



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 web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> and clicking on "News & Events."

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Teens Invited to Visit Their Libraries and "Get Real!" During Teen Read Week 2005

The Library welcomes teens to help celebrates the eighth annual Teen Read Week, Oct. 16 – 22. The Library joins hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country that are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Get Real! @ your library."

Held annually the third week of October, Teen Read Week is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.



This year's theme encourages teens to explore the world of nonfiction books, such as biographies, self-help books, strange but true stories, and more.

"Teens today seem to have less and less free time, and there are increasingly more activities to for them to take part in during what little leisure time they have," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "That is why it's important to encourage teens to set aside some time to read."

Literacy is a topic of both local and national concern, and falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today are a serious issue. In California, only 40 percent of students scored at proficient or above levels in English-Language Arts, according to the state Department of Education's 2005 report.

Studies show a regular reading habit increases reading proficiency. "One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect," said Marina Perez, a youth services librarian who oversees the Central Library's Teen Space. Being around adults who are avid readers can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation's Report Card (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>), which indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of 17-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

The City of San Diego Public Library hopes to increase teen literacy locally by offering a series of programs for teens during Teen Read Week.

To learn more about events, activities and programs, San Diego teens and other members of the public are invited to stop by their local library or visit the San Diego Public Library on the City's Web site: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Local Authors to Read from New Book "Sunshine/Noir"

The Library will present several local authors reading from the exciting new collection "Sunshine/Noir: Writing from San Diego & Tijuana." The free event will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 in the Wangenheim Room, on the third floor of the Central

Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

"Sunshine/Noir" is full of captivating and thought provoking essays, poems and other literary materials. Sandra Alcosser, who was recently appointed the first Poet Laureate of Montana, Steve Kowit, D.J. Watson, and other contributors will read at this Central Library event.



The San Diego Public Library regularly recognizes the efforts of local authors through events such as readings, workshops and the annual Local Author's Reception Exhibit and Lifetime Achievement Award.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Free Parking at Central Library? Yes!

Thanks to Five Star Parking, patrons to the Central Library will find free parking on Saturdays and Sundays at the parking lot located at the corner of Broadway and Eighth Avenue. The parking lot is directly behind the Central Library. In addition, street parking is free in most areas downtown on Sundays. The Central Library, located at 820 E St., is open Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



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>.

Two Fall Concerts Series Shows to be Performed

As part of the Library's Fall Concert Series two concerts will be held in October. The **Pomeroado Saxophone Quartet** on Oct. 9 at 2:30 p.m. Featuring John A. Groot, Laurie Purcell, Mel Davis and Carl Cabaniss, the group will perform works by Bach, Niehaus, Albeniz, Gershwin and Morton. In addition, the **Odeum Guitar Duo** will perform on Oct. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Featuring Robert Wetzel and Fred Benedetti, the duo will perform works by Albinoni, Sor and Albeniz, in a program entitled "Guitar Fantasy for Two Guitars." Both events will take place in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800.



Odeum Guitar Duo

Chargers' McCardell to Support Libraries

The San Diego Chargers All-Pro wide receiver Keenan McCardell will read to a group of children at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library to help promote the importance of libraries and literacy. The event will take place Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. The Library provides important programs and services free to the public that focus on education and recreation. Keenan will stress the importance of reading and using libraries by people of all ages. The Rancho Bernardo Branch is located at 17110 Bernardo Center Drive.



Keenan McCardell

Bluegrass Band to Play at Clairemont Branch

The Tonewoods Bluegrass Band will present an evening of traditional bluegrass, with some "new grass" stirred in, and will showcase some hot pickin' on traditional bluegrass instruments. The show will take place Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clairemont Branch Library, 2920 Burgen-er Blvd., 858-581-9935. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clairemont Branch Library.

SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CONJURES UP PLENTY OF SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FUN

Children are invited to celebrate Halloween and be tricked and treated with a variety of "Scary Library" events and activities scheduled at several City libraries through Oct. 31. The spooky good fun will include Halloween parties, films, holiday craft activities, frightening parties, scary stories, and mad science experiments.



"Children are encouraged to wear their costumes at the many events and haunt the City's libraries as goblins, witches, ghosts and other favorite characters," said City Librarian Anna Tatár. "The Library's Halloween programs provide children with fun, safe activities where they can enjoy the holiday and learn something, too."

To find out what spooky events are haunting near you, call your local library or visit the San Diego Public Library on the City's Web site at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Exhibit Explores Rose Canyon History

A special presentation will be held Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. as part of the exhibit "Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History," on display at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library through Oct. 31. Discover the history of man's use of the canyon from early Native American Indian settlements to the modern day. Many artifacts in this exhibit were excavated before the installation of a sewer project through Rose Canyon. Funds from the City's Metropolitan Waste-water Department allowed for curation of the artifacts at the San Diego Archaeological Center where they can be used for research and public education. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch is located at 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934.

Library to Celebrate 75th Anniversary of “Maltese Falcon”

Events to Include Exhibit, Film Screening and Discussion with Author’s Granddaughter

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Dashiell Hammett’s classic, noir crime novel “The Maltese Falcon,” the Library will host a special exhibition that will include rare and never-before-displayed items.

Since its first publication in 1930, “The Maltese Falcon” has become recognized as a literary classic and, in its film adaptation, as one of the greatest movies of all time. This exhibit celebrates the role of the novel in our literary tradition and in American culture. The novel featured Hammett’s most famous character, hard-boiled detective Sam Spade.

The exhibition will be on display from Oct. 3-16 on the first and second floors of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

The items in the exhibit trace sources from Hammett’s real life and threads from his early fiction that he drew upon for “The Maltese Falcon.” The exhibit also demonstrates how broadly the novel was disseminated to audiences throughout the world and the separate lives Hammett’s characters assumed in the movies, on radio, in newspapers and in advertisements.

In the last 75 years, the novel has been published in at least 36 countries, in at least 76 editions—from China to Czechoslovakia, Sweden to South Korea, and Brazil to Bulgaria and the Basque provinces. With the exception of a brief period in the 1950s, the novel has been continuously in print for all of its 75 years; better than 4.5 million

copies have changed hands.

Julie Rivett, Hammett’s granddaughter, will be at the Central Library on Oct. 15, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to discuss “The Maltese Falcon” and its place in American culture.



Dashiell Hammett

A screening of film version of “The Maltese Falcon,” starring Humphrey Bogart, will follow the talk by Ms. Rivett. The discussion and screening will be in the third floor auditorium.

“The Maltese Falcon” is one of only three works to win places on both the Modern Library’s 100 Best Novels list (No. 56) and the American Film Institute’s 100 Greatest Movies list (No. 23).

The John Huston-directed film was nominated for three academy awards: best picture, best screenplay, and best supporting actor for Sydney Greenstreet.

Even after 75 years, it seems, there is no end of appreciation (and no shortage of readers) for this singular work called by Ross Macdonald “the best mystery ever written” – a story so complex, he thought, “you can go on rereading it and finding things in it for the rest of your life.”

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>. The programs are free and open to the public.

San Diego Artist Michael Dormer Exhibit Continues at Pacific Beach/Taylor Library

More than 60 works by artist and illustrator Michael Dormer are featured in “Oop Bop Sh’Bam and Other Recent Works,” through Oct. 15 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Spanning over a half century, Dormer’s distinguished and fascinating career in fine art, illustration, cartooning, writing and television has been built on quirky humor, unabashed irreverence, experimentation in subject matter and media, and masterful technical skill.

Some of Dormer’s creations, such as the legendary surf icon Hot Curl (a character he developed in the late 1950s) and “Shrimpenstein,” a children’s television program that aired in the mid-1960s, are cult classics. One of Dormer’s longest professional relationships has been with *San Diego Magazine*, and hundreds of his illustrations have graced the magazine since 1954. Dormer’s works are colorful and whimsical, but they are grounded in an intelligence and executed with a finesse that will delight anyone who appreciates contemporary art.

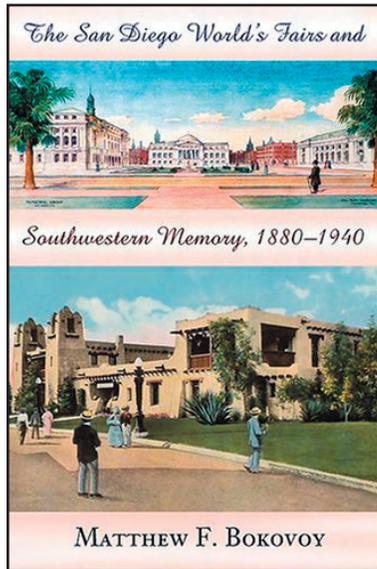


For more information, call the library at 858-581-9934 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>. The exhibit is being presented by the Library’s Visual Arts Program, a nationally-recognized series of exhibits, lectures and related activities.

Author Matthew Bokovoy to Discuss New Book “San Diego World’s Fairs and Southwestern Memory, 1880-1940”

The Library will host a discussion with Matthew F. Bokovoy, author of “The San Diego World’s Fairs and Southwestern Memory, 1880-1940,” on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St.

Bokovoy believes that no two events shaped modern Spanish heritage more profoundly than the San Diego expositions of 1915-16 and 1935-36. Both San Diego fairs



displayed a portrait of the Southwest and its peoples for the American public.

The Panama-California Exposition of 1915-16 celebrated Southwestern pluralism and gave rise to future promotional events, including the Long Beach Pacific Southwest Exposition of 1928, the Santa Fe Fiesta of the 1920s. The California-Pacific International Exposition of 1935-36 promoted

the Pacific Slope and the consumer-oriented society in the making during the 1930s. These San Diego fairs distributed national images of Southern California and the Southwest unsurpassed in the early 20th century.

By examining architecture and landscape, American Indian shows, civic pageants, tourist imagery, and the production of history for celebration and exhibition at each fair, Matthew Bokovoy peels back the rhetoric of romance and reveals the legacies of the San Diego world’s fairs to re-imagine the Indian and Hispanic Southwest. In tracing how the two fairs reflected civic conflict over an invented San Diego culture, Bokovoy explains the emergence of a myth in which the city embraced and incorporated native peoples, Hispanics, and Anglo settlers to benefit its modern development.

Bokovoy, a San Diego native, lives and writes in Norman, Okla. He serves as co-editor of the *Journal of San*

Diego History. Copies of Matthew Bokovoy book will be available for purchase after the presentation.

For more information about the event, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Librarian Kay Castle assists a patron at the new College-Rolando Branch Library on opening day.

New College-Rolando Branch Now Open and Serving the Public

A huge crowd of local residents turned out in eager anticipation for the opening of the new College-Rolando Branch Library on Sept. 9. Located at 6600 Montezuma Road, the new, 15,222-square-foot facility is a state-of-the-art library and is three times larger than the old College-Heights Branch it replaces.

Among the officials present for the opening were Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins, Councilmember Jim Madaffer, Board of Library Commissioners Mel Katz, Friends of the College-Rolando Library representative Doris Perry and Library Director Anna Tatár. The opening ceremony included a color guard from Boy Scout Troop 308 and music performed by College Lutheran Church Preschool.

The library features a computer lab, community meeting room, seminar rooms and a large children’s area. It also offers wireless Internet access, a fireplace and an outdoor patio. The College-Rolando Branch is the first of four libraries to feature a Preschooler’s Door to Learning Center that will provide services that allow young children to discover the pleasures of reading and learning.

This project was part of a citywide program to build or improve 24 libraries throughout San Diego.

The College-Rolando Branch is open Monday and Wednesday, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The library’s phone number is 619-533-3902.

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>.

