



The Bookworm

By Joan Stevenson

Excerpt from an online post: *“The Lafayette Library is absolutely amazing!! My family and I are relatively new in town, and this place was a blessing. Free internet, librarians that are helpful and tons and tons of information and books. Love the fact that*

I can order any book in the county and pick it up here. Also like that they call you when your items are ready to be picked upOnly wish they where open longer hours on weekends!”

Well, listen up, visitors! We have great news. Effective May 2nd, the Library will be open from 10^{am} to 8^{pm} Monday to Thursday, from 10^{am} to 5^{pm} Friday and Saturday, and from 1^{pm} to 5^{pm} on Sunday. Consider the statistics our own librarian, Susan Weaver, shared about the first year of operation that demonstrate the popularity of the Lafayette Library: 12,297 visitors per month – an increase of 83% over 2009; 70% of all Lafayette residents have a library card; 51,720 log-ins on the Library’s computers; more than 1500 people log on to the Library’s free wireless system per month. Add to this the programs sponsored by the Library Staff, Friends of the Library, and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation. In the first year of operation, more than 20,000 people attended 390 programs.

On April 29, the Book Worm was invited to the inaugural viewing, *A Partnership Beyond Books*, the oral history of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. How like our community to take the creation of the library one notch up by documenting the process! Produced and edited by Brenda Hepler the voices involved in “imagining a place” related the ideas, the innovative thinking, and the steps that were taken. They have archived an important part of the history of our community. This documentary is available on CD at the Historical Society. Hats off to Brenda and her creative team!


Come to the Science Café, sip a glass of wine or cup of coffee, and hear Arlene Blum, author, mountaineer, and biophysical chemist talk about treks,

tenacity, and toxic chemicals. After organizing the first women's team to climb Annapurna in the Himalayas, Blum turned her attention to eliminating cancer-causing chemicals from children's sleepwear and ultimately brought science into regulatory decisions, stopping the unnecessary use of toxic chemicals. *The Breaking Trail: Mountains to Molecules to Motherhood* talk will be held **Tuesday, May 17th from 6:30^{pm} – 8^{pm}** in the Community Hall.

Do you wonder as you view the images of uprisings throughout Africa and the Middle East what will evolve? Come on at **1:30^{pm} May 19th** to the Community Hall to hear Dariush Zahedi, a lecturer in political science at UC Berkeley and a 2009-10 visiting professor at Bilkent University in Turkey, to hear his discussion entitled, *A Republic, if You can Keep It*. What are the prospects for successful transitions to democracy in Egypt and Tunisia? How about for any other country in the Middle East and North Africa that manages to topple its authoritarian government? What is the likelihood that transitions to democracy will be sustainable and enduring? It is presented by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of UC Berkeley. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Reserve a place in advance at http://olli.berkeley.edu/lecture-series/Spring2011_Lafayette.html.

The latest news...once again. Vitamin D and osteoporosis have again been in the news...It appears that there are more pieces to the osteoporosis puzzle than just Vitamin D and calcium. Exercise plays a key role, as do other factors. Gynecologist Risa Kagan, MD and physical therapist Joanie Shepherd-Mellows will help us understand more about this complex and common condition. Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres at this free presentation, and enter a raffle drawing for a fabulous prize! *Bone Up on Osteoporosis* talk will take place **Wednesday, May 25th from 6:30^{pm} to 8^{pm}** Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Call (510) 869-6737 to save your seat.




And there you have it, a glimpse of what goes on beyond the open door at LLLC. There is much more, so to keep up with the news, check out www.lafayettelib.org. As a community you need to take a bow because without YOU it could not have happened. Keep your eyes open because there is a magical birthday party being planned in September that you will not want to miss.











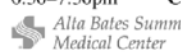












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Date-Time-Location	MAY PROGRAMS	Cost	Date-Time-Location	JUNE PROGRAMS	Cost
MAY 11th...Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm CH	 Commonwealth Club (GSLC)\$12 mbrs <i>The Devil's Light</i> , Richard North Patterson's thriller tackles the possibility of a nuclear threat from al-Qaeda. commonwealthclub.org	\$22 nonmbrs \$7 students	JUNE 1st...Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm CH	 Commonwealth Club (GSLC)\$12 mbrs It's Complicated: Muslims and Jews in America A look at the Middle East in today's environment. commonwealthclub.org	\$22 nonmbrs \$7 students
12th...Thursday 7:30-9pm CH	 Friends of LLLC - Sweet ThursdayFREE Josh Mohr, <i>Some Things That Meant the World To Me</i> (no need to reserve)		4th...Saturday 7:30-9:30pm CH	 Gold Coast Chamber Players\$30, \$25 seniors Summer Romance Daniel Shapiro and Mitchell Newman join GCCP for piano quartets by Brahms and Chausson. gcplayers.org	\$10 students
14th...Saturday 11am-12pm A&S	 Lawrence Hall of Science (GSLC) ...Ages 3-7, \$20 per child Air, Air Everywhere! What does wind do? Test a hot air balloon, kite and many other materials in a special Wind Tube. lawrencehallofscience.org		6th...Monday 7-8pm A&S	 Berkeley Rep Docent TalkFREE <i>Let Me Down Easy</i> , Anna Deavere Smith's one-woman show on the vulnerability of the body and resilience of the spirit. reserve@LLLCF.org	
17th...Tuesday 7-8pm CH Doors open-6:30pm	 Science Cafe: Breaking Trail: Mountains To Molecules To Motherhood\$5 Dr. Arlene Blum, author, chemist talks treks and toxic chemicals in fire retardants. reserve@LLLCF.org		14th...Tuesday 7-8pm CH Doors open-6:30pm	 Science Cafe: The Science of Wine\$5 A panel discussion on the science of fine wine making; enjoy a tasting. Details on the websites of LLLCF and American Chemical Society. reserve@LLLCF.org	
19th...Thursday 1:30-3pm CH	 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)\$10 A Republic, If You Can Keep It . UC Lecturer Dariush Zahedi talks about prospects for democracies in the Middle East. olli.berkeley.edu		15th...Wednesday 7-9pm CH	 Writers' SeriesFREE A Conversation with Senior Film Writer Ruthe Stein , <i>S.F.Chronicle</i> , on writing and reviewing films. reserve@LLLCF.org	
25th...Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm CH  <i>Alla Bates Summit Medical Center</i>	 Bone Up On OsteoporosisFREE A series sponsored by Women's Health Center. For women 40+, there is more to osteoporosis than Vitamin D. carrole@sutterhealth.org or 510.869.6737		16th...Thursday 1:30-3pm CH	 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)\$10 Autobiography, King Lear and Australian Cultural Identity. Cal Shakes' dramaturg Philippa Kelly explores the complexities of family cultures. olli.berkeley.edu	
Saturday, May 14. 10am-3pm ~ 12th Annual Lafayette Juniors Kitchen Tour Tickets \$35 (\$25 tax deductible), \$47 with box lunch (order by May 5). Information at lafayettejuniors.org			23rd...Thursday 6:30-7:30pm CH	 Commonwealth Club (GSLC)\$12 mbrs Kim Barker's <i>The Taliban Shuffle</i> offers great insights as an investigative reporter in Afghanistan and Pakistan. commonwealthclub.org	\$22 nonmbrs \$7 students
Save the Date: 9.10.11 Come Celebrate the Magic, a gala celebration at the Library and Learning Center. A magical evening not to be missed. Watch LLLCF.org for more details!					

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LEGEND: CH=Community Hall, A&S=Arts & Science Discovery Center, HC=Homework Center, VM=Veterans Memorial, GSLC=Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium Program