



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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Critters and Creatures Highlight Summer Reading Program

Prizes, Special Events, Contests and More Await Children and Teens this Summer

A variety of critters and beasts await children and teens who take part in the San Diego Public Library's 2006 free Summer Reading Program, which begins June 15 and continues through Aug. 15. Summer is a great time to pick up a book and continue to improve reading skills, and this



year's Summer Reading Program will focus on animals and fun. "With so many students on vacation from school, reading books is an especially important

activity during the summer," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "All San Diego children and teens are invited to take part in the Summer Reading Program and discover all the great resources of the San Diego Public Library."

For children up to 12 years old, the theme of the program is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." The program's theme for teens in grades 7-12 is "Creature Feature @ Your Library." Participants in the program will receive special prizes, including "Paws to Read" wristbands, plush dog and cat bookmarks, and free admission to the San Diego Zoo, Natural History Museum and the Aerospace Museum.

The Summer Reading Program, available at all City libraries, will also include many free special events such as



magic shows, music performances, storytelling, arts and crafts projects, and other fun activities.

The Library began the annual Summer Reading Program in 1924. The goals of the program are to keep children and teens reading, learning and improving their

reading skills, and stretching their imaginations during the summer. Reading improves literacy and helps students do better in school. Last year, 23,000 children and teens enrolled in the program. The program is free for all and open to anyone 18 and younger.



For more details about the program, fun activities and about how to sign up, contact or visit your local library. More information is also available on the Library's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

Teen-Produced Documentary Films to be Screened at Central Library

As part of the "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories" project, seven short documentary films produced by local youth will be screened June 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St.

Young people living in Barrio Logan and Oak Park have produced seven videos with local media arts instructors from the Media Arts Center San Diego and have brought into focus issues recognized as necessary for communities' survival: history, public health, education, leadership, employment, housing, and arts & culture.

BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories is a digital storytelling project designed to help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride. For information, call 619-236-5800, or visit the Library Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Swazzle Puppet Shows to Entertain Children at Six Libraries in June

As part of the Library's Summer Reading Program, Swazzle will present two different puppet shows at six libraries in June. The shows are free.

In **"B.A.R.K.: The Robot Dog,"** eccentric inventor Mr.

Johnson leaves his pets Ratchet the Cat and Rivet the Dog home on a rainy day. The house is turned upside down when



Rivet discovers B.A.R.K., an unpredictable robot dog. Rivet's new robotic companion turns out to be trouble, ruining Ratchet's prized yarn ball and threatening to destroy the house. Ratchet and Rivet must set things right before Mr. Johnson comes home.

In **"Rex and Boots: Super Sleuths,"** Lady Fro-



mage, the richest mouse in England, discovers that her prized possession, the Gold Fish, is missing. She calls on Rex and Boots, two super sleuths, to solve the

crime. Is bungling greyhound Rex barking up the wrong tree? Is shady sheepdog Sherman presenting questionable evidence and false leads? Can the curious and clever cat Boots follow the clues and solve the mystery?

"B.A.R.K.: The Robot Dog" will be shown as follows:

- June 15, 10 a.m., Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.
- June 20, 10 a.m., San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.
- June 20, 3 p.m., Clairemont Branch Library, 2920 Burgener Blvd., 858-581-9935.
- June 22, 10:30 a.m., Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.

"Rex and Boots: Super Sleuths" will be shown as follows:

- June 22, 10:30 a.m., Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5838.
- June 22, 3 p.m., Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., 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 Workshop to Look at Architecture

A special workshop, "Architects & Architecture," will be held June 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Computer Lab of the Central Library, 820 E St. The class will allow participants to gain a better understanding of architects and their contributions to architecture. The workshop will explore some of the best Web sites, library databases and books on the subject and look at various architectural styles and historic landmarks. Architectural terminology will also be covered. The workshop is offered by the Business Resources & Technology Link of the Central Library's Social Sciences Section. Registration is required and can be made by calling 619-238-6630 or emailing businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Escape the Heat at Libraries this Summer

All City libraries, along with dozens of other sites throughout the region, are designated Cool Zones, places the public can go to beat the heat. Each summer the County's Aging & Independence Services designates Cool Zones, settings where seniors and others can gather to escape mid-day summer heat and reduce air conditioning use, conserving energy in the process. Although not all City libraries have air conditioning, they are all comfortable respites from the heat. The program was created out of concern for seniors and persons with disabilities who have health problems that could be complicated by the effects of heat. For information about the program or to find the site nearest you, call the County's Aging & Independence Services at 1-800-510-2020.

Wild Animals to Roam Library

An amazing show featuring animals from around the world will be presented by Wild Wonders. Based in Carlsbad, Wild Wonders will bring a variety of creatures for a fun and educational experience for children. Part of the Library's Summer Reading Program, the event will be held at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library, 12095 World Trade Drive. For information, call the branch at 858-538-8181.



Danish Documentary Film “Tintin and I” to be Screened June 4

The Library, P.O.V. and the Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers will screen “**Tintin and I**” on Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

“Tintin and I” is a documentary by Anders Høgsbro Østergaard, about Belgian writer-artist Georges Remi, better known as Hergé, and his creation Tintin. “The Adventures of Tintin,” drawn and written by the Belgian writer-artist Georges Remi, a.k.a. Hergé, is one of the most popular European comics of the 20th century. According to *BBC* magazine, more than 200 million copies of the comic books have been sold to date, with translations into more than 58 languages.

“Tintin and I” highlights the potent social and political underpinnings that give Tintin’s world such depth, and delve into the mind of Hergé. Rare and surprisingly



Hergé working in his office.

candid 1970s interviews reveal the profound insecurities and anxieties that drove Hergé to produce stories that have not only entertained millions of

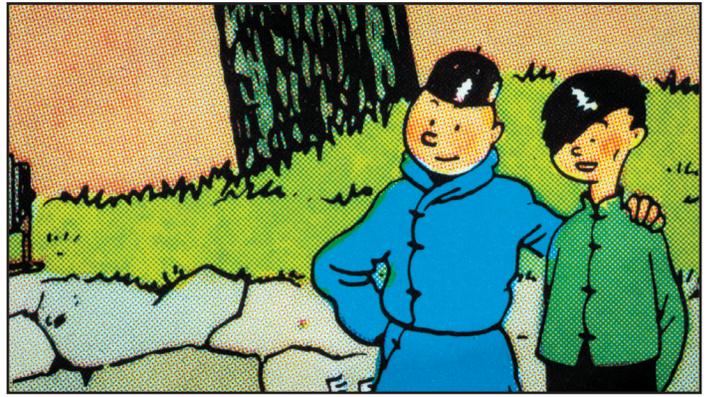
children but also helped to satisfy a personal longing for self-expression. With stunning visual effects, “Tintin and I” takes us on a fascinating journey into the psyche and brilliant work of Hergé, in his own words.

“Tintin and I” shows that not only can a comic strip captivate adults, but that its stories can be a gateway into far greater political issues. Hergé’s storytelling and illustration served as a reflection of a class of political thought at the time, appearing in and disappearing from newspapers according to a given publisher’s own political beliefs. It is compelling to see this comic strip as a complex art form affected by wars, politics and international sentiments.

Phillip T. Gay, Ph.D., department chair of sociology and undergraduate advisor at San Diego State University, will facilitate a discussion after the screening.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

Since 1988, P.O.V. (Point of View) has brought some of the best of independent documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues. “Tintin and I” will debut on national public television on July 11.



From “The Adventures of Tintin: In the Blue Lotus” (1936).

Library to Present Memoir Writing Workshop

A free Memoir Writing Workshop will be held July 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Central Library. The workshop will be taught by Thomas Larson, a widely published author, critic and memoirist. Participants in the workshop will learn techniques for planning and focusing on your memoir. With discussion and writing prompts, Mr. Larson will help you develop story ideas, and provide tips on self discovery and how to start. Bring paper and a pen or pencil to the workshop to begin writing your memoir. The program is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, please call Pamela Sanderson at 619-236-5847. The workshop will be held in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E St.

Comedy and Stage Show to Celebrate Juneteenth at Performance Annex

As part of the Library’s “Entre Nous Showcase,” Jimmy Lovett and Company will perform a comedy and stage show in celebration of Juneteenth. The event will be held June 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave.

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. The holiday originated in Texas, but its observance has spread across the nation.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state and enforce slaves’ new freedoms under the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Entre Nous Showcase is a variety series that spotlights the hidden artistic talents of staff members of the San Diego Public Library each month through July 2006. Donations are accepted and will go toward youth programs at libraries. For more information, contact the Performance Annex at 619-641-6103.

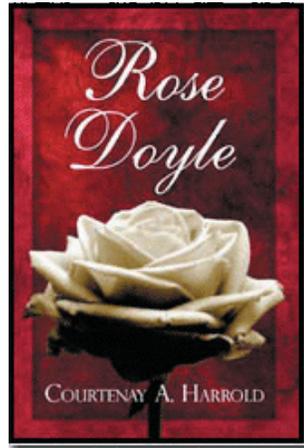
Author Courtenay Harrold to Discuss Historical Novel "Rose Doyle"

Local author **Courtenay Harrold** will discuss her book "Rose Doyle" on June 28, at 7 p.m., at the San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive.

The novel focuses on a young factory girl, Rose Doyle, who finds herself pursued by her lecherous overseer, and must make some desperate decisions in order to save herself. Rather than be cruelly used for another man's fancy, she flees to the streets of London. Alone and vulnerable, she is accosted by marauding thugs, who would have done their worst, but for the man who will forever change her life.

Welcomed into the home of the kind stranger who saved her, Rose finds herself embarking upon a tumultuous relationship that will challenge the confines of Victorian society. Amidst heartache, devastation, and the entrepreneurial rise of the man she comes to love, Rose will embark upon a journey that will touch the lives of those around her.

A long time fan of historical fiction, Harrold majored in history at Baylor University in order to pursue her dream of becoming a historical author. After achieving her bachelor's degree, she continued to write on the side while working toward graduate studies.



Following her acceptance into the history program at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, Harrold was able to pursue both travels and studies while living abroad in the United Kingdom.

Traveling to such locations as London and County Galway, Ireland enabled her to better understand the culture and countries that had always fascinated her. It was during the final leg of her journey towards her master's by research in Scottish history that Harrold learned her first novel, "Rose Doyle," was to be published.

Her European adventures finished (for the moment), Harrold is currently working as a paralegal in a San Diego law firm. She plans to actively continue her pursuit of a writing career and looks forward to using her historical studies as a background for this endeavor. She currently resides in San Diego.



Courtenay Harrold will discuss her novel at the San Carlos Branch Library

Works by Artist Lynn Schuette on Display at Expanded Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library

An exhibit of nearly two dozen works by San Diego artist Lynn Schuette are on display at the recently re-opened and expanded Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library. Titled "Lynn Schuette: A Decade of Paintings and Drawings," the exhibit is presented by the Library's Visual Arts Program and is on display through Aug. 6.

Selections from most of Schuette's series, including several recent works that have never been shown, will be on display throughout the building. The series are: "Fighting Nature," "The Old Masters," "In a World



Artist Lynn Schuette with Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo.

Where Butchers Sing Like Angels," "The Garden Show," "Slow Life," "My Nature" and "Incarnadine."

Schuette is the founder and former executive director of Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Her style is instantly recognizable as her own and unabashedly beautiful. Her hallmarks are sensuous and curvilinear forms based on nature and the human figure; flawless composition; an unerring sense of color; and a penchant for drama of historic proportions.

The library is located at 3003 Coronado Ave., 619-424-0474. For more information about the Visual Arts Program, contact Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627.

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>.

