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New Charity Shopping Marketplace To Debut at the Central Library in East Village

Handmade Holiday Event Will Spotlight Rising Stars of San Diego's Art and Music Scenes

Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping at the [Handmade Holiday](http://sdfocl.org/handmadeholiday/) marketplace December 13, 2014 from 9:30am-4pm in the courtyard of the new Central Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the San Diego Central Library, Handmade Holiday will feature a wide selection of San Diego's rising stars in art, fashion, accessories and gifts. This unique shopping event celebrates the Central Library's status as a hub for culture and community, fundraising while providing entertainment for all ages.

The Central Library, which opened in September 2013 after a highly publicized, 30 year project, will be open to visitors during the event. The new Library is 497,652 square feet and features a three-story domed reading room, sweeping views of the harbor, a high school, and an art gallery.

Handmade Holiday will feature:

- *A marketplace for unique holiday gift shopping featuring over 30 selected local artists and designers
- *Free arts and craft-making opportunities for children, sponsored by Rare Hare Studio and Art FORM
- *A live music stage, hosted by San Diego studio Rarefied Recording, featuring performances by local musicians The Gift Machine, Normandie Wilson, Erik Canzona (The Heavy Guilt) and Kalashnikov My Wife
- *An in-person appearance by the Grinch Who Stole Christmas at the Library Shop
- *A bake sale and raffle of San Diego prizes, both benefitting the library

This first annual Holiday Handmade is hosted by the Friends of the San Diego Central Library in collaboration with local artists Susie Ghahremani of [boygirlparty](http://boygirlparty.com)® and Dain Middleton of dainty* made, with additional support from Lilly Ghahremani of Lucky 13 Strategies and June Owatari of jlowatari.com. For a preview of participating vendors and sponsors, please visit <http://sdfocl.org/handmadeholiday/>. For updates, please follow the [Facebook invitation](https://www.facebook.com/events/362404483915032/) at <https://www.facebook.com/events/362404483915032/>

The public is invited to attend this free, all-ages event! Handmade Holiday will take place in the entryway courtyard of the Central Library, located at 330 Park Boulevard in Downtown San Diego's East Village.

About Friends of the San Diego Library

The Friends of the San Diego Central Library is a member-supported 501©3 non-profit organization that advocates, fundraises, and provides critical support for the Central Library and related literary and educational programs. For more information please visit www.sdfocl.org

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