CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA ATTACHMENT 2

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 24, 2014
AGENDA ITEM #: 8
ITEM: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commissioners or Library staff may make announcements regarding the Library Commission and Library or Friends group activities of interest to other Library Commission members.
Contra Costa County Library Summer Reading Festival
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author

JANE SMILEY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014, 7PM LAFFAYETTE LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER

A THOUSAND ACRES
A NOVEL

FREE EVENT
REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED AT tinyurl.com/janesmiley

JANE SMILEY
Summer Reading for Everyone!
For events and program details visit your local library or ccclib.org/summer/

Summer Reading is for everyone!
Summer Reading Festival 2014
June 14 - August 23

Children’s Performances
Museum Programs
Family Events
Teen Activities
and More!

Thank you Friends of the Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and Pittsburg Libraries

Paws to Read
Contra Costa County Library
Summer Reading Festival 2014
June 14th - August 23rd
For kids age 2 - 5th grade

Thank you to our sponsors!
Chabot Space & Science Center
Lawrence Hall of Science
Round Table Pizza
Library Friends & Foundations
Contra Costa County Library

Annual Book Giveaway

Use books no longer needed in the collection available to you! While supplies last!

August 14 - August 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(not open Sundays)

Located at the
Contra Costa County
Library Administration

Shipping and Receiving Area
75 Santa Barbara Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

For more information please contact Library Administration at
(925) 646-6423
or libadmin@ccclib.org

Books will be sorted into Children's and Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction
Large Selection of paperbacks & hard cover books in all subjects
Please bring your own boxes or bags

Murder Mystery Dinner Party

Staged by Murder on the Menu®
To Benefit the Brentwood Library Foundation

Friday, September 5th, 6:30 p.m.
Shadow Lakes Event Center
401 West Country Club Drive, Brentwood

Join us for dinner, prizes, silent auction, no-host bar and plenty of fun and mystery at this kickoff event to raise funds for a new Brentwood Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Brentwood Library. For questions call 634-5456 or 240-1012.

$50 per person ($45 if paid by August 1st)
Please write your check to Friends of the Brentwood Library and mail it with this form to the Brentwood Library, 104 Oak St, Brentwood, CA 94513.

Name: ____________________________

Phone or email: ____________________
PRESS RELEASE
Monday, July 14, 2014

Islamic Cultural Events at Walnut Creek Library
Renowned UC Berkeley Scholar Dr. Hatem Bazian to Lead Discussions

WALNUT CREEK, CA—July 14, 2014—After recent research discovered nearly 25% of the 250,000 Bay Area Muslims have been victims of hate crimes since 9/11, leading Bay Area scholars are urging civic organizations to create a counter narrative to the negative portrayals of Muslims in the media and popular culture.

Hosting such a counter narrative is the Walnut Creek Library, which has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the American Library Association, to offer Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys, a five-part community reading and discussion series. Led by nationally renowned scholar Dr. Hatem Bazian (UC Berkeley, Zaytuna College), the events are aimed at encouraging community interaction across cultural boundaries. All events in the series are free and will take place in Walnut Creek Library’s Oak View Room at 1644 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

The discussion programs begin August 27, 2014, from 6:30-8:30pm, with an exploration of the book Prince Among Slaves by Terry Alford. Subsequent discussion programs will run September 10, with The Columbia Sourcebook of Muslims in the United States edited by Edward E. Curtis IV; October 8 with Acts of Faith: the Story of an American Muslim by Eboo Patel; October 22, with A Quiet Revolution: the Veil’s Resurgence from the Middle East to America by Leila Ahmed; and November 12, with The Butterfly Mosque by G. Willow Wilson. For more information on the series, including registering for the events and ordering the books, please visit wcclibrary.org/muslimjourneys.

"The Contra Costa County Library is pleased to provide an opportunity for the public to openly engage in discourse around a topic that is so important within our community," says County Librarian Jessica Hudson. "The Library strives to bring people and ideas together—this series will do just that, in a very focused manner, on a topic that can often be full of misinformation or misunderstandings."

Supplementary programs will include a kick-off event August 16, at 3:30pm, as presenter Todd Javadi and musical group Shabahang host An Afternoon of Rumi, an immersive experience focusing on the 13th century poet’s works in the original Farsi and with English translation. Register at wcclibrary.org/event/rumi. Then join us September 24, at 6:00pm, for Roads of Arabia: Archaeology & History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, an art docent presentation on the Roads of Arabia exhibition on display at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco from 10/24/14 -- 11/18/15. Register at wcclibrary.org/event/roads.

Hatem Bazian, PhD.
Dr. Hatem Bazian received his PhD in Philosophy and Islamic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. He is co-founder, Member of the Board of Trustees, and faculty member at Zaytuna College, the first Muslim Liberal Arts College in America. He also serves as Chair of the Northern California Islamic Council. He is a senior lecturer in the Departments of Near Eastern and Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, teaching courses on Islamic Law and Society, Religious Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies. Dr. Bazian is a visiting Professor in Religious Studies at Saint Mary’s College of California, as well as an adviser to the Religion, Politics and Globalization Center at UC Berkeley. In 2009, he founded the Center for the Study and Documentation of Islamophobia at UC Berkeley, a research unit that studies the othering of Islam and Muslims. Recently he was named in the category for Social Justice as one of The Muslim 500: The World’s Most Influential Muslims, by The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center. Dr. Bazian’s current research focuses on Contra Costa County with the goal of discovering the needs of the growing Muslim community. Dr. Bazian is known for being an organic intellectual, a term used for academics directly connecting their research to the people.

The Walnut Creek Library is located at 1644 North Broadway. These programs will take place on the 2nd floor in the Oak View Room. The Library is open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For further information, phone the Library at 925-977-3340. Cost: All programs in this series are FREE To register, call the library at 925-977-3340 or register online at wcclibrary.org/muslimjourneys/
Arts & Libraries Matter

Art programs and local libraries throughout California got strong support from the Budget Conference Committee this week. Taking the Assembly’s lead, the Conference Committee unanimously approved adding $5 million to the state budget to fund local libraries and an additional $7 million for the California Arts Council.

As Chair of the Budget Conference Committee, I’m proud we acted to support local libraries and to fund school and community arts initiatives throughout our state.

The budget we in the Legislature adopt on June 15 is a reflection of California’s values. You, the residents of AD 15, have let me know loud and clear the important role our libraries and arts programs play in enriching all of us, expanding our knowledge and understanding, and offering a lifeline to many struggling to achieve success at school and elsewhere.

As we continue the work of the Conference Committee in preparation for June 15, stay tuned and I’ll keep you updated on what’s in store budget-wise for our schools, higher education and other programs.

Nancy Skinner
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
Assembly District 15

P.S. Let’s stay connected! Please like my Facebook Page for news updates, resources and upcoming events in AD 15.
About CLA Annual

California Library Association’s Annual Conference is California’s premier event for library professionals. Attendees have the opportunity to network and learn via workshops, presentations, and special events; meet vendors and check out their latest products and services; and hear world-renowned speakers inform, motivate & entertain.

CLA 2014

We’re proud to present our 116th Annual Conference and Exhibition at San Francisco Bay’s Oakland City Center Marriott this November 7-9, 2014. This year’s theme is “Be the Change.”

We selected Oakland as our 2014 conference location for its quality conference facilities and accommodations, its vibrant culture, and its accessibility. The city is bursting with new restaurants, art galleries, clubs, music, and more! We look forward to seeing you there.

Questions or comments about conference? Send us an email at info@cla-net.org.

Follow us on Twitter @CalLibAssoc for the latest conference buzz and other CLA news. Tag conference-related tweets with #CLABsTheChange.

Curious what CLA '13 was like? Check out last year’s conference website.

"Meet librarians who are passionate about their job and who want to share their passion for service with others. Hear about great library service ideas that can work for you."

—2013 Conference Attendee