

Downloadable Audio Books

Stay tuned for the advent of a new service for Sonoma County Library - downloadable audio books. Expect them to be available to the public in early Fall.

Good Read by Nicki Hinch

Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres is a beautifully written novel with memorable characters, World War II history, love, honor, loyalty, betrayal, brutality, resilience and humor. The story takes place on the Greek island of Cephallonia just before and during the War and is about the Italian-German occupation of the island. Chapters are written in the voices of different characters giving the story a well-rounded sense of the events that shape their lives. The Italian occupation brings Captain Antonio Corelli to the island and he stays with the local physician Iannis and his daughter Pelagia. Corelli is first a cultured musician, his mandolin his most precious possession, then a soldier. He and Pelagia find themselves more and more attracted to each other even though they are supposed

Bag Day Made Possible

Thanks to the donation of 400 bags from our Friends at G&G Markets, we were able to hold Bag Day on the Monday of the Spring Book Faire last April. At \$4 per bag, we're grateful to the tune of \$1600.

to be enemies. How the War affects them, the people in their village, and the soldiers occupying it makes for a fascinating and engrossing read.

(The library has over 20 copies of the book, plus 3 books-on-tape, and a DVD of the movie made from this book.)

Children's Books from around the World

If T T Khing's *Where Is the Cake* and Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing* seem to have something in common, it's because they do. They are both new picture books on the Library shelves. Khing's wordless, innovative take on the Where's Waldo motif is a pastoral delight. Tan's urban landscapes and adventures in mechanical drawing will require a different kind of attention from young readers and their *in loco parental* aides de camp.

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Thank you Friends!

With a generous grant from the Friends, the Central Boys & Girls Room was able to purchase four large art canvases and supplies. As part of our Summer Reading Finale in late July, children used fingerpaint to put their handprints on one of the canvases. Staff, volunteers, and parents wrote the child's name and age next to the handprint. The canvas will be hung in the Boys & Girls Room where the children will be able to find their print and name. Another handprint project is planned for the Fall, and the two remaining canvases were given to two artistic Summer Reading teen volunteers to complete. Eventually all four beautiful, bright canvases will adorn the room! We thank the Friends so much for making this possible.

Hello from the Adult Literacy Program!

Volunteers help in so many ways at the library. Here at Central, many of you are busy mending, sorting, recycling, tossing, toting and hauling thousands of donated books.

If you are looking to help out in a different way, consider the Literacy Program. We need some "Friends" to volunteer their time as tutors. Our conversant and creative Tutor Coordinator, Christina Evans, provides training and support and matches you with a dedicated adult learner. You'll be surprised by how much you gain from the experience. To learn more, come in (we are located in the annex on Third Street), call or email us. 544-2622 literacy@sonoma.lib.ca.us

BEMUSED IN THE BASEMENT



The Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries was founded in 1964. I graduated from high school that year. Improbable as it may seem to some, back in those far off days of the last century I was paying 15¢ a gallon for gasoline. Just a minor historical note to set the tone for the news of the

price increases you'll see at the Fall Book Faire. It's been thirteen years since the last increase, but the impacts of inflation have caught up with us and in order that our costs not completely erode our mission to raise money in support of the Library we must succumb to the inevitable. Here, then, is the new Main Room pricing schedule:

Hardcover books.....	\$1.50/inch
Paperback books.....	\$1.00/each
Children's books	\$0.50/each
Children's magazines.....	\$0.10/each
Music discs.....	\$1.00/disc
Sheet music.....	\$0.50/each
Magazines.....	\$0.50/each
Pamphlets.....	\$0.25/each
Maps.....	\$0.10/each

Fall Book Faire is October 19 - 22

- **Friday** from 3 - 7:30 p.m. - Preview sale - \$5 admission
- **Saturday** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Sunday** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Half Price day**
- **Monday** from 2 - 7 p.m. - **Bag Day** - all books \$4 a bag

Upcoming Events at Central Branch Halloween!

Children of all ages will visit Central in their spookiest costumes on Thursday, October 25th at 4:30 PM. They will read haunting tales, devour treats, and play a game or two in celebration of the most treat-filled holiday on the planet.

Read to a Friendly Dog

Beginning readers of all ages will have a unique opportunity to sign up and read to a trained therapy dog from the Assistance Dog Institute on Thursday, November 15 at 4:00 PM. Children can make a friend, improve their reading and have fun! Several teams of dogs will be available to help celebrate Children's Book Week.

Librarians Read Poe – October 26

A cast of five librarians and two understudies are planning a live reading from four works of Edgar Allan Poe (1/19/1809-10/7/1849), to be held in the Forum Room on the night of the October full moon. [Editor's note: It has nothing to do with Lenore, makes no mention of "Nevermore," and yet you might also enjoy a reading of Barry Lopez's essay entitled "The Raven" in *Desert Notes: Reflections in the Eye of a Raven*. There's only one library copy so you'll have to be patient: 500.915 LOPEZ, in Ukiah.]

Displays

- ❖ 6th Street Playhouse – Look for a display on the upcoming *Grapes of Wrath* production, with a focus on the Dust Bowl and the American immigration experience. (to be confirmed...in Oct?.)
- ❖ Carved Farm Equipment – Those who enjoyed the exquisite carved birds on display at Central a few months ago will want to stop and see an equally amazing set of Executive Road Equipment models. The award-winning carver is the father of one of the Circulation staff

and we have her to thank for the fabulous pieces that will go on display mid October.

- ❖ Holiday Seasons - Instead of the usual Thanksgiving focus, Central's display this year will focus on Native American Indians. Holiday books and media will be put out as we get closer to the winter solstice and Christmas.
- ❖ Inter Library Loan - Many patrons make use of the library's service of providing books borrowed for them from other libraries throughout the country. The ILL team, three of our own Reference group, has put up a wall map to chart the activities and show visiting classes the locations and letters from that month's partner libraries.

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NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE ARTS



Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*

- Northwest Regional Library
Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m.,
English/Spanish Bilingual discussion
Banned Book Display thru October 15
- Rincon Valley Regional Library
Tuesday, October 16 at 1:30 p.m.,
discussion
- Thursday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m.,
Teen Book Discussion
Banned Book Display October 1 - 27
- Central Santa Rosa Library
Monday, October 22 at 7 p.m.,
English/Spanish Bilingual
Tuesday, October 23 at 12:00 noon
Tuesday, October 23 at 1 p.m.

CHOCOLATE AND BOOKS (AND A MOVIE) LIFE IS GOOD

The Sonoma County Public Library Foundation's annual *Chocolate Tasting and Movie* fundraiser returns October 17, 2007, to the Rialto Cinemas in Santa Rosa. This year's movie is the 1952 classic "Singin' in the Rain." Chocolate confections will be provided by Michelle Marie's Patisserie, Powell's Sweet Shoppe, Water Street Bistro, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, See's Candies, Denise Stewart of Dinner's Ready catering, and other of Sonoma County's bakers, candy shops, and caterers.

Tickets are \$30 each or 2/\$50 and can be purchased in advance, by sending your name, address, and a check to the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation, Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS TO NAME NATIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE

The Library of Congress announced that, through its Center for the Book, it will create the post of National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Appointed for a two-year term by the Librarian of Congress, the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature will speak to the importance of fiction and non-fiction books in children's lives. Selected for extraordinary contributions to the world of books for young people, the National Ambassador will encourage the appreciation of young people's literature throughout the United States through both personal and media appearances.

"The Ambassador will be an award-winning author or illustrator whose position will acknowledge—at the national level—the importance of exceptional authors and illustrators in creating the readers of tomorrow," said James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress.

The National Ambassador program is a joint initiative of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Children's Book Council (CBC). The appointment of the first National Ambassador for Young People's Literature will be announced in January 2008.

"We are thrilled. The National Ambassador for Young People's Literature will honor and promote the essential role young people's literature plays in every aspect of our society," said Simon Boughton, Chair of the CBC Board of Directors.

The National Ambassador for Young People's Literature will travel and speak extensively during the two-year term, participating in book and reading promotion events throughout the United States. While each term will bring new events in different areas of the country, the National Ambassador will speak in Washington, DC, each fall at the National Book Festival and in New York City each spring during Children's Book Week [May 12-18, 2008].

The National Ambassador will choose a platform on which the two-year term will focus. This platform will emphasize literacy, education, and related issues concerning books and young people. In addition to regular speaking engagements, the National Ambassador will work with national media outlets to promote this platform to an even wider audience.

The National Ambassador for Young People's Literature position is patterned after the Children's Laureate in the United Kingdom. The Center for the Book and the Children's Book Council will administer the project jointly, including naming the Selection Committee, overseeing the selection process, and organizing the National Ambassador's travel schedule.

The Selection Committee will consider all nationally-prominent creators of fiction and non-fiction books for children and young adults in the United States.