ITEM: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners or Library staff may make announcements regarding the Library Commission and Library or Friends group activities of interest to other Library Commission members.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Please join us on Monday, June 22, 2009
For the
Brentwood Library
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening
10:00 AM
104 Oak Street

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, led by Mayor Robert Taylor and the Brentwood City Council, along with our special guests, we invite you to tour the new facility. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Gail Leech via e-mail at gleech@ci.brentwood.ca.us
CROCKETT LIBRARY TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY FOR BEAUTIFICATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY—The Crockett Library, a community library of the Contra Costa Library, will be closed June 15 – July 5, 2009 while it undergoes a beautification and restoration project. Thanks to a grant from the Crockett Community Foundation, the Crockett Library project will allow for a partial restoration of the Arts and Crafts style building to its original design by adding hardwood floors, restoring shelving and repainting the interior in colors that are in keeping with its architectural style. The project will also allow necessary upgrades to the electrical system, including an outlet that will be placed in a convenient location for the public who wish to plug in their laptops.

The Crockett Library will reopen and resume its regular operations the week of July 6, 2009. A Grand Opening Party sponsored by the Friends of the Crockett Library will be held Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 2 – 3:30 p.m.

During the library closure, please make arrangements for pick-up or return of your library materials at the nearest community libraries: Rodeo or Hercules.

Rodeo Library
220 Pacific Avenue
510-799-2606
Open Hours: 11-5 Monday and Saturday, 1-7 Tuesday and Thursday

Hercules Library
109 Civic Drive
510-245-2420
Open Hours: 1-9 Monday and Tuesday; 10-8 Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; 12-5 Sunday

During the closure, there will be no book return at the Crockett Library. Books and other materials must be returned at another Contra Costa County Library location. When placing online Holds, select either the Hercules or Rodeo locations for pick up of items ready in June through the first week of July. If you currently have items on Hold and are first or second in the queue to receive them, please call any community library to request the pick-up location be changed to whichever community library is most convenient for you. The Crockett Library will not be available by phone after June 13, 2009.

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LIBRARY-A-GO-GO TO PROVIDE NEW SERVICE AT EL CERRITO DEL NORTE BART STATION

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY—The list of conveniences for those who live life on the go is about to grow. The Contra Costa County Library is expanding services and improving accessibility for West County residents by making its popular collection available through the installation of its third Library-a-Go-Go book lending machine. Library books will be available for check-out from the book lending machine, located in front of the El Cerrito del Norte BART station, beginning June 16, 2009.

The del Norte BART station was selected by the Contra Costa County Library as an installation site because it has the largest number of connecting transit agencies in the East Bay and provides transportation to and from many areas throughout West Contra Costa County. "The innovative technology of the Library-a-Go-Go machine provides us with the opportunity to offer reading materials to commuters at the busiest BART station in Contra Costa County and to provide North El Cerrito residents with more convenient access to library materials," said County Librarian Anne Cain.

The Library-a-Go-Go lending machine will offer approximately 400 books for children, teens and adults. "I am excited to have this partnership between our two agencies," said Supervisor John Giola whose West County district includes El Cerrito. "The library kiosk brings the magic of books to residents. It will make it so much easier for residents to catch up on their recreational reading, or for parents to pick-up different children's books to read to their kids."

"I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am that the Contra Costa County Library selected El Cerrito del Norte Station as the latest Library-a-Go-Go site," BART Board member Lynette Sweet said. "The first book lending machine was installed last year at our Pittsburg/Bay Point Station and we're pleased that Library-a-Go-Go is here to serve West Contra Costa residents. Readers won't be limited to library business hours to check out or return a book, they can get a great book any time at the El Cerrito del Norte Station."

Anyone with a Contra Costa County Library card will be able to check out and return books. If you don't already have a library card, Contra Costa County Library staff will be available for several days prior to and the day of the launch, to register new library card holders.

The Contra Costa County Library will kick-off the new Library-a-Go-Go service with a celebration at the El Cerrito del Norte BART station on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7 a.m. The event will include remarks by Supervisor John Giola, El Cerrito Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson, County Librarian Anne Cain, BART Board of Directors member Lynette Sweet, and Bay Area Library & Information System Director Linda Crowe.

This program is sponsored by grants from the Bay Area Library & Information System and Baker & Taylor, Inc.

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IMLS Launches “Libraries to the Rescue” Podcast Series

Discussions Focus on What Libraries are Doing to Help Citizens Through the Economic Crisis

Washington, DC—The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums, today announced the launch of the Libraries to the Rescue series of podcast episodes. Library use is on a steady rise and the economic downturn has resulted in even greater need for library services. IMLS introduced Libraries to the Rescue to share with libraries steps that other libraries have taken to help their communities.

"Libraries have emerged as one of the go-to places for people looking for work or filing for unemployment, starting new businesses, or learning how to use computers for the first time," said Anne-Imelda Radice, IMLS Director. "Libraries are proving just how important they are to their communities. In these episodes, library leaders share their expertise so others don't have to reinvent the wheel."

Libraries to the Rescue provides valuable insights from:

- Mary Boone, State Librarian of North Carolina
- Bernard Margolis, State Librarian of New York
- Sheryl Mase, Library of Michigan's Director of Statewide Services
- Jan Walsh, State Librarian of Washington, and Randall Simmons, Program Manager for Library Development in Washington
- Kondall Wiggin, State Librarian of Connecticut

The five episodes cover a range of topics, including how libraries are increasing access to key information through virtual libraries, the importance of broadband access, and new partnerships between libraries and state and federal agencies to help citizens access all types of assistance. The Libraries to the Rescue episodes are short (12-15 minute), digestible audio episodes designed to educate IMLS's library audience.

Accompanying the series is a list of online resources for libraries that are still navigating the new terrain. To view the list of resources, click here. If you have additional online links to share, please email them to IMLS Public Affairs Officer Jeannine Mjoseth at jmjoseth@imls.gov.

Libraries to the Rescue can be accessed and enjoyed at the listener's convenience. Audio can be accessed on the IMLS Web site or through iTunes.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services
The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.
Library News & Events - Summer 2009

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Summer Reading 2009
Add a little flair to your summer and join the Contra Costa County Library's Summer Reading program June 8 – August 17. Kids aged 2 through 5th grade can tap into their artistic side and “Be Creative” for fun treats.

Students from 6th – 12th grade, get inspired to "Express Yourself" in the Teen Reading Program and imagine what exciting prizes await you including a chance to win a Nintendo Wii!

Parents and caregivers of babies from birth to 2 years can earn prizes by participating in our early literacy-building Baby Reading Program.

And come on, adults, show the kids how it’s done! Readers aged 18 and up are invited to be “free2create” by submitting a book review online or at your local library for a chance to win a Booklover’s Bag full of goodies including a one night stay at the Renaissance ClubSport Hotel in Walnut Creek or dinner for two at Stanford’s Restaurant and Bar!

Get ready for a colorful summer full of interesting books, great prizes and special events! For more information or to get started, please contact your community library or visit us online at ccclib.org.

Free2create Art Contest

"Express Yourself" through art this summer in the Contra Costa County Library’s free2create Art Contest. Students entering middle or high school in Fall 2009 are invited to enter a piece of original artwork based on the theme “free2create” between June 8 and August 1 at any Contra Costa County Library in conjunction with the Library’s 2009 Summer Reading Program.

The free2create Art Contest features two categories, one for middle school artists and the other for high school artists. Each community library will choose two finalists, one from each category, to be entered in the competition for the County’s Grand Prize, a $100 Gift Certificate. In addition to the Grand Prize, each winner will have their artwork posted on the Contra Costa County Library website and on wearefree2.org. Contest guidelines and entry form are available at the free2create Art Contest page.

Library-a-Go-Go Continues to Grow

The Contra Costa County Library is expanding services and improving accessibility for residents and commuters of both far East and West Contra Costa County by making its popular collection available through the installation of several Library-a-Go-Go automated book lending machines.

Two machines were recently added, one at the front of the CVS/pharmacy In Discovery Bay’s Sandy Cove Shopping Center on May 21 and another one at the El Cerrito del Norte BART

check out next.

- Audiobooks
- Biography & Memoir
- Fantasy
- Fiction A-Z
- Mind & Body Fitness
- Mystery
- Nature & Science
- Teen Scene
- Thrillers & Suspense

**Featured Programs**

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES @ ORINDA COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

- June 24 - Traditional Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar
- July 22 - Classical Guitar and the South American Influence
- August 25 - American Roots Music

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**PRACTICAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING & SUCCESS SYMPOSIUM: GROWING YOUR BUSINESS!**

Held at 2 locations:

- August 8 - San Ramon Library
- August 22 - Antioch Library

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**June 23 - Author Showcase Marta Acosta**

Join the author of the Casa Dracula Series, for a reading and discussion of her popular vampire novels.

**June 25 - Resume Writing Workshop**

This free two hour class will help answer your questions and show you how to build resumes that get immediate results.

**July 1 - Top Insider Tips on How to Get a Job**

The co-founders of "dear jane..." will share tips and advice on how to best go about finding a job.

**July 21 - Hip Hop Dance Class for Tweens**

Get your groove on and learn the hottest hip hop and break-dancing.

station on June 16. The first Library-a-Go-Go launched in May 2008 at the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station.

County Librarian Anne Cain says, "The innovative technology of the Library-a-Go-Go machine provides us with the opportunity to offer reading materials for children, teens, and adults in an area where convenient library services currently do not exist."

The machines at the El Cerrito del Norte BART station and at Discovery Bay are available to library customers 24/7! Find out more about Library-a-Go-Go and view the list of titles stocked in each machine.

**We’re on Facebook!**

Contra Costa County Library is now sharing news and events with the Facebook community via our new fan page.

Become a fan and add our library events application to receive updates about library news and programs. Or add our catalog search to find books, magazines, movies, downloads, and more.

**International Storytelling Festival**

A San Ramon Library tradition is back for its 18th year! Enjoy the rich experience of professional storytellers sharing stories from their cultures. Scheduled for this year:

**July 6 - Trails & Tales**

*Collected American and International Stories*

- July 13 - Michael Katz
  *Jewish Folk Stories*

- July 20 - Clara Yan
  *Chinese Stories*

- July 27 - Olga Loya
  *South American Stories*

Generously sponsored by San Ramon Library Foundation and San Ramon Valley Kiwanis. Due to the length of these programs, very young children may become restless.

**Kaplan College Prep Series and HelpNow**

Kaplan college preparatory classes will be held at the Moraga and Lafayette libraries. Registration is required, please go to the links below for more details.

**Accepted: Getting Into Your 1st Choice College**

- June 29 - Lafayette
  *August 4 - Moraga*

- SAT Practice Test
  *July 11 - Lafayette*
  *August 15 - Moraga*

- SAT Follow-Up and Test Strategies 101
  *July 13 - Lafayette*

- SAT Practice Essay
  *July 27 - Lafayette*

- ACT Practice Test
  *August 14 - Lafayette*

- SAT vs. ACT Workshop
  *August 20 - Moraga*

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**Can't make it to the classes?**

moves.

**July 23 - Use Integrative Medicine to Control Weight & Chronic Illness**
Join author and national speaker Pamela McDonald talk about achieving optimal health.

**August 5 - Yan Can Cook! Meet Chef Martin Yan**
The celebrated host of over 3,000 cooking shows broadcast world-wide, Martin Yan enjoys distinction as a certified Master Chef, a highly respected food consultant, a cooking instructor and a prolific author.

You can find more upcoming library programs and events at the online Event calendar or at the community library pages:

- Antioch
- Bay Point
- Brentwood
- Clayton
- Concord
- Crockett
- Danville
- El Cerrito
- El Sobrante
- Hercules
- Kensington
- Lafayette
- Martinez
- Moraga
- Oakley
- Orinda
- Pinole
- Pittsburg
- Pleasant Hill
- Rodeo
- San Pablo
- San Ramon - Dougherty Station
- San Ramon - Market Place
- Walnut Creek - Park Place
- Walnut Creek - Ygnacio Valley

Get HelpNow through Brainfuse, the homework help and skill building resource available at all community libraries or from the Library website with your Contra Costa County library card. HelpNow offers online assessments (general assessments and standardized tests, including SAT, ACT, GED, and the U.S. Citizenship Test). You will be able to take an online assessment and share the results with a HelpNow tutor for targeted skills building or access test tips and resources.

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See the Crockett Library page for information about pick-up and returns for Crockett Library customers.

**Did You Know?**

**What happens when items are long overdue?**

- **10 Days Overdue**: You receive an overdue notice by email, phone, or US Mail.
- **30 Days Overdue**: The Library mails you an overdue notice.
- **60 Days Overdue**: Accounts with a balance of $35.00 or more are sent to Unique Management Services, a library materials recovery service, and a $10.00 service charge is then added to the account.
- **184 Days Overdue**: Unique Management Services reports your overdue account to a national credit bureau.

For more information, see the Cards / Borrowing Procedures FAQ on our website, ccclib.org.

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**Links**
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Contra Costa County Library
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Emma Blair

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Paul Tremblay

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David Sedaris

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Meryl Gordon

The Black Dove
Steve Hockensmith

The Hemingways of Monticello
Annette Gordon-Reed

39 Years of Short-Term Memory Loss
Tom Davis

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from another published or unpublished work or works, and that I have not assigned exclusive use of or my
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Contra Costa County Library Art Contest Summer 2009
"Free2create"
Contest guidelines and Entry Form

ELIGIBILITY
No more than one entry per student will be accepted. Students must be in or entering middle or high school in Fall 2009. Entries must be original and the unpublished work of the entrant and follow the contest theme “free2create”

DEADLINE
Entries must be delivered to the library beginning Monday, June 8 and no later than closing on Saturday, August 1.

Art must be no smaller than 8.5” x 11” and no larger than 11 x 17”. All artwork must be signed and accompanied by an Entry Form and a Project Release Form. Materials can be any two-dimensional media (paint, pencils, photography, or collage (no sculptures, pop-ups, etc). The staff has the right not to exhibit artwork that does not meet the qualifications for the contest.

WINNING ENTRIES
Winners will be selected from qualified entries by a panel of judges from library staff and/ or the community, on the basis of creativity, originality, skill and relevance to the theme. Art work can be picked up at the library beginning Saturday, August 9.

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Entry Form

Name (First, Last):

Grade: School:

Street Address:

City: Zip Code:

Telephone: Email: (if available)

Title of Entry:

I understand that the jurors have the right to select which art work can be displayed.

Signature

Please SIGN BOTH sides of this form
Contra Costa County's Central Labor Council & Building & Construction Trades Council

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at the 10th Annual Labor-2-Labor Dinner

Friday October 2, 2009

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Martinez, CA 94553
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