

CheckItOut!

Summer 2013



BENEATH
the
SURFACE



BOOK-TO-ACTION

PUTTING WORDS INTO ACTION

Literacy Learner's Letter Inspires Author Visit

Yolano Sixto was volunteering at a migrant education program when she realized that to be more effective she needed to hone her own reading skills. Last year she returned to the Library's Adult Literacy Program and was matched with her literacy tutor, Beth Franks. In her quest for improving her reading, Yolanda read her first book in English, *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*, by Francisco Jimenez. It was difficult to start the book and challenging for her to read. But once she got going, Yolanda recalls, she couldn't stop. With Beth's encouragement she entered

the literacy program's Writer to Writer Challenge and wrote a letter to Jimenez, the author who inspired her so much. Her letter was instrumental in the choice of *The Circuit* for the Library's Book-to-Action program, and in bringing Francisco Jimenez to Solano County in December. Yolanda and Beth will be helping to facilitate the Book-to-Action discussions in June.

In his book, *The Circuit* Jimenez chronicles the life of his family as migrant farm workers. Early, he learns the importance of the library and education in his life. With scholarships, he attends Santa Clara University, where he is a professor today.



Dear Mr. Francisco Jimenez. 11-08-12.

My name is Yolanda Sixto and I am a student and a active member of the Solano County Library Literacy Program in the city of Vacaville California.

As a part of one of my goals and with the big support of my wonderful tutor Miss. Beth Franks. I finally can read for first time in my life the english version of the best book I ever knew. It was your book THE CIRCUIT.

At first when I started to read, honestly I spend more than 2 weeks to try to understand the first pages but after I got into la historia. I feel very conected with your book, like you I came to USA with my family and like you I had to work so hard and now I start to see the light.

I feel inspired with your story. I spend a lot of time in order to finish. But I feel a little mad because the ending you show me was so sad. What happened? I'm disappointed you don't show me how you got your goals. Now you are a very successful person. How did you do this?

Meet Dr. Francisco Jimenez



Fairfield Civic Center Library
Thursday, December 5, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Get Involved!

"Harvesting Solano's Bounty"

Fairfield Civic Center Library

Thursday, Aug 8, 6:30 p.m.

Discuss the Book

Fairfield Civic Center Library

Wednesday, June 19, 6:30-p.m.

Rio Vista Library

Thursday, June 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Vacaville Public Library-Town Square

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30p.m.

Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center

Thursday, June 27, 6:30-p.m.

John F. Kennedy Library, Vallejo

Monday, June 24, 6:30-p.m.

Use it Don't Lose It: Free Summer Reading Games and Events

June 10-August 10

RIO VISTA LIBRARY

All events on Wednesdays
at 3 p.m.
except 7/3, 7/13, 8/1 & 8/7*

Act!vated Story Theatre
June 5

Nikola Clay: World Dance
June 12

**X-treme Science Magic
with Don O'Brien**
June 19

Animals, Pots and Plants
June 26

Make 'n' Take Crafts
July 3 All Day*

**Magical Moonshine Theatre:
Puppylocks and
the Three Bears**
July 10

**Live Birds from
U.C. Davis Raptor Center**
Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m.*

Owen Baker-Flynn Juggling
July 17

Magic Dan
July 24

**Sandi Sings
Stuffed Animal Concert**
August 1 at 7:00 p.m.*

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Drop off, Thursday, August 1 at
8:00 p.m., Pickup Friday morn-
ing at 10 a.m.*

Make 'n' Take Crafts
August 7 All Day*

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

All events on Wednesdays
at 3:30 p.m. except 7/10*

Dig Into Gardening
June 12

**The Keith Show Comedy
and Juggling**
June 19

Germar the Magician
June 26

**Make a Patriotic
Firecracker Hat**
July 3

Wildlife Associates
July 10 at 2:30 p.m.*

Storyteller John Weaver
July 17

Fratello Marionettes: Aladdin
July 24

**Cool Insects from the Bohart
Museum of Entomology**
July 31

The Bubble Lady
August 7

FAIRFIELD CORDELIA LIBRARY

All events on Fridays
at 10:30 a.m.

**Garden Crafts with
the Master Gardeners**
June 14

Daffy Dave
June 21

**Puppet Art Theater:
Tale of the Dragon's Tail**
June 28

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
July 5

Python Ron
July 12

Magic Dan
July 19

**X-treme Science Magic
with Don O'Brien**
July 26

**Bonnie Lockhart:
Songs You Can Dig**
August 2

**End of summer party
and talent show**
No sign-up necessary.
August 9

SUISUN CITY LIBRARY

All events on Wednesdays
at 10:30 a.m.

**Owen Baker-Flynn Juggling
and Jokes**
June 12

**Suisun Marsh
Natural History Association**
June 19

**X-treme Science Magic
with Don O'Brien**
June 26

Make A Flag Day
July 3

**Bonnie Lockhart: Songs You
Can Dig**
July 10

**Puppet Art Theater:
Billy Goats Gruff**
July 17

Daffy Dave
July 24

Big Messy Art Day
July 31

There's just one fly in the sweet lemonade of summer. With so much else to do out there, it's easy to neglect reading. Reading is a skill that has to be practiced regularly to stay sharp. If kids lose their edge over summer, it's harder to catch up when school starts again.

That's why we're encouraging children to play the reading game, **Dig Into Reading**. There are prizes and events to keep the reading party going all summer. In **Beneath the Surface**, teens are encouraged to set personal goals to pursue their reading and creative interests.



The **Dig Into Reading** and **Beneath the Surface** summer reading programs, along with free events throughout the summer are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

SPRINGSTOWNE LIBRARY, VALLEJO

All events on Tuesdays
at 3 p.m.

Magic Dan
June 18

Ane Carla Rovetta
June 25

**Fratello Marionettes:
Vaudeville Follies**
July 2

Daffy Dave
July 9

Owen Baker-Flynn
July 16

**Wildlife Associates:
Animals of the Rainforest**
July 23

Busy Bee Dogs
July 30

Ice Cream Social
August 6

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY, VALLEJO

All events on Wednesdays
at 10:30 a.m.
except 6/18, 7/16, & 7/24*

Magic Dan
June 12

Master Gardeners
Tuesday, June 18 at 3 p.m.*

**Bonnie Lockhart:
Songs You Can Dig!**
June 19

Magic Circus
June 26

Busy Bee Dogs
July 3

**Magical Moonshine Theater:
The Golden Armadillo**
July 10

**Bugs with Bohart
Museum of Entomology**
Tuesday, July 16 at 2 p.m.*

**Owen Baker-Flynn's
Inspired Silliness**
July 17

Suisun Wildlife
July 24
at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.*

Fratello Marionettes: Aladdin
July 31

Oklin Bloodworth Music
August 7

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY-CULTURAL CENTER

All events on Tuesdays
at 3:30 p.m. except 6/26*

The Magic of Timothy James
June 11

**Puppet Art Theater:
Cinderella**
June 18

Busy Bee Dogs
June 25

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Drop off June 26 at 6:30 and
pick up on June 27 at 11 am

Flag Day
July 2

John Carter
July 9

**Images in Motion Puppets:
What in the World?**
July 16

Bubble Day
July 23

**X-treme Science Magic
with Don O'Brien**
July 30

Chalk Day
August 6

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY-TOWN SQUARE

All events on Thursdays
at 4 p.m.

**Summer Kick-off: Cake & Ice
Cream**
June 13

Suisun Wildlife
June 20

Al Skinner-Magician
June 27

Petting Zoo
July 11

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover and
Pancake Breakfast**
Drop off at 4 pm on July 18 and
pick up on July 19th at 10 am
during the pancake breakfast.

**X-treme Science Magic
with Don O'Brien**
July 25

**Fratello Marionettes:
Peter and the Wolf**
August 1

Germar the Magician
August 8

BENEATH the SURFACE

for Teens

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

All events on
Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.

**Every week a contest for
"Quotable Notables"**

Winner announced at the end of
the summer Hobbit Party

**Kick Off:
Archaeology Dig Party**
June 11

Make a Personal Time Capsule
June 25

Hobbit Party
August 6

FAIRFIELD CORDELIA LIBRARY

Weekly Wii and Board Games
Wednesdays 3-4 p.m. all summer

What's on Your Bucket List?
Add to the bucket all summer

Take Home a Worm Farm
June 20, 3-4:30 p.m.

Graffiti at the Library!?
July 18. 3-4 p.m.

Volunteers are "JAWSOME!"
August 1, 3-4:30

RIO VISTA LIBRARY

All summer:
Beneath the Surface Quiz.
Answer trivia and win prizes.

**Xtreme Science Magic
with Don O'Brien**
Wednesday, June 19, 3 p.m.

**Get beneath the surface at
our dig site in the library.**
U.C. Davis Raptor Center
Saturday, July 13, 11 a.m.

Archaeology Dig
Saturday, July 27 1-4:30 p.m.

Pinch Pot Crafts and Plants
Part 1. Wed, July 31, 3 p.m.
Part 2. Wed, August 7, 3 p.m.

SUISUN CITY LIBRARY

All events on Thursdays at
6:30 p.m. except 8/1*

**Romp 'n Stomp
with Recycled Stuff**
June 13

Acoustic Guitar Fills the Air:
Jeff & Cheryl
June 20

Theater Games & Comedy:
Rats in the Alley
June 27

Jazz Evening: AMO Combo
July 11

Belly Dance for Life:
Emeralds of the Nile
July 18

African Drums:
Benjamin Ofori
July 25

Local Authors Poetry Night
August 1

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY, VALLEJO

All Events, Wednesdays, 3-5
except 8/7

**Ongoing Underground Music
Listening Parties**
Tuesdays, June 25 - August 6,
4-5 p.m.

Graffiti at the Library!?
June 26

Worry Stones
July 10

Personal Time Capsules
July 31. Pre-registration
required, email [maflowes@
solanocounty.com](mailto:maflowes@solanocounty.com)

Gaming Day
August 7, 2-5 p.m.

SPRINGTOWNE LIBRARY, VALLEJO

Craft: Bead Bracelets
Friday, June 7, 2:30 p.m.

**Beneath the Surface
Kick-Off Party**
Tuesday, June 11, 3 p.m.

Ongoing:

Mineral of the Week

Quote of the Week Display

Mineral Word Search

Recommendations:
What are you reading?

Teen Art Display

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY- CULTURAL CENTER

All events Wednesdays
at 3:30 p.m.

Make Your Own Time Capsule
June 19

Teen Beading Workshop
July 10 Sign up at info desk.

Shark Week Snack Attack
August 7

VACAVILLE TOWN SQUARE LIBRARY EVENTS

All events on Fridays,
12-2 p.m. except*

***Creative Writing**
Every other Monday beginning
June 17, 3:30 -4:30 p.m.

Library Mystery
June 21

Snow Day
July 12

Model Making
July 23

Jewelry Making
August 7





BOOK-TO-ACTION

PUTTING WORDS INTO ACTION

read
a great book

discuss
with a book group

meet
the author



ACT
volunteer in
your community

BOOK-TO-ACTION builds on the traditional book club concept, but in addition to providing an opportunity to collectively **READ** and **DISCUSS** a book, Book-to-action enables readers to put their newfound knowledge into **ACTION** by engaging in a community service project related to the book's topic. For more information about *The Circuit* and Solano County Library's Book-to-Action program visit solanolibrary.com.

Fairfield Civic Center Library

Thursday, December 5, 2013 • 6:30 p.m.



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COUNTY
LIBRARY**

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**Fairfield
Civic Center Library**
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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-
Springstowne 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
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

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