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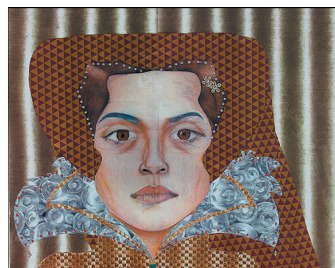
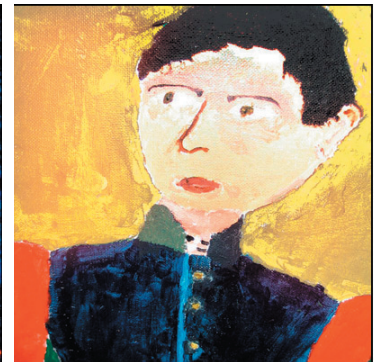
Local Students Showcase Talents in Biennial Exhibition

Young artists from all over San Diego will display their talents at the Central Library from April 22 to May 28 with an exhibit titled "Young Art 2005: Portraits/Retratos." Drawn from San Diego City and County public and private schools, the works chosen for this exhibition will focus on the art of portraiture in all media in conjunction with the San Diego Museum of Art's current exhibition "Retratos: 2,000 Years of Latin American Portraits."

The student's art—whether created by a third grader or high school senior reveals meaningful connections to classroom curriculum, popular culture, the works of other artists' views of themselves and their world. Look, learn, enjoy, and marvel at what can be achieved when students are encouraged to use art to explore their imaginations. This exhibit is free to the public.

The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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Works in the "Young Art" exhibit include those by artists (clockwise from top left) Christian Kalinovski, Grade 12; Anthony Tokman, Grade 5; Lizette Zapata, Grade 8; and Christina Rittal, Grade 11.

Documentary Focuses on Dialogue Between Jews and Palestinians

"Talking Peace," a documentary about dialogue between Jews and Palestinians, will be shown May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. An open discussion about the topics presented in the film will be held following the screening.

The free event will be presented by the Library, Center for Islamic and Arab Studies and the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies.

"Talking Peace" is a project of Mark Freeman, an associate professor of the School of Theatre, Television and Film at San Diego State University.

For a year, Freeman attended and filmed the monthly meetings of a Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group in San Diego. Based on interviews with participants,



Members of the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group are featured in "Talking Peace"

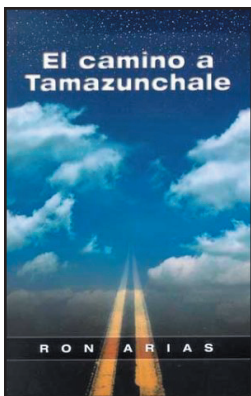
the film addresses the promises as well as the challenges of reaching out across a deep political divide in times of great tension.

"Talking Peace" was made possible in part by grants from the Fred J. Hansen Institute for World Peace and the California Council for the Humanities.

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Historias! Bilingual Book Discussion Series to Continue May 16

The first Chicano novel nominated for the National Book Award, “El Camino A Tamazunchale” / “The Road to Tamazunchale,” by Ron Arias, will be the focus of the third bilingual (Spanish and English) book discussion hosted by the Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego as part of their four book series “Historias! – Mexican/Mexican American Literature.” The event will take place Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Linda Vista Branch Library, located at 2160 Ulric St.



Literature has always been a catalyst for greater cross cultural understanding and readers will have a chance to participate in these provocative monthly discussions facilitated by Marta Gonzales, a Ph.D candidate in the Literature Department at the University of California, San Diego. “El Camino A Tamazunchale” / “The Road to Tamazunchale” is a profoundly human novel that deals creatively with death. The book tells

the story of Don Fausto, a very old man on the verge of death who lives in the barrio of Los Angeles. Rather than resigning himself to death, he embarks on a glorious journey in and out of time, space and consciousness with a cast of companions that includes his teenaged niece, a Peruvian shepherd, a group of mojadados and others.

Participants who need copies of the book, available in either English or Spanish, may pick them up at the Linda Vista Branch, or call to have a copy sent to another City library. To sign-up, please call the Linda Vista Branch at (858) 573-1399.

Computer Class to Cover Antiques, Collectibles

A free computer training class will focus on antiques and collectibles on May 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St., Led by Steve Wheeler of the Central Library’s Art-Music-Recreation Section, the class will help participants learn about what collectors and antique aficionados look for in the market. Whether you’re a novice or professional, you might be surprised by what you find at the Library. Art databases, price guides and information on local antique fairs will be covered. Classes limited to 15 participants. Reservations are required. Sign-up on or after May 1, by calling 619-238-6621.

Music from California’s Past to be Performed

San Diego folk musician Connie Allen will present music from California’s past, performing on hammer dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and banjo. The concert will be held May 3 at 10 a.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Reservations required. Call 619-531-1539.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Free Medical Seminars on Asthma Offered in May, June

The Library’s Be Well Informed program continues with a series of free seminars focusing on asthma. The San Diego Public Library is one of 10 library systems in the country to offer the Be Well Informed program, presented by the American Library Association and Walgreens.



The schedule of seminars is as follows:

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- **Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m.:** Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165
- **Thursday, June 9 at 1 p.m.:** Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163
- **Saturday, June 11 at 2 p.m.:** Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405
- **Wednesday, June 15 at 2 p.m.:** Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539
- **Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m.:** San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430

To sign up for the seminar, please call the library where you plan to attend. For more information, visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Preview Lectures for Production of “La Boheme” to be Presented at Central Library

A preview lecture about the San Diego Opera’s production of Giacomo Puccini’s “La Boheme” will be held May 3 at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. The presentations can help you prepare for the production and integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire. Dr. Ron Shaheen, a music instructor at the University of San Diego, will conduct the lecture. For more information, call 619-236-5800.

Major Art Exhibits at Two Libraries in May

Landscapes and Ceramics by Artist Warren Bakley Showcased at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch

“Warren Bakley: Landscapes and Ceramics” an exhibition of 25 landscape paintings augmented by a selection of sculptural ceramics, will be showcased at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library through May 28.

In 1988, San Diego artist and designer Warren Bakley, then in his late 50s, painted a remarkable series of landscapes. Although his first painting at age 13 was a landscape, and he has been an enthusiast of the genre ever since, the 1988 series was especially significant. Fearful that his acute sense of color might have been permanently altered or lost due to a detached retina and the ensuing treatment, Bakley immersed himself in a landscape painting project to prove to himself that his visual powers were still intact.

Had his abilities been compromised? The resulting



“Lagoon Landscape” (1988) is one of several William Bakely landscapes on exhibit at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library.

works, which have never before been exhibited, speak for themselves. Lush, exuberant and masterfully painted, they meld abstraction and realism. Although they are grounded in tradition, these vibrant works manifest a fresh approach that will excite anyone interested in contemporary painting.

Another aspect of Bakley’s creativity and versatility is revealed in his ceramic sculptures, which are truly extraordinary. Inspired by forms and surfaces found in nature, a selection of these understated, unusual, and elegant works is exhibited in conjunction with the paintings. A percentage of sales from Bakley’s exhibition will benefit the Visual Arts Program.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library is located at 4275 Cass St. Library hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (858) 581-9934 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Exhibition Commemorates Argentina’s 30,000 “Disappeared” at Mission Valley Branch

“Poesía Diaria/Everyday Poetry,” a program featuring an art installation and special events related to the fate of Argentina’s 30,000 “Disappeared,” will be at the Mission Valley Branch Library through May 28. The creator of “Poesía Diaria/Everyday Poetry” is Virginia Giannoni, a journalist and artist whose dedication to human rights issues and Argentina’s “Disappeared” has become paramount.

On March 24, 1976, Argentina’s democratically-elected government was overthrown by a military junta that embarked on a campaign to wipe out its opponents. In a six-year reign of terror, nearly 30,000 people vanished without a trace. In 1983, after democracy was restored, a national commission report revealed the systematic abductions of men, women and children; the existence of about 340 well-organized secret detention centers; and the methodic use of torture and murder. Most of the victim’s families have been unable to recover the bodies of their loved ones and the perpetrators of the crimes have not been brought to justice.

The exhibition/installation component of “Poesía Diaria/Everyday Poetry” will consist of a series of banners and bearing approximately 600 photographs of individuals who disappeared. Each image, paired with a commemorative poem written by the victim’s friends or family members, was selected by Giannoni from tributes that appear annually in *Página 12*, a Buenos Aires daily. Members of the public who are bilingual (English and Spanish) will be encouraged to translate these poems, which, in turn, will be entered into a database available worldwide on the Internet. Those fluent in other languages will also be welcome to translate.

“Poesía Diaria/Everyday Poetry” is sponsored by The Survival of the Collective Memory Project; San Diego State University’s Library and Departments of Latin American Studies and Spanish and Portuguese; and the Visual Arts Program of the San Diego Public Library.

The Mission Valley Branch is located at 2123 Fenton Parkway. Library hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 to 10 p.m. For information, call (858) 573-5007 or visit the Library’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Second Annual Silent Art Auction and Reception to Benefit Mission Hills Branch Library

The second annual “Ya Gotta Have Art” reception and silent auction to benefit the Mission Hills Branch Library will be held May 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Frame Maker, 3102 Reynard Way. Participants will be able to bid on great artwork by local artists. There will be hors d’oeuvres and wine and music by pianist James Bianchi. Limited tickets are available for \$20. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library and the Frame Maker. For more information, call 619-692-4910.

9-1-1 Emergency Services for Seniors and Special Storytimes for Children Part of EMS Week

The Library and the San Diego Emergency Medical Services will observe Emergency Medical Services Week with special storytime events for children and presentations about the 9-1-1 system for seniors at local libraries.

The 9-1-1 presentations are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

- San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430

Monday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m.

- Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch, 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934

Tuesday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.

- Rancho Peñasquitos Branch, 13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159

Wednesday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

- University Heights Branch, 4193 Park Blvd., 619-692-4912.

The storytimes will feature a City paramedic reading a story to preschoolers about safety. Storytimes are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, May 17

- Skyline Hills Branch, 480 S. Meadowbrook Drive, 619-527-3485 – at 10:30 a.m.
- Carmel Valley Branch, 3919 Towngate Drive, 858-552-1668 – at 11 a.m.
- Logan Heights Branch, 811 S. 28th St., 619-533-3968 – 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

- North Clairemont Branch, 4616 Clairemont Drive, 858-581-9931 – 10 a.m.

For more information, contact the library with the program in which you are interested.

Bayou Brothers to Perform Zydeco Concert at Rancho Peñasquitos Branch

With a sound straight out of Louisiana's dance clubs, bayou festivals and backyard crawfish boils, the Bayou Brothers will rock you right on into "Fat Tuesday" with their extensive experience and endless enthusiasm to deliver a rousing, rollicking, heart thumpin', foot stompn' musical gumbo y'all won't soon forget.

The band will perform May 21 at 1 p.m. at the Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library, 13330 Salmon River Road. Open to the public and free, but a donation will be asked for so that more music programs may be offered in the future. Call the library at 858-538-8159 for more details.

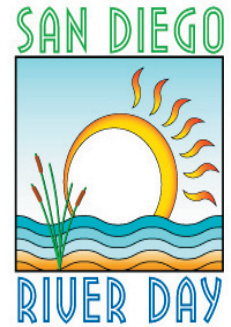


Mission Valley Branch to Host River Day Festival

The Mission Valley Branch Library will be one of several sites participating in the second annual San Diego River Day - RiverFest 2005. The event will take place May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with programs from Lake Cuymaca to Dog Beach.

A fun community festival with a variety of activities will be held at the Mission Valley Branch, located at 2123 Fenton Parkway.

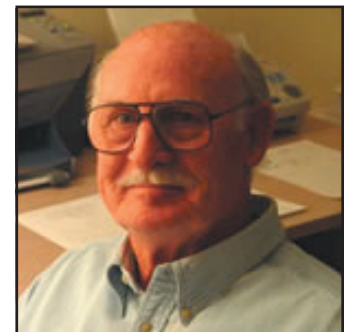
For more information about River Day, visit the Web site of the San Diego River Park Foundation at <http://www.sandiegoriver.org>.



Author Carl Nelson to Discuss Novel "Secret Players" at Mission Hills

San Diego author Carl Nelson will discuss his award-winning novel "Secret Players" at the Mission Hills Branch Library on May 12 at 7 p.m. Nelson is a former Navy captain, turned professor, turned writer. He is author of seven nonfiction books about international business and trade, as well as two novels.

"Secret Players" is about international intrigue and behind-the-scenes power run amok. But it is also a metaphor for the dangers of a few elitists conspiring to formulate a strategy for a New World Order without consulting the people. Taking the reader to Pittsburgh, Detroit, Saginaw, Washington, Paris, Tokyo and Taiwan, this story shows how the lives of five strong women and four determined men become intertwined during the last half of the 20th century.



Carl Nelson

The Mission Hills Branch is located at 925 W. Washington St. For more information, call the library at 619-692-4910.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

