National Library Month

APRIL 2012 You Belong @ Your Library

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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An Evening with Author Rebecca Solnit

Monday, April 23 from 6-9 PM
EXPO Arts Center • 4321 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach 90807 • (562) 427-7617

Join us for a conversation with Rebecca Solnit, author of *Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disaster*, which explores our need for community and common purpose, ideals that are fundamental to democratic social and political life.

There will also be a reception and walk through exhibit featuring thirteen panels that show the hidden stories of the unsung Californians who stood up for their rights in the face of social hostility, physical violence, economic hardship, and political stonewalling. Based on the book *Wherever There's a Fight: A History of Civil Liberties in California* by Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi, the exhibition spans the period from the Gold Rush to the post-9/11 era.

This event is made possible through the California Reads Grant *Searching for Democracy* from Cal Humanities, in partnership with California Center for the Book.

California Reads: Searching for Democracy

April through November 2012 • Books available at your Long Beach Public Library

Long Beach is one of 50 public libraries in California to receive a California Reads "Searching for Democracy" grant through Cal Humanities. In Long Beach, these three books, chosen for their examination of democracy, will be discussed in a wide range of settings: *Paradise Built in Hell* by Rebecca Solnit, *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston, and *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAIN LIBRARY • 101 Pacific Avenue, Downtown Long Beach (570-7500)

April 2012 • **Art on Display** - Check out our special bulletin board display and artwork exhibited all month in various locations throughout Main Library.

Saturday, April 7 from 11 AM-4 PM • **Black Authors Festival Day Book Signing & Storytelling** - The Friends of the Library invite you to the fourth annual Black Authors Festival Day event, featuring over 30 authors from the Long Beach area. Contact Aaron L. Day @ (562) 335-8595 or adaydec@aol.com for more information. Auditorium (Lower Level).

Saturday, April 7 from 2-4 PM • **Express Yourself with Magnets** - Make your own bottle cap magnets. For teens in grades 6-12. Teen Space.

Saturday, April 14 from 10 AM-5 PM • **Discovery Dig Day** - Children and their families are invited for a day of beach crafting and moon sand play in the Children's Reading Room.

Saturday, April 21 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM • **Breakfast With Books** - The Junior League of Long Beach hosts a special event for kids and their families to emphasize the importance of reading. Enjoy a free breakfast, learning stations, book giveaway, and a fun environment for the whole family to engage in the love of books and reading! For more information please contact jllb628@aol.com or visit www.jllb.org.

Saturday, April 21 from 1:30-4 PM • **National Library Month Film Festival** - What do books and meatballs have in common? Join us for two films, one short and one long, about recovering from disaster. The first is an award-winning movie about books and the other has meatballs!!! For all ages. Auditorium (Lower Level).

Through April 21 • ***Wherever There's a Fight: A History of Civil Liberties in California*** - Walk through the library to view thirteen panels that show the hidden stories of the unsung Californians who stood up for their rights in the face of social hostility, physical violence, economic hardship, and political stonewalling. Based on the book by Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi, the exhibition spans the period from the Gold Rush to the post-9/11 era. This event is made possible through the California Reads Grant *Searching for Democracy* from Cal Humanities, in partnership with California Center for the Book.

Tuesday, April 24 from 6-8 PM • **Community Cinema** - *Hell and Back Again,* a film by Danfung Dennis. In cooperation with Music Unlimited, the library presents free monthly film screenings from PBS's Independent Lens. The film will be followed by a panel and community discussion. Library Auditorium (Lower Level).

ALAMITOS Neighborhood Library • 1836 E. Third St. (570-1037)

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM • **Preschool Story Time** - For children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers.

BACH Neighborhood Library • 4055 Bellflower Blvd. (570-1038)

Thursdays from 10:30-11:00 AM • **Preschool Story Time** - For children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers.

BAY SHORE Neighborhood Library • 195 Bay Shore Ave. (570-1039)

Thursday, April 5 @ 3 PM • **Girls Read!** - *Gollywhopper Games* by Jody Feldman, for girls in grades 5-7.

Saturdays, April 7 & 28 @ 2 PM • **My Community Library** - Get your library card and join us for a short film: *My Community Library,* children's story time and family craft.

Thursday, April 12 from 6:30-8 PM • **Book Discussion Group** - *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines.

Saturdays, April 14 & 21 @ 3:30 PM • **Kids Crafts**.

Wednesday, April 18 @ 3:30 PM • **Kids Movie Program** - Featuring *The Teacher from the Black Lagoon* and *More Slightly Scary Stories*.

Thursdays @ 11 AM • **Preschool Story Time** - For children ages 3-5 years and their parents/caregivers.

Fridays @ 11 AM • **Toddler Story Time** - For children ages 1-3 years and their parents/caregivers.

BREWITT Neighborhood Library • 4036 E. Anaheim St. (570-1040)

Fridays, April 13, 20 & 27 @ 10:30 AM • **Toddler Story Time and Tiny Tot Time** - For ages children ages 3-36 months and their parents/caregivers. Enjoy stories and songs, then stay for play time!

Friday, April 20 @ 3pm • **Wii Program for Teens** - Show your skills in our Wii competition. For teens ages 12-18.

BURNETT Neighborhood Library • 560 E. Hill St. (570-1041)

Friday, April 20 from 1-2:30 PM • **Fresh Hot Databases @ Your Library** - Learn about the impressive variety of databases LBPL offers. Attendees will learn how to access and navigate numerous online resources. Refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Long Beach Public Library.

DANA Neighborhood Library • 3680 Atlantic Ave. (570-1042)

Friday, April 6 from 5-6:30 PM • **First Books at First Fridays** - Join Councilmember James Johnson and his special guest readers for stories and more!

April 10-14 • **Library Scavenger Hunt** - Test your skills and knowledge in the Library and Book Scavenger Hunt. Have fun and the opportunity to win prizes, everyone can participate.

Saturday, April 14 from 10-11 AM • **Book Club** - Dana Book Club discusses *Strangers at the Feast* by Jennifer Vanderbes.

April 17-26 • **A Poem in Your Pocket** - April 26th is National Poem in Your Pocket Day - Pick up a poem for YOUR pocket during this event so you will be prepared if anyone asks "Do you have a poem in your pocket?"

April 21 - May 21 • **Rising Up From Disaster** - An exhibit of photographs and clippings of the 1933 Earthquake in Long Beach from the Long Beach Public Library's Long Beach Collection.

Tuesday, May 1 @ 6 pm • **Constitution Cafe** - Christopher Phillips, author of *Constitution Cafe: Jefferson's Brew for a True Revolution,* invites us to join him over coffee for a Jeffersonian debate to discuss how people like you would sculpt the United States Constitution if they could start from scratch. This event is made possible through the California Reads Grant *Searching for Democracy* from Cal Humanities, in partnership with California Center for the Book.

Wednesdays @ 3:15 PM • **I Love Stories** - Story time and activities for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Thursdays @ 9:30 AM • **Preschool Story Time** - For children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers.

Fridays @ 9:30 AM • **Toddler Stories and More** - Read aloud, activities, and toys for children ages 1-3 and their parents/caregivers.

Saturdays @ 11:30 AM • **Bookworm Buddy** - Read aloud for children of all ages.

EL DORADO Neighborhood Library • 2900 Studebaker Rd. (570-3136)

April 2012 • **This is My Library!** - Bring a picture of yourself or your family and stand proud to be part of the El Dorado Neighborhood Library Family. Participating children will be able to choose a book prize.

Tuesday, April 3 @ 1 PM • **50+ Book Club** - Discussion of *The Social Animal: The Hidden Source of Love, Character, and Achievement* by David Brooks and *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. For adults 50 and up.

Thursdays, April 12 & 26 @ 5 PM • **Scrabble** - Join us for a friendly game of Scrabble! All skill levels are welcome.

Saturday, April 14 @ 2 PM • **LA Opera Lecture Series** - LA Opera Community Educator will discuss Giacomo Puccini's *La Boheme* with examples of music and photographs.

Tuesday, April 24 @ 5 PM • **Yarn and Craft Circle** - Crafters bring a project to work on and share ideas. All crafts and skill levels welcome.

April 21, 24, 25, and 26 during Library open hours • **Friends of the Library Book Sale** - Come out and support the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library by purchasing books, CDs, and DVDs.

Saturday, April 28 @ 10 AM • **Page Turners Book Club** - Discussion of *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

Fridays @ 9:15 AM • **Baby and Toddler Story Time** - Stories, songs, and playtime for children 0-3 years and their parents/caregivers.

Fridays @ 10:15 AM • **Preschool Story Time** - Stories, songs, and fingerplays to introduce children to literature and reading. For children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers.

HARTE Neighborhood Library • 1595 W. Willow St. (570-1044)

Saturday, April 14 from 2-3 PM • **Got Books?** - Story time program for children and parents/caregivers. Attendees are invited to share their library experiences and select a book prize.

LOS ALTOS Neighborhood Library • 5614 Britton Dr. (570-1045)

April 18-April 28 • **YOU Belong at the Library!** - Students who bring a friend to the Los Altos Library will have an opportunity to win donated books for their classroom library plus a book of their own.

Fridays, April 20 & 27 from 10:30-11:15 AM • **Preschool Story Time** - Children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to enjoy stories and playtime.

Saturday, April 21 from 10 AM-12 PM • **Thank you, Friends of the Library** - Meet Members of the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library and learn how you can become a supporter of the Library. Old and new Friends will be welcomed with refreshments (courtesy of Friends of the Long Beach Public Library).

Tuesday, April 24 from 3:30-4:15 PM • **Dear Friend, A California Reads Program** - Clara Breed was a California librarian who sent books and letters to the children of her library after they were sent to Japanese internment camps during World War II. Students in Grades K-4 are invited to learn about children in need today and how we can help them.

MARK TWAIN Neighborhood Library • 1401 E. Anaheim St. (570-1046)

Tuesday, April 17 from 4-4:30 PM • **National Library Month Story Time** - Family story time for all ages.

Thursday, April 19 from 4-5 PM • **Make A Bookmark @ Your Library** - Learn how to make a simple bookmark using origami.

Tuesdays from 11 AM-12 PM • **Tiny Tot Time** - Story Time for babies ages 6-30 months and their parents/caregivers.

Tuesdays • **Preschool Story Time** - For children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers.

Thursdays from 4-4:30 PM • **Bilingual Story Time** - Stories in English and Spanish for children of all ages.

Fridays from 4-4:45 PM • **Story Time** - Stories, music, and audience participation for children in grades K-5.

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PLAN A PROJECT

NORTH Neighborhood Library • 5571 Orange Ave. (570-1047)

Throughout April • **"20 Books for 20 Days" Contest** - Check out one of 20 preselected books during April and receive a small prize. Weekly clues will be given to increase your chances of winning.

Thursday, April 19 @ 4 PM • **Springtime Craft Program** - For children in grades 1-6.

CHECK IN & WIN • All library locations

April 1-30 • Show that *You Belong @ Your Library* by checking in on Foursquare or Yelp. Check in as often as you'd like during the month of April. Winners notified May 1st.

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Please check for a full list of events at www.lbpl.org or at your local library. As this information is subject to change, confirm dates and times before attending.

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A	Main Library
B	Alamitos Branch
C	Bach Branch
D	Bay Shore Branch
E	Brewitt Branch
F	Burnett Branch
G	Dana Branch
H	El Dorado Branch
I	Harte Branch
J	Los Altos Branch
K	Mark Twain Branch
L	North Branch

The City of Long Beach intends to provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. If a special accommodation is desired, please call the library 48 hours prior to the program. This information is available in an alternative format by request to Main Library at 570-7500.