

Let's Connect!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Mayor Chavez and Library Director Natalie R. Rencher at Delta Sierra Middle School

The Library is highly proficient in developing and implementing community-oriented programs including literacy, parenting, cultural, family, youth, and outreach programs that align with the Library's Strategic Service Responses. We **Create and Empower Readers** as a vital partner in educating our youth. We work hard to collaborate with schools, community, cultural, and youth organizations to provide a continuum of support for learning in grades K-12 and into college. This is accomplished by administering homework center grants for the City of Stockton and

purchasing curriculum-related collections. The importance of place is emphasized in **Create a Comfortable Place** through our Family Learning Centers that foster emergent literacy development and promote a learning environment of exploration and experimentation that will assist our youth to become analytical problem-solvers. We **Connect to the Online World** by expanding our virtual presence with "Live Homework Help," Junior Edition, Kids InfoBits, Opposing View Points, Social Studies Fact Cards, and Student Resource Center.

The Library has a passion for the empowerment of youth. We understand our role in education by addressing community needs as they relate to supporting our school and student successes.

Library Awarded *We the People Bookshelf* Collection from National Endowment for the Humanities

Miranda Nighbor, Teen Programming Librarian, Programming Services

Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library is one of 3,000 libraries across the country selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) to receive free hardcover editions of 17 classic books from the *We the People Bookshelf*. The theme of this year's bookshelf is "Created Equal."

The award is part of the NEH's *We the People* initiative which supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture. The Library will present programs exploring the theme to include guest speakers, movies, storytimes, and children's programs.

For more information about the *We the People Bookshelf* project, please visit <http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf>. For the list of *We the People Bookshelf*, see page 4.

Library Goes Wi-Fi

Dennis Tucker, Library Division Manager, Reader Services

On August 7, the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library unveiled Wi-Fi (wireless Internet connectivity) at the Cesar Chavez Central Library and all twelve branches across the County. Now library users with Wi-Fi-equipped computer laptops, PDAs, or other wireless-enabled devices can access the Internet, including library catalogs and databases, wirelessly from anywhere in the Library. We're really excited—Wi-Fi increases wireless Internet access for our customers in addition to making Library computers more available to customers without laptops.

More information about this service can be found on the Library's web site (www.stockton.lib.ca.us) or on FAQ sheets available at the library. While Wi-Fi is not available at the temporary library location in the Weberstown Mall, it will be available at the permanent Troke Branch Library when it reopens later in the year.

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Where is Andrew Carnegie Now That We Need Him? Or Bill Gates and Steve Jobs? Budget Woes and Some Rescuers

Vince Perrin, President, Friends of the Stockton Public Library



Isn't it the truth? Hard times — social, political and financial — always imperil the institutions and programs that are absolutely crucial to the well-being of those who are most likely to feel their absence.

Headlines, TV and computer screens, even those hieroglyphic text messages only young people seem able to read, tell stories of decline and fall every day. Is anything safe from the do-gooders, lawmakers and bean-counters?

Arts and culture, education and opportunity, which by any standard measure the quality of life in cities like ours, are held and nurtured in places we choose to call libraries. Surely that is a given.

Up until I joined Friends of the Stockton Public Library, I would have said that libraries were sacrosanct, especially at the local level and most especially those in San Joaquin County.

Certainly this is where good government — federal, state and local — will draw the line in the sand.

That was my naiveté at a summer meeting of the Friends Board. Its members had met to consider the annual request for funding from the City's Director of Library Services, Natalie Rencher.

From her furrowed brow and alert eyes, it was clear that this was no ordinary request, although the \$114,555 sought was just slightly higher than what we had approved in past years from her and her predecessors.

Stockton's library and its city and county branches are funded proportionately by the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County. We, along with the Library & Literacy Foundation, provide supplementary funds on request.

That two aspects of her 2008-09 request were different could be seen in the document itself and in her demeanor.

Previously we had received requests throughout the year. Last year she started the sensible practice of seeking a total amount for the entire year, freeing her to budget money accordingly from other sources.

This year, however, she sought a little over half the amount, electing to return in January for the rest after evaluating procedures newly put in place, including how the city branches frame their own requests.

This was easily accommodated. What wasn't, and what causes our brows also to furrow, was the news that the library's total bare-bones budget will not gain weight next year and, in fact, was likely to look slimmer.

That did not set well with Friends who are rightly worried about the growth, maintenance and quality of the library's book collection, a concern we share with other library boosters, users and, to be sure, Ms. Rencher.

She advised that, if we were afraid for the collection, we might want to shortchange one of the user-friendly programs we regularly underwrite to augment library funds already earmarked for book-buying.

The hungry budget was fed somewhat by the gallant rescue of the longtime grant-funded Reach Out and Read program by the Library & Literacy Foundation, which now will not only fund but operate this vital effort.

However bleak the outlook, users who support the library with their taxes are still getting a bang for their buck, although that bang may not reverberate as loudly as it did in the days of Margaret Troke and Ursula Meyer.

They also are lucky to have such savvy volunteers on the Friends and Foundation boards, and in the Friends bookstore. It is they who toil away the long hours that help make the library a necessary community resource.

It was Eleanor Roosevelt who convinced her husband to keep our libraries open at a time when banks and businesses were closing and economic woes were nigh. That's when we need libraries the most.

Celebrate Books with Bite @ Your Library® During Teen Read Week™ 2008

Miranda Nighbor, Teen Programming Librarian, Programming Services

Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library celebrates the 11th Annual Teen Read Week™ October 12 – 18, 2008, with this year's theme "Books with Bite @ Your Library®." Teen Read Week™ is the national literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a fast-growing division of the American Library Association. The theme encourages teens to read a wide variety of books and graphic novels, from animals to vampires to cooking, just "for the fun of it."

Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library asks teens to nominate their favorite "book with bite" at their local library. Teens, ages 13 to 18, can pick up their nomination form at the Library and turn in the completed form to receive a free "reads" wristband. The nomination form enters teens into a raffle to win a "Books with Bite" gift set. The winning title will be posted on the Library's website. A good place to start finding a favorite "book with bite" is by visiting www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists or your neighborhood library.



Popularity of Graphic Novels Skyrockets

Osvi Vera, Library Assistant, Mobile Library



To say that graphic novels are popular would be an understatement. Children as young as age 6 can be seen with their noses deep into the newest Spiderman or X-Men comic. ‘Tweens and teens alike eagerly await, with frayed nerves, the next installment of the *Naruto* manga. This surprising trend of adventurous reading seems to just be beginning.

Graphic novels have been with us for over 60 years but have of late grown in popularity with the broadest audience. The term also now applies to *manga* (Japanese comics) as well. Varying in sizes and formats, the graphic novel is a great way to collect single comic book issues or an entire story arc of a particular title. By the 1980s, the genre exploded with creators writing single storylines taking advantage of the medium’s format.

With the successful translations of comics-to-movies and the growing acceptance and appeal of Japanese pop culture, graphic novels have skyrocketed in prestige. While individual comic book sales have dwindled (sales of US comics have been in steady decline for over a decade), their counterpart, the graphic novel, has consistently risen. Sales of graphic novels are big profit-makers for the major bookstores.

In Hollywood, the A-List superheroes – X-Men, Spiderman, and Batman – are thriving and making huge profits for the movie studios. Even little-known titles are seeing their time on the big screen, such as fan favorite *Hellboy* and the underground noir of *Sin City*. With seminal titles in the works, such as *Watchmen* in 2009, graphic novels of the superhero type look to be a hot commodity.

How could graphic novels be so hot if American comics are so cold? That is where manga comes in. Manga is the Japanese equivalent to our American comics. It has been around since the 1940s and has been a

Japanese pop culture fixture ever since. *Astro Boy* or *Tetsuwan Atom* in Japan popularized the medium and brought Americans their first taste of Anime in the 1950s. A glance at any Japanese bookstore will reveal men and women, old and young, practicing “tachiyomi” or reading while standing and enjoying various manga titles.

In the United States, one of the first manga titles translated into English was *Lone Wolf and Cub*, which is still in publication today. In the late 1980s, American youth began looking for more mature entertainment and found it in Japanese animated films, or anime. The gritty, post-apocalyptic universe of the Neo-Tokyo with its cyber punk theme was the perfect remedy for the sugar-coated cartoons of the Reagan era. Titles such as *Ghost in the Shell* and the groundbreaking *Akira*, which were themselves translations of manga, were the perfect example of the theme. As a teenage boy, I loved anything Anime - it was my first taste of Japanese pop culture.

With the explosion of titles such as *Pokemon* and *Dragon Ball Z*, the late 1990s gave rise to the mainstreaming of manga. The new generation is playing Japanese videogames, watching anime, and reading manga. If one doubts this popularity, one need only see the shelf space that the big bookstores give to the genre. At branches throughout the Stockton-San Joaquin County Library, manga titles fly

Talk of the Library

With thanks to the Weston Ranch Branch Library Staff



On Monday, July 21, the Weston Ranch Branch Library hosted a Summer Reading Program titled “Tommy’s Space Bug Adventure.” The event brought in 64 people, children and adults

alike. The program room was full of action and excitement with a puppet show that made everyone giggle with delight. Jamie Turner, the Supervising Librarian, interviewed a few folks.

Question: Did you enjoy today’s event as part of the Summer Reading Program?

Cheyenne W. “It was a good find...spectacular!”

James M. “It was invigorating!”

Chelsea W. “It was good!”

Olivia C. “The show was good! Alien showed mouse how to do all the buttons.”



Maryana and Jerimiah R. “The show was great – wonderful!”

Well, there you have it, straight from the kids themselves! Another successful event was had within the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library. This great programming exists not only in the summer, but throughout the year! And it is all FREE! Check out our calendar of events to find a program near you!

off of the shelves continuously. Some series even have waiting lists.

With manga under the general moniker, the success of both American and Japanese comics has translated into a new generation of readers who would otherwise skip what – on first glance – may look childish and empty. Whether they are enjoying the superhero stuff or some of the more transcendent, genre-defying titles such as *Blankets* or *Persepolis*, people have made graphic novels a staple of their reading habit.

New Library Card Process for Children

Kathy Layfield, Circulation Assistant, Chavez Central Library

Children 15 years and younger may get a library card by bringing a parent/guardian with them to the Library. The parent/guardian must present their photo ID with a current mailing address. If the parent/guardian’s ID does not reflect the current mailing address, then mail received at the home address, along with an ID, will be accepted. Both parent/guardian and child are required to sign the application

Children 15 years or younger may apply for a library card without a parent/guardian present with restrictions. Children must present a photo ID and may check out up to three items. Their library cards will expire in 30 days. The cards will be mailed to the home along with the application and a letter requesting the parent/guardian to visit the library to complete the registration process.

Library card applications can be found on our web site www.stockton.lib.ca.us.

Summer Reading 2008

Suzy Daveluy, Children’s Programming Librarian, Programming Services

Summer Reading 2008 started with a bang on June 1. In just one week, almost 3,000 children and teens signed up to be a part of this exciting program. Signups continued through July 31 with many children and teens enthusiastically working toward completion. This year, children and teens were given game cards which required them to read certain book genres, attend a library program, and express themselves artistically by drawing the cover of their favorite book. Once the cards were completely filled in, children and teens received prizes for their efforts including their very own paperback book.

The themes of the Summer Reading Program were Catch the Reading Bug for children and Metamorphosis @ Your Library for teens.

The programs offered throughout the Library were a combination of professional performers and homegrown programs

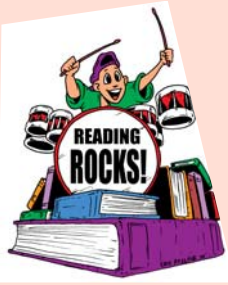
designed and presented by Library staff. These programs were well received by the community as reflected in the high number of attendees.

The purpose of the summer reading program is not only to provide fun and informative programs for youth, but also to encourage reading for pleasure during the summer months. Library staff reported that the new game cards, requiring reading in different genres, gave children and teens an opportunity to discover books they might not have ventured into on their own. It was heartening to watch parents and their children and teens search for just the right book to fulfill the game card requirements. Watch for this exciting program next year!

Summer Reading programs were made possible through the generous support of the Library and Literacy Foundation for San Joaquin County and the Friends of the Stockton, Manteca, Tracy, Escalon, Ripon, and Linden Libraries. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Reading Rocks! Reading Rally Returns

Suzy Daveluy, Children's Programming Librarian, Programming Services



The Library will join with San Joaquin A+ and the Friends of the Stockton Public Library to host another Reading Rocks! Reading Rally on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. As in past years, the Library invites almost 700 5th and 6th graders from schools near the Cesar Chavez Central Library to enjoy this special event featuring music, dance, sports activities, and a chance to meet a popular children's author. Organizations such as the National Guard and local sports teams will also be on hand to help out and make the event one that

the children will never forget.

In addition to the lineup of wonderful activities, each participating student will receive a goody bag filled with fun items, the most important of which is their very own paperback book.

The Library hosts this event as a celebration of the importance of reading in our daily lives. Also recognized at the event are 6th grade San Joaquin A+ Reading Ambassadors, who work in their schools to help younger children with their reading skills.



Statewide Reference Think Tank

Deborah Serfozo, Office Specialist, Library Administration

Thornton Branch Librarian Mark Rodriguez has been chosen by the California State Library to participate in a Statewide Reference Think Tank. Realizing that new technologies and evolving social trends are changing the way people find and use information, the Think Tank seeks to better understand opportunities to provide assistance and to become better leaders in the Library profession by helping to create the future rather than react to it.

Results from the Think Tank will be shared with libraries at the California Library Association Conference in November and other venues throughout the state.

Book Clubs for Adults

Alicia Reynolds, Circulation Assistant, Ripon Branch Library

What could possibly be better than reading a good book? Well, perhaps sharing it with other book lovers in a book group. Did you know that joining a book group is as easy as a visit to your local library?

For example, the Margaret Troke Branch Library has something for everyone. Let's start with their adult book group which meets monthly and is led by Librarian Mary Ann Brooks-Schermerhorn. This group has been in existence since 2001. Wow, that's a lot of titles! The Troke Branch also offers two book groups for teens led by Youth Services Librarian Christine Lum. One book club is similar to the adult group, with everyone reading the same title, and the other is especially for the graphic novel (GN) enthusiast. In the latter book group, each person reads the GN of his or her choice. Then the group comes together to share and compare what they have read. As if that isn't

enough, Librarian Paul Sevilla is excited about two new book clubs, the Mystery Book Club and the Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club. Both are slated to start in Fall 2008 and will meet monthly. Stay tuned.

Next, let's move to the Maya Angelou Branch Library, where community activist Shani Adams will launch an exciting new African American Book Club this fall. The Soul Circle Book Club will meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Angelou Branch. With the three goals of Express, Relate and Connect, Ms. Adams aims to foster an African American literary experience for adults. Shani invites, "We begin our journey on Friday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments provided; your best dish is welcome!"

The book group fever has also spread to the south county. Tracy Librarian Kathleen Buffleben has two book discussion groups. Buffleben says they once read a book about France and then decided to discuss it over

dinner at a French restaurant. Escargot, anyone?



Ripon is in on the action, too, and developing a book discussion group. Ripon Librarian Melinda Kopp will facilitate an adult group starting in September. "Sharing the experience of reading enhances and enlightens the content of a book for participants. I am excited about the process," says Librarian Kopp.

If the idea of joining a library book group appeals to you, check with your local library staff for an existing group or possibly one coming up. Also, the following websites can give you some great suggestions:

Random House:

<http://www.randomhouse.com/rgg>

Reading Group Guides:

<http://www.readinggroupguides.com>

Wuthering Bites - Read, Eat and Enjoy:

<http://www.wutheringbites.com>

Teen Advisory Groups

Kathleen Buffleben, Supervising Librarian, Tracy Branch Library

Staff at the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library enjoy working with the young adults who frequent the Library. Teens bring with them enthusiasm, energy, creativity, and innovative ideas. They often bring a fresh view of the Library, what Library staff can do for them, and what the teens themselves can do for the Library. The Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library staff wants to harness these positive teen qualities. The staff has been encouraging them by advertising: **If you have something to say about the Library and/or teen programs, then let yourselves be heard...Join the Teen Advisory Group (TAG).**

Teen Advisory Groups are now a part of most Library branches. Participating teens meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly to give input on what teens want from the Library: books, magazines, music, movies and much more. Some TAG groups include service projects where they help shelve books, assist at children's programs, staff the Summer Reading Club sign-up desk, teach people to use the computer, decorate the Young Adult area, make suggestions for websites to put on the Young Adult page of the Library's

website, and more. Mountain House TAG member Claudia Chan says that the TAG "keeps me involved with my community." Another member of that group, Amit Sandhu, says he enjoys taking part in TAG discussions and planning "because the Library is my second home" and he likes to have a say in what goes on there.

An added bonus for TAG members is that they also earn community service hours for the time they spend at meetings and participation in service projects. In addition to being a part of the advisory groups, many TAG members choose to volunteer extra hours at the Library or do activities at their schools that promote the Library to other teens. For example, Tracy TAG member Carol Phan volunteers in the Library's Book Buddies program where teens read with younger children, help shelve books, and have created a PowerPoint presentation for the Library Advisory Board.

The Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library is calling out to teens to be a part of something fun and important. You, too, can help your local library be an exciting place for teens to be! If you would like to be a part of a Teen Advisory Group visit your local Library branch or call 209-937-8221.

We the People Bookshelf

Grades K-3: *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Anderson, *The Gettysburg Address* by Abraham Lincoln, and *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco.

Grades 4-6: *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence* by Russell Freedman, *Lincoln: A Photobiography* by Russell Freedman, *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton, and *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson.

Grades 7-8: *Saturnalia* by Paul Fleischman, *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman, *Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters* edited by Harold Holzer, and *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jiménez.

Grades 9-12: *Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution* by Natalie S. Bober, *That All People May Be One People, Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth* by Nez Perce Chief Joseph, *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes, *Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography* by William Lee Miller, and *Amistad: A Novel* by David Pesci.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2008

Please call 937-8221 or (866) 805-7323 (READ) for Library hours

LITERACY SERVICES

Adult Literacy 1st Step Tutor Training **605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton** Sep 13 (Sat) 10:30 AM

CESAR CHAVEZ CENTRAL LIBRARY

same as above

Stockton Writers Workshop Sep 2 (Tue) 6:00 PM
 Computer Class: Beginning Internet Sep 3 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 All About Baby Storytime Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 Teen Zone Sep 5 (Fri) 3:30 PM
 Save Old Stockton Sep 6 (Sat) 11:00 AM
 Family Movie Saturday Sep 6 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Preschool Storytime Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) 10:30 AM
 Toddler Storytime Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) 10:30 AM
 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Sep 9 (Tue) 5:00 PM

Computer Class: Intermediate Internet Sep 10 (Wed) 5:30 PM

Anime Club Sep 12 (Fri) 4:00 PM
 Stockton Writers Workshop Sep 16 (Tue) 6:00 PM
 Computer Class: Microsoft Word Sep 17 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 Friday Fun Club: "Pink and Say" Sep 19 (Fri) 4:00 PM
 Brisinrg Pre-Release Book Party Sep 19 (Fri) 4:00 PM
 Genealogy @ Your Library Sep 20 (Sat) 10:00 AM
 Family Legacy Workshop Sep 20 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Genealogy @ Your Library Sep 21 (Sun) 1:00 PM
 Civil War Battles Sep 23 (Tue) 6:30 PM
 Computer Class: Gaga over Google Sep 24 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 Discover Bounty of San Joaquin County Sep 27 (Sat) 1:00 PM

"King of Sting" author talk Sep 29 (Mon) 6:30 PM

MAYA ANGELOU

2324 Pock Ln., Stockton

Movie at the Library Sep 6 (Sat) 1:00 PM
 Easy Reader Book Club Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) 3:30 PM
 All About Baby Sep 9, 23 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 Soul Circle Book Club for Adults Sep 12 (Fri) 6:00 PM
 Teen Advisory Group Meeting Sep 30 (Tue) 12:00 PM
 Paws to Read Contact the Library for dates and times

ESCALON

1540 Second St., Escalon

Storytime Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu) 11:00 AM
 Sylvan Learning Center Presents: Light The Motivational Fire Sep 6 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Second Saturday Family Movie Sep 13 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Family Legacy Writing Workshop Sep 18 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 Accumulating Wealth For Retirement Sep 27 (Sat) 2:00 PM

FAIR OAKS

2370 E. Main St., Stockton

Pre-School Story Time Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 11:00 AM
 Fun Stuff Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 3:30 PM
 Teen Gaming Sep 6 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Play Group Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 (Mon) 12:00 PM
 Teen Book Club Sep 8 (Mon) 4:00 PM
 Easy Reader Book Club Sep 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 3:00 PM
 Family Movie Matinee Sep 20 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Teen Duct Tape Craft/TAB Sep 22 (Mon) 4:00 PM
 Internet Safety Class Sep 29 (Mon) 5:30 PM

LATHROP

15461 7th St, Lathrop

Computer Class On Demand By appointment
 Preschool Storytime Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 Computer Class: Basic Word Sep 4 (Thu) 5:30 PM
 How to Write a Resume Sep 10 (Wed) 5:30 PM

LINDEN

19059 E. Main St., Linden

All About Baby TBA
 PAWS to READ TBA
 Preschool Storytime Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu) 1:30 PM
 Linda Weaver Clarke: Guest Author Sep 17 (Wed) 5:30 PM

MANTECA

320 W. Center St., Manteca

Family Movie Time Sep 3 (Wed) 4:00 PM
 Storytime Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 All About Baby Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 Teen Advisory Group Sep 18 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 La Hora de Cuentos Infantiles en Espanol/Spanish Storytime Sep 20 (Sat) 11:00 AM
 Sunday Scribblers Sep 21 (Sun) 1:00 PM

MOUNTAIN HOUSE

579 Wicklund Crossing, Mountain House

All About Baby Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 10:15 AM
 Preschool Storytime Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 11:00 AM
 Family Storytime Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu) 6:00 PM
 Book Talk with Linda Weaver Clark--Edith and the Mysterious Stranger Sep 18 (Thu) 6:00 PM

Computer Class--Beginning Word Sep 24 (Wed) 5:30 PM

RIPON

333 W. Main St., Ripon

Sweet Harmony Practice Sep 1, 8, 22, 29 (Mon) 7:00 PM
 Preschool Storytime0 Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 John Carvana: Career Skills Workshop Sep 2, 4 (Tue) 6:30 PM
 Beginning Yoga and Pilates Sep 3, 10, 24 (Wed) 6:00 PM
 All About Baby Storytime Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 Family Movie Matinee Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library Meeting Sep 8 (Mon) 6:00 PM

Phil Ackerly: The Magic of Reading Sep 11, (Thu) 3:30 PM

Computer Basics Class Sep 11, 25 (Thu) 4:30 PM
 Book Discussion Group Sep 11 (Thu) 5:00 PM
 Family Legacy Workshop Sep 15 (Mon) 6:30 PM
 Blood Drive Sep 17 (Wed) 10:00 AM
 Internet Safety Class Sep 18 (Thu) 7:00 PM
 Business Bootcamp Sep 23, 25, 30 (Tue) 6:00 PM
 Dr. Debbie: Children's Pet Care Clinic Sep 25 (Thu) 3:30 PM

THORNTON

26341 N. Thornton Rd., Thornton

Family Movie Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 (Sat) 12:00 PM
 Teen Movie Sep 10 (Wed) 5:00 PM
 Teen Advisory Sep 17 (Wed) 5:00 PM
 Arts and Crafts Sep 18 (Thu) 3:30 PM
 Game Night Sep 24 (Wed) 4:00 PM
 Book Club Sep 25 (Thu) 3:30 PM

TRACY

20 E. Eaton Ave., Tracy

Preschool Storytime Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Tue) 11:15 AM
 Bedtime Storytime Sep 3, 10, 24 (Wed) 7:00 PM
 Movie about a family of dogs Sep 16 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 Family Legacy Genealogy Class Sep 16 (Tue) 5:00 PM
 Computer Basics Class Sep 19 (Fri) 10:00 AM
 A Simple Way to Save for College Sep 23 (Tue) 6:30 PM
 Teen Eragon Program Sep 25 (Thu) 4:00 PM

MARGARET TROKE

Temporary Location:

4950 Pacific Ave., Ste. 445, Stockton

No programs scheduled

WESTON RANCH

1453 W. French Camp Rd., Stockton

No programs scheduled

Airport Corridor Team Job Fair on September 18

Kelly Banks-Taylor, Library Assistant, Outreach Services

The Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library returns to the Airport Corridor Team (ACT) Job Fair this year. The City of Stockton and San Joaquin County WorkNet host the Job Fair on Thursday, September 18, 2008. Last year, the Library was one of more than 100 employers and community-based organizations at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds to provide job-seeking resources and library outreach services. Additionally, WorkNet staff provided résumé assistance, interviewing techniques, and access to computers.

At last year's ACT Job Fair, the Library successfully recruited an AmeriCorps member to complement the Adult Literacy Services team. Teresa Sosa, 2008 AmeriCorps member and Airport Corridor Action Team Job Fair attendee, recommends the following tips for thoroughly preparing for a job-seeking event:

1. Dress for success: Make a lasting impression by attending in business attire. Ladies should wear a conservative, dark, calf-length solid skirt with a collared, button-down blouse. Gentlemen should wear a tie and slacks.

2. Shamelessly network. Be polite to everyone you meet, take business cards and use them to jot notes to remind you who the person is. Take notes, practice active listening skills, and most importantly, follow up.
3. Be prepared! Think of this as a mini-job interview. Be yourself, but be prepared by having business cards and/or your proofread résumé available. Please turn off your cell phone, and don't bring anyone (children/spouses) with you.

Relax, smile and remember to breathe!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2008

Please call 937-8221 or (866) 805-7323 (READ) for Library hours

LITERACY SERVICES **605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton**

Adult Literacy 1st Step Tutor Training Oct 11 (Sat) 10:30 AM

CESAR CHAVEZ CENTRAL LIBRARY **same as above**

Computer Class: Beginning Internet Oct 1 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 All About Baby Storytime Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 Teen Zone Oct 3 (Fri) 3:30 PM
 Start @ the Library Oct 4 (Sat) 11:00 AM
 Family Movie Saturday Oct 4 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Preschool Storytime Oct 6, 20, 27 (Mon) 10:30 AM
 Toddler Storytime Oct 6, 20, 27 (Mon) 10:30 AM
 Stockton Writers Workshop Oct. 7 (Tue) 6:00 PM
 Career Skills Workshop Oct 7 (Tue) 6:30 PM
 Computer Class: Intermediate Internet Oct 8 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 Career Skills Workshop Oct 9 (Thu) 6:30 PM
 Duct Tape Mania (Teen Reads Week) Oct 15 (Wed) 4:00 PM
 Anime Club Oct 10 (Fri) 4:00 PM
 Computer Class: Microsoft Word Oct 15 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 Friday Fun Club Oct 17 (Fri) 4:00 PM
 Teen Movie (We the People program) Oct 17 (Fri) 4:00 PM
 Tomorrow's Memories (Filipino History) Oct 18 (Sat) 3:00 PM
 Stockton Writers Workshop Oct 21 (Tue) 6:00 PM
 Computer Class: Gaga over Google Oct 22 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 Ascent of Mt. Everest Oct 25 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Computer Class: Managing E-mail Oct 29 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 The Crow the Scarecrow Couldn't Scare: Ventriloquism Show Oct 30 (Thu) 6:00 PM

MAYA ANGELOU **2324 Pock Ln., Stockton**

Wii Video Game Tournament—Mario Cart Oct 4 (Sat) 1:00 PM
 Fall Photo Competition October 6-October 20

Easy Reader Book Club Oct 6, 20, 27 (Mon) 3:30 PM
 Soul Circle Book Club for Adults Oct 10 (Fri) 6:00 PM
 All About Baby Oct 14, 28 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 Movie at the Library Oct 25 (Sat) 1:00 PM
 The Crow the Scarecrow Couldn't Scare: Ventriloquism Show Oct 30 (Thu) 3:30 PM

Paws to Read Contact the Library for dates and times

ESCALON **1540 Second St., Escalon**

Storytime Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 11:00 AM
 Sylvan Learning Center Presents: Report Card Surprises Oct 4 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Second Saturday Family Movie Oct 11 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Investing In An Uncertain Market Oct 25 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Teen Advisory Group Oct 28 (Tue) 4:00 PM
 Family Halloween Party Oct 29 (Wed) 3:30 PM

FAIR OAKS **2370 E. Main St., Stockton**

Adult Computer Classes Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 Teen Gaming Oct 4 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Parent/Child Workshop Play Group Oct 6, 20, 27 (Mon) 12:00 PM
 Teen Book Club Oct 6 (Mon) 4:00 PM
 Pre-School Story Time Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 11:00 AM
 Easy Reader Book Club Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 3:00 PM
 Fun Stuff Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 3:30 PM
 Spanish Computer Classes Oct 11, 18, 25 (Sat) 12:30 PM
 Family Movie Matinee Oct 18 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Teen Advisory Board Oct 20 (Mon) 4:00 PM
 Family Fun Halloween Party Oct 31 (Fri) 4:00 PM

LATHROP **15461 7th St, Lathrop**

Computer Class: Basic E-Mail Oct 8 (Wed) 5:30 PM
 Teen Movie about a young magician Oct 16 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 Learn All About Rattlesnakes (no live snakes) Oct 23 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 Halloween Craft—Come in Costume! Oct 28 (Tue) 11:00 AM

LINDEN **19059 E. Main St., Linden**

All About Baby TBA
 PAWS to READ TBA
 Preschool Storytime Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 1:30 PM
 Halloween Story and Craft Oct 28 (Tue) 3:30 PM

MANTECA **320 W. Center St., Manteca**

Family Movie Time Oct 1 (Wed) 4:00 PM
 Storytime Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 All About Baby Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 Extreme Pumpkin Carving Oct 4 (Sat) 1:00 PM
 Teen Advisory Group Oct 16 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 La Hora de Cuentos Infantiles en Espanol/Spanish Storytime Oct 25 (Sat) 11:00 AM
 Sunday Scribblers Oct 19 (Sun) 1:00 PM

MOUNTAIN HOUSE **579 Wicklund Crossing, Mountain House**

All about Baby Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 10:15 AM
 Preschool Storytime Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 11:00 AM
 Family Storytime Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 6:00 PM
 Computer Class--Basic Skills Oct 29 (Wed) 5:30 PM

RIPON **333 W. Main St., Ripon**

Beginning Yoga and Pilates Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) 6:00 PM
 All About Baby Storytime Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (Thu) 10:30 AM
 Puppet Making Workshop for Children Oct 2 (Thu) 3:30 PM
 Business Boot Camp Oct 2 (Thu) 6:00 PM
 Family Movie Matinee Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 (Sat) 2:00 PM
 Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library Meeting Oct 6 (Mon) 6:00 PM
 Sweet Harmony Practice Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, (Mon) 7:00 PM
 Preschool Storytime Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 10:30 AM
 Short Attention Span Circus Oct 9 (Thu) 3:30 PM
 Computer Basics Class Oct 9, 23 (Thu) 4:30 PM
 Book Discussion Group Oct 9 (Thu) 5:00 PM
 Miss Sparkles the Clown Oct 16 (Thu) 3:30 PM
 Internet Safety Class Oct 16 (Thu) 7:00 PM
 Tim Cain, Award Winning Children's Music program Oct 23 (Thu) 3:30 PM

THORNTON **26341 N. Thornton Rd., Thornton**

Family Movie Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 (Sat) 12:00 PM
 Teen Movie Oct 8 (Wed) 5:00 PM
 Teen Game Night Oct 15 (Wed) 4:00 PM
 Arts and Crafts Oct 16 (Thu) 3:30 PM
 Halloween Party Oct 27 (Mon) 3:00 PM
 Book Club Oct 30 (Thu) 3:30 PM

TRACY **20 E. Eaton Ave., Tracy**

Beaded Jewelry Workshop Oct 2 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 All About Baby Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tue) 10:15 AM
 Preschool Storytime Oct 7, 14 (Tue) 11:15 AM
 Bedtime Storytime Oct 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) 7:00 PM
 Science Facts and Fun Oct 9 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 Online Genealogy Oct 18 (Sat) 9:00 AM
 Author Visit with Jeff Carlson Oct 21 (Tue) 6:30 PM
 Teen Duct Tape Mania Crafts Oct 23 (Thu) 4:00 PM
 Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready? Oct 28 (Tue) 6:00 PM

MARGARET TROKE **Temporary Location: 4950 Pacific Ave., Ste. 445, Stockton**

No programs scheduled

WESTON RANCH **1453 W. French Camp Rd., Stockton**

No programs scheduled