

Library News & Events

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BURBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Take Your Best Shot...

And enter it in the Friends of the Burbank Public Library
Amateur Photography Contest, February 2-14, 2009



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Organizations Meeting Times

Monday, Jan. 5 6:30 PM
Burbank Sister City Committee meets at the Central Library.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 6 PM
Board of Library Trustees meets monthly at the Central Library.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 6:30 PM
The Friends of the Burbank Public Library will meet at the Burbank Central Library.

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Burbank Central Library
110 N. Glenoaks Blvd. 91502
818.238.5590 (Audio Visual)
238.5610 (Children's)
238.5600 (Circulation)
238.5577 (Literacy)
238.5580 (Reference)
238.5589 (Young Adult)

Buena Vista Branch Library
300 N. Buena Vista St. 91505
818.238.5620 (Circulation)
238.5625 (Reference)
238.5630 (Children's)

Northwest Branch Library
3323 W. Victory Blvd. 91505
818.238.5640

All events are free to the public. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the library to confirm dates of events.

Changes for the Photography Contest

The Friends of the Burbank Public Library will again hold its annual Amateur Photography Contest in February. A maximum of **TWO PHOTOS** may be entered in the contest. Rules and entry forms are available at all locations of the Burbank Public Library. Entries must be submitted to the Reference Desk at the Central Library from Monday, **February 2**, up to and including Saturday, **February 14**.

This year, the Reception honoring all entrants and winners will be held in the Buena Vista Branch Library on Thursday, February 26. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and the Awards presentation will begin at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend, but **priority seating will be given to the contest entrants.**

Photos chosen for display will be exhibited at the **Central Library** from February 27 through March 31.



Sneak Peek @ Your Library

Are you a family historian? Learn how to turn your family history into interesting stories. Linda Weaver Clarke conducts a two-hour workshop where she discusses the elements of lively writing, including setup, characters, plot, and the importance of conflict and emotion. This free workshop will be held at the Buena Vista Branch Library on Thursday, **February 5**, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Author Eric Stone has visited the Burbank Library before to talk about his series of mystery books, the latest being **Flight of the Hornbill**. But prior to writing books, he spent 11 years living in Asia, based in Hong Kong, then Jakarta. During that time he worked as a writer, photographer, editor, and publisher. On Tuesday, **February 10**, Eric will present a talk and slide show detailing his Asian experiences. Join us for an exotic ride with journalist and urban explorer Eric Stone.

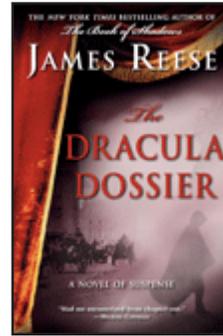


This year marks the 200th birthday of one of our greatest U.S. Presidents, Abraham Lincoln. Celebrate this milestone on Wednesday, **February 25**, and spend "An Evening with Abraham Lincoln." Living historian William Truman Peck brings the 16th president to life. Mr. Peck, a native of Arenzville, Illinois, has been telling stories about Abraham Lincoln since 1981. His programs are educational, motivational, and entertaining for all ages.

Peter Robinson, author of the Inspector Banks mystery series, will appear at the Buena Vista Branch Library on Saturday, February 28, at 2 PM. He will discuss and sign **All the Colours of Darkness**, the nineteenth in the Banks series. Robinson now divides his time between Toronto, Canada and Richmond, North Yorkshire in England. Burbank is fortunate, indeed, to host this award-winning author.



Aunt Agatha's Poisoned Picks



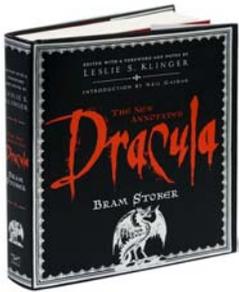
"Oh no," you say, "not another vampire book!" Well, despite its title -- *The Dracula Dossier* -- there's not a bat or bloodsucker in sight. Instead, author James Reese draws you into the mind and life of Dracula creator Bram Stoker.

Everyone knows Dracula, but not many are as familiar with the man who authored this classic horror tale. The premise of *The Dracula Dossier* is intriguing -- what if the genesis of literature's most famous monster wasn't pure fiction, but a veiled narrative of a grisly true-life encounter between Bram Stoker and Jack the Ripper.

Written in letters, journal entries, and newspaper clippings, the "Dossier" is purported to be the lost journal kept by Stoker in 1888, in the days leading up to and encompassing the horrific crimes of Jack the Ripper. When Stoker himself becomes a suspect in the killings, he rallies his friends to help him unmask the true villain.

James Reese has delivered a powerfully imagined historical thriller. Journey from Dublin to New York, from Whitechapel to Edinburgh with a cast of characters drawn from Victorian Britain's elite theatrical and literary circles. *The Dracula Dossier* is a compelling read. Find it on the mystery shelves at the Central and Northwest libraries.

If you would like a more in-depth look at Stoker's *Dracula*, be sure to check out *The New Annotated Dracula*, edited by Lesley S. Klinger, a noted Sherlock Holmes historian. Mr. Klinger brings an impressive range of knowledge and trivia to this classic tale. He was able to study the original Bram Stoker manuscript and note the changes between it and the first edition of the novel. The book is chock-full of interesting tidbits and commentary with an introduction by Neil Gaiman, numerous illustrations, and essays on various topics such as Dracula on stage and screen. This new edition is a must-read for every fan of the horror genre. Watch for *The New Annotated Dracula* on library shelves soon.



What Will Burbank Read in 2009???

Burbank, you laughed and cried with us in 2006 as we all went to the dogs with John Grogan's *Marley and Me*. Last year, Burbank reached for the stars as we read *Rocket Boys* by Homer H. Hickam, Jr.

What will Burbank be reading in 2009? The answer will be revealed in the weeks to come. An official announcement will be made at the February 3rd meeting of the Burbank City Council.

A committee of library staff and representatives from the Burbank School District met over the summer to make a selection for the 2009 **Burbank READS**, a "One Book, One City" campaign. A great many books were discussed and a final selection was made in the fall.

Extra copies of the selected book have been ordered and, following the announcement, will be available for check-out. A variety of interesting programs have been planned. So mark your calendar -- **Burbank READS** kicks off on Saturday, **March 7th** with a great round of activities scheduled through the finale on Saturday, **April 4th**.



Book Club Corner



BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

meets January 20 at noon
Central Library

*New members welcome!

4th & 5th Grade Book Club

Tale of Despereaux

by Kate Di Camillo
will be discussed

Burbank Central Library
Tuesday, Jan. 13

Buena Vista Branch Library
Thursday, Jan. 8

Northwest Branch Library
Friday, Jan. 16

High School Book Club

will discuss *The Blue Girl*
by Charles de Lint and
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 PM
Buena Vista Branch Library

Middle School Book Club

will discuss *A Mango-shaped Space*
by Wendy Mass.
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 7 PM
Buena Vista Branch Library

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 & Up)

Buena Vista Branch Library
Tuesdays @ 10 AM & 11 AM

Northwest Branch Library
Wednesdays @ 10 AM

Central Library
Thursdays @ 10 AM

"Toddler Tales"

(for age 2 & under)

Buena Vista Branch Library

Wednesdays @ 10 & 11 AM
Fridays @ 10 & 11 AM

Central Library
Fridays @ 10 & 11 AM



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JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, January 3 **11:00 AM** **HOLIDAY MOVIE MATINEE** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
Special Showing in the Storytime Room. *Rudolph's Shiny New Year* (runtime 32 minutes); and *Shrek the Halls* (runtime 22 minutes).

Monday, January 12 **7:00 PM** **OPERA TALKS!** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
The Los Angeles Opera Speakers Bureau will present a discussion of "The Magic Flute."

Thursday, January 7 **4:00 PM** **FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian will be shown (runtime is 144 minutes, rated PG).

Thursday, January 15 **6:30 PM** **FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY** -- Central Library
Pajama Time featuring stories and a short movie. Children may wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal or pillow to sit on.

Friday, January 16 **2:00 PM** **FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE** -- Central Library
"And the Academy Award Goes To..." *The More the Merrier* stars Jean Arthur, Joel McCrea, and Charles Coburn, who won the Oscar for Supporting Actor (runtime is 104 minutes).

Saturday, January 17 **2:00 PM** **LE PETIT CINEMA** -- Central Library
Young @ Heart. will be shown. Get ready to rock out with the most entertaining "Golden Oldies" you'll ever meet! A fun-loving senior citizen's choir must learn a slate of new songs, ranging from James Brown to Coldplay (runtime is 108 minutes; rated PG).

Wednesday, January 21 **4:00 PM** **FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL** -- Central Library
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian will be shown (runtime is 144 minutes, rated PG).

Wednesday, January 21 **7:00 PM** **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
Historical mystery fans will enjoy meeting Jeri Westerson, author of *Veil of Lies: A Medieval Noir*. Her debut series introduces Crispin Guest, a disgraced knight more Sam Spade than Brother Cadfael. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, January 22 **7:00 PM** **ARCTIC ADVENTURES: CHASING A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE IN THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
Matt Venitiglia will present a fascinating lecture and slide show about his journey to the icy North Pole this past August aboard a nuclear-powered icebreaker.

Monday, January 26 **10:00 AM** **MONDAY MORNING MOVIES for Preschoolers** -- Central Library
Enjoy the filmed versions of favorite picture books. This month features "Quacks, Honks and Moos" with *Goose* (6 min.), *The Cow Who Fell in the Canal* (8 min.), and *Dooby, Dooby, Moo* (10 min.).

Thursday, January 29 **7:00 PM** **FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
Pajama Time featuring stories and a short movie. Children may wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal or pillow to sit on.

Saturday, January 31 **12:00 - 4:00 PM** **Teen Anime Festival** -- Buena Vista Branch Library
Special guests, movies, refreshments, and more! Call 818.238.5589 for further information and reservations.

All events are free to the public and are funded in whole or in part by the Friends of the Burbank Public Library. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the library to confirm dates and times of events.