



# THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

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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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 13 – 19, 2008

### CHECK OUT THE TREASURES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Libraries across the country are coming together April 13 - 19 to celebrate the library as a place for everyone young and old to go to dream, explore, learn, and grow. San Diego Public Library has treasures just waiting to be discovered! Did you know we have:



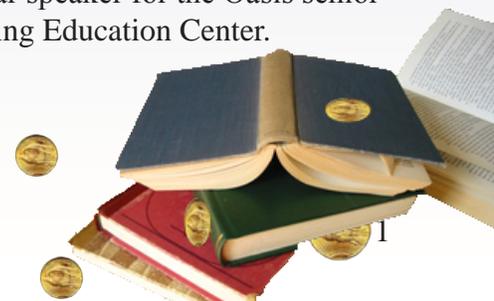
-  Resources to help you get started in business, search for patents and access government forms and other documents.
-  One of the finest collections of woodworking books and videos in the country, thanks to a generous donation by the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association.
-  The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) Baseball Collection, which is the largest of it's kind west of the Mississippi.
-  The I CAN! Center, which has two specially designed work stations dedicated to the physically and developmentally disabled along with a collection of large print books that rotates through all of the branches.
-  Fire recovery resources, including a reference collection of the state's current building codes and books and other materials on topics such as home remodeling and creating fire-resistant landscapes.
-  Music scores used extensively by local musicians for auditions and performances and compact discs on opera, rock, pop, jazz, Indie and world music.
-  Historical collections including World War II, biographies, maps and atlases.
-  Teaching materials in over 100 languages and foreign language materials in Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Farsi, Hmong, Vietnamese, Portuguese, and many more.
-  Books on costumes, handbags, shoes, and lingerie.

Many of these treasures can be accessed or reserved online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

If you can't find something you need call 619-236-5800 or ask a library staff member.

With thousands of books published each year, how do you decide what to read? As part of the North Clairemont Branch Library's celebration of National Library Week, Sandy Steel, a popular speaker and San Diego librarian for more than 20 years, will present some of the best titles never to make bestseller lists. Her suggestions will include fiction and nonfiction, current titles and classics. Ms. Steel is a regular speaker for the Oasis senior enrichment program, University of San Diego and the Rancho Bernardo Continuing Education Center.

**Wednesday, April 16, 2 – 3 p.m.**  
North Clairemont Branch Library  
4616 Clairemont Dr., 858-581-9931



# Plan to Attend the San Diego Children's Book Festival

Sunday, May 4, 2008, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

North University Community Branch Library, 8820 Judicial Drive

For More Information: [www.sandiegobookfestival.org](http://www.sandiegobookfestival.org)

For the first time in the city's history, San Diego will bring together the nation's top children's authors and illustrators for the *San Diego Children's Book Festival*, a free day of family fun for children, parents and teens. The dynamic, daylong event celebrating kids and reading will take place at the Nobel Athletic Complex and North University Community Branch Library at 8820 Judicial Drive, off of the I-805.

The *San Diego Children's Book Festival* is open to all and features nationally-known children's book authors and illustrators reading from their works, talking about their craft, and signing books. Many of the artists, including Janell Cannon, Kadir Nelson, and Steven Banks (current head writer of Nickelodeon's *SpongeBob Squarepants*) have local ties to the community.



Additional nationally-recognized authors such as David Shannon, Gerald McDermott, Bruce Hale and George McClements also will attend.

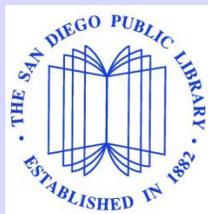


Collectively, festival participants have won six Caldecott Honors and Medals, which the American Library Association awards annually to the most distinguished American artists of picture books for children.

## 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>



**San Diego Children's Book Festival**

Sunday May 4, 2008  
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
[sandiegobookfestival.org](http://sandiegobookfestival.org)

**A FREE event for families, children and teens!**

**Featured authors...**

- David Shannon
- Gerald McDermott
- Janell Cannon
- Bruce Hale
- George McClements
- Kadir Nelson, and more!

- Author readings & signings
- Teen panel discussion
- Continuous story time
- Magic, games, music & crafts
- Food & drinks
- Family-oriented vendors

Nobel Athletic Complex & North University Community Branch Library  
8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego, CA 92121, near University Towne Center

Presented by: [Logos for various organizations]

Generous support from: [Logos for Target, Qualcomm, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, One Book One San Diego, Manpower, Westfield UTC]

*The Cat in the Hat* and other costumed characters will greet attendees. Other family-friendly activities include music, games, art and crafts and face painting. Admission and parking are free. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Festival sponsors include Target; QUALCOMM; Manpower; Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt; *One Book, One San Diego*; Friends of the San Diego Public Library; and Westfield UTC. The Library thanks The City Club for helping launch the Book Festival.

Teens—and those interested in what they're reading—can attend panels on teen literature at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. where local authors Deborah Halverson (author of *Honk if You Hate Me* and *Big Mouth*), Stacey Goldblatt (author of *Stray*) and Suzanne Phillips (author of *Chloe Doe*) will discuss current trends in young adult literature.

## Baby Sign Language

Teacher Joann Woolley provides a free seminar and baby sign language storytime, designed for parents and their children under 2 years of age, every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 3 p.m.



**Tuesday, April 8 and 22, 3 p.m.**

North University Community Branch Library  
8820 Judicial Drive, 858-581-9637

## Archie Merwin's KidsRock

Sing along songs with young children. Maracas provided. Puppets/stuffed animals included. There's a fun routine with rhythm sticks.



**Wednesday, April 9, 6 p.m.**

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library  
9005 Aero Drive, 858-573-1396

## Create Mother's Day Scrapbooks

The Rancho Penasquitos Library is hosting free workshops to create Mother's Day scrapbooks. The workshops are part of the new twice-monthly program: "DIY: Crafts/Art - Ages 13-17." and "Get Crafty: Crafts/Art - Ages 6-12."

**Thursday, April 10 and 24, 4 p.m.**

Rancho Penasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159

## TALES FROM THE STORY BAG

Storyteller and Librarian Harlynn Geisler is a one woman show with a cast of thousands. Since 1980, she has been collecting stories in two bags. One bag is a beautiful piece of ethnic artwork filled with hundreds of cards, each card representing a story. The other bag is her head stuffed so full of imaginative tales that if you stuck her with a fork, she'd ooze



stories. She reads and performs these tales making them come alive through her use of voice, gesture, and facial expression. The only prop Harlynn always has with her is her

string. This bit of colored yarn becomes a butterfly, a man climbing a tree, or a rocket ship—all in a matter of seconds as Harlynn skillfully manipulates the string. She will spin her tales on Saturdays once-a-month at the Balboa Branch Library.

**Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.**

Balboa Branch Library  
4155 Mt. Abernathy Ave., 858-573-1390

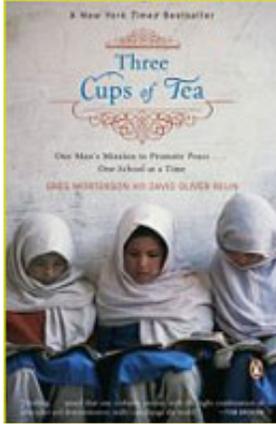
**FERN STREET CIRCUS Performance**  
**Free event for the whole family...**  
**You wouldn't want to miss it!**

**Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.**  
City Heights Performance Annex  
3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6103



**One Book**  
ONE SAN DIEGO

Library events, exploring issues raised in the book *Three Cups of Tea*, continue in April. The book, selected for the *One Book, One San Diego* reading initiative sponsored by San Diego Public Library and KPBS, describes one man's effort to build schools to bring peace to Central Asia.



Lectures

***Understanding the Holy Book of Islam: An Introduction to the Quran***

Presenter, Ghada Osman, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics and Oriental Languages at San Diego State University. He teaches all levels of Arabic, as well as non-language courses such as Arabic Culture and History of the Islamic World.

**Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m.**

Central Library, 2nd Floor Meeting Room  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

***Donald M. Gragg, M.D. and President of the San Diego World Affairs Council***

Dr. Gragg traveled through Pakistan at the time Greg Mortenson's first school was built and will share his photographs and insights into the significance of Mortenson's ambitious efforts and the importance of his work as a model for foreign assistance.

**Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.**

North University Community Branch Library  
8820 Judicial Drive, 858-581-9681

**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.

**NATIONAL  
POETRY  
MONTH**

**POETRY UNLIMITED:**

*Art and Music*

**Featured Poet: Sylvia Levinson**

Her poems address a spectrum of life experiences. She has many publishing credits in journals, anthologies and on-line.

**Featured Musicians: Dominique and Valerie Kim**

Dominique plays piano and flute. Valerie plays piano and violin.

**Wednesday, April 2, 5 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Avenue, 858-552-1567

**POETIC EXPRESSIONS:**

*Honoring San Diego Poets*

Come to an evening of spoken words in collaboration with Writers INK, and the following poets: Jihmye, Michael Klam, Roger Aplon, Marcos Fernandes, Shadab Hashmi, Jennifer Geran, Jim Moreno, Sylvia Telefaro, Bennie Herron, Marsella Alvarez and Laurie Macrae.

**Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.**

**City Heights Performance Annex**  
**3795 Fairmont Avenue, 619-641-6103**

**SUSAN LAZARO:**

*Poetry Writing Workshop*

**Saturday, April 26, 2 – 4 p.m.**

Central Library, Second Floor Meeting Room  
820 E Street, Downtown

**Pre-registration required.**

**Call Pamela Sanderson, 619-236-5847.**

This program is limited to 15 participants. Please bring 15 copies of one poem. The instructor and class participants will critique your poem. Funding for this event was provided by the California Center for the Book and is supported by Poets & Writers Inc. through a grant it received from the Hearst Foundation.



## PERSIAN CUISINE: Recipes That My Mother Taught Me

For Maryam Khatamee Cornejo, local author and Friend of the Library, it was a labor of love to produce *Persian Cuisine: Recipes That My Mother Taught Me*, a beautifully illustrated cookbook of traditional Iranian fare. The book is a testimony to family devotion and provides a window into the broader Persian culture that Ms. Cornejo experienced as a young girl growing up in Iran and helping her mother prepare food for such dignitaries as ambassadors and government officials. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



**Saturday, April 12, 11:30 a.m.**

North University Community Branch Library  
8820 Judicial Drive, 858-581-9681

## Norma's Voice



*Norma's Voice* is the story of a transgender individual who has lived 72 years as a woman in the body of a man. This memoir covers both the profound agony and the wild comedy of living in a perpetual state of gender fluidity. The memoir dwells on Norma's early childhood, Norma's marriage of 24 years

to a wonderful woman, the "death" of her male identity and the birth of her womanhood. A theme runs throughout – the intense need for Norma to scream, and her inability to do so, because she had no voice. She finds her voice and finds that she is no longer driven to scream.

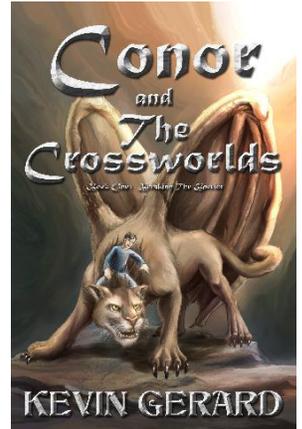
**Sunday, April 27, 3 p.m.**

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

## Conor and the Crossworlds

a Fantasy and Adventure Series for Teens

Author Kevin Gerard lives in San Diego with his wife and four boys. He teaches sociology and statistics for the California State University. "I can remember when I was a boy, maybe seven or eight years old, how I used to huddle under my covers and imagine a gigantic, powerful flying cougar arriving at my window to take me away on amazing adventures. That was roughly 40 years ago, and now, at least through Conor's eyes. I get to see the fantasy come to life." He finished the fifth *Conor and Crossworlds* book in May, 2006.



**Wednesday, April 23, 4 p.m.**

Tierrasanta Branch Library  
4985 La Cuenta Drive, 858-573-1384

## 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).

### 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

## Pacific Camarata Featured Final Winter/Spring Concert



Pacific Camerata, a 16-member mixed chorus directed by Daniel Ratelle, will present a program devoted to choral music of the Renaissance, featuring such notable Flemish and English composers as Josquin des Prez, William Byrd and Adrian Willaert.

**Sunday, April 6, 2:30 p.m.**

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

## The Goliards to Perform at Carmel Valley Branch Library

The Goliards will present a free program of authentic medieval music on period instruments featuring vocalist Wendy Greene, flutist Janet Parish-Whittaker and harpist David Parish-Whittaker.



The music is primarily from the 13th and 14th centuries and includes bouncy dances, drinking songs and hauntingly beautiful devotional and art melodies. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library.

**Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.**

Carmel Valley Branch Library  
3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668

## Classical Pianist Lois Kim to Perform in Free Concert



Diego State University. The Artist Diploma is the most advanced certificate program offered in the School of Music and Dance and is reserved for the most highly-gifted and creative performers and composers. Artist Diploma studies provide intensive musical and management training with the intent of each student creating an international career. Ms. Kim has been awarded the "Joseph Fisch/Joyce Axelrod Piano Residency."

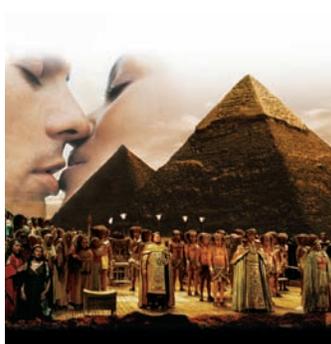
**Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.**

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

## Attention Opera Lovers! Opera Insight Series 2008

In April, the San Diego Opera presents the final two operas of the season. Opera Insight Series, a partnership between the City of San Diego Public Library and San Diego Opera, prepares opera goers for these upcoming operas with enjoyable, informative and engaging presentations by musicologist Dr. Ron Shaheen. Join us for these two events.

### Aida



Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi created the grandest of all grand operas, *Aida*. The story involves a love triangle in which two lovers, the Ethiopian slave Aida and the Egyptian officer Radames, run afoul of the Pharaoh's daughter, Amneris. Their love is forbidden, but more than that...Amneris wants Radames for herself. Her demand for vengeance brings the drama to a climax and the opera to a touching close.

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820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

### The Pearl Fishers

Georges Bizet, the composer of *Carmen*, also wrote a number of other operas. *Les Pêcheurs de Perles* or *The Pearl Fishers* is one of his earliest masterworks, filled with gorgeous melodies and exotic effects. In a now world-renowned production by fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, San Diego Opera will present *The Pearl Fishers* as its final production of the 2008 season.



**Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.**

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