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**GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION
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Editor's Note: Due to the increasing state deficit and continuing budget crisis in California and the economic difficulties our entire nation faces, the following plans may change in the months and years to come. Stay tuned . . .

New State Budget Effects on GATE

Source: California Association for the Gifted (<http://www.cagifted.org>)

The newly adopted state budget includes a great deal of spending flexibility with most categorical funds. For 43 of the 50 categorical programs, including GATE, funding is cut by 15%, then for a period of 5 years, districts have complete flexibility to use the funds as they see fit, without regard to program requirements. Decisions will be made at the school board level following public hearings regarding the budget.

Categorical Flexibility fro 2008-09 through 2012-13

This language is in Section 15 of SBX3 4. The bill provides that, for this five-year period, funding from any of the specified categorical education programs may be used "for any educational purpose." Paragraph (d) of the section says that: "For the 2008-09 fiscal year to the 2012-13 fiscal year, inclusive, local education agencies that use the flexibility provision of this section shall be deemed to be in compliance with the program and funding requirements contained in statutory, regulatory, and provisional language..."

This language absolves districts from the requirements of providing unique courses for gifted students, compliance with existing approved GATE plans or submission of GATE plans according to existing schedules to qualify for GATE funding. Funding will continue at the 2008-09 level for all 5 years and may get COLA should the Legislature approve.

This section says that for fiscal years 2009-10 through 2012-13, the State Superintendent shall apportion funds for each program to each agency “based on the same relative proportion that the local education agency received in the 2008-09 fiscal year...” This means, for example, if an agency received 1% of the state GATE funding in 2008-09, it would receive 1% of the state GATE funding in 2009-10, even if it chooses to now use those funds for some other purpose. The paragraph described above says that the agency shall be “deemed” to be in compliance with all gifted education laws and regulations.

With regard to decision-making, the language (paragraph C2) provides that: “As a condition of receipt of funds the governing board of the school district or board of the county office of education, as appropriate, at a regularly scheduled open public hearing shall take testimony from the public, discuss, and approve or disapprove the proposed use of funding.”

NAGC Urges President Obama to Reverse Proposed Termination of Javits Program

Source: National Association for Gifted Children (<http://www.nagc.org>)

WASHINGTON (May 7, 2009) – The National Association for Gifted Children is urging President Obama to reconsider his proposed termination of an invaluable gifted education research program.

Funded through the Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act, these “Javits Grants” support research projects aimed at enhancing how our schools identify, assess and educate our nation’s gifted children from disadvantaged backgrounds.”

“Despite being chronically underfunded, the Javits program has made a marked difference in how our nation educates our most promising students, especially those gifted students from underserved populations,” NAGC Executive Director Nancy Green said.

“Instead of proposing to scrap the program in its entirety, the Administration should instead seek to provide full funding for the Javits program to expand the scope and breadth of research so more promising interventions can be applied to help students in classrooms throughout the nation,” she added.

For more than 20 years, the Javits program has led the way in identifying best practice and academic rigor for high-ability learners from disadvantaged backgrounds—critical research that is not being conducted elsewhere. All too often, the gifts and talents of economically disadvantaged students go unrecognized and undeveloped because

challenging educational experiences are unavailable. The Javits program has been instrumental in changing this dynamic so that high-ability learners from poverty no longer fall through the cracks.

“Ending the Javits program will eliminate the only federal support provided for gifted students. Considering that Washington invests less than 3 cents of every 100 dollars in education funding in gifted students, this is exactly the wrong move for the Administration to make.”

“On behalf of all gifted students—especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds—I urge the President to reverse his proposed termination of the Javits program and call upon the Administration and Congress to reinstate AND fully fund this critical initiative.”

2009 CTY Young Students Talent Search

The following students took the SCAT (School and College Ability Test) and attained scores that qualify them for participation in the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Summer Programs and/or Distance Education Courses. Congratulations! (The student’s grade level is in parentheses after the student’s name.)

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| Nithin Buduma (5) | Shannon Hong (5) | Sanil Rajput (5) |
| Elton Chang (3) | Audrey Huang (5) | Valliyappan Senthilkumar (4) |
| Isabella Chang (3) | Gauri Jain (5) | Ekta Shahani (5) |
| Joseph Chang (5) | Gayathri Kalla (5) | Shivam Singhal (5) |
| Shivalika Chavan (4) | Aditya Krishnan (4) | Meilinda Sun (4) |
| Sean Chen (3) | Shivani Maisuria (4) | Randy Zhao (2) |
| Michael Ding (5) | Connie Miao (4) | Annie Zhou (5) |
| Srivatsav Gadepalli (4) | Avani Modak (3) | Jessica Zhu (5) |
| Vivasvan Gadepalli (5) | Emily Mok (5) | Kimberly Zhu (3) |
| Mukund Hari (5) | Mahima Parashar (4) | |

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THINGS TO DO FROM JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER OF 2009

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Apple Camp

This summer, your child could make a movie, create a photo slideshow, write and record a song, put on a show for everyone, and have a blast doing it all. At Apple Camp, kids learn how to do cool stuff on a Mac and discover their hidden talents along the way. Apple Camp occurs at selected Apple Retail Stores, and each FREE workshop lasts three hours. Recommended for kids ages 8-12. For more information, or to sign up online, go to <http://www.apple.com/retail/camp>

Is Your Child Interested In Learning a Foreign Language This Summer?

There is a Web site that has an impressive collection of software, books, flash cards, and audio and videotapes just for that purpose.

Visit Language Quest on the Web at <http://www.languagequest.com>

For travel guides, maps, travel essays or other travel reference materials, go to <http://www.languagequest.com/traveler/home.php> and click on the region of the world on the left side of the page.

Web Journeys . . .

Online Sudoku

<http://www.domo-sudoku.com/sudoku-kids.php>

The Sudoku puzzles on this site range from "Kids 4x4" to "Starter 9x9" to "Classic 9x9" and, finally, to "Giant 16x16."

The Desk of One Astronomer

<http://www.deskofoneastronomer.com>

This is an amazing website! "You are about to walk into an observatory. One lone astronomer has spent many nights here, going from galaxy to galaxy, and stares into the abyss of the universe looking for the great secrets . . . while the rest of us sleep the sleep of innocents. Feel free to click around and explore."

Summer Reading Suggestions . . .

The Horn Book: Summer Reading

<http://www.hbook.com/resources/books/summer.asp>

The Horn Book Magazine and *The Horn Book Guide* are the most distinguished journals in the field of children's and young adult literature. "We've hand-picked some favorite new titles, all published within the last year, that are ideal for the season.

Haisln Recommended Reading Lists for Preschool-12th Grade Students

<http://www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglists.html>

This list, compiled by librarians at member schools, includes both fiction and nonfiction books by some of the best authors for children and young adults.

The New York Public Library: Summer Reading 2009

<http://www.summerreading.org>

Click on a category (Birth to 5, Kids, Teens or Adults) at the top of the page. Note that when you click on "Booklist," you will have to use the innermost scroll bar on the webpage to see the entire list.

ALA: Current Notable Children's Books List

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/childrensnotable/notablechildrensbooks/>

The Association for Library Service to Children identifies the best of the best in children's books. "As applied to children's books, notable should be thought to include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (birth through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways."

Education World: Summer Reading

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/

"We have gathered summer reading lists by grade, along with reviews of new books, interviews with favorite authors, and lots of ideas for summer projects to extend reading."

Los Angeles Public Library: Kids Path—Great Books

<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/books/index.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summertime Favorites

<http://www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html>

Summertime Favorites is a list of recommended books resulting from NEH's effort to highlight classic literature for young people from kindergarten through high school.

International Reading Association: Children's Choices Booklist

<http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists/ChildrensChoices.aspx>

Children themselves evaluate the books and write reviews of their favorites.

Scholastic Summer Challenge

<http://www.scholastic.com/SummerReading/>

"Be part of a team quest to eat, sleep, and dream books all summer!"

Linden Tree Children's Recordings and Books

170 State Street, Los Altos, 1-650-949-3390 or 1-800-949-3313

Special: Wednesdays in the Courtyard, **Concerts at Linden Tree** at 10 a.m.:

June 17 – Colibri, Spanish for hummingbird, is a duo that presents lively, interactive musical journeys through Latin America.

June 24 – Jimbo the Clown – This is the perfect way to introduce your child to a real clown! Jimbo is gentle and low-key, does his whole show without a word, but can get the children up and performing with him.

July 1 – Mary Lee Sunseri Concert – MaryLee performs with guitar, colorful props and the perfect songs to sing with little children.

July 8 – Mr. Wiley Rankin Concert – We are delighted to welcome the great duo who make up Jump for Joy Music—Wiley Rankin and his wife Debbie!

July 15 – Amy Meyers Concert – Amy's music is fun for all ages and we know you'll enjoy this great concert.

July 22 – Jack Pearson—Song Strumming Storyman – Once again, Jack is joining us all the way from Minnesota!

July 29 – Mara—Stories & Songs – Combining music, dance, drama and humor, Mara brings stories and songs springing to life!

August 5 – Andy Z concert – Parents and children alike will enjoy this lively sing-along with Parent Choice Recommended singer/songwriter Andy Z!

August 12 – Bonnie Lockhart Concert – Join the energetic and talented Bonnie Lockhart for a lively morning of songs and rhythms from around the world!

Admission for above events: One new book per family. Books will be donated to local literacy projects.

Hicklebee's

1378 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, (408) 292-8880

Meet the authors . . .

Saturday, June 20th at 2:00 p.m.: **Rosemary Wells** is the author of the "Max and Ruby" books. Max and Ruby now also appear in a brand-new board book series as their baby selves.

Barnes & Noble Events for Children

At the store at 3600 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose (408) 984-3495:

Weekly storytimes are held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for children in preschool, Fridays at 7:00 p.m. (a one-hour pajama storytime for the whole family) for children ages 5-10, and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. for children ages 3-8.

At the store at 1600 Saratoga Avenue, Westgate Shopping Center (408) 370-0444:

Storytimes are held Mondays at 11 a.m.

Bay Area Discovery Museum

This hands-on museum, housed in six former army barracks near Sausalito, is a large, indoor/outdoor interactive facility where children and families can touch, explore, play and discover the world together.

New Special Exhibit (June 13 through September 13, 2009): *Children of Hangzhou: Connecting With China*— Join kids from Boston's sister city in China— Hangzhou, for a close up experience of China today. Explore school, home, theater, library and a farm, all set against a beautiful backdrop of traditional Chinese paintings. Try out some of their everyday activities: write Chinese, cook with grandmother, explore computer games, plant rice, and perform in a traditional Chinese opera! Hangzhou combines the best of old and new, rustic countryside and modern urban center. *The Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China* exhibit presents China from the viewpoint of four young people.

Permanent attractions include: *San Francisco Bay Hall* - A playful simulation of the Bay Area, with an "Underwater" Tunnel, Fishing Boat and Fisherman's Wharf; *Architecture & Design* - Includes a High Rise Construction area, Drafting Tables, Interior Decorating, the Space Maze and Bridges; *Maze of Illusions* - Children wind their way through 45 eye-catching, mind-boggling visual illusions; *ToT SpoT* - The Bat Bungalow, Sleepy Hollow, Animal Atrium and more create an interactive play area for children ages three and younger; *Art Room* - Several projects are always available for children who then take their artistic creations home; *Ceramics Studio* - Special ceramics classes and drop-in labs encourage children to sculpt and glaze their own masterpieces; *Media Center* - Children explore new games, stories, art programs, music, computer animation, video projects and more on a variety of multimedia equipment; and *Science Lab* - Self-guided activities, live animals and a different staff-assisted science project and theme each month.

With the museum's spectacular view of the San Francisco Bay, the City and the Golden Gate Bridge, the museum is a perfect setting for family picnics and walks.

From San Francisco, travel north on Hwy. 101 to the Alexander Ave. exit in Marin, and follow the signs to East Fort Baker, 557 McReynolds Rd. in Sausalito.

Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; CLOSED Mondays, except for some Monday holidays when the museum is open. The museum will be CLOSED on Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and the last two weeks of September.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$8 for children. Children under 1 are FREE. Admission is FREE on the first Wednesday of every month. For a \$1.00 discount each on up to four admissions, go to

http://www.baykidsmuseum.org/fileadmin/badm/home/general_info/WEBcoupon1off.pdf and print out the form, fill it out, and bring it with you.

For more information, call 1-415-339-3900 or go to <http://www.baykidsmuseum.org>

de Young Museum

Founded in 1895 in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the de Young Museum has been an integral part of the cultural fabric of the city and a cherished destination for millions of residents and visitors to the region for over 100 years. On October 15, 2005, the de Young Museum re-opened in a state-of-the-art new facility that integrates art, architecture and the natural landscape. The new de Young provides San Francisco with a landmark art museum to showcase the museum's priceless collections of American art from the 17th through the 20th centuries, and art of the native Americas, Africa, and the Pacific.

The northeast corner of the building features a 144-foot education tower that gently spirals from the ground floor and aligns at the top with the grid formed by the streets of the Richmond and Sunset neighborhoods surrounding the park. **A public observation floor offers panoramic views of the entire Bay Area.** Editor's note: ***Don't miss it—it's spectacular!***

The outdoor environment of the new de Young features a public sculpture garden and terrace beneath a cantilevered roof, a children's garden, and landscaping that creates an organic link between the building and the surrounding environment on all four sides. The landscape design integrates historic elements from the old de Young—including the sphinx sculptures, the Pool of Enchantment and the original palm trees—as well as sandstone, redwood, ferns and other plants and materials relevant to the site, creating a museum that is permeable, open and inviting to the public.

What can children do at the de Young?

Make Art

Visit the Saturday drop-in art classes for 4 to 12-year-olds taught by professional artist-teachers. Children learn by seeing and making art. Most Saturdays, excluding holiday weekends, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Kimball Education Gallery. Register 15 minutes before the start of class. Programs begin promptly. FREE.

Meet a Working Artist (Artist Studio Program)

Each month a different Bay Area artist will transform the Kimball Education Gallery into a working art studio. Meet the artists, Wednesdays through Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. No reservations necessary. FREE.

Take Your Parents On a Friday Night Date

Every Friday evening, from mid-January through November, the de Young stays open until 8:45 p.m. Programs are fun for all ages and connect with the art on display. No reservations necessary. FREE.

Explore Art the High-Tech Way

Collection Icons are colorful, interactive installations designed to engage young visitors in experiencing art. Icons immerse the user in works of art through rich images, video, animation, and sound. Kimball Education Gallery. No reservations necessary. FREE.

Special Exhibit (June 27, 2009-March 28, 2010): **Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs** – More than 3,000 years after his reign, and 30 years after the original exhibition opened in San Francisco, Tutankhamun, ancient Egypt's celebrated "boy king," returns to the de Young Museum. Tutankhamun was one of the last kings of Egypt's 18th Dynasty (1555-1305 BC) and ruled during a crucial, turmoil-filled period of Egyptian history. The boy king died under mysterious circumstances at the age of 18 or 19, in the ninth year of his reign (1322 BC). Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings was filled with magnificent treasures meant to ensure his divine immortality. Many objects belonging to the young king—exquisite personal items used in his daily life—were placed in it. This exhibit features 130 outstanding works from the tomb of Tutankhamun, as well as those of his royal predecessors, his family, and court officials. *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* includes many new and exciting elements not seen in previous versions of the exhibition. For information on ticket prices for this special exhibit (which includes general admission to the Museum's permanent collection galleries), go to <http://www.tutsanfrancisco.org/content/tickets> or call 1-877-888-8587. For more information, call 1-415-750-3600.

THE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS:

American Painting

The de Young houses one of the finest collections of American paintings in the United States. Strengthened by the acquisition of the Rockefeller Collection of American Art, the de Young's treasures include more than 1000 paintings that represent a spectrum of American art from colonial times through the twentieth century.

American Sculpture & Decorative Art

From the recent acquisition of *Zig V*, a major work by the great American sculptor David Smith, to the fine Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie School *Tree of Life* window, the de Young's collection in American craft and sculpture is of growing importance.

African Art

The de Young's African art collection features work from many areas of sub-Saharan Africa and showcases some of the oldest and most diverse traditions in art. Stellar pieces include a terracotta Yoruba lidded pot from Nigeria, a power figure from Zaire, and a Makonde helmet mask from Mozambique.

Oceanic Art

The Oceanic collections were charter collections of the de Young Museum, their nucleus being formed in 1894 at the California Midwinter Fair. Highlights include a 10-foot house post from the Latmul culture of Papua New Guinea, a group of brightly painted carvings used in Malanggan ceremonials of New Ireland, and a selection of powerful woodcarvings from the Maori peoples of New Zealand.

The Jolika Collection of New Guinea Art

The de Young is home to over 400 masterworks of New Guinea art. This large and encyclopedic collection of rare objects is currently one of the finest collections anywhere in the world, rivaling the great museums of Europe and Australia. To be added is the Friede Collection. One of the very special features about the Friede Collection has been the recent C-14 dating of over 200 of its wood sculptures, previously thought to be 19th century, which have turned out to have much earlier dates (sometimes as much as 600 years earlier).

Art of the Americas

A walk through the de Young's collection of objects from Mesoamerica, Central and South America, as well as the West Coast of North America reveals the richness and complexity of art that links the Americas. Notable treasures include the largest group of Teotihuacan wall murals outside of Mexico, a Peruvian mouth mask of hammered gold from the Nazca culture, and a ten-foot totem pole from Alaska.

Textiles

A remarkable range of geography, tradition and technique is represented in the Museums' textile collection. Highlights include fine fashionable costumes from the 18th century to the present and one of the most important collections of European tapestries in the United States.

The Dorothy and George Saxe Collection of Contemporary Craft

The Saxe Collection, containing works in glass, ceramic, wood, fiber, and metal, is distinguished by both its high quality and its depth, with many major artists represented by works from different periods in their careers.

The Anderson Graphic Arts Collection

The Anderson Graphic Arts Collection spans over thirty years of print production, from 1962 to 1999, with outstanding examples of print processes—woodcut, intaglio, lithography, screenprint, and monotype—from major American fine-art presses.

Docent Tours: Docents give regularly scheduled FREE museum tours, providing education and insight about all of the collections within the museum.

Located at 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive in the heart of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. On Fridays, the museum stays open until 8:45 p.m. (Closed January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.) The Tower closes at 4:30 p.m., but is open until 8:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Adults, \$10; seniors 65 and over, \$7; youths 13-17, \$6; college students with I.D., \$6; children 12 and under, FREE. Admission is FREE the first Tuesday of the month, but special exhibition fees still apply. Admission tickets to the de Young may be used on the same day for FREE entrance to the Legion of Honor. For more information, call 1-415-863-3330.

San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Activities and programs are offered at two locations. At the *Visitor Center* in **Fremont**, SFBNWR offers monthly nature and environmental programs concerning life near the San Francisco Bay. **Note: Our Visitor Center Has Moved! To provide easier access and information about the refuge, the Visitor Center on top of the hill has moved temporarily to the lower parking lot overlooking LaRiviere Marsh. It is located by the first parking lot to the right on Marshlands Road. This long-term, temporary Visitor Contact Station will serve as the gathering area for our Fremont weekend programs until funds are available to construct a new Visitor Center.** Visitors explore indoor exhibits and wander on self-guiding trails.

Saturday, June 6, 2009, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: “Marshlands of Dreams” – Join a refuge ranger on a 1-mile walk of the LaRiviere Marsh Trail to find traces of the past. Prior to marsh restoration, learn how Californians utilized the area for farming, quarrying, salt production, and transportation. There are opportunities for bird watching as well. Meet at the new visitor contact station located by the first parking lot to the right on Marshlands Road. Led by Paul Mueller.

Saturday, June 27, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: “Life at the Bottom of the Food Chain” – Wetlands microbes are often called “the lungs of the earth.” Explore the dynamics of microbial communities in LaRiviere Marsh ponds. Join microbiologist Wayne Lanier, Ph.D., for a brief presentation in the Visitor Center, then a microscope hike to LaRiviere Marsh, where we will sample and view the most ancient creatures on Earth. See how they produce the oxygen we breathe and take up the carbon dioxide we produce. Discover how tides shape these vital communities. Easy short hiking level. Ages 9-90 years. Call 1-510-745-8695 for RESERVATIONS.

Saturday, June 27, 2009, 2:30-4:30 p.m.: “Family Bird Walk” – Let family walks become a shared time of nature learning. We’ll begin by helping kids create their personal bird watching field guides, and then head out onto the trails to find those birds. Learn about the salt marsh habitat along the way. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Meet at the new Visitor Center located by the first parking lot to the right on Marshlands Road. Recommended for children ages 5-10. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call 1-510-745-8695.

Sunday, June 28, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.: “Salt Marsh Adventure for Children” – Come for a short walk to a section of the salt marsh as we go on our adventure to study the plant and the animal life. We shall explore the marsh using magnifying glasses of various shapes and sizes plus reward the kids with some pictures and posters. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The program is targeted for children ages 6 to 10. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Call 1-510-745-8695. Led by Mansur Nur.

Saturday, July 11, 2009, 3:30-4:30 p.m.: “Marshlands of Dreams” – See description above for June 6, 2009.

Saturday, July 25, 2009, 2:30-4:30 p.m.: “Family Bird Walk” – See description above for June 27, 2009.

Saturday, August 1, 2009, 9:30-10:30 p.m.: “Marshlands of Dreams” – See description above for June 6, 2009.

Sunday, August 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: “Life at the Bottom of the Food Chain” – See description above for June 27, 2009.

Location: From I-880 or Hwy. 101 take Route 84 toward the east end of the Dumbarton Bridge and exit on Thornton Ave. Travel south 0.8 mile to the Refuge entrance on the right. Turn right into the Refuge and follow Marshlands Road to the first parking lot on the right. The Visitor Contact Station is located right by it.

Open Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. 1-510-745-8695.

Other programs are held at the ***Environmental Education Center*** in **Alviso**.

Sunday, June 21, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: “Father’s Day Beginning Bird Watching” – Come join us for a special Father’s Day Beginning Bird Watching walk! This will be a great way to spend time with family and also learn about many local and migratory birds. Start with a slide show indoors to learn how to recognize the regulars, then borrow binoculars and take a walk to try out your new skills. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please call Debra at (408) 262-5513 ext. 102.

Sunday, June 21, 2009, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: “Father’s Day in The Marsh” – Give Dad the day off and take him on a relaxing vacation to the Environmental Education Center in Alviso where he can enjoy a day with the family. After a brief slideshow about the refuge, we’ll take a guided walk around the different wetland habitats searching for native plants and animals. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. All ages are welcome. Call Eric at (408) 262-5513 ext. 104.

Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: “Monster Bacteria and Other Suspicious Critters” – Come explore the salt marsh’s hidden inhabitants. See monster bacteria, some of which love rotten eggs. Join microbial biologist Wayne Lanier for a short hike when we will use field microscopes to dive down into a tiny world, an ecology hidden from view. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to see the marsh closer than you ever have before! Ages 8 to 80 years. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Debra at (408) 262-5513 ext. 102.

Saturday, July 18, 2009, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: “Butterflies, etc.” – Do you know the difference between butterflies, moths and skippers? Learn about them and their life cycles from refuge volunteer Ed Kantack. Then take a leisurely walk around our butterfly garden to see some of the beautiful insects! Suitable for ages 7 and up. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please call Debra at (408) 262-5513 ext. 102.

Thursday, July 23, 2009, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: “Marshes, Mud and Plankton—Oh My!” – Who knows what lurks in the mud or hides in the marshes? Come join us to find out! We’ll be scientists for the day: taking a hike through the salt marsh, collecting water and mud samples, and using microscopes to make some fascinating discoveries. Suitable for ages 7 and up. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Debra at (408) 262-5513 ext. 102.

Sunday, July 26, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: “Chompers and Stompers” – Ever wondered why birds come in so many shapes, sizes, and colors? Come and find out why some birds exhibit such wacky behaviors. We will examine different bird specimens we have collected over the years to see how birds have adapted some extraordinary features. Come admire the wonders of the bird kingdom and then take a guided walk around the refuge to see these marvelous creatures in action. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. All ages are welcome. Call Eric at (408) 262-5513 ext. 104.

Saturday, August 15, 2009, 10:00-11:30 a.m.: “Lazy Days of Summer” – The hectic days of locating a nesting site and mating are over. Now our wildlife friends are busy raising their families. Join Ed Kantack in a leisurely walk to explore refuge habitats and observe summer living. Bring water and sunscreen! Open to all ages. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Debra at (408) 262-5513 ext. 102.

Sunday, August 16, 2009, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: “Marsh Mud Mania” – What’s that wiggling and squiggling? Think that brown stuff is just mud? Think again! A living colony of organisms is at work in the mucky-muck. Discover how the smallest of creatures have the largest impact on the ecosystem. Learn how to filter a mud sample and use our microscopes to investigate the creepy crawlies of the sloughs. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. All ages are welcome. Call Eric at (408) 262-5513 ext. 104.

Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 1:30-3:00 p.m.: “Making Tracks” – Who’s making all those different tracks? Come join us on an exploration of the mysterious footprints around the refuge, and discover who’s behind it all. We’ll have a fun indoor activity and then take a hike outside. Each person will also be able to take home his or her very own hand-made guide! All ages are welcome. RESEVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Debra at (408) 262-5513 ext. 102.

Location: From I-880 in Milpitas, take Hwy. 237 toward Alviso. Turn north onto Zanker Road. Continue on Zanker Road to the Environmental Education Center entrance road (a sharp right turn at Grand Blvd.)

Open Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FREE. (408) 262-5513.

For more information about the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, check online at <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay>

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Twenty-three extraordinary preserves include over 40,000 acres of permanently protected open space, from redwood forests to bay shoreline. You may participate in a wide variety of organized hikes and walks. All are FREE.

Saturdays and Sundays, June 6 and 7, June 13 and 14, June 20 and 21, June 27 and 28, July 4 and 5, July 11 and 12, July 18 and 19, July 25 and 26, August 1 and 2, August 8 and 9, August 15 and 16, August 23, and August 29 and 30 – **Daniels Nature Center** – 12:00-5:00 p.m. – “Stop In and Explore” – Bring family and friends to visit this charming wooden building on any Saturday or Sunday this spring and summer between 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. You can enjoy displays about natural communities, view larger-than-life pond strata mobiles, take a pond prow, and perhaps have an opportunity to study live aquatic organisms “borrowed” from Alpine Pond with guidance from a docent. These adventures and more await you! (Note that Daniels Nature Center will be closed on Saturday, August 22.) Park at the Russian Ridge Preserve parking lot on the northwest corner of the Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35) and Page Mill/Alpine Road intersection (across Skyline Blvd. on the right). Walk to Alpine Pond at Skyline Ridge Preserve by going through the tunnel under Alpine Road. The nature center is a small gray building on the east shore of Alpine Pond.

The following hikes are appropriate for children, but they must be accompanied by an adult:

For the following **Los Trancos** hikes, meet at the Preserve parking lot on Page Mill Road (across from Monte Bello Preserve), 7 miles west of I-280 or 1.5 miles east of Skyline Boulevard. Those traveling from I-280 on Page Mill Rd. should allow approximately 35 minutes travel time.

Sunday, June 7 – **Los Trancos** – 2:00-4:30 p.m. – “Earthquake Walk” – Join docents Jack Owicki and Dave Boore “where worlds collide” at the junction of the Pacific and North American plates. On this 2- to 3-mile stroll, you’ll discover remnants of the effects of the 1906 earthquake, discuss plate tectonics, and discuss how to prepare for future earthquakes.

Wednesday, June 24 – **Meet at Los Trancos for this Monte Bello activity** – 9:00-11:45 p.m. – “Star Party” – Join docent Jack Zirker to gaze at the glorious summer night sky. A band of amateur astronomers will show you some of the wonders through their telescopes. There is no hiking associated with this activity.

Saturday, June 27 – **Los Trancos** – 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – “Nature Up Close and Personal” – If you are the kind of person who likes to get out in nature, but are not up for vigorous exercise, then this hike will be for you. Your docents Marilyn and Bill Bauriedel, and Kandis Scott will make frequent stops on this 2.7-mile leisurely walk to interpret the flora that make this Preserve its home. Enjoy eating your lunch at a bridge at about the half-way point. If you are so inclined, bring a nature poem or short story to share. You’ll walk on the Franciscan, Lost Creek, and Page Mill Trails. Don’t forget to bring your lunch!

Sunday, July 5 – **Los Trancos** – 2:00-4:30 p.m. – “Earthquake Walk” – Join docents Collin Lim and Mike Alexander. See description above, June 7.

Sunday, August 2 – **Los Trancos** – 2:00-4:30 p.m. – “Earthquake Walk” – Join docents Harry Cornbleet and Suzanne Schleck. See description above, June 7.

For the following **Long Ridge (Grizzly Flat trailhead)** hikes, meet on the west side of Skyline Boulevard 3.6 miles north of Highway 9, or 3.3 miles south of Page Mill Road. If you are coming from the north on Skyline Blvd., the pullout is just past Portola Heights Road on the right. From the south, the pullout is near the Palo Alto city limits sign on the right.

Saturday, June 13 – **Long Ridge** – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – “Grizzly Lore and More” – The California grizzly bear (*Ursus horribilis*) has been extinct for almost 100 years and yet remains a symbol for the state. Join docents Ed Lange and Benita Rashall and walk where this mighty creature walked to explore facts and folklore while hiking 6 moderately-paced miles via Long Ridge and Peters Creek Trails. Lunch will be at the very special Wallace Stegner Bench. Don’t forget to bring your lunch!

Sunday, June 14 – **Long Ridge** – 5:30-8:30 p.m. – “Sunday Evening Coming Down” – As the day’s heat fades, docents Keith Johnsgård and Jenny Whitman will lead you on a leisurely 3-mile hike along lush and shaded Peters Creek, pausing to chat about the flowers, plants, and critters seen along the way. At the halfway point, picnic dinners will be enjoyed at a tranquil Zen pond (bring something to sit on). After dinner, you’ll retrace your footsteps as dusk comes on, returning to the trailhead about sundown. Don’t forget to bring your dinner!

Sunday, August 2 – **Long Ridge** – 5:30-8:30 p.m. – “Sunday Evening Coming Down” – See description above, June 14.

For the following **Skyline Ridge** and **Russian Ridge** hikes, meet at **Russian Ridge** at the Preserve parking lot on the northwest corner of the Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35) and Page Mill/Alpine Road intersection (across Skyline Blvd. on the right). Those traveling from I-280 on Page Mill Rd. should allow approximately 35 minutes travel time.

Wednesday, June 24 – **Skyline Ridge (Meet at Russian Ridge)** – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – “Looking Back . . . 1769” – “1769” – Pre-contact . . . picture in your mind’s eye, the Spanish trekking up the coast from Mexico. On this 6-mile hike along the Ridge Trail with docents Ed Lange and Ida Rhodes, you’ll discover and explore a last look at the Costanoan (Ohlone and Chumash) cultures before the Spanish arrive. The history of these cultures is complex and fascinating. Don’t forget to bring your lunch!

Sunday, July 12 – **Skyline Ridge (Meet at Russian Ridge)** – 5:30-8:30 p.m. – “Sunday Evening Coming Down” – Docents will lead you on a leisurely hike, pausing to chat about the flowers, plants, and critters seen along the way. At the halfway point, picnic dinners will be enjoyed. (Bring something to sit on.) The hike will conclude at sundown. Don’t forget to bring your dinner!

For the following **Russian Ridge, Caltrans vista point** hikes, meet at the pull out area opposite Russian Ridge Preserve gate RR01, located on Skyline Boulevard 1.2 miles north of Page Mill Road and 6 miles south of Highway 84. Those traveling from I-280 on Page Mill Rd. should allow approximately 35 minutes travel time.

Sunday, July 12 – **Russian Ridge, Caltrans vista point** – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – “Tracks and Scat” – Hike portions of the Alder Spring and Ancient Oaks Trails with docents Paul Vadopalas and Ellen Johnson, looking for tracks and scat of mammals living there. You’ll stop to examine the tracks to infer the animal’s behavior, its approximate size, and other information. You’ll discuss that particular animal in general and in some detail. Scat will be examined to determine an animal’s diet and food gathering techniques. Don’t forget to bring your lunch!

Friday, August 21 – **Russian Ridge, Caltrans vista point** – 7:30-9:30 p.m. – “Sunset and Stargazing” – Watch the sunset and see the stars come out on Russian Ridge Preserve’s Borel Hill with docents Suzanne Schleck and Rebecca Pickart. Enjoy a snack or picnic, and be sure to have something to sit on. You’ll look for the Perseid meteor showers and other sky objects. Bring a flashlight with a red filter/cellophane covering for a quiet, 2-mile walk through the grasslands. Reservations are required and will be accepted on or after August 7. To make a reservation or a cancellation, visit the District’s Web site <http://www.openspace.org/reservations> or call 1-650-691-2150 (enter Option 2). Please limit your reservation to a maximum of four (4) people.

For the following **Pulgas Ridge** hike, from I-280, exit Edgewood Road. Drive 0.75 miles on Edgewood Rd. toward San Carlos/Redwood City. Turn left (north) on Crestview Drive, then immediately turn left on Edmonds Road. Follow Edmonds Rd. to the Preserve parking lot entrance on the right.

Saturday, July 25 – **Pulgas Ridge** – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – “Gaspar de Portola ~ Alive and Well” – The fruits of explorer Portola’s 1769 expedition are alive in the modern day Bay Area. Docents Ed Lange and Ellen Johnson will walk along his route and discuss his motives, methods, and mistakes. Remember, he was looking for Monterey. You’ll hear all about the wayward expedition while enjoying 5.5 miles of Pulgas Ridge Preserve trails. Don’t forget to bring your lunch!

For the following **Skyline Ridge** hike, meet at the Skyline Ridge Preserve parking lot on Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35), located one mile south of the Page Mill/Alpine Road and Skyline Blvd. intersection. After entering the Preserve, turn right and go to the farthest parking lot. Those driving from I-280 on Page Mill Rd. should allow approximately 35 minutes travel time.

Sunday, August 23 – **Skyline Ridge** – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – “Family Picnic at Horseshoe Lake” – Learn about the fascinating history of Skyline Ridge, including one of the former owners, Governor “Sunny Jim” Rolph, on this leisurely 2-mile hike around Horseshoe Lake, with docents Ellen Johnson and June Cancell. You’ll also watch for wildlife and interesting plants as you stroll around the lake and stop to enjoy a picnic on a shady hillside. Don’t forget to bring your lunch! Reservations are required and will be accepted on or after August 9. To make a reservation or a cancellation, visit the District’s Web site <http://www.openspace.org/reservations> or call 1-650-691-2150

(enter Option 2). Please limit your reservation to a maximum of four (4) people.

For more information about the many hikes available, call 1-650-691-1200 and request a copy of the "Open Space News." Or, visit the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District web site at <http://www.openspace.org/news/newsletter.asp>

MUSIC

El Camino Youth Symphony

The El Camino Youth Symphony is a nonprofit organization founded in 1963 by William Galbraith, a young maestro who envisioned an orchestra that would give young musicians the opportunity to perform challenging standard professional repertoire. Each year soloists of international stature are invited to perform as guest soloists with the Senior Symphony. More than 400 K-12 students from over 100 schools from San Francisco to Santa Cruz train and perform in five orchestras and four ensembles, led by the award-winning, internationally recognized Symphony Orchestra. The young musicians of ECYS are culturally diverse and range from those at the beginning of their musical training to those ready to establish their creative careers as performing artists. The Music Director is Dr. Camilla Kolchinsky.

Senior Symphony Orchestra

Season Finale

Featuring young artists Eric Jiang, violin, Jennifer Choi, cello and Timothy Yu, violin

Program:

WAGNER – *Tannhauser: Arrival of the Guests at the Wartburg*
PROKOFIEV – *Violin concerto No. 2, Mvt. I*, Eric Jiang, soloist
DVORAK – *Cello Concerto, Mvt. I*, Jennifer Choi, soloist
BARBER – *Overture to School for Scandal*
SARASATE – *Fantasy on Bizet's "Carmen,"* Timothy Yu, soloist
RAVEL – *Bolero*

Sunday, June 7, 2009, 2:30 p.m.

Flint Center
De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

Bon Voyage Concert!

A Preview of the Symphony Tour Program for Poland and Germany!
Featuring Hannah Tarley, violin, Concertmistress of the San Francisco Youth Orchestra

Program:

BARBER – Overture to *School for Scandal*

MENDELSSOHN – *Violin Concerto in E minor*, Hannah Tarley,

soloist

TCHAIKOVSKY – *Symphony No. 4*

Tour Encore!

Sarasate's *Navarra*, featuring Hannah Tarley and Timothy Yu,

violins

Sunday, June 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Spangenberg Theater

780 Arastradero Road

Gunn High School, Palo Alto

This is a special fundraising event and ticket prices will include concert, buffet, and silent auction.

Concert Orchestra and Avant Flute Choir

Program:

BACH – *Fantasy on "Sleepers Wake"*

BEETHOVEN – *Symphony 1, 2nd Movement*

BRAHMS – *Symphony 4, 3rd Movement*

SAINT-SAENS – *Danse Macabre* (Violin and Orchestra)

Featuring Winners of the Concert Orchestra Violin Competition

CHABRIER – *Espana Rhapsody*

Sunday, June 14, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Thomas Kindade Theater

Archbishop Mitty High School

5000 Mitty Avenue, San Jose

Admission is FREE.

Tickets in advance at: <http://www.ecys.org> or <http://www.Ticketmaster.com> or call 1-650-327-2611.

San Jose Youth Symphony

The San Jose Youth Symphony, founded 56 years ago, is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the United States. The Philharmonic Orchestra is the premiere ensemble of the San Jose Youth Symphony, led by Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, former Associate Conductor of the San Jose Symphony Orchestra.

A Season Finale

Program:

Leonard Bernstein – *Candide Overture*

Camille Saint-Saens – *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*, Op. 28

Pablo de Sarasate – *Carmen Fantasy*, Axel Strauss – violin soloist

Peter Tchaikovsky – *Symphony No. 5 in E Minor*

Saturday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Spangenberg Theater

780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto

Adios Amigos! – A Bon Voyage Concert for the SJYS South American Tour – Summer 2009

Program:

Leonard Bernstein – *Candide Overture*

Camille Saint-Saens – *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*, Op. 28

Pablo de Sarasate – *Carmen Fantasy*, Axel Strauss – violin soloist

Peter Tchaikovsky – *Symphony No. 5 in E Minor*

Saturday, June 20, 7:00 p.m.

Mexican Heritage Theater

1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose

For more information, call (408) 885-9230 or go to <http://www.sjys.org>

Tickets are available at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

Community School of Music and Arts

FREE Community Programs:

Friends & Family Concert

Monday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. – *World Harmony Chorus* – Join members of this CSMA chorus as they share songs from around the world. Be inspired to sing when you experience the magic of this unique group conducted with infectious enthusiasm by Daniel Steinberg.

Limited seating (204 seats)—first come, first served on day of event only. No advance seating available.

Tateuchi Hall

Community School of Music and Arts – Finn Center

230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View

1-650-917-6800 or <http://www.arts4all.org>

Important note: Maps and Directions given by Mapquest and Yahoo! Maps are incorrect. Please refer to the following directions:

From Hwy. 101: Exit San Antonio Rd. South (towards Los Altos). Continue on San Antonio Rd. Cross over Central Expressway. At the bottom over the overpass, you take the right turn exit onto San Antonio Circle. ("School of Music and Art" or Caltrain sign) At the stop sign, make a left turn. Parking lot entrance will be at the end of San Antonio Circle.

From Hwy. 280: Exit at El Monte Rd. (East). Turn left at Foothill Expressway. Take the first right turn onto San Antonio Rd. (Downtown Los Altos) From San Antonio Rd., take the San Antonio Place split right after California St. but before the Central Expressway overpass. ("School of Music and Art" or Caltrain sign) Turn left onto Showers Dr. (Showers becomes San Antonio Circle.) Parking lot entrance will be at the end of San Antonio Circle.

Cupertino's Summer Concert Series 2009

Round up the family, pack the picnic basket, and enjoy an evening of FREE music on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.! All of the concerts take place in the Amphitheater at Memorial Park, located at the corner of Stevens Creek Blvd. and Mary Ave. in Cupertino.

June 4 – *Cupertino Symphonic Band* – Classical, Waltz, Big Band and Patriotic

June 11 – *Livewire* – High-energy cover band from the Bay Area that plays songs from the 70's, 80's, 90's and Now

June 18 – *Orchestra D'Soul* – Bay-Area-based salsa band that delivers both original high-energy Latin dance music and soulful R&B grooves

June 25 – *The Harmonics SteelBand* – Sounds from the Caribbean

July 2 – *Toot Sweet Jazz Band* – Traditional New Orleans style jazz

July 9 – *Molly's Revenge* – Dynamic, acoustic Celtic music

Town of Los Gatos Music In the Park 2009 Summer Concert Series

Admission is FREE every Sunday from June 21st through August 30th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (except as noted) at the Civic Center Lawn at 110 E. Main St., Los Gatos:

June 21 – *David Martin's House Party* – Enjoy their incredible musical variety and high-energy entertainment!

June 28 – *The Refugees* – Tom Petty Tribute

Saturday, July 4 (**1:30-3:30 p.m. on the Los Gatos High School Lawn**) – *San Jose Wind Symphony* (Patriotic Music, Live Cannon Fire)

July 5 – *Mark Russo & the Classy Cats* – Swing, Big Band & Latin Blues

July 12 – *Carlos Reyes* – Classical Jazz/Latin

July 19 – *Caravanserai* – Santana Tribute

July 26 – *Houston Jones* – High Octane Americana

August 2 – *California Beach Boys* – Beach Boys Tribute

August 9 – *Unauthorized Rolling Stones* – Rolling Stones Tribute

August 16 – no concert due to *Fiesta de Artes*

August 23 – *Led Zepagain* – Led Zeppelin Tribute

August 30 – *Journey Unauthorized* – Journey Tribute

Jazz on the Plazz – Los Gatos Summer Jazz Series 2009

Bring your children and your chairs, your blanket and your picnic basket! And don't forget to take a stroll around downtown Los Gatos before and after the concerts. All performances will take place on the following Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Los Gatos Town Plaza, located at the intersection of West Main Street and Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Los Gatos. Come out and enjoy!

June 24 – *Dennis Rowland and Full Spectrum Jazz*

July 1 – *Mark Wikler*

July 8 – *Mimi Fox*

July 15 – *Karrin Allyson*

July 22 – *John Proulx*

July 29 – *Kathleen Grace*

August 5 – *Nestor Torres*

August 12 – *Lara Price Band*

August 19 – *Monterey County High School All-Stars*

August 26 – *Cleo Laine & John Dankworth*

City of Mountain View Summer Sounds 2009

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and picnic dinner and enjoy the music at the FREE Summer Sounds Concerts presented by the City of Mountain View on the Thursdays (noted below) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in either the Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro St. or Cuesta Park on Cuesta Drive near Grant Road or Rengstorff Park on the corner of Crisanto and Rengstorff Avenues, all in Mountain View.

July 9 – Civic Center Plaza – *Joe Sharino Band* – Everybody's favorite party band returns

July 16 – Cuesta Park – *The Hitmen* – 10 piece R&B/Disco Dance Party Machine

July 23 – Civic Center Plaza – *The Jesse Charles Band* – The perfect blend of musical styles from the 50's to now

August 6 – Civic Center Plaza – *Wally's Cocktail Combo* – Jump, Swing, Rockabilly, Rock 'N Roll and Surf music at its best

August 13 – Rengstorff Park – *Lava* – 9 piece Classic Latin Rock, Salsa, Merenge, Hot!

August 20 – Civic Center Plaza – *The Groove Kings* – Classic Rock and Blue Eyed Soul Dance Party Band

Stern Grove Summer Music Festival

The entire family will enjoy this series of FREE Sunday afternoon concerts featuring professional performing artists in the open-air amphitheater in Sigmund Stern Grove in San Francisco this summer. For seventy-two years, the Stern Grove Festival has been committed to presenting free-admission performances by the world's finest artists in a wide variety of genres. The 2009 Season continues this tradition. The festival also has pre-concert talks and education and children's programs. The concert area in Sigmund Stern Grove is a grassy area surrounded by a eucalyptus grove at 19th

Avenue and Sloat Boulevard in San Francisco. The grove has undergone a \$15 million renovation, including a new stage and retractable canopy, terraced concert meadow and new restrooms. Arrive early for best lawn seating. Bring a blanket or low beach chair and a picnic lunch. All concerts begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays:

June 21 – ROBERTA FLACK and Davell Crawford

June 28 – LES NUBIANS and Rupa and the April Fishes

July 5 – SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY and Inouye Jazz

July 12 – JOAN BAEZ and Blame Sally

July 19 – SERGENT GARCIA and Curumin

July 26 – THE LYRICS BORN REVUE, THE MIGHTY UNDERDOGS, and more

August 2 – KAILASH KHER'S KAILASA and Delhi 2 Dublin

August 9 – Totó La Momposina Y Sus Tambores and Nation Beat

August 16 – SAN FRANCISCO BALLET, Helgi Tomasson, Artistic Director

August 23 – SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

From the South Bay, take 280-North to the 19th Avenue exit. At the first stoplight, bear right onto Junipero Serra. Turn left at Sloat Boulevard. Turn right at Vale Avenue and proceed to the parking area.

For more information, call 1-415-252-6252 or check online at

<http://www.sterngrove.org>

THEATRE

Children's Theatre In the Park – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

See fairy tales and other children's stories—a different 30- to 45-minute production each week. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on for a fun way to end the week for the whole family. Presented by Peninsula Youth Theatre and City of Mountain View. FREE.

June 26: **Sleeping Beauty** – Join in the fun of this classic fairy tale about a bewitched princess and her fairy godmothers who are trying to help her awaken with love's first kiss.

July 2: **Thumbelina** – Tiny Thumbelina must make her way in a giant world. Will she escape the scary frog family to find true love?

July 10: **Dr. Doolittle** – Dr. Doolittle is no ordinary veterinarian. He can talk to animals! Join in all his adventures with his animal friends.

July 17: **Jack and the Giant** – A nasty spell turns the prince into a frog, and only a kiss from a princess will change him back again.

July 24: **The Frog Prince** – A nasty spell turns the prince into a frog, and only a kiss from a princess will change him back again.

July 31: **Stone Soup** – Three hungry (and smart!) soldiers figure out how to get stingy villagers to share their food.

August 7: **Henny Penny** – The sky is falling! The sky is falling? Some very silly animals decide they must run to tell the king about this disaster, with unexpected results.

August 14: **Charlotte's Web** – One small spider saves a “terrific” pig named Wilbur in this charming play based on E.B. White's classic book.

See all of the above productions at:

ParkStage (lawn seating), Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts
Mercy and Castro Streets, Mountain View
Call 1-650-903-6000 or see <http://www.mvcpa.com>

1st Bay Area Dance Concert – June 20 at 3 p.m.

Arya Dance Academy showcases various styles of South Asian dance at this recital.

MainStage, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts
500 Castro St. (at Mercy and Castro St.), Mountain View
Call 1-650-903-6000 or see <http://www.mvcpa.com>

Aladdin and His Wonderful Magical Lamp – July 17-26

Hop on a flying carpet to visit and sing in the exciting city of Shammar in Old Arabia! Follow the adventurous Aladdin and his mischievous monkey, Alakazam, as they match wits with the evil Jammal for possession of a truly magical lamp and the heart of Princess Jasmine. A Young Stage Production.

Cubberley Community Theater
4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
Call 1-650-988-8798 or see <http://www.pytnet.org>

Brave Irene – June 6-27

From *Shrek* author William Steig, this musical comedy stars Irene, the plucky, determined dressmaker's daughter, who braves wind, cold and darkness to deliver a dress for the duchess' ball. Presented by California Theatre Center.

Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre
550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale
Call (408) 245-2978 or go to <http://www.ctcinc.org>

Disney's 101 Dalmations – August 6-9

Join all the dogs of London, as they daringly rescue the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen. With a delightfully fun score, lovable characters, and one of the most deliciously evil villains in the Disney canon, this stage adaptation is certain to charm and delight audiences of all ages. A *Rising Stars Production*.

Children's Musical Theatre
Montgomery Theater
291 S. Market St. (on the corner of San Carlos and Market Streets), San Jose
Call (408) 288-5437 or go to <http://www.cmts.org>

Honk – July 10-19

Witty and hilarious, but also deeply moving, *Honk!* promises to be the family favorite of our summer series. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's famous story of the Ugly Duckling, *Honk!* is full of charm, and delivers a special message of tolerance and self-confidence for all. *A Rising Stars Production.*

Children's Musical Theatre

Montgomery Theater

291 S. Market St. (on the corner of San Carlos and Market Streets), San Jose

Call (408) 288-5437 or go to <http://www.cmts.org>

Les Misérables – August 1-9

A bishop's unexpected act of kindness transforms social outcast Jean Valjean into a champion of the wretched, but a relentless inspector refuses to let past sins lie buried. This author-approved school edition of the world-renowned musical introduces a young audience to Victor Hugo's great humanitarian novel of love, value and compassion at the deadly barricades of 19th-century Paris.

MainStage, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

500 Castro St. (at Mercy and Castro St.), Mountain View

Call 1-650-903-6000 or see <http://www.pytnet.org> or <http://www.mvcpa.com>

My Fair Lady – June 27-July 25

Confirmed bachelor and phonetics expert Henry Higgins makes a wager that he can take a Cockney flower girl out of the gutter and pass her off as a member of high society in this "lovely" Broadway musical. What Higgins doesn't count on is falling in love with her. West Valley Light Opera.

Saratoga Civic Theatre

13777 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga

Call (408) 268-3777 or go to <http://www.wvlo.org>

The Who's Tommy – July 24-August 2

An electrifying theatrical event driven by The Who's exhilarating score, *Tommy* is a one-of-a-kind classic rock opera with cross-generational appeal. *The Who's Tommy* will be performed with the support of the National Endowment of the Arts American Masters grant in honor of legendary director, Des McAnuff. *A Mainstage Production.*

Children's Musical Theatre

Montgomery Theater

291 S. Market St. (on the corner of San Carlos and Market Streets), San Jose

Call (408) 453-1570 or go to <http://www.cmts.org>

FREE Shakespeare in the Park 2009

The City of Cupertino teams up with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to present FREE Shakespeare in Memorial Park. This year, Free Shakespeare in the Park will present *The Comedy of Errors*. In this dizzying comedy of mistaken identity,

Antipholus and his servant Dromio journey from their hometown of Syracuse in search of their long-lost twin brothers. Their arrival in the foreign city of Ephesus sets off a farcical chain of mishaps as the twins are mistaken for each other, resulting in a climax of comedic chaos only Shakespeare could devise. Free Shakespeare in the Park 2009 will be a colorful carnival, a circus-inspired mixture of juggling, slapstick, and visual and verbal puns. Enjoy the madness and romance of this *Comedy of Errors*.

Please bring the family and friends (and a picnic dinner) to this professional theater production. Lawn seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. You will enjoy Shakespeare under the stars!

Performances will be at the Memorial Park Amphitheater, across from De Anza College, on August 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at 1-800-978-PLAY.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Astronomy in the Park

The San Jose Astronomical Association will have telescopes set up at Hogue Park and will assist the public in viewing the moon, planets and other astronomical bodies. They will also answer questions about what you will see, about telescopes and astronomy in general. FREE for all ages. Fridays, June 12 and 26 and July 17, 2009 from 9:30 p.m. until midnight ; July 31 and August 14, 2009 from 9:00 p.m. until midnight; August 28 and September 11, 2009 from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.; and September 25, 2009 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. From Highway 85, take the Bascom Ave. exit. Go north 0.2 miles, and turn right at the light onto White Oaks Road. At the first stop sign, turn left onto Twilight Drive. Turn right at the first driveway, into the parking lot. For more information, visit <http://www.sjaa.net/> or call (408) 559-1221.

Star Parties – Saturdays, June 20, July 18, and August 15, 8:30-11:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 19, 7:30-11:00 p.m.

Since 1995, the **Halls Valley Astronomical Group** has been conducting public star parties at the Halley Hill Observatory. The park campground is often filled to capacity for some or all of these events and turnout has been excellent.

Directions: In San Jose, from either Highway 101 or Highway 680, exit at the Alum Rock Avenue interchange. Go east on Alum Rock Avenue (which is also State Highway 130) for 3.6 miles from route 101 or 2.2 miles from route 680. Turn right on Mount Hamilton Road (which continues State Highway 130). There is a sign at this intersection indicating Grant Park. Continue on Mount Hamilton Road for 7.7 miles. This takes you over the first ridge of the mountains and into Halls Valley. Turn right at the park entrance, which is indicated by the large "Joseph D. Grant County Park" sign.

The Halley Hill Observatory is located adjacent to the Grant Park main campground. To reach the observatory from the campground, follow the path across from campsite 22. The observatory is at the top of the hill.

To make your visit to the Halley Hill Observatory more enjoyable, please follow these simple guidelines: Turn off your flashlights when you reach the observatory. Bright flashlights keep your eyes from adjusting to the darkness and make it harder for you, and others, to see astronomical objects. Make sure your children are carefully supervised. It's important that young children stay with a parent or other adult at all times. Follow the observatory docents' instructions. The park entrance gate is closed at 10:00 p.m. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to enter the park through the exit gate. The exit gate is protected by a tire shredder.

The Star Party is FREE, but there is a \$6.00 vehicle entry fee.

Grant Ranch County Park

18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd., San Jose

(408) 274-6121

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Cupertino Library – 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino (408) 446-1677

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1-9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Be Creative @ Your Library (Summer Reading Club 2008 starts June 13th): Call or go to the Cupertino Library for more information.

Summer Storytime Hours: No storytimes during the weeks of June 16th through July 3rd. Storytime begins again Tuesday, July 7th. (“Toddler Stories” for ages 2½ to 3½ - Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. “Stories for Two’s” for ages 1½ to 2½ - Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. “Preschool Storytime” for ages 3½ to 4½ - Fridays at 10:15 a.m. “Family Stories” for ages 3 and up – Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

The Cupertino Library is part of the Santa Clara County Library system.

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/cupertino>

Calabazas Library – 1230 Blaney Ave. at Rainbow, San Jose; (408) 996-1536

Hours: Mon. 2:00-7:00 p.m.; Tues.-Wed. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. CLOSED Sundays.

Summer Reading Celebration 2009 – Be Creative @ Your Library

Summer Reading Celebration is an enjoyable activity that everyone can participate in and all can afford because it's FREE. The eight-week-long program encourages recreational reading as a family activity. Starting June 13, 2009, stop by the library or go online to register.

Special Programs:

Saturday, June 13, 2:00-2:45 p.m. – “PapaHugs Band: Fun and Music for Kids of All Ages” – Enjoy the original music of David Sharpe where imagination and music take you anywhere you want to go! Children and their families will enjoy singing and dancing along with the PapaHugs Band. Don’t miss the fun!

Thursday, June 18, 2:00-2:45 p.m. – “A DRUMMM Celebration: Express Yourself @ the Library” – Come make music with drums during this “hands-on” DRUMMM rhythmic event. Teens and children of all ages are welcome to participate, be creative and build a spirited community.

Saturday, June 27, 2:00-2:45 p.m. – “Steve and Corny Crow Show” – Steve, the ventriloquist, and his puppet, Corny Crow, are here to entertain you with their humorous songs, laughs, animal jokes and lots more.

Inquire at the library for information about weekly special shows in July and August for the Summer Reading Celebration.

Story Times:

Toddler Story Time – Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. – A program of stories, rhymes and activities for children 2-3 years old and their caregivers.

Family Story Time – Saturdays, 11:00-11:45 a.m. – Stories, fingerplays, music and songs for children of all ages and their families.

Lapsit Story Time – Thursdays, 11:00-11:20 a.m. – This storytime features simple and fun books, nursery rhymes, music and movements for the very young, ages 0 to 23 months, and their caregivers.

Bilingual Story Time – For children ages 3-5 years

Fridays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Japanese/English

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. Chinese/English

The Calabazas Library is part of the San Jose Public Library system.

<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/calabazas/index.htm>

Saratoga Library – 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga; (408) 867-6126 Information Recording and (408) 867-6127 Circulation and Reference.

Hours: Mon.-Tues. 1-9 p.m.; Wed.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Be Creative @ Saratoga Library is the 2009 Summer Reading Club theme. Sign up at the Saratoga Library (or online) beginning Saturday, June 13th! Rainforest animals, a magic circus act, puppets, origami, and many creative crafts will all be part of the fun! Set your own reading goal for the summer. Receive a certificate and a “prize” in August/September. Books may be your own choice! Pick up a blank postcard at the Children’s Reference Desk to decorate CREATIVELY. Search for our summer mascot (can you guess who it might be?) beginning June 13th.

Wednesday Events for grades K-4 at 2:30 p.m.

June 17 – “Magic Circus” performers

June 24 – Create a mural

July 1 – The Wildlife Associates present: “Spirit of the Rainforest”

July 8 – Drawing Creative Doodles

July 15 – “Love the Theatre Day” – creative dramatics for kids PLUS a short play by library staff

July 22 – Mad Science presents: “Movie Special Effects”

July 29 – Make a theatre mask and/or a puppet

August 5th – 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. – Summer Reading Club Awards Celebration – come wearing your FAVORITE COLOR!

Saturday & Evening Summer Children’s Events!

Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. – SUMMER READING CLUB KICK-OFF EVENT – Skippy Jon Jones “Fiesta” activities and more!

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. – The Puppet Company Presents Aesop’s Fables

Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Family Friendly Movie Night @ the Library

Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. – Family Friendly Movie Night II @ the Library

Tuesday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. – P & T Puppets present “Just So Stories”

Saturday, August 1 at 2:30 p.m. – Special guests: “The Gold Rush Sisters”

Good Listeners Club – Summer 2009 Events for ages 2-6 and their grown-ups!

Thursday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. – “Fancy Nancy” storytime and parade. Come dressed “creatively.”

Saturday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. – Children’s singer/songwriter, Peter Apel

Saturday, July 18 – 11:00 a.m. – Special guest performer, ANDY Z, children’s singer and recording artist

Thursday, August 6 – 10:30 a.m. – Good Listener Celebration! Kathleen Rushing, singer, presents “Bingo Shmingo”

Story Times:

Family Storytime – All ages – Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. – Orchard Room

Toddler Storytime – Ages 2-3 – Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Orchard Room

Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5 – Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. – Orchard Room

The Saratoga Library is part of the Santa Clara County Library system.

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/saratoga>

Los Altos Library – 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos; 1-650-948-7683.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 12-6 p.m.

Summer Reading Club 2009: Be Creative @ Los Altos Library

Join Us Saturday June 13, 2009 for Summer Reading Club Kickoff Events

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **Balloon Lady** will be in the Program Room creating surprises out of balloons.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: **Summer Reading Club Movie** – Continue our celebration of Summer Reading 2009 with a DVD based on Lois Duncan’s novel about two orphaned teenagers who decide to turn an abandoned building into a safe haven for stray dogs. (Note: The Afternoon Family Movie is shown the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Los Altos Program Room at 2:00 p.m.)

- Sign-ups **begin Saturday, June 13** and are accepted through August 1
- Sign up at the Children’s Desk or online beginning June 13

- Set your own reading goal
- Receive a certificate and prize

Summer Programs for School-Age Children (Grades K and up) – Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

June 17 – Sing and dance with Eric Herman

June 24 – Decorate your own library book bag

July 1 – Multicultural music from around the world with Dan O'Brien

July 8 – Library fun with magician Donny Crandell

July 15 – Puppet Art Theater Company presents *Tommy's Pirate Adventure*

July 22 – Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

July 29 – "I've Got a Dinosaur on My Head"—a show of music, magic, and fun with Peter Apel

August 5 – Local author Oliver Chin will read from his new book and demonstrate cartooning

Pre-Readers are invited to join our Good Listeners Club

Pre-readers and children in preschool or younger are invited to a special Friday Finale at 10:30 a.m. on August 7th. Sandi and Stevie present "Insect Songs."

Storytime Hours:

Toddler Storytimes – For toddlers up to 3 years old – Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytimes – For preschoolers 3 years and up – Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Bedtime Storytimes – For families – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

The Los Altos Library is part of the Santa Clara County Library system.

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/losaltos>

Sunnyvale Public Library - 665 West Olive Ave., Sunnyvale; (408) 730-7292.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 12-8 p.m.

The library will be closed for Independence Day on Friday and Saturday, July 3-July 4, and on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

Summer Reading for Kids:

Be Creative @ Your Library. Sign up for the 2009 Summer Reading Program at the Children's Information Desk between Monday, June 1 and Friday, July 31. The program is for children age 3 through grade 5. Read 10 or more books and receive a paperback book. Children not yet reading may count books read to them. Select your free book prize at the library between Saturday, August 1 and Monday, August 31. Limit: one free book per child.

Special Programs: All programs are FREE, 30-45 minutes in length, and are held in the Program Room of the Sunnyvale Public Library.

For all ages

Wednesday, June 24 at 2 p.m. – *Phil Ackerly's Magic Show* – Phil Ackerly will present his *Let's Get Creative* magic show

Wednesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. – *Boswick the Clown* – A clown to make you laugh

Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. – *Andy Z* – Awesome children’s singer/songwriter/performer

Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m. – *PT Puppets* – A wonderful puppet show for all ages

Wednesday, July 22 at 2 p.m. – *Bubble Lady* – Cool off with a bubble show

Wednesday, July 29 at 2 p.m. – *Stuffed Animal Story Time* – Bring your favorite stuffed animal to hear stories

Wednesday, July 29 at 7 p.m. – *Dan Chan Magic* – An incredible magic show

Wednesday, August 5 at 2 p.m. – *Librarian Showcase* – Storytelling, puppets and songs

Saturday, August 8 at 2 p.m. – *Peter Apel* – Hear “I’ve Got a Dinosaur on My Head”

For children entering first through third grades

Thursday, June 4 at 3 p.m. – *Kid Kicks* – Animal envelope art

Wednesday, July 1 at 2 p.m. – *Red Panda Acrobat* – Amazing skills of strength and balance

Thursday, July 2 at 3 p.m. – *Kid Kicks* – Enjoy outdoor games, bubbles and chalk art

Thursday, July 30 at 2 p.m. – *Make-a-Mouse* – Stories and a craft

Thursday, August 6 at 3 p.m. – *Kid Kicks* – Crafts and stories

Wednesday, August 12 at 2 p.m. – *Wildlife Associates* – See live predators and prey

For children entering third through fifth grades

Thursday, July 16 at 2 p.m. – “*Edible Art*” – Make it and eat it

Thursday, July 23 at 2 p.m. – *Make a Mobile* – Hear stories and take home a mobile

Story Times (in Library Program Room):

Family Story Time: Saturdays, July 11 and August 1 – 11:00 a.m. – All ages

Baby Lapsit: Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25 – 11:00 a.m. – Ages up to 12 months

Night Owl Story Time: Tuesdays, June 16; July 14, 28; August 18 – 7:00 p.m. – All ages

Stories for 1’s: Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25 – 11:00 a.m. – Ages 12-24 months

Toddler Story Time: Wednesday, June 10 and Thursdays, June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27 – 11:00 a.m. – Ages 2 to 3 1/2

Preschool Story Time: A program for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds who can participate in a group activity without a parent or caregiver. **IMPORTANT:** Due to overwhelming demand and to ensure fairness, registration will be done by a lottery system. Register your child in person at the library. Parents will be notified of the lottery results on the Monday before the story time session is to begin. Children who do not attend the first session will not be enrolled.

Dial-A-Story: For a 4-minute recorded story, dial (408) 730-7333 any time day or night.

[To hear the story in Spanish, call (408) 737-4907.]

Sunnyvale Library Web Site: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/departments/library>

Santa Clara City Central Park Library – 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
(408) 615-2970

Hours: Mon.-Tues.: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Wednesday: 12 noon-9 p.m.;
Thurs.-Sat.: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

2009 Summer Reading Club Sign-ups – June 6-July 18

Be Creative @ Your Library – It's easy! Sign up for Summer Reading, set your own reading goal, READ, and get a free book! Sign up at the Library, or online.

Summer Reading Club Kick Off Party!

Come and join the fun on Saturday, June 6 from 1-4 p.m. behind the Central Park Library! Sign up for the Summer Reading Club! There will be arts & crafts, photo opportunities, and live entertainment with *Short Attention Span Circus* at 2 p.m.

Summer Reading Awards

Certificates and award books will be handed out to participants who meet their reading goals! Pick up your awards from Monday, August 3 through Monday, August 31. Pick-up times will be posted on the Library's website and in the Library itself.

Multicultural Mondays

These programs will be held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Park Pavilion (next to the duck pond). Please feel free to bring a picnic dinner, and enjoy the evening in the Park! All ages are welcome.

June 22 – *PAMPA* – Prabath Academy for Music and Performing Arts presents Indian classical dance.

June 29 – *Okasan & Me, Inc.* – Learn Japanese through fun songs and movements.

July 6 – *Fuego Nuevo Ballet* – Traditional dancing from Mexico

July 13 – *Swift Cloud Drum* – Native American drumming and traditional Native American dancing

July 20 – *Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra* – Young musicians from 9-17 years old play traditional Chinese instruments and perform traditional Chinese music.

July 27 – *Janetta Coleman and the Monsoon* – Songs, rhythms, poetry, and dancing in the African tradition

School Age Style

These programs will be held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. and are for children 1st-6th Grade only. Redwood Room. (In order to accommodate more children, parents are asked to remain outside.)

June 23 – *Python Ron* – ssSNAKESsss!

June 30 – *The Astrowizard* – Discover the world of astronomy!

July 7 – *Happy Birds* – Performing parrots!

July 14 – *High School Musical* – Get your song and dance on!

July 21 – *How to Eat Fried Worms* – don't worry! Actual worms will NOT be harmed during this reader's theater production!

July 28 – *The Bubble Lady* – Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles!

Family Movie Wednesdays

3:00 and 7:00 p.m. – Central Park Library Redwood Room. Space is limited. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks may be brought into the program room. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you are bringing food. For more information, please contact the Youth Services desk at (408) 615-2916. See rating and age recommendation in parentheses after each movie title.

June 24 – *Camp Rock* (Rated G, 8+)

July 1 – *Nanny McPhee* (Rated PG, 8+)

July 8 – *The Tale of Despereaux* (Rated PG, 6+)

July 15 – *Nim's Island* (Rated PG, 7+)

July 22 – *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* (Rated PG, 8+)

July 29 – *Mary Poppins* (Rated G, 5+)

STORYTIMES (June 22 through August 1):

Baby Lapsit (ages 0-12 months) – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – Central Park Library Cedar Room – This program is for parents/caregivers and their little ones to learn simple fingerplays and actions, songs, and early literacy tips.

Young Ones (ages 12-24 months) – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – Central Park Library Redwood Room – Now that your little ones are more mobile, this program focuses on simple books, action/movements, songs, and fingerplays.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5) – Fridays, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Central Park Library Redwood Room – Similar to preschool circle times, we focus on longer books, flannel board stories, songs, and fingerplays/actions.

Family Storytime (all ages) – Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – Central Park Library Redwood Room – Songs, fingerplays, and longer stories are geared to children who are accustomed to storytime programs.

Dial-A-Story: (408) 241-1611

Santa Clara City Central Park Library Web Site:

<http://www.library.ci.santa-clara.ca.us>

*****Note: Save this newsletter. The museum information will be current for some months to come and will not be repeated until special exhibits change.**

See the May 2009 newsletter for information about:

**The Tech Museum of Innovation
Exploratorium
Outdoor Exploratorium Exhibits at Fort Mason Center
Lindsay Wildlife Museum**

See the April 2009 newsletter for information about:

**Monterey Bay Aquarium
Children's Discovery Museum
Randall Museum**

See the March 2009 newsletter for information about:

**Aquarium of the Bay
Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University**

See the February 2009 newsletter for information about:

**MY Museum
Lawrence Hall of Science**

See the January 2009 newsletter for information about:

**Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History
Los Altos History Museum
Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo
Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum & Planetarium**

See the December 2008 newsletter for information about:

**San Jose Museum of Art
Asian Art Museum**

See the November 2008 newsletter for information about:

**Coyote Point
The Legion of Honor
The Lace Museum**

See the October 2008 newsletter for information about:

**California Academy of Sciences
The Museum of American Heritage**

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