of Love! Bring bottled water. Donation to Library requested. Call Genny Carr for more information (760) 743-3849

### Astrology for Non-Astrologers to start soon

**12 weeks, start any week, series repeats**

Contact Celeste Kelley, (760) 294-4526 or go to our Web site for more information and to register. \$20 per class.

Prepaid: 6 for \$100. **See who's coming or update your**

**RSVP [www.astrology.meetup.com/156](http://www.astrology.meetup.com/156)**

### Joel Goldsmith's "The Infinite Way" Tape Study

**All Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.**

Hear Joel's direct teaching on mysticism, meditation and principals. Learn how to attain conscious union with God. Donations benefit the Library. For more information contact Waddy at (760) 439-2673.

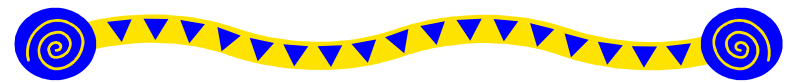
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## Saturday Events

### Saturday Evening Film with Richard Dell'Orfano

Saturday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.

(1st Saturday of each month)

**Battle of Algiers, 1965. 3 Oscar Nominations including Best Picture. 120 min.**

This classic 1965 film about urban guerrilla warfare tends to linger undiminished in the mind's eye. Although over 40 years old, this film lends from the past a strong commentary on the current political landscape of the American / Iraqi situation. Made by Italian director Gillo Pontecorvo, the film deals with the bitter struggle in the 1950s between French colonials and settlers and the Algerians they had colonized. The film has the grainy look of a documentary, but as the opening trailer proudly proclaims, not a foot of newsreel was actually used. Back in the 1960s, when it first came out, it was watched with romantic fascination by young American radicals, eager to absorb the experiences, a million miles distant from their own lives, of Third World "revolutionaries". The film opens with a scene in which "Paras" (French paratroopers) brutally torture an old Arab man. The information they get from him will lead them to the hide-out of Ali la Pointe, the last remaining leader (so they hope) of the FLN, the movement they are determined to crush. As they close in on the hide-out, the film retraces how the Algerian revolutionary movement began, showing us some of the routine indignities visited on Arabs by French colonials. A powerful film in 1965, and a "must see" film now in 2008.

Free to all, but a \$5 Library Donation suggested. Seating is somewhat limited to the first 30 or 40 so arrive early to sign in. Refreshments are limited, but freshly popped free popcorn will be available. Lively group discussion follows every film giving everyone rare opportunity to share your interpretations.

Richard Dell'Orfano has been the discussion moderator for three years at the Escondido Public Library. His selection of dramatic films are chosen for their moral dilemma or socially controversial issue, which "... stimulates thought and consideration even after the discussions.." and "...hopefully plants seeds for spiritual growth," as described in a fan letter. It is a privilege to host Richard and his monthly "Saturday Evening Film" at the Philosophical Library.

## Friday Events

### Philosophy and Religion in the West

All Fridays, 2:00 p.m.

Thirty-minute lectures (DVD) from The Teaching Company. The lectures are given by academic professors. Each lecture will be followed by discussion. These are talks on the long and rich interplay between faith and reason. Come and share your insights and wisdom. Contact Frank at 760-840-8178 for additional information

### Friday Evening Dialogue

All Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

Start the weekend right by joining the Friday Evening Dialogue. Join this unique discussion group and explore spirituality through dialogue and laughter. This get-together is for a discussion in which both differences and similarities are honored. Our goal is the deep inquiry which leads to self-awareness. We get there by examining our belief systems and concepts, sharing our own experiences and listening to others. The only thing you can count on is that every Friday is always different! Let the energy created by this group open you to laughter, to the joy of synchronicity, and the "Freedom to be!" Donation: \$5. More info: Amy at (760) 207-9062.

### eScrip

As you know, the Philosophical Library depends entirely on donations and membership to keep our doors open. Please take this time to help support the Philosophical Library by joining eScrip, a fast and easy way to support the Philosophical Library. By registering your Vonsclub card, ATM card, and/or credit cards with eScrip, the Philosophical Library will receive up to 4% of the purchase amount in donations. **There is no extra added cost to you.** The donation comes out of your total purchase price, **not** an additional amount added to your bill. Just go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to register your card or cards under our account name or group number. We are registered as The Philosophical & Religious Library but it is easier to find us through our Group ID number which is **150540844**. This act of kindness will add greatly to support the Library. Thank you in advance if you choose to join eScrip!

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