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South Pasadena Strings Children's and Youth Orchestras Perform at the South Pasadena Public Library

Members of the award-winning South Pasadena Children's Orchestra (ages 5-11) and South Pasadena Youth Orchestra (ages 11-high school) will perform international music, including Jamaican, Japanese, Chinese, and Jewish, at 7:15 p.m. on December 9, 2008 in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room. Also on the program will be the world premiere of "Irish Washerwoman," a musical composition arranged by celebrated local composer Dr. Vernon Leidig. The orchestras, under the auspices of the South Pasadena Strings Program, have been featured on local and national television. Susan Pascale will conduct the Children's Orchestra and Damian Berdakin will conduct the South Pasadena Youth Orchestra. In spring 2009, the Children's Orchestra will make their debut at New York City's Carnegie Hall. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

For more information regarding this program, call (626) 403-7358 or check the Library website at www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library.

South Pasadena Public Library's Teen Collection

It may be small but it packs a literary punch. The South Pasadena Public Library's teen area is teeming with great new fiction, comics, and nonfiction titles all geared for ages 12 - 18. The area also contains magazines, zines, teen classic novels, and many Cliff Note titles.

Many of the fiction and nonfiction titles are chosen using magazine reviews, patron requests, or word of mouth. The teen librarian also references the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) resources. The association pulls together award winners and lists of great titles for teens from the previous year. The South Pasadena Library teen collection includes most of the award winning titles and lists from the last few years.

One of the objectives of the teen area is to nurture teen literacy. The fiction area and the teen classics provide teens with an array of genres from yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Another goal is to provide the middle school and high school students with material to assist with homework, research, or general interest. The non-fiction section contains books on hot issue topics, issues on teen life, and many other areas of general interest.

An area of the collection that is increasingly growing is the Teen Comics. These comics present audiences with the combination of art and story. There are many contemporary titles that are popular here in the United States as well as their Japanese counterpart, Manga. Lastly, the teen area also carries the high school textbooks provided by the school district.

Although the activity of reading for pleasure for those age 13 - 17 has dropped in the last 24 years, the Library has made efforts to provide the teens in the community with enjoyable and informational reading materials. Through the collection the Library hopes to inspire more great artists, writers, researchers, and book lovers from South Pasadena.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-5 p.m.

INFORMATION

General

(626) 403-7333

Administration

(626) 403-7330

Circulation/Renewals

(626) 403-7340

Adult Reference

(626) 403-7350

Children's Services

(626) 403-7358

Friends Bookstore

(626) 441-5294

HOLIDAYS

Veterans' Day Holiday

November 11, 2008

Library Closed

November 26, 2008

Library Closes @ 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27 & 28, 2008

Library Closed

December 24, 2008

Library Closes @ 2 p.m.

Christmas Holiday

December 25, 2008

Library Closed

December 31, 2008

Library Closes @ 2 p.m.

New Year's Holiday

January 1, 2009

Library Closed

Children's Programming



Storytimes

November 1—November 21, 2008

Family Storytimes (all ages)

Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.—7:45 p.m.

Preschool Storytimes (ages 3–5 years)

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.—11 a.m.

Toddler Storytimes (ages 1–2 years)

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.—10:50 a.m.

Toddler Storytimes (ages 2–3 years)

Fridays, 11 a.m.—11:20 a.m.

Grandparents and Books (all ages)

Thursdays, 3 p.m.—5 p.m.

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Barks and Books (Ages 5–10 years)

Monday, Nov. 24th, 3–4 p.m.

COMING SOON!

Restoration Concert

Sunday, November 16th @ 4 p.m.

Gary Foster Jazz

For ticket information, call (626) 799-6333.
Net proceeds to be used for the continued restoration of the Library Community Room.

Friends Annual Meeting to feature an Author Night with Naomi Hirahara

On January 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., the South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library will host an Author Night and book signing event with nationally-known writer, Naomi Hirahara. The free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Street. Books will be available for purchase and no tickets or reservations are necessary. The event is co-sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. with financial support from the James Irvine Foundation.

Hirahara was born and raised in Southern California and graduated from South Pasadena High School. She is the Edgar Award-winning author of the Mas Arai mystery series (*Summer of the Big Bachi*, *Gasa-Gasa Girl*, and *Snakeskin Shamisen*), all featuring a Japanese American gardener and atomic-bomb survivor. A previous editor of *The Rafu Shimpo* newspaper, she has also produced nonfiction books on horticulture and Asian American history. Her short stories are featured in *Los Angeles Noir*, *A Hell of a Woman*, and *The Darker Mask*, while her middle-grade book, *1001 Cranes*, was released in August 2008 by Delacorte. She is currently at work on the fourth Mas Arai mystery.

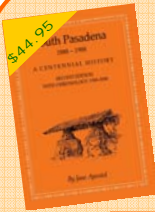
During her presentation she will reveal why she selected an aging Japanese American gardener as her crime fighting protagonist and visually share some of the many artifacts of her publishing journey, including some choice rejection letters. After about 5 minutes of Friends business during which the Friends will elect their 2009 slate of officers, The Elliott Caine Trio will play a set of "Blue Note" style jazz. Elliott has performed and/or recorded with Teddy Edwards, Ernie Andrews, O.C. Smith, Wycliff Jean, Beck, and The Beastie Boys, among many others. He was also an integral part of the renowned Latin-ska group, Jump With Joey for three tours of Japan and the USA, and a performance at Capitol Records' 50th Anniversary celebration. A South Pasadena resident, Elliott also received a Platinum Record for his work with the rock group, Filter.




NEW APOSTOL BOOK ON SALE NOW!

With the help of the South Pasadena Public Library, the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library have published a new expanded edition of *South Pasadena: A Centennial History 1888-1988, Second Edition with Chronology, 1988-2008* by award-winning historian Jane Apostol. The updated book offers many new photos and displays Jane's sharply focused yet perceptive prose style. It also retains the classic artistry of internationally-recognized book designer Ward Ritchie (1905-1996), as well as the original Introduction by Lawrence Clark Powell (1906-2001), one of the top writers and literary critics of the American West.

The beautiful, large format hardback is now available for \$44.95 per copy in the Friends Book Store on the second floor of the Library. All proceeds help the Friends' efforts to continue improving the Library. *South Pasadena: A Centennial History 1888-1988, Second Edition with Chronology, 1988-2008* is a must for any South Pasadena household and will be a cherished keepsake for generations to come. Obviously, it will make a great holiday gift too.



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BIG READ DVD OUT NOW!

On October 6, *The Call of the Wild* "Read-in" was filmed with 46 individuals from various walks of South Pasadena life each reading a page. The Read-In was videotaped and shown regularly on local access cable television stations. The Library has 3 checkout DVD copies too. Mayor Philip C. Putnam, City Manager Lilian Myers, and former Police Chief Bill Reese began the tag team event after being preceded by brief introductions by Sue Hodson, the Huntington Library's Literary Manuscripts Curator and Dr. Brian Bristol, Superintendent of Schools. The final two pages of London's classic were read by Councilmember Mike Ten and Brendan Durrett from the Library Board of Trustees. A DVD copy of the entire Read-In is available for purchase for \$15 (tax and mailing included) by sending a check made out to "John Mann." Please mail your check to him at 8231 Halford Street, San Gabriel, CA 91775. \$5 from each DVD sold will be donated to the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. The DVD also features images from the Jack London Papers, courtesy of the Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino.