

# CheckItOut!

Fall 2012



## How Will You Grow This Fall?

Whether it's a 10K run, a date with a well-known author or an opportunity to become more involved in your community  
– Solano County Library can help.



Newsletter of the Solano County Library, serving the cities of Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, Vacaville, and Vallejo



A Time to Learn



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Authors  
Luncheon





SOLANO  
COUNTY  
LIBRARY  
FOUNDATION'S

# Authors Luncheon

*Building Community One Book at a Time*



Anita Amirrezvani



Cara Black



Denise Hamilton



Jim LaMarche

For over a decade Solano County Library Foundation's Authors Luncheon has been the premier social event for literacy. This year we continue to honor those who helped create this signature community event, as well as special sponsors and friends who support it. An all-star cast of authors will speak about their writing and careers and sign books during a gala luncheon event at the Clubhouse at Rancho Solano in Fairfield on **Sunday, November 4, 2012.**

The initial lineup of 2012 authors includes:

- Cara Black
- Denise Hamilton
- Anita Amirrezvani
- Jim LaMarche

Look for more authors to join us in the coming weeks. Meanwhile auctioneer Joe Gates returns to the annual event for a fun-filled live auction that will include vacation getaways and more. Longtime Solano County Library Foundation supporter and KCRA 3 News Anchor Edie Lambert returns as Mistress of Ceremonies for Authors Luncheon 2012.

The annual Authors Luncheon is the Solano County Library Foundation's major fund-raiser for Reach Out and Read, the Library's literacy program for children and local families. The Foundation is a 501-(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the programs of the Solano County Library, literacy and the lifelong learning needs of the community we serve. The Foundation provides funding for special projects that the Library cannot fund with public dollars, enabling the Library to reach those who need its services the most.

Tickets (\$80) and table sponsorships for Authors Luncheon 2011 are available now. For more information about tickets or sponsorships, go to [www.solanolibraryfoundation.org](http://www.solanolibraryfoundation.org) or call **707-421-8075**. All donations are tax deductible.

*By Dilenna Harris  
Executive Director, Solano County Library Foundation*



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# A Time to Learn

After working her whole life and raising two daughters, no one can blame Claudine for wanting to take time to relax and enjoy her seven grandchildren. But, Claudine is not ready to relax quite yet. She plans to do a few more things and the first is learning how to read better.

Claudine had plans to go back to school when she was younger but it never happened. She admits that learning was the last thing on her mind. "I could read a little bit but there were things I couldn't read. Back in the day, I didn't learn. I was having fun."

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"Now I'm learning what I didn't learn before." And, Claudine is serious about it. She comes to the library every week to work with her tutor and makes a point of finding a new book to read.

"I get a book every week. When I'm done, I take it back and get another one. Now is the time for me. I have nothing to hold me back. My kids are grown. I need to learn."

With the help of her tutor, Claudine's confidence has grown and she is happy with her progress. "I hold my head high and I feel good because I'm getting better and better. I can read books, my spelling is better, and I can read the newspaper." Claudine happily shares her success with her family. "I tell my daughters what I'm learning and I read some things to my daughter when I visit. They are proud of me. Someday I want to read to my grandkids."

Claudine is not one to tell others what they should be doing. She believes that everyone should make his or her own choices. But, when it comes to making decisions about learning and creating a better future for oneself, she says, "If you don't know how to read, go and learn. There is nothing to be ashamed of. Being ashamed is not going to help you."

There are many adults around the county, who like Claudine, want to improve their reading, writing or English speaking skills. Unfortunately, there are many more students than volunteers to help them. Volunteer tutors are needed. Library Literacy Services provide the training, materials, and support. Call (707) 784-1526 to find out how you can help make Solano County a more literate community.

*By David Lewis  
Literacy Senior Program Assistant*



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## STAFF PICKS

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Fairfield, CA 94533

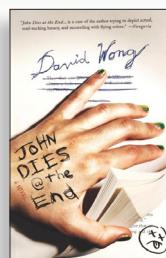
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starting at  
8:00 am

EVENTS RUN • WALK • KID'S RUN  
CITY CHALLENGE  
HEALTH/FITNESS FESTIVAL

\*It's a face-off for the fittest city. Where the city with the most finishers (per population) wins!

Who better to recommend a good read than someone who spends most of their waking hours among books? You can find recommendations from Library staff at [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com) by clicking the "Explore the Collection" on the Catalog page. You'll find suggestions for books about everything from archeology to murder and the recommendations change daily. You may find a staffer who shares your taste in reading or you may prefer to "shop around" for a book that suits your mood at the moment. Staff picks are also on display in your local library and in the Visual Catalog under "Reviews."

Next step? Your reader reviews. Add your own picks in the Visual Catalog, you'll find it on the Catalog page.



### John Dies at the End

Simultaneously creepy, scary and hilarious. H.P. Lovecraft meets Family Guy.

Recommended by: Mike P.



### Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers

Icky but fascinating. Full of fun facts to impress or disturb your friends, depending on what kind of people you associate with...

Recommended by: Lani C



### Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell

Awesome blend of J.K. Rowling and Charles Dickens. The magic is dirty and gritty.

Recommended by: Zac M.



### The BurdaStyle Sewing Handbook

This is a good beginner's sewing book for the aspiring adult or young adult who would like to learn to sew and to learn about fashion design too.

Recommended by: Leonore T



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Fax 707-421-7474  
[solanolibrary.com](http://solanolibrary.com)

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

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

**Suisun City Library**  
601 Pintail Drive  
Suisun City, CA 94585

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

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Friday & Saturday: 10-5  
Sunday: 1-5

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

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

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

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

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