## Save Escondido's Library!!!

The Escondido City Council is considering turning over management of the Escondido Public Library to a private, for-profit, East Coast corporation called LS&S. A large number of concerned Escondido citizens oppose this because:

- We would lose local control of an important city resource.
- Our local tax \$\$ would go to a corporate organization in Maryland, not stay here in our community.
- LS&S has a terrible track record, as confirmed by the American Library Association (ALA).
- The "ALA affirms that publicly funded libraries should remain directly accountable to the publics they serve."

In order to preserve the library as a true community resource - one that is responsive to the needs of our community - we need to make our voices heard - **NOW!** It's crucial that we have a strong presence at the following meetings, both to speak during the public comment section and to show by our numbers that a large portion of the community opposes the privatization. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend:

**Library Trustees Meeting** ~ Tuesday, August 8 at 2:00 pm Escondido Public Library, Turrentine Room, 239 S. Kalmia St.

**Escondido Democratic Club Meeting** ~ Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Park Avenue Community Center, 210 E. Park Avenue

**Save Our Library Rally** ~ Wednesday, August 16 at 3:30 pm. Bring your signs!! Escondido City Hall, 201 North Broadway

**Escondido City Council Meeting** ~ Wednesday, August 16 at 4:30 pm. Bring your kids!! City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway

**Escondido City Council Meeting** ~ Wednesday, August 23 at 4:30 pm City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway

## WE NEED TO ACT NOW!

- CALL the Mayor and City Council and let them know your feelings. Ask to speak directly to them or leave a message. Mayor's Office: 760-839-4610 City Council's Office: 760-839-4638
- **EMAIL** them all at once using this link: https://www.escondido.org/city-council-contact-us.aspx or send a letter to 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025-2798
- **WRITE** a letter to the editor: Union Tribune at letters@sduniontribune.com; Coast News Inland Edition at editor@coastnewsgroup.com; and Times-Advocate at <a href="https://www.times-advocate.com/contact-us/">https://www.times-advocate.com/contact-us/</a>
- TALK to your friends and neighbors. Help Save our Library!

Join the Save Our Escondido Library Coalition! E-mail: liz\_white@me.com.

See <a href="http://escondidodems.org/current-issues">https://escondidodems.org/current-issues</a> or <a href="https://www.escondidoindivisible.com/2017/07/24/on-the-issue-escondido-public-library-privatization/">https://www.escondidoindivisible.com/2017/07/24/on-the-issue-escondido-public-library-privatization/</a> for more information.







