

CheckItOut!

Spring 2013



5 Easy Ways to Grow Today



Plant something. The Library has oodles of gardening books, free Master Gardener programs and cookbook recommendations mailed to you each month.

MAKE THE MOST

of our unique location with close proximity to the best that the Bay Area has to offer. From Charlie Brown to airplanes, there's something fun to see at local museums and now you can take your family – for free. Use your library card to download free museum passes as part of the Discover and Go program, on the Programs page at

www.solanolibrary.com

If you haven't tried an e-reader yet, check out one of our Nooks. Ask at the customer service desk if you don't see them displayed.

Is the growing you're doing mostly around your middle? There are lots of workout DVDs to check out – yoga, Pilates, strength training and more.



Going overseas soon?

After you get your passport and the pants that zip off into shorts, check out the Library's free online language learning program, Mango Languages. You can learn just enough to get by or become an expert. The Library also has an array of travel guides and CDs for learning a language on your commute.



Charles M Schulz Museum and Research Center

Ready, Set, Grow!

**With Free
Museum
Passes**

Solano residents now have access to free and low cost museum passes that can be downloaded and printed. "The passes are a great way for families to do something together that doesn't cost an arm and a leg," said Ann Miller, the Library's community relations coordinator. "Located so close to San Francisco we all have a lot of out-of-town guests. The passes are a great way to share our unique environment with visitors."

Anyone with a library card can find the passes on the Programs page of www.solanolibrary.com. The deals range from free family passes like the ones for Walnut Creek's Lindsay Wildlife Museum to group discounts for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Local museums are also getting into the act, the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum offers free admission for up to five adults in a family

(children under twelve are always free). The passes are printed at home, no pickup or return is necessary. Rhea Fabricante, a library assistant at the Suisun City Library has already given Discover and Go a try. "My two young boys and I had a great time visiting San Francisco's Aquarium of the Bay. I love that we were able to get free family passes through the library's Discover and Go program. It's such an awesome service that anybody with a library card can use!"

Discover and Go is made possible through a partnership with the Contra Costa County Public Library. Participating museums determine the amount of discounts and the number of passes they make available. Library users without an Internet connection or a printer can use Discover and Go by calling

1-866-57-ASKUS (27587).



Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Participating Museums

- Aquarium of the Bay
- Bay Area Discovery Museum
- The Beat Museum
- Bedford Gallery
- California Historical Society
- Cartoon Art Museum
- Charles M. Schulz Museum
- Contemporary Jewish Museum
- CuriOdyssey
- GLBT History Museum
- Habitot Children's Museum
- The Lace Museum
- Lawrence Hall of Science
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life
- The Marine Mammal Center
- Museum of Art and Digital Entertainment
- Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD)
- Napa Valley Museum
- Oakland Aviation Museum
- Oakland Museum of California
- Pacific Pinball Museum
- Palo Alto Art Center
- Peralta Hacienda Historical Park
- The Saint Mary's College Museum of Art
- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
- Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History
- The Tech Museum of Innovation
- UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive
- UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley
- USS Hornet Museum
- Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
- Yerba Buena Center for the Arts



Preferred Job Placement with LearnUp

What do you want to be when you grow up? With careers in upheaval, many of us are asking ourselves this question – well into middle age.

The Library has a new job search tool that helps users get a head start with employers such as Starbucks, The Gap and Staples. “This is another tool in our belt to help people find jobs. The Library has always been a good resource for finding and preparing for a new job, but when the economy imploded we put those services front and center,” said Lynne Williams, the Library’s deputy director for support services.

Job seekers start on the Library’s website www.solanolibrary.com

under Research > Careers and Jobs. Learn Up helps job seekers to find an entry-level job in their area with a zip code search. The next step is to complete an online training that ensures that they are among the top candidates for the jobs.



Employers specify the trainings that are relevant to the jobs they are offering. They find future employees via an online “dashboard” that shows them who has applied for their jobs and which trainings each applicant has completed. “Employers like it because they know the candidates they get from LearnUp have taken the time to prepare and have an understanding of the company’s culture,” said Williams.

Need to brush up on your computer skills and internet searching?



Make an appointment with a volunteer “personal trainer” otherwise known as a Computer Docent.

They spend as much time as necessary helping you find the information you need and making the most of your computer skills.



Award Winning Author to Visit with Local School Children



Susan Patron's "The Higher Power of Lucky" is this year's selection for Solano Kids Read. The annual program sponsored by the Solano County Library Foundation, brings nationally celebrated authors to Solano County to meet with children and create memorable experiences with books and reading. "The Higher Power of Lucky" won children's literature's highest honor, the Newbery Award in 2007. "This book touches on issues that, unfortunately, are relevant in the lives of many children today. We think the book will resonate with our young readers, their families, and classmates. We hope 'The Higher Power of Lucky' generates much quality discussion at home and in classrooms," said Juli Huston, one of the librarians organizing this year's events.

Patron visits schools and libraries March 19-21. For a full list of Solano Kids Read events go to

www.solanolibrary.com

Did you know?

Wireless printing from your laptop at 10 cents a page



Need color copies?



50 cents @ the Fairfield Civic Center Library and Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center

Coming Up...

Lawrence Hall of Science

Inventor's Lab

Suisun City Library

Wednesday, March 20 at 3 PM

U.S. Naturalization Info

Fairfield Civic Center Library

Thursday, March 28 at 6 PM

Dalt Williams Jazz Quartet

John F. Kennedy Library,
Vallejo

Saturday, April 6 at noon

W.C. Wood Chamber Orchestra

Vacaville Public Library-
Cultural Center

Tuesday, April 9 at 4 PM

For kids: Meet the Instrument

Laughter Yoga

Fairfield Cordelia Library

Thursday, April 25 at 7 PM

Friends of the Library

50 Cent Book Sale

Rio Vista Library

Saturday, April 27 10 AM

Preview for members, 4/24 –
join at the door.

Children's Day/ El Día de los Niños

Saturday, April 27 at 11 AM

John F. Kennedy Library,
Vallejo

Extreme Couponing

Fairfield Cordelia Library

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 PM

These are just a sampling of the free programs going on each week at a library near you. For more information and a calendar you can print go to www.solanolibrary.com



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COUNTY
LIBRARY**

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1150 Kentucky St
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**Fairfield
Civic Center Library**
1150 Kentucky Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

Monday-Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

**Fairfield
Cordelia Library**
5050 Business Center Dr.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Suisun City Library
601 Pintail Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

Rio Vista Library
44 S. 2nd Street
Rio Vista, CA 94571

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

**Vallejo-John F
Kennedy Library**
505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Monday & Wednesday: 10-9
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-6
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

**Vallejo-
Springtowne Library**
1003 Oakwood Avenue
Vallejo, CA 94591

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

**Vacaville
Public Library-
Cultural Center**
1020 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

Monday-Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

**Vacaville
Public Library-
Town Square**
1 Town Square Place
Vacaville, CA 95688

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
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