# CheckItOut!

Spring 2014



8:30

Doors Open

#### 9:00

Tony Wade Master of Ceremonies

Linda Seifert
Chair, Solano County
Board of Supervisors
Gerry Maginnity

Acting California
State Librarian
Mike Perkins

Children's Librarian

Velma Benson, Literacy Learner

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The Printed Page to The Digital Age

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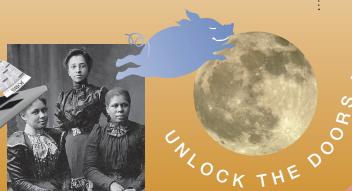
Solano County Events Center (1931 Library)

601 Texas Street, Fairfield CA

Solano
County
Library's
100th
Anniversary
Celebration

#### 10:30 -12:30

- Reception, Library Card Sign-ups, Tech Demonstrations and Book Giveaways
- Keith Stout and his Alive Music Orchestra
- Nikolas Strubbe's Circus Acts, Storytelling and Deeds of Daring
- Rocket Launching with Lawrence Hall of Science Inventors Lab
- Crafts and Tattoos for Kids





Vallejo's library had to close in April 1908 "on account of Smallpox."



In 1983 the library offered coin operated computers, video cassettes and cameras for loan.

# Did You

From the beginning Solano County librarians hit the muddy roads, packing books to remote spots that are no longer even specks on the map: the Blue Mountain School in Pleasants Valley, the Good Templars orphanage in Vallejo, and a library branch in the grocery store of Cement.

Always in tune to the needs of the community, they brought fruit to far-flung hamlets, technical journals to submarine workers and books in German to war prisoners held at Mare Island. They partnered with community members to create meeting places, such as the basement of the Vallejo library during WWI "where the men may play games or smoke if the wish."

If "libraries are civilizations made accessible," as historian Kevin Starr has said, so too are they engines of individual achievement and gathering places that transform populations into communities.



In 1925

Collinsville, an Italian fishing village on the Sacramento River, opened a branch library. "Books were sent from the State library...for none of the adults were able to read in any but their own language."

- Clara Dills



At the turn of the century women's groups across the country created public reading rooms with donated space and books from their personal libraries. The Saturday Club in Vacaville, the Women's Improvement Club in Rio Vista, the Dashaway Club and Women's Christian Temperance Union in Vallejo were among those that helped establish the first public libraries in Solano County.

Check out a full timeline at

solanolibrary.com

You can read the first book purchased by Solano County Library, Molly Make-Believe by Eleanor Hallowell Abbott at solanolibrary.com. he Chief Solano statue was first installed with much fanfare in Suisun Valley near Rockville in 1934. It was moved to the Library in 1938, in spite of some citizens believing the statue's

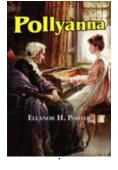
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- article in the Solano Republican



The 1918 audio collection began with the purchase of "100 records, including opera, stories for small children, signing games, folk dances, bird calls, Indian songs and old favorites."

- Clara Dills, first librarian of Solano County Library



The bestselling novel in 1914 was *Pollyanna*. Check out bestsellers through the decades at solanolibrary.com

# Know...

The intrepid librarian lives on in Solano County. "Librarians present story times at the mall, hold clinics for flu shots, partner with tax preparers and organize candidate forums. They also ensure that everyone who wants to read can read, with the help of a tutor," says Bonnie Katz, Solano County's director of library services.

Much of what librarians accomplished in the past with shoe leather and a card catalog they now deliver online: on-demand tutors, car repair manuals, language learning and of course, books. "The tools have changed but the mission is the same, and as always, it is free," says Katz.

What will libraries be in the future? Heidi Dolomore, the Library's deputy director of public services says, "Libraries are a mirror for their communities - changes that we see in the lives and lifestyles of our residents will be reflected in the services we provide."

The library as a space where all can meet, where all can learn, where all are welcome will not change.



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### Coming up...

March 6 • 2-3:30 pm Fairfield Civic Center Library

100 Things You Can Do With Your iPad

April 9 • 3-4 pm John F. Kennedy Library, Vallejo

Leo Cavanaugh Concert

April 14 • 7 pm Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center

100 Things in Your Suitcase? Pack Like a Pro

April 23 • 3:30-4:30 Fairfield Civic Center Library

Anniversary Presentation:

Magical Moonshine's "Puppylocks and the Three Bears"

June 14 Suisun City Library's Birthday Party

July 8 • 7 pm Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center

> Anniversary Party For Families: Don O'Brien's Magical Science

August 8 •

10:30 am & 1 pm Fairfield Cordelia Library

100th Anniversary Party

Birthday Cake & Wild Things Animal Show

August 20 Springstowne Library, Vallejo

Birthday Party

September 8 • 8-5 Solano County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield

Library Literacy Services Anniversary

October 10-12 Rio Vista Library at the Bass Festival Parade



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

Springstowne Library 1003 Oakwood Avenue Vallejo, CA 94591

Vacaville Public Libary-Cultural Center

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

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