



## THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

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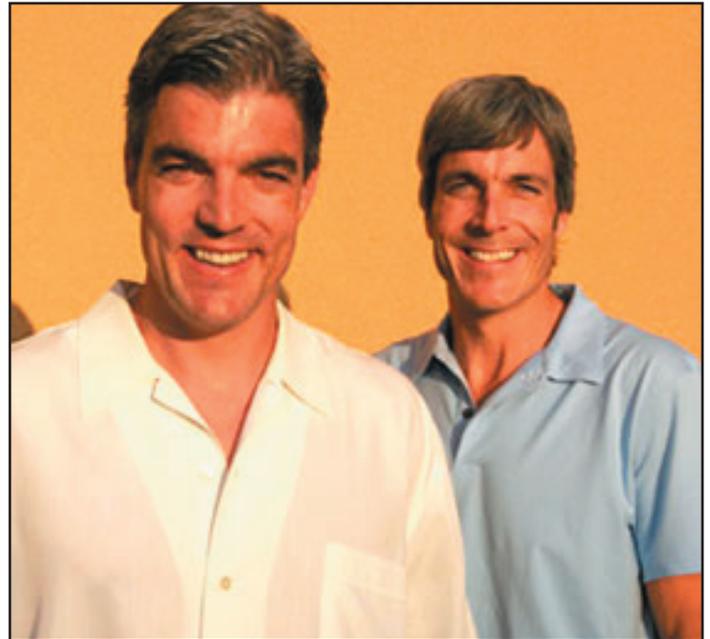
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### Wisner Brothers to Discuss Two-Year Odyssey and Book

Author Franz Wisner, and his brother Kurt, will speak at the Central Library about Franz's book, "**Honeymoon with My Brother: A Memoir**," and their two-year odyssey spent discovering the world and each other. The free event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, in the Wangenheim Room, on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

The book chronicles the true story of Franz Wisner, a man who thought he had it all – a high profile career and the fiancée of his dreams – when suddenly, his life turned upside down. Just days before they were to be married, his fiancée called off the wedding. Luckily, his large support network of family and friends wouldn't let him succumb to his misery. They decided Franz should have a wedding and a honeymoon anyway – there just wouldn't be a bride at the ceremony – and Franz' travel companion would be

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*Brothers Franz and Kurt Wisner will talk about their adventure around the world and Franz's best-selling book.*

### Filmmaker to Screen Documentary "Tailenders" at Central Library on May 21

Filmmaker Adele Horne will screen and discuss her documentary film, "**The Tailenders**," on Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

Filmed in the Solomon Islands, Mexico, India and the United States, "The Tailenders" explores the connections between missionary activity and global capitalism. The film examines a missionary organization's use of ultra-low-tech audio devices to evangelize indigenous communities facing crises caused by global economic forces.

Global Recordings Network, founded in Los Angeles in 1939, has produced audio versions of Bible stories in more than 5,500 languages, and aims to record in every language on earth. The company distributes the recordings, along with ultra-low-tech hand-wind players, in isolated regions and among



*A recording is translated in the documentary film "The Tailenders."*

displaced migrant workers. The Bible stories played by the missionaries are sometimes the first encounter community members have had with recorded sound, and frequently, the first time they have heard their own language recorded. Gospel Recordings calls its target audience "The Tailenders" because they are the last to be reached by global evangelism.

The missionaries target communities in crisis because they have found that displaced and desperate people are especially receptive to the evangelical recordings. When uprooted from one's home, as in the case of Mexican migrant workers, the sound of one's own language is a comfort. And the audio players are appealing media gadgets. Audiences who might not otherwise be interested in the missionaries' message will listen to the recordings.

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### All Libraries to be Closed on Memorial Day



All City libraries will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. As a convenience, book drops will remain open to return books and other materials.

### Gardening Workshop to be Held May 20

**Pamela Homfelt**, a horticulturist and landscape designer, and owner of pH Exterior Design, will host a question and answer session with three landscape designers on May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the City's Ridgehaven Building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. Bring photos of your garden's problem areas. A tour of the Ridgehaven Garden will follow if time permits. The Environmental Library, located on the first floor, will be open special hours from 9 a.m. to noon. Gardening books will be on display and available to check out. Reservations are not required, and the event is free. For information, contact Randy Blum at 858-492-5036.

### Filmmaker to Show "Nadine in Dateland"

The final film of the "Spring Film Series" will feature "Nadine in Dateland" on May 10, at 6 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. In this romantic comedy, Janeane Garafalo stars as a down-on-her-luck matchmaker who can't fix her own loveless love life. The film's writer/director, **Amie Steir**, will be at the screening to answer questions. The series is presented by the Library and the San Diego Women Film Foundation.

### Exhibition of Prints by Neil Shigley to be Featured at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch

"Neil Shigley: Plexiglas and Woodcut Prints, 1992-2006," an exhibition of two dozen Plexiglas and woodcut prints by San Diego artist and SDSU art faculty member Neil Shigley, will run through May 28 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. Shigley's primary interest

is the human figure and he is best known as a painter. However, much of his career has been spent as a designer and illustrator working in the woodcut medium.

The exhibits focuses on two bodies of work: An untitled series of woodcuts depicting the human figure and influenced by German Expressionism, and "Invisible



Neil Shigley

People," a recent and ongoing series of portraits of homeless men and women living in downtown San Diego.

The exhibit is presented by the Library's Visual Arts Program, a nationally recognized series of exhibitions, lectures, a television program and other art-related activities. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library is located at 4275 Cass St.

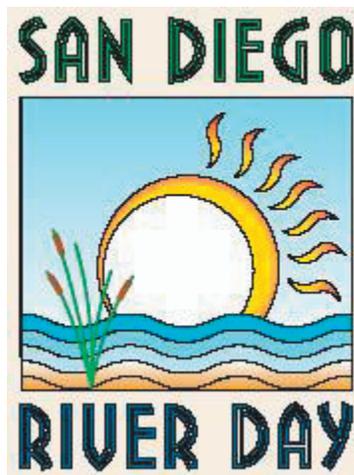
## Free Films at Libraries



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>.

### Celebrate San Diego River Day at Mission Valley Branch Library

The Mission Valley Branch Library will be one of the major event locations for the third annual San Diego River Day on May 20. Come and enjoy the fun and celebrate the River.



Included among the activities at the library will be:

- Live music by the Jack straws
- Hula dancers
- Native American story telling
- Coloring contest
- Plus food, games and prizes!

The Mission Valley Branch is located at 2123 Fenton Parkway. For more information, call 858-573-5007. For an easy commute, take the San Diego Trolley's Green Line and get off at the Fenton Marketplace Station.

San Diego River Day is sponsored by the nonprofit San Diego River Park Foundation. The organization works with community groups and other organizations dedicated to the San Diego River and the River Park and its wildlife, recreation, water, cultural and community values.

### Opera Lecture to Preview "Magic Flute"



Dr. Ron Shaheen

As part of the Library's free San Diego Opera Preview Lecture series, Dr. Ron Shaheen will discuss the upcoming production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute." The presentation will be held May 2, at 2 p.m., in auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. Opera preview lectures integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire into presentations that are both entertaining and illuminating. Dr. Shaheen is a music instructor at USD.

## Oasis Classes at Point Loma Library to Look at Broadway and Chocolate

The Oasis at the Library series continues with a “Best of Broadway” program and a tantalizing chocolate tasting.

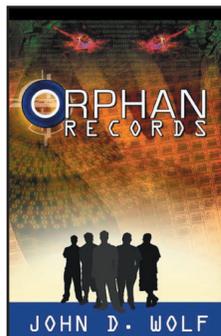
On May 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., pianist, humorist and lecturer Bruno Leone will perform a musical odyssey of songs and stories tracing the development of musical comedy during the 19th and 20th centuries. The lives and music of composers such as George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein, Andrew Lloyd Weber will be presented.

On May 24, from 1 to 3 p.m., “Chocolate: Tastings and Trivia” will explore the history and manufacture of chocolate. You’ll learn how to distinguish dark and light chocolate characteristics and the importance of differential (the amount of cocoa). Tastings and informational hand-outs included.

Both programs will be held at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. 619-531-1539. Registration for each class is required.

## Author Wolf to Discuss Sci-Fi Novel “Orphan Records”

San Diego author John D. Wolf will discuss his novel “Orphan Records” on May 13, at 1 p.m., at the Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library, 13330 Salmon River Road.



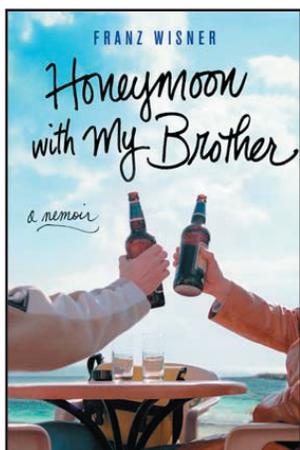
In “Orphan Records,” the end of the 21st century finds survivors of global warming, nuclear winter and earth’s readjustment to mankind’s ugliness, using technology to organize, defend and hold on to what’s left. Computers rule, but to reach the top of the heap takes cunning computer gaming skills of the Cyber Voyagers and those cornered by self-ordained rulers that claim proper lineage. Cyber-wars rage, but the battle is won by savvy clones like Mark2 of Devet and what’s found in the orphan records, hidden deep inside network databases.

Wolf has had a varied career: a student in Japan and American Samoa, an Air Force navigator, and an electronic design engineer. “Orphan Records” is his second published novel.

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his brother, Kurt. During the “honeymoon,” Franz reconnected with his brother and began to look at his life with newfound perspective.

The brothers decided to leave their old lives behind them. They quit their jobs, sold all their possessions, and traveled around the world, visiting 60 countries for the next two years. In “Honeymoon with My Brother,” Franz recounts this remarkable journey, during which he turned his heartbreak into an opportunity to learn about himself, the world and the brother he hardly knew.



Written with humor, compassion and intelligence, “Honeymoon with My Brother” is the story of two boys having fun and breaking the rules on a road trip; it is two men getting their lives back on track after understanding where they took wrong turns; and it is a celebration of the beauty and richness of the world without borders.

Now in its ninth printing, “Honeymoon with My Brother” was on the *Los Angeles Times*’

top 10 bestseller list and is currently being adapted for film.

The Friends of Central Library will sell copies of “Honeymoon with My Brother” at the event. Proceeds will help fund library programs and materials. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800.

## Goodlin Scholarship Winners to Perform

As part of the Library’s Winter/Spring Concert Series, recipients of the **Goodlin Scholarship** will perform May 14 at 2:30 p.m. The scholarships are awarded annually by the Music Teachers’ Association of California, San Diego branch, to local high school students. The free concert will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. For more information, call 619-236-5800.

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The film raises questions about how people who receive the recordings understand them. Gospel Recording’s project is premised on a belief in the transparency of language to transmit a divinely inspired message. But because the missionaries don’t speak the languages, they must enlist bilingual native speakers as translators. There is ample opportunity for mistakes, selectivity and resistance in the translation. This documentary explores how the messages and media introduced by the missionaries into remote communities play a role in larger socioeconomic transformations, and how meaning changes as it crosses language and culture.

Ms. Horne received a master of fine arts degree in film and video from the University of California, San Diego. In addition to making her own films, she works as a cinematographer on independent projects and teaches film and video production.

For more information about the film screening, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800.

# Huge Crowd Turns Out for Otay Mesa-Nestor Library Re-Opening

The renaissance of San Diego libraries continues as City officials and a huge crowd of local residents gathered for a grand re-opening of the renovated and expanded Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, April 7.

Speakers at the event included Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilmembers Ben Hueso and Jim Madaffer, State Sen. Denise Moreno Ducheny, and Library Commission Chair Mel Katz.

Located at 3003 Coronado Ave., the branch library has been expanded from 10,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet. The additional space allows for more room for books and other materials, larger meeting and conference rooms, and a computer lab. The project also includes repairs and

improvements to the original building. In addition, the expanded library now features a tranquil, outdoor courtyard. The \$4.9 million project was designed by Safdie Rabines Architects.

The Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The public can contact the library at 619-424-0474.

The library expansion is part of the City's 21st Century Library Improvement Program to build or improve 24 libraries throughout the City.

## OPENING DAY AT OTAY MESA-NESTOR LIBRARY

*Clockwise from right: Library Commission Chair Mel Katz addresses the crowd at the opening ceremony; Esther Paez reads to her daughters Kristin, Bere and Arely; Library Aide Ronald Sales helps patrons at the Information Desk; The talented Mariachi Band of Montgomery High School entertains the opening day visitors.*

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## 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>.

