CheckItOut!

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













Check Off Your Life's List at the Library

Call it a bucket list, life list or "100

things to do before I die." Many people

are asking themselves, "What are those

things I have always wanted to do?"

Every life list is different, but for any-

one who wants to learn, experience or

explore something new, the library is

a good place to begin. If your memory

of the library is cataloged somewhere

in the Dewey Decimal System, you

may be surprised at how libraries have

changed. With eight locations and an

award-winning website that serves as a

virtual branch, Solano County Library is

the place to go for everything from auto

schematics to poetry readings.

Are any of these on your life list?

Computer classes

Free, mini computer classes are one way that folks continue their personal development at the library. Technology has changed – again – and social networking is becoming ubiquitous. Anyone who wants to see what all the fuss is about can take classes on blogging, creating websites, photo sharing on Flickr and YouTube. If you don't know a thumbtack from a thumb drive, you can start with easy classes that teach keyboarding, mousing and how you can start an e-mail account.

A place to "give back"

For some of us, self-development comes from connecting with other people. Those who feel it's time to "give back" can join over 400 Solano County Library volunteers who do everything from tutoring adults in reading skills to delivering books to homebound customers. Book clubs, issues forums and open mike poetry nights are other ways to connect and share.

Search your ancestry

Interest in connecting with our ancestors has been renewed thanks to advances in DNA testing and the digitization of archives. The HeritageQuest database delivers digital images of census records from as far back as 1790. Archives from the Freedman's Bank, a rich resource for information about African-American families in the time immediately following the Civil War are also available. Indexes of books written about a family, many of them close to the time the subjects were alive, is another valuable tool in the database.

HeritageQuest is just one of over twenty databases and e-book collections that can help you fix a car, investigate a business or learn a new language. Most of the library's databases are available from a home computer with a library card number as a login. E-library cards are available for anyone who wants to use the online resources immediately, without a trip to a physical location.

Help just a call, email away

When self-service becomes frustrating, you can get help by calling 1-866-57-ASKUS or sending an e-mail from solanolibrary.com. A free appointment with a research expert (otherwise known as a librarian) for extended one-on-one assistance is another option.

Audio books to reduce stress

Running on empty for too long, many people are looking for ways to slow down and relax. A good start is to take the stress out of commuting with an audio book. Listening to story by a favorite author can make the traffic seem to disappear. You can reserve your favorite audio books through the library's website. You will receive an email notice when it is ready to be picked up and another message when it is time to be returned. Audio books are also available for download. No return necessary – the audio book "disappears" from your mp3 player when the due date arrives.

Solano County Library's motto is "Unlock the doors to your mind," good advice at any age. Whatever a life list includes, the library – in person or online - is a good place to start checking it off.

Ann Miller, Community Relations Coordinator, Solano County Library

Another New Library for You!







The Suisun City Library

at 601 Pintail Drive

adjacent to Suisun Elementary School

- 10,000 square feet double the size of the current library
- 26 public access computers including a 15-seat computer center
- 6-seat group study room
- Special area for teens
- Free wi-fi internet access
- 70-seat meeting room with presentation technology and after-hours entrance
- \$5.4 million building funded by a partnership among Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Solano County and Suisun City
- Solano County Library's first joint public-school library

Catch the Reading Bug!

Summer Reading Program



Kids under the age of 12 set goals for the number of books they read during the summer. Every week they get a prize as they make progress to their goal.

You can find details about the summer reading program and these free events at

solanolibrary.com

Fairfield Civic Center Library

Becker-Balmer Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 18 3:30 p.m. Caterpillar Puppets

Wednesday, June 25 3:30 p.m. Bohart Museum of Entomology

Wednesday, July 2 3:30 p.m. Python Ron

Wednesday, July 9 3:30 p.m. Mad Science

Wednesday, July 16 3:30 p.m. Traveling Lantern Theatre: Caterpillar Hunter

Wednesday, July 23 3:30 p.m. Happily Ever Laughter Puppet Show

Wednesday, July 30 3:30 p.m. Bonnie Lockhart Songs

Wednesday, August 6 3:30 p.m. Tony Borders Ventriloguism

Wednesday, August 13 3:30 p.m. Owen Baker-Flynn

Fairfield Cordelia Library

Tuesday, June 17
3:30 p.m.
Puppet Art
Theater
Presents Jack and
the Beanstalk

Tuesday, June 24 3:30 p.m. Sandi and Stevie: Insect Songs

Tuesday, July 1 3:30 p.m. Bugs with Python Ron

> Tuesday, July 8 3:30 p.m. The Amazing Bubble Man

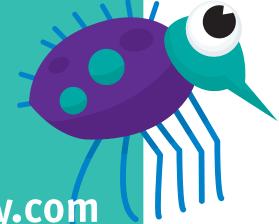
Tuesday, July 15 3:30 p.m. Traveling Lantern Theatre: Caterpillar Hunter

Tuesday, July 22 3:30 p.m. Magician Norman Ng

Tuesday, July 29
3:30 p.m.
Fratello
Marionettes
Presents
Vaudeville Follies

Tuesday, August 5 3:30 p.m. Musician James K

Tuesday, August 12 3:30 p.m. Magician Timothy James





John F. Kennedy Library Joseph Room

Wednesday, June 18 10:30 a.m. Caterpillar Puppets

Wednesday, June 25 10:30 a.m. Magic Dan

Wednesday, July 2 10:30 a.m. Python Ron's Variety Show Ages 5 and up.

Wednesday, July 9 10:30 a.m. Janet Sirett Perfect for kids ages 3-8.

Wednesday, July 16 10:30 a.m. Traveling Lantern Theatre: Caterpillar Hunter Ages 5 and up.

Wednesday, July 23 10:30 a.m. Gerald Joseph

Wednesday, July 30 10:30 a.m. P & T Puppets Ages 5 and up.

Wednesday, August 6 10:30 a.m. Oklin Bloodworth

Wednesday, August 13 10:30 a.m. Sandi & Stevie

Rio Vista Library

Wednesday, June 18 3:00 p.m. Magic by Alex

Wednesday, June 25 3:00 p.m. Caterpillar Puppets

Wednesday, July 2 3:00 p.m. Sandi and Stevie

Wednesday, July 9 3:00 p.m. "Beetles, Bugs, and Butterflies-A Watercolor Project"

Wednesday, July 16 3:00 p.m. Big Bold Bugs from The Bohart Museum of Entomology at U.C. Davis

Wednesday, July 23 3:00 p.m. Juan Sanchez

> Friday, July 25 *Bonus Show* 3:00 p.m. Python Ron

Wednesday, July 30 3:00 p.m. Make a Book Bug and other Bug Craft Projects

Wednesday, August 6 **11:00 a.m.**

Swazzle Puppets
Wednesday, August

13 3:00 p.m. "Make and Take" crafts

Suisun City Library *New address - 601 Pintail Dr.*

Thursday, July 10 3:30 p.m. Daffy Dave

Thursday, July 17 3:30 p.m. Dana Smith & Lacey the Dog

Thursday, July 24 3:30 p.m. Magic Dan Thursday, July 31
3:30 p.m.
Puppet
Art Theater
presents
"Tommy's Space
Bug Adventure"

Thursday, August 7 3:30 p.m. Python Ron

Springstowne Library

All performances are on Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise. Bring a blanket to sit on, water to drink, a jacket on cool mornings or a hat if it's sunny.

WEDNESDAYS

June 18 10:30 a.m. Games Day

June 25 10:30 a.m. Chalk Day

July 2 10:30 a.m. Bubbles & Balloons

July 9 10:30 a.m. Tie-dye Day Bring a white t-shirt (or more) to decorate.

July 16 10:30 a.m. Paper Airplanes Day

July 23 10:30 a.m. **Fingerpaint Day**

July 30 All Day 10:30 a.m. Read Aloud to a Teddy Bear Bring your own or share ours

August 6 10:30 a.m. Games Day

August 13 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

THURSDAYS

June 19 10:30 a.m. Oklin Sings

June 26 10:30 a.m. Ane Rovetta's Stories

July 3 10:30 a.m. **Python Ron's Reptile Show**

July 10 10:30 a.m. Fratello Marionettes: Puppets

July 17 10:30 a.m. Daffy Dave's Comedy

July 24 10:30 a.m. Junior Prophecy

July 31 10:30 a.m. Blues Party with Raymond Victor Band

10:30 a.m. August 7
Games Day 10:30 a.m.
Old fashioned games Swamp Boogie with
August 13
Anne Byrd Band

August 14 10:30 a.m. The Amazing Magic Dan

Vacaville Public Library -Town Square

Thursday, June 19 4:00 p.m. Puppet Show: Perez and Mondinga

Thursday, June 26 4:00 p.m. Izzi Tooinsky's Little Giant Theatre

Thursday, July 3 4:00 p.m. Chalk Day

Thursday, July 10 4:00 p.m. Piccolo Puppets

Thursday, July 17 4:00 p.m. Traveling Lantern Theatre: Caterpillar Hunter

Thursday, July 24 4:00 p.m. The Great Blindini

Thursday, July 31 4:00 p.m. Water Fun!

Thursday, August 7 4:00 p.m. Magic of Andrew

Vacaville Public Library -Cultural Center

3:30 p.m. performances are at the Ulatis Community Center across from the library. 10:30 a.m. activities are at the library.

Wednesday, June 18 3:30 p.m. Sandi and Stevie

Wednesday, June 25 3:30 p.m. Gerald Joseph

Wednesday, July 2 10:30 a.m. Flag Day

Wednesday, July 9 3:30 p.m. Juan L. Sanchez

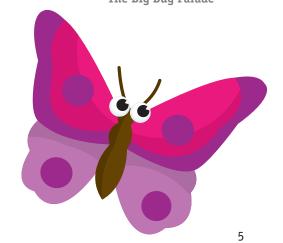
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Wednesday, July 23 10:30 a.m. Bubble Day

Wednesday, July 30 3:30 p.m. Norman Ng

Wednesday, August 6 3:30 p.m. Swazzle Puppets

Wednesday, August 13 10:30 a.m. The Big Bug Parade





summertime,

I'm not certain if everyone has a favorite season of the year, but mine is without a doubt summer. I love the long days of sunlight, fewer commitments to keep track of, no school assignments to stress over with my kids and prospects for enjoyable outings. As a child, summer was one long vacation. As an adult, unfortunately, the same cannot be said. We still have jobs to go to, families to take care of, bills to pay and all of the usual adult commitments. Despite all of that, summer is still a special time of year.

My family has had some special summers together. A favorite vacation of ours has been going to Glacier National Park. The scenery is spectacular, although the fires last year created quite a bit of smoke. In addition to hiking and boating, it's so nice just to share a relaxed meal together and talk. No one has to rush off to a meeting, get back to their homework or any other commitments. Best of all, in my book, there is no television, cell phone service or internet connection! In the evenings, after the sun goes down, the lodge fills with people playing board games and reading books.

Not everyone has the opportunity to go to a National Park this summer, but there are ways of making the most of your summer, regardless of your situation. The thing that makes summer special is just slowing down the pace and enjoying life a little more. Of course I would recommend that you pick up a good book and enjoy reading it.

I have fond memories of summers spent taking my kids to the library for summer reading programs. This year, the library will be offering a summer reading program for adults too. The theme is Reading- A Summer Vacation Everyone Can Afford! Make this summer one you and your entire family will remember and enjoy. Slow down the busy pace of life, as much as possible. Stop by the library, pick up a good book and participate in the summer reading program. We have something for everyone.

Beth Molyneux, Library Associate, Fairfield Civic Center Library

Reading- A Vacation Everyone Can Afford

Sign up at the Fairfield Civic

Center Library, Fairfield Cordelia

Library or the Suisun City

Library. Read books, write

reviews, and get a tote bag for

your summertime books!

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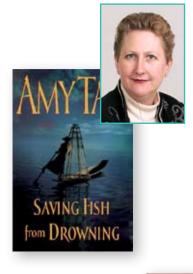


and the Reading is Easy

What are You Reading This Summer?

DIANE BARNEY, NEWSPAPER EDITOR, THE REPORTER

When it comes to reading, I really don't plan ahead. Although I have about 40-50 books on shelves at my bedside, it's not uncommon for something to suddenly land in my lap and whisk me in a different direction. As editor of The Reporter, I partner with Features Editor Mary Lou Wilson and Lani Clarke at the Vacaville library in choosing selections for our Reporter Book Club. Right now I'm reading "Three Cups of Tea," and thinking it will make a wonderful choice for our club this fall. It's the fascinating true story of American Greg Mortenson's efforts to build a school in the small Pakistani village of Korphe, and how that developed into the creation of the Central Asia Institute, which has since constructed more than 50 schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.



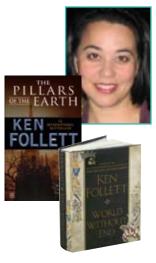
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JERONE DAVISON, PASTOR OF HARVEST FAMILY LIFE CENTER, AND FORMER OAKLAND RAIDER FULLBACK

I will be reading a portion of *The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian*. I really enjoyed the movie and I think that it is a great alternative to the controversy of *Harry Potter*.



I plan on reading all the upcoming shows for the SCT season. I also am a *Harry Potter* fan but I must admit I haven't caught up with the last two books. I plan to finish them before the next movie comes out. I really never get to read anything besides plays for school or upcoming auditions.



MICHELLE BRANTON, PUBLISHER OF SOLANO MAGAZINE

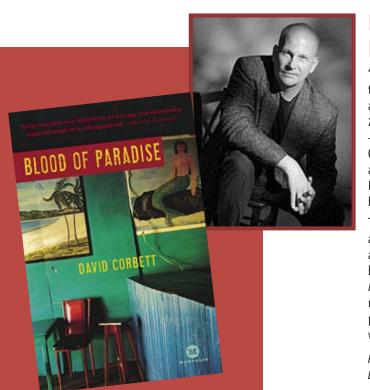
Well, it's summertime and that means fun, fun, fun! There are a couple of releases that I'm really looking forward to in fiction: Suzanne Brockmann's Into the Fire (release July 22). She'll be in Northern California for the release and will be at various signings, which will be fun. Also JR Ward's Lover Enshrined (release June). And Bay area author Sheldon Siegel's Judgement Day, which has just been released. He's also on booktour and there are plenty of local opportunities to meet him throughout the summer. Last, but not least on my summer reading list is to re-read Ken Follet's The Pillars of the Earth and then immediately follow-up with World Without End.



A guided tour of Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos and nearby sites is being offered by the Solano County Library Foundation from September 4 – 10, 2008. Cost of the tour (without airfare) is \$1,359 (\$1,309 for Library Foundation members) with an additional \$589 for single occupancy rate. Included on the itinerary are visits to the historic homes of Mabel Dodge Luhan and Georgia O'Keeffe, the historic Acoma Pueblo, and the University of New Mexico

Special Collections Library.
The price of the tour includes six nights lodging, all travel by motor coach, entry fees to all attractions, one dinner, all taxes and baggage handling fees, annotated reading lists, and a tax-deductible contribution to the Solano County Library Foundation.

Tour participants will begin the tour in Albuquerque and stay at the historic Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town for two nights and then travel via the Turquoise Trail to Santa Fe where they will be staying at the Hotel St. Francis. The tour group is limited to 35 people on a first come, first served basis. For more information, a complete itinerary, or to make reservations for the tour call the Solano County Library Foundation Office at 707-421-8075, email beth.libraryfoundation@yahoo.com or visit the Foundation website www.solanolibraryfoundation.org.



David Corbett Hosts Local Authors Panel in July

"Celebrating Local Authors II," Solano County Library Foundation's event to connect local authors with local readers and aspiring authors, will be held again this year on Sunday, July 20, at Vallejo's JFK Library in the Joseph Room from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Authors with published works, living in Solano County, and interested in participating in this year's program are encouraged to contact the Solano County Library Foundation for more information at 707-421-8075 or beth.libraryfoundation@yahoo.com.

This year's event will be limited to eight authors representing a variety of genres; they will participate in panel discussions and be available for individual discussions while selling their books to attendees. Vallejo author David Corbett (*Blood of Paradise, Done for a Dime,* and *The Devil's Redhead*) will act as moderator again this year. There will also be a literary marketplace for non-participating authors to have flyers about their work for distribution.

Ruth Gardner Begell, Executive Director, Solano County Library Foundation



it is a poignant story
about sacrifice, loyalty
and the complex
meanings of patriotism

PATTI SHERLOCK

About Letters from Wolfie

Thirteen-year old Marc had the best dog in the world. Wolfie is part German Shepherd, part Malamute and part big loving oaf. Wolfie can knock Marc off his feet during a walk -- nothing flat - but he turns into a gentle giant around small or delicate creatures.

It's 1969 and America is mired in the Vietnam War. Initially, most of Marc's opinions about the war come from his father- who wants his sons to serve- and his older brother Danny, who just shipped out with the Army. Danny is the outgoing one, the funny one, the one who makes their parents so proud. When Danny writes to tell the family that the Army needs scout dogs, Marc senses a chance to do something noteworthy. Maybe Wolfie can save soldiers' lives.

But the scout dog program isn't everything Marc thought it might be. Marc thought his classmates would admire his decision to donate his dog, but the girl he likes declares it's an "awful thing to do to a dog."

Letters From Wolfie also delves into the lighter side of middle school. There are silly faux pas at Marc's first school dance and laughter with the next door neighbor. Loyalty, friendship, family and the complex ways in which patriotism can be expressed are all themes that are explored in this book by Patti Sherlock.

The book is based on true events; dogs like Wolfie served in Vietnam and saved many lives. Marc can tell from the letters he received from Wolfie's handler that the dogs are doing heroic work in Vietnam. But military policy classified dogs as equipmentand Marc knows Wolfie is no equipment.

What happens to Marc and his dog? You'll have to read *Letters From Wolfie* to find out.

What if every kid read the same book at the same time? This fall, kids will be doing exactly that as part of the Solano Kids Read, a project that encourages reading for entertainment, inspiration and delight.

This year's selection is Patty Sherlock's award winning novel, *Letters from Wolfie*. Inspired by real events, it is a poignant story about sacrifice, loyalty and the complex meanings of patriotism.

Sherlock will visit
Solano County Library
locations November
12-14. Teachers can
reserve a free classroom set of books for
their schools by calling

1-866-57-ASKUS.



To celebrate Older Americans month in May 2007, Solano County Library sponsored a project called Greatest Generation: Please Share Your Memories.

The project was so successful that a second version was undertaken in 2008, called

Remembering Solano County.

The library collected and documented the stories of residents, who were school-age children or teenagers, living in Solano County during the 1930s and 1940s. Interviews were conducted by students and volunteers from Fairfield, Rio Vista, Vacaville and Vallejo. The stories of these longtime Solano residents were displayed in local libraries during the month of May. You can see them again at the library's booth at the Solano County Fair, July 9-13 and online in the news section at

solanolibrary.com

Hiroshi Maeyama

By Ilaisaane ('09)

Hiroshi Maeyama, also known as Henry, was a World War II veteran. Born in 1923, he grew up with his mother and father, sister and brother. His father was leasing a farm to grow crops.

It was not an easy time for Henry, especially as a Japanese immigrant. Most Japanese families in America during that time worked as farm laborers on land that they leased from others. "That's how we made life," he said with a huge grin. He has great pride in how his family managed to survive through difficult times.

Henry and his siblings attended Crystal Elementary School. Then he transferred to Rockville Grammar School and was one of the two students to graduate from eighth grade that year. He went to Armijo High School and was very active. He was involved in sports and played both basketball and football. Henry remembers that there were about 290 kids who went to Armijo with him, and only about 2% were Japanese.

Like his father, Henry's goal was to become a farmer but he wanted to actually own the land that he farmed. His school days ended in May of 1942, when President Roosevelt stated that all Americans of Japanese descent were to be evacuated from the west coast to

internment camps in Arizona. That's where he and his family spent months of their lives. The camps were not like concentration camps in Europe. Instead, they were a place where Japanese-Americans would live together. They were put there because, after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, there was a fear that anyone who was Japanese might side with their ancestral land, and America wanted to protect their territory.

Within one camp, there were about 5,000 Japanese. Henry wanted to be released in February of 1943 so that he could go to Salt Lake City. Henry was allowed to leave and trained to be in the American military to fight for his country. As a military man, he went to many places like Ft.

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Douglass in Florida. Before World War II was over, he traveled to Italy and fought against the Germans. During that time, he shared, he also met and married the most beautiful woman in his life... "besides my mom," he said.

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Despite the fact that they and their families had been forced into internment camps, thousands of Japanese Americans like Hiroshi Maeyama volunteered to serve in the armed forces during World War II. Read more about this dark time and the heroic people who transcended it.

- A Boy No More Harry Mazer
- The Whirlwind Carol Matas
- Americans: The Story of the 442nd Combat Team by Orville C. Shirey



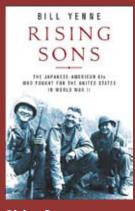


Snow Falling on CedarsDavid Guterson

Farewell to Manzanar

A true story of Japanese American experience during and after the World War II internment

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston



Rising Sons

The Japanese American GIs who fought for the United States in World War II

Bill Yenne

Two librarians from the Solano County Library were among the 36 California library professionals who have been chosen to attend the California Eureka Leadership Institute. The Institute was a week-long intensive leadership training program taking place in San Diego, from April 27-May 2. Juli Huston, a supervising librarian at the Springstowne Library and Jim Silverman, a librarian who specializes in services for teens, were chosen through a competitive application process, which was determined by librarians from the California State Library and California Library Association. Before his move to the Suisun branch, Silverman was the children's librarian at the Springstowne Library in Vallejo. Huston recently moved to her current position in Vallejo from the Rio Vista Library, where she was a librarian specializing in services to teens and children.

"We are very proud that, of only 36 participants from across California, two were from Solano County Library," said Cara Swartz, Deputy Director of Public Service. Eureka Institute applicants were required to submit job-related project proposals. Huston's targets grandparents who are raising or providing regular childcare for their grandchildren. Silverman's plan involves forging stronger relationships between libraries and neighborhood schools. "We are committed to training and staff development at Solano County Library. We believe it is a good way to have a direct and positive effect on the experiences our customers have at the library," said Swartz.

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