

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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# Celebrate Books and the Joy of Reading

## Children's Book Week

Nov. 15-21

Books can open whole new worlds for children, improving their lives through education. As part of the 84<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Book Week (Nov. 15-21), the Library invites all San Diego children to make a special visit to their local libraries for activities, fun events and to find books they love.

The Library encourages families to visit their local library together and choose new books to read

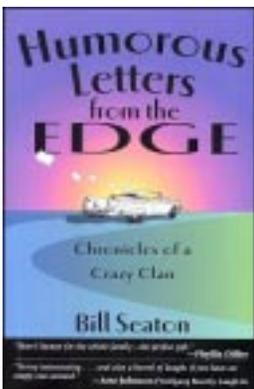
All 35 of the City's libraries have area's devoted to children and children's books. For a complete schedule of children's programs during the week, contact your local library or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council. Since 1919, librarians, educators, booksellers and families have celebrated Children's Book Week at libraries, schools, bookstores, clubs, private homes – any place where there are children and books.



*Children's Book Week is a time to remember the joy and importance of reading books. Visit your local library and check out the great books available.*

### **Author Bill Seaton to Discuss Book "Humorous Letters from the Edge"**



Local author Bill Seaton will sign and discuss his book "Humorous Letters from the Edge: Chronicles of a Crazy Clan" on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St.

The book chronicles the author's family's adventures—and misadventures in the 1950s through the 1980s. For more information, call the library at 619-692-4910.

### **Help Us Spread the Good News!**

If you're reading this, you already know what a valuable service the *Library Connection* newsletter can be. Each month, the online newsletter provides previews of the many great events, programs and other activities at the San Diego Public Library.

You can help spread the word about Library events by telling a friend or relative about *Library Connection*. This is a free service and it's easy to sign up. Visit the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>, click on the "Library Newsletter" link and follow the instructions.

## Closed for Holidays: Thanksgiving & Veterans' Day



All City libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans' Day, and on Thursday, Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. Book drops will remain open both days as a convenience to patrons so that they may return library books and other materials.

## Free Marketing Workshop at Central Library

Businesslink will host a free workshop titled "Marketing Tools That Get Results" on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. The workshop will cover the preliminaries to advertising: creating a business identity and analyzing your target market. It will also cover the design and use of a range of print materials (business cards, brochures, newsletters), show how and where to use magazine and newspaper advertising, and provide information on how to use direct mail advertising, and will feature sources from the Business Resources Reference Collection in the Social Sciences Section of the Central Library, 820 E St. in the auditorium. The workshop will be conducted by marketing consultant Chris Cavanaugh, president of The Christopher Company. To register, or for more information, contact Business Resources & Technology Link at 619-238-6630 or send an email to [businesslink@sandiego.gov](mailto:businesslink@sandiego.gov).

## Parent Educational Workshop at La Jolla Library

A free parent educational workshop will be offered by Kid Angel Foundation at the La Jolla-Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave., on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn their rights as a parent within the school system logic; how to talk to a child's teacher; what questions to ask; what can be done to be proactive with a child's education; what the signs are that a child is struggling in school; how to motivate a child to do their homework, etc. Contact the organization by calling 619-293-3155.

## City Ballet Begins Season at City Heights Library

The City Ballet of San Diego starts the 2004-2005 season with excerpts from its repertoire, plus three all-new pieces at the City Heights-Weingart Branch Library's Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Ave. The program will be held Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. and repeat Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 858-272-8663 or visit the Web site: <http://www.cityballet.org>.



## Computer Class in Fraud and Identity Protection

A free computer training class focusing on how to protect yourself from fraud and identity theft will be held Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m. The program will be hosted in the computer lab of the Central Library, 820 E St. To sign up, call 619-238-6621.

# Coming Attractions



Each month the Library presents a variety of films, many of which are independent or foreign films that are not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies.

Nov. 1: "**Love Me If You Dare**" (2004) – Game of love is in sharp contrast to a couple's sad world around them. In French with English subtitles. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 8: "**Autumn Sun**" – See story on page 3.

Nov. 13: "**Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory**" (1971) – Family favorite based on Roald Dahl's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." San Carlos Branch, 10 a.m.

Nov. 14: "**The Station Agent**" (2004) – A quiet model train shop employee finds it difficult to be left alone. Central Library, 2 p.m.

Nov. 15: "**Bon Voyage**" (2004) – Antic farce set against Germany's 1940 invasion of France. In French with English subtitles. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 15: "**Forbidden Wedding**" – See story on page 3.

Nov. 19: "**Road to Rio**" (1947) – One of a series of comedy movies starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Mission Valley Branch, 7 p.m.

Nov. 20: "**A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving**" (1973) – Animated holiday classic featuring Charles Schulz's Peanuts gang. San Carlos Branch, 10 a.m.

Nov. 22: "**Tadpole**" (2002) – 15-year-old student falls in love with his stepmother. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 22: "**We are Indian and African: Voices of the Sidis**," "**Cycles**" and "**Juice**" – See story on page 3.

Nov. 27: "**Space Jam**" (1996) – Comedy starring Michael Jordan and Looney Tunes characters. San Carlos, 10 a.m.

Nov. 28: "**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind**" (2004) – Man has memory of ex-girlfriend erased. Central Library, 2 p.m.

Nov. 29: "**Before Sunrise**" (2004) – Romantic sequel to "Before Sunrise." Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29: "**Sudan: Slipping Back in Time**" – See story on page 3.

## Discussion About Latest Mars Information

The Mars Society-San Diego will present a lecture titled "Mars 2004 Exploration Update" on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. The program will review the past year of NASA's exploration robots and discuss what's in the future for researching the Red Planet. The San Diego Mars Rover will also be present. The event will be hosted by the Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. For information, visit the Mars Society Web site at <http://chapters.marssociety.org/SanDiego>.



## “Stories of Faith” Project Continues with Variety of Great Events

“Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego,” the major, five-month program by the Library, continues with important events that explore the role of religion as a pivotal filter through which San Diegans can better understand their history and changes to their communities. With more than 40 events, “Stories of Faith” will enable San Diegans to learn more about each other’s beliefs and values through a variety of activities that will create bridges of understanding between neighborhoods and the larger San Diego community. Events in November include:

• Nov. 2-4 at 10 a.m.

**Icarus Puppet Company: “Many Voices”** – An original musical based on a Haitian tale inspired by the Greek legend of Orpheus. Using a variety of musical styles, “Many Voices” tells the story of Orphio, whose songs nurture and sustain his village. City Heights/Weingart Branch Library’s Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Ave. (619) 641-6123

• Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

**Book Discussion: “Gendered Stories”** – The group will discuss Simone Schwarz-Bart’s “The Bridge of Beyond.” These book discussions will compel participants to relate different gender issues prevalent in Muslim and Christian societies, challenging them to look at racism and religious bigotry in our own contemporary society. Central Library, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

• Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

**Sacred Music Concert** – Katherine Lundeen, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by pianist Janie Prim, will perform sacred music. Central Library, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

• Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**Film: “Autumn Sun”** – Clara, a middle aged Jewish woman, feels the need to create a contrived relationship with a man of her own faith because her brother is coming to visit. She places an ad in the paper and meets Raul, who though handsome and charming, is also a Gentile. Clara decides to give him a crash course in Judaism, and soon an unexpected relationship has been set into motion. Central Library, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

• Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

**Film: “Forbidden Wedding”** – Hedir Antonio de Brito, a paraplegic from the age of 15, wanted simply to marry Elzimar Serafim, who was the love of his life. But 40 days before the wedding, Hedir got an unexpected letter from the Catholic Church of Patrocinio, Brazil. His marriage application was denied on the grounds that as a paraplegic he could not copulate. City Heights/Weingart Branch Library’s Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Ave., (619) 641-6123

• Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

**Icarus Puppet Company: “The Crane Daughter”** – Based on a beautiful Japanese legend, “The Crane Daughter” weaves the tale of an old woman’s kindness, a young woman’s gratitude, and the magical bond they share. Told using large, bunraku-inspired puppets, as well as shadow puppets and masked

characters, “The Crane Daughter” teaches the importance of kindness and keeping promises. Central Library, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

• Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Book Discussion: “Gendered Stories”** – The group will discuss Mayra Montero’s “In the Palm of Darkness: A Novel.” These book discussions will compel participants to relate different gender issues prevalent in Muslim and Christian societies, challenging them to look at racism and religious bigotry in our own contemporary society. Central Library, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

• Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.

**Icarus Puppet Company: “Many Voices”** – An original musical based on a Haitian tale inspired by the Greek legend of Orpheus. Using a variety of musical styles, “Many Voices” tells the story of Orphio, whose songs nurture and sustain his village. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., (619) 527-3405

• Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

**America’s Table: A Thanksgiving Reader** – This event will feature speakers representing San Diego’s diverse religious and ethnic communities. Based upon the American Jewish Committee publication “America’s Table: A Thanksgiving Reader,” this celebration centers about the theme of families coming from many different places and sharing a common land. Central Library, 820 E St., (619) 236-5800.

• Nov. 22 at 6 p.m.

**Film: “We Are Indian and African: Voices of the Sidis,” “Cycles,” “Juice”** – Three distinctive films explore the fecundity of nature, the practice of African religions in the U.S., and the Sufi Afro-Indian Sidi community in Gujarat, India. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., (619) 527-3405

• Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

**Film: “Sudan: Slipping Back in Time”** – In Sudan, slavery has become big business. Dinka women and children are abducted by militiamen in the south and sold as slaves to Arabs in the north. A Christian aid organization has been buying the slaves from their Arab captors and giving them their freedom. City Heights/Weingart Branch Library’s Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Ave., (619) 641-6123.



### Even More Great Events and Programs!

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