

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org) and clicking on "News & Events."

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## 2008 Summer Reading Program

# Catch the Reading Bug! & Metamorphosis @ Your San Diego Library

The Summer Reading Program buzzes into action at San Diego Public Libraries from June 15 through August 15. Many free special events like storytelling, puppet shows, music performances, science programs, arts and crafts projects and clowns are scheduled throughout the Library system.

"Summer is the best time to pick up a book to read for fun and to continue improving reading skills," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "All San Diego children and teens are invited to take part in the Summer Reading Program."

For children age 3 to 11, the theme of the program is "Catch the Reading Bug! @ Your Library." The theme for teens age 12 to 17, is "Metamorphosis @ Your Library." Each participant will be given a reading log for recording titles he or she has read. Prizes will be awarded those who read during the summer.

The Library's Summer Reading Program began in 1924. The goals of the program have always been to keep children and teens reading, learning, improving their reading skills and stretching their imaginations during the summer. Reading improves literacy and helps students to excel in school.

Last year more than 26,000 youth participated in the program, a 13.5 percent increase from the previous year. The number of students who successfully completed the program by reading 10 or more books over the summer also rose by 10 percent over last year.

For more details about the program, fun activities and how to sign up, contact or visit your local library. A sampling of Summer Reading programs is listed on the next page. More information is available on the Library's website at:

[www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

*The Summer Reading Program features a bug theme for younger readers.*

*The program focuses on metamorphosis for young adult readers.*

# Summer Reading fun at your local branch!

San Diego Public Library branches are putting the final touches on their Summer Reading programs. Many branches will feature regular entertainment to help spark youngsters' interest in reading. Listed on this page is a sample of these programs.

## Love Bug Kids

Music by Raggle Taggle-----

**Thursday, June 12,  
9:45 a.m.**  
Valencia Park/Malcolm  
X Branch Library  
5148 Market St.,  
619-527-3405



**Monday, June 16,  
6:15 p.m.**  
Oak Park Branch  
Library  
2802 54th St.,  
619-527-3406

**Wednesday, June 18, 2:45 p.m.**  
Mira Mesa Branch Library  
8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165

**Tuesday, June 24, 2:15 p.m.**  
North Clairemont Branch Library  
4616 Clairemont Dr., 858-581-9931

**Wednesday, June 25, 3:45 p.m.**  
La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657

**Thursday, June 26, 10:45 a.m.**  
University Community Branch Library  
4155 Governor Dr., 858-552-1655

## Swazzle Puppet Show

Featuring Space Bugs Alpha and Zeta-----

**Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m.**  
Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library  
4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934

**Monday, June 16, 1 p.m.**  
Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library  
3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539

**Thursday, June 26, 3 p.m.**  
Mira Mesa Branch Library  
8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165

## Catch the Science Bug!

With Mad Science-----

**Saturday, June 21, 2 p.m.**  
La Jolla/Riford Branch  
Library  
7555 Draper Ave.,  
858-552-1657



**Wed., June 25, 3 p.m.**  
Pacific Beach/Taylor  
Branch Library  
4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934

## Fascinating World of Bugs

By Darwin-----

**Wednesday, June 25, 3 p.m.**  
Mira Mesa Branch Library  
8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165

**Thursday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.**  
Clairemont Branch Library  
2920 Burgener Blvd, 858-581-9935

## Sparkles the Clown-----

**Thursday, June 19, 10:30 a.m.**  
Mission Valley Branch Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007

**Wednesday, June 25, 3:30 p.m.**  
Logan Heights Branch Library  
811 South 28th Str., 619-533-3968

**Thursday, June 26, 10 a.m.**  
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library  
5148 Market St., 619-527-3405

**FREE Bus/Trolley for Kids  
Saturdays and Sundays  
(in the City of San Diego only)**

Two children between the ages of 6 and 12, who are accompanied by an adult using the transit system, can ride free on Saturdays and Sundays -- a savings of \$1.75 to \$2.50 each way. Stops closest to the Central Library:  
Trolley - 5th & C Street 2008 Bus - 8th & Broadway

Art Exhibit-----

Alexia Markarian

“Alexia Markarian: Paintings and Works on Paper, 2000 to 2008,” a solo exhibition by one of San Diego’s most respected artists, is on display through July 13 in the gallery of the Taylor/ Pacific Beach Branch Library.

Spanning nearly a decade of the artist’s work, the exhibition offers gallery goers an unusual opportunity to witness a recent, dramatic change in the evolution of Alexia Markarian’s art and to view major, earlier works that have rarely or never been publicly exhibited.



Off Across Rooms (acrylic on canvas)

Through July 13 during Open Hours

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

Call ahead to check availability of exhibit room

Art Workshop-----

Attention Teens!

Henna Workshop

This program, appropriate for ages 12-17, is tied to the Summer Teen Reading Program theme of Metamorphosis meaning “change.”



Natasha Papousek of Crescent Moon Designs has been doing henna for 10 years. Henna is beautiful, exotic, and temporary body art inspired by the traditions of India, Morocco, North Africa, and the Middle

East. She uses 100 percent all-natural ingredients with no harmful chemical dyes. The designs last one to two weeks. Natasha studies art and linguistics at San Diego State University and is a member the Spanish Village Art Center at Balboa Park.

Tuesday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Rd, 858-538-8159

Thursday, June 19, 3 p.m.

Music Programs-----

Mariko Kanamitsu and Ines Irawati

A free family music program sponsored by the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library will feature soprano Mariko Kanamitsu and pianist Ines Irawati in a program entitled *Art Songs for Children*. It will include lullabies and songs about birds, fish, horses, cats, and dogs composed by Handel, Brahms, Chausson, Puccini, Copeland, Barber, et. al.

Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.

Carmel Valley Branch Library  
3919 Townsgate Dr., 858-552- 1668



Mariko Kanamitsu



Ines Irawati

Celia Lawley “Fiddle Girl”

Since age 5, San Diego native Celia Lawley has been singing & playing the fiddle. After 18 years of classical training and a degree in violin performance from USC, she began exploring country music. Some of her earliest musical memories are not of Bach and Beethoven, but the sounds of her dad’s *Son’s of the Pioneers* records floating through the house. In getting back to her roots she found her heart truly lives in the country. This program is appropriate for all ages.

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Rd, 858-538-8159

Free Parking For Central Library Patrons

When:

Saturdays - 9:30AM - 5:30PM

Sundays - 1 PM - 5 PM

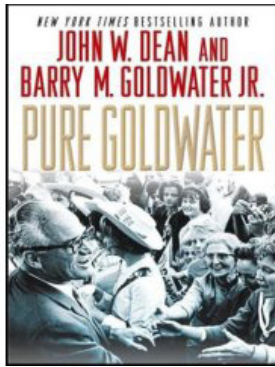
Where:

5 Star Parking lot, adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue. Enter the lot from Eighth Avenue. The Library thanks 5 Star Parking for making this free parking available.

Additionally, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays and after 6 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

Author Events -----

## Pure Goldwater



On June 11, Barry Goldwater, Jr. will talk about his new book *Pure Goldwater*, co-written with John Dean. The book includes unprecedented access to his father's correspondence, interviews, and behind-the-scenes conversations, shedding new light on the prickly 1964 candidate

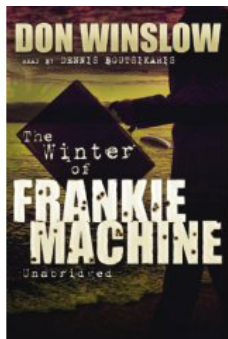
for president. The book reveals a much more complex and attractive man than the public got to know more than a generation ago.

**Wednesday, June 11, 6 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue, 858-552-1657

## The Winter of Frankie Machine

Don Winslow will discuss his most recent book, *The*



*Winter of Frankie Machine*, which features a former mobster running a bait shop in San Diego, where he's trying to live life as a law-abiding citizen. The promise of \$50,000 to help arbitrate a mob dispute is too great a draw, and he accepts the job. The meeting is a setup, and soon Frankie is attempting to evade his former associates and trying to find out which of his many old enemies is seeking revenge. The book is being made

into a film with Robert DeNiro next year.

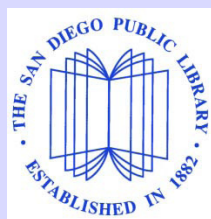
**Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Central Library, Wangenheim Room  
820 E Street, 619-536-5800

### 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 website at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



Author Events -----

## A Portable God: the Origin of Judaism and Christianity

Co-authors Rebecca Moore and Risa Levitt Kohn, Professors at San Diego State University, argue that Judaism did not pre-date Christianity, but rather that



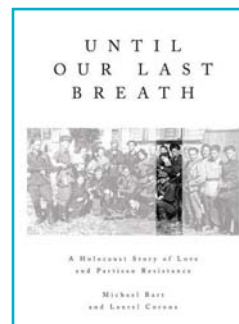
the two religions arose at the same time out of the same theology and environment. *A Portable God* tells the compelling story of how the first believers of these two important religions reacted to the dramatic changes of their time: Roman troops in their midst, destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and an evolving understanding of God, resulting in the traditions that are today's Judaism and Christianity.

**Sunday, June 1, 2 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, 619-236-5800

## Until Our Last Breath

When the Nazis invaded the Soviet Union, the Jews of Lithuania were the first targets. Many Jews in the crowded ghetto of Vilna found ways to fight back, but the ghetto was liquidated. *Until Our Last Breath* tells the story of the Vilna resistance movement through the eyes of a young couple, survivors, who eventually participated alongside the Soviet army to liberate their city. Co-author Laurel Corona will discuss the book.



**Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Wangenheim Room, 3rd Floor, Central Library  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

## 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 website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

POV Films at Central Library-----

## POV Films Showing at Central Library Auditorium in June

Since 1988, PBS POV (Point Of View) series has brought the best of independent documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's innovative documentary filmmakers to bring communities together in conversation about today's most pressing social problems

### Traces of the Trade

*Katrina Browne*

First-time filmmaker Browne makes a troubling discovery – her New England ancestors were the



largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and fellow descendants retrace the Triangle Trade: from their Rhode Island hometown to slave forts in Ghana to sugar plantation ruins in Cuba. They uncover the vast extent of Northern complicity to slavery while also stumbling through the minefield of

contemporary race relations. The film offers powerful perspective on the black/white divide and was a 2008 Sundance Film Festival selection.

**Monday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

### Election Day

*Katy Sevigny, Filmmaker*

Forget pie charts, color-coded maps and hyperventilating pundits. What's the street-level experience of voters in today's America? In a triumph of documentary storytelling, *Election Day* combines 11 stories —shot simultaneously on November 2, 2004, from dawn until



long past midnight—into one tale. An entertaining, inspiring and sometimes unsettling story of citizens determined to vote on one fateful day.

**Sunday, June 15, 2 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-136-5800

### The Ballad of Esequiel Hernández

*Kieran Fitzgerald*

In 1997, U.S. Marines patrolling the Texas-Mexico



border as part of the War on Drugs shot and killed Esequiel Hernández, Jr. Mistaken for a drug runner, the 18-year-old was, in fact, a U.S. citizen tending his family's goats with a rifle.

He became the first American killed by U.S. military forces on native soil since the 1970 Kent State shootings. The film explores Hernández's tragic death and its torturous aftermath.

**Monday, June 30, 6:30 p.m**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

### PBS Documentary

#### America 1900



This film traces the celebrations and climactic moments of a pivotal year in the life of a nation. From a devastating hurricane in Texas to the birth of ragtime in the Midwest, from a tragic mine explosion in Utah to the start of a national wilderness craze, this film examines the forces that shaped our own century.

**Tuesday, June 24, 2 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

#### The Progressive Era: Creating Modern America, 1900 – 1917

An exhibit detailing the origins of modern America.

First Floor Lobby Exhibit

**June 15 – July 15**

*Courtesy of Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History*