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Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

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Events for Adults



Creative Writing Workshop

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 20 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

An opportunity for writers of all backgrounds to generate ideas and stimulate creativity. The setting will be informal and may have a theme. There will typically be a writing prompt and discussion.



Libro Loteria

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 26 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
LAKE ROOM

Play a literary game of loteria based off of different book themes!



The Lonesome Trail: Arborglyphs and Basque Shepherders in the Far West

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 | 11- 12 P.M.
LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

The Lonesome Trail is an exciting educational program exploring the unique history of Basque Arborglyphs—historic tree carvings made by Basque shepherders across the American West.



The event will uncover the stories behind these carvings and their cultural significance. The program will also delve into our region's rich Basque history, providing valuable context for understanding the Arborglyphs. By situating these carvings within the broader historical and cultural narratives of Basque immigration, shepherding, and community life, the program will illuminate their significance as both personal expressions and enduring cultural artifacts. The program will feature renowned guest speakers, including: Dr. Steve Gamboa (California State University, Bakersfield) and Christopher Livingston, M.A., M.L.I.S. (Director Historical Research Center, California State University, Bakersfield) These experts will share their insights on how these carvings reflect the identity and history of the Basque people, along with the importance of preserving them for future generations.

As part of the event, attendees will experience stunning 3D digital images of these carvings, offering a rare chance to see these historical artifacts up close.

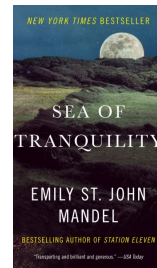
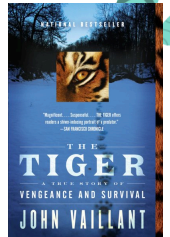


Start Your Summer With a Page-Turning Adventure



The Tiger: a True Story of Vengeance by John Vaillant

The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival is a gripping non-fiction narrative set in the Russian Far East. The book tells the true story of a man-eating Amur tiger that terrorized a remote village in December 1997, killing two men. Vaillant explores the intricate relationship between humans and nature, highlighting the tiger's desperation due to environmental degradation.



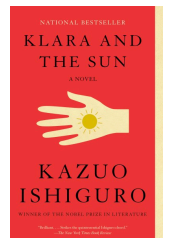
Sea of Tranquility by Emily Mandel

The story spans centuries, following characters from 1912 to the 2400s, including a time traveler named Gaspary-Jacques Roberts. The narrative weaves together their lives as they encounter a mysterious anomaly—a moment where time seems to overlap. The novel delves into questions about existence, and the nature of reality, all while connecting the characters through this shared phenomenon.



Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

From her spot in the store selling Artificial Friends (AF), Klara—a highly observant AF—studies the behavior of shoppers and passersby, hoping to be chosen. As her future takes an unexpected turn, she's cautioned against relying on human promises. In *Klara and the Sun*, Nobel Prize winner Kazuo Ishiguro examines our changing modern world and poses a profound question: What does it mean to love?



Piranesi by Susanna Clarke

Piranesi, lives in a vast, labyrinthine house filled with endless halls, statues, and a trapped ocean. He believes this house is his entire world, and he meticulously documents his daily life and observations in his journals. He is assisted in his explorations by the "Other," a man who seeks a "Great and Secret Knowledge" within the house. As Piranesi delves deeper into the house, he discovers evidence of another person and a world beyond his own, revealing a truth that challenges his understanding of the House and his place within it.



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every chapter.

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Dungeons and Dragons

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 28 | 1-3 P.M.
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Join us for Dungeons and Dragons, a collaborative tabletop RPG where you create characters and embark on epic adventures guided by a Dungeon Master. Engage in storytelling, strategy, and dice-based combat - your choices shape the narrative! Get ready to roll!



Family Feud: Library Edition

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 25 | 6.00-7:00 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Play a game of library themed game show trivia night!
Title subject to change.

Seniors' Guide to Gadgets

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS | 2-4 P.M.
REFERENCE AREA

A personalized program that empowers seniors to confidently navigate the digital world. Our 30-minute one-on-one sessions offer tailored support to enhance technology skills in a friendly environment. Bring your questions or concerns about any devices!



Yoga with Claudia

MONDAY JUNE 9 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Enjoy an hour of yoga with a certified yoga instructor!





Events for Adults



Baby Cafe

ALL AGES TUESDAYS | 11:30-1:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Receive free, professional help with breastfeeding, pumping, and bottle feeding.



Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

TUESDAYS | 5-6 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Learn the basics of the English language (for Spanish speakers).



Free Legal Help

TUESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
INFO AREA & LOBBY

One-on-one free legal help with Victor Vevea and the Law offices of Roger Lampkin.



Downtown Toastmasters

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30-12:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Toastmaster experts will help you learn how to speak in public. Helpful for meetings, presentations, speeches, toasts, eulogies or preachers!



Citizenship Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
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Join us to study for the Citizenship Test in a fun and stress-free environment! Drop in to practice civics questions as well as practice English-language conversation!




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