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SAVE THE DATE!

The **Annual Community Spelling Bee** will be held Sunday, **April 3, 2011**. More information will be available online starting January 2011.

Claremont: On the Same Page

Have you read the latest community book, **The God of War, A Novel** by Marisa Silver? Are your neighbors talking about the book? Did you wonder about those orange yard signs, blooming like poppies on front lawns throughout town?

This year's book selection for the Friends of the Claremont Library's Claremont: On the Same Page program is a coming of age novel that takes place in the surreal landscape of the Salton Sea. **The God of War** is a story of 12-year-old Ares Ramirez, named for the Greek god of war. Ms. Silver writes about family, love, truth, and the lies we do not always know or acknowledge. And she writes about them beautifully.

Join us in **October** for these events:

Sunday the 3rd at 2pm

Book Discussion of The God of War

Claremont Library

Tuesday the 12th at 7pm

Birds and Other Wonders of the Salton Sea

Dan Guthrie, Professor Emeritus at Claremont, Scripps, and Pitzer Colleges and President of the Pomona Valley Audubon Society
Hughes Center

Sunday the 17th at 2pm

Author Talk with Marisa Silver

Ms. Silver will speak and sign her book
Hughes Center

Saturday the 30th at 2pm

Essay Contest and Reception

The essay contest is open to all ages with prizes to be awarded in two age groups, high school and open. To read the prompt and to find out how to enter the contest, please visit our website at www.claremontlibrary.org.



DID YOU KNOW...

The Claremont Library's hours have changed, as of July 26, 2010. The library is now open even more hours per week!

The new hours are:

Mon: Closed

Tues: 10am - 8pm

Wed: 10am - 8pm

Thurs: 10am - 8pm

Fri: 8am - 6pm

Sat: 8am - 6pm

Sun: 1pm - 5pm



Greetings from Vee Elliott, *Children's Services Librarian*

It's been nearly 6 months since I came on board as the new Children's Services Librarian, and although still considered "almost new" here at the Claremont Library, I can say for certain that working with the children, parents, and members of the community has exceeded all of my expectations, especially over the past 3 months as we journeyed through the *Make a Splash* Summer Reading Program.

The children of the Claremont Library read ferociously this summer, reading everything from *The 39 Clues series*, *The Percy Jackson Series*, *the Ranger's Apprentice series*, to more classic reads, such as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Little Prince, and A Wrinkle in Time. No sooner than the books were returned, they flew right off the shelves. Some titles even had waiting lists.

We had a total of 630 children sign up and actively participate in the Claremont Library 2010 Summer Reading Program, nearly as many as last year. A total of 2,156 children and parents attended summer reading programs this year. Overall, our children did a great job reading this summer, and we congratulate them all!

The Summer Reading program would not have succeeded without the help of our local teens who volunteered countless hours and The Friends of the Library, who generously sponsored 17 programs and donated nearly \$1,000 towards the purchase of art supplies, books, and treats for the closing party.

UPCOMING PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, September 25 10-11am

Book Publishing 1-2-3: From the Writer's Fingers to the Reader's Hands

Laurie Gibson presents a lively lecture/workshop designed to inspire aspiring authors and boost their chances of getting published. She will show the behind-the-scenes journey of a manuscript as it becomes a printed book. Bring pen and paper for quick creativity exercises.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK STORE

The Friends Book Store is always open during regular library hours. There are a lot of books that may interest you, and many of our books are in gift-giving condition. Prices start at \$.50, and go up to \$2.00 for hardcover books. We also have a \$.25 cart, which is located in the library lobby. Come in and check us out!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Don't miss our upcoming Book Sale! The semi-annual book sale will be held on **Friday October 22 and Saturday October 23** from 10am to 4pm. There will also be a Preview sale for Friends only on **Thursday October 21** from 4pm to 8pm. Tons of books (hardcover and paperback) and CDs will be available at rock-bottom prices!

You can help us with our book sale by contributing your unwanted books, CDs, and DVDs. When you bring your donations to the library, please ask at the front desk for a receipt, so you can claim your donations as a tax deduction. All of the proceeds from the Friends' book sale and bookstore are applied towards funding special programs, purchasing current books and movies, and presenting you with annual events such as Claremont: On The Same Page and the Spelling Bee.

CLAREMONT LIBRARY POETRY SERIES

On **Sunday September 26th at 2 pm**, Carol V. Davis and Brent Armendinger will read.

Carol V. Davis is the granddaughter of Russian Jewish Immigrants. From this came her fascination with Russian history, landscape, and literature. In the 1990s, with the help of two Fulbright Grants, she divided her time between the US and Russia, resulting in a book of poems written from a unique perspective: *Into the Arms of Pushkin: Poems of St. Petersburg*. Ms. Davis teaches at Santa Monica College.

Brent Armendinger teaches Literature and Creative Writing at Pitzer College and is the author of two chapbooks: *Undetectable* and *Archipelago*. He received first prize in poetry in the 2009 Chroma Queer International Writing Competition.

On **Sunday October 17th at 3:30pm**, **Deborah Bogen** will read. Deborah Bogen is a past Claremont resident, having attended Pitzer College and being married to Jim Bogen, who taught Philosophy at Pitzer for many years, but who now teaches at the University of Pittsburgh. Deborah Bogen's most recent book, *Let Me Open You a Swan*, won the 2009 Antivenom Prize from The Elixir Press.

On **Wednesday November 3rd at 6 pm**, **D.A. Powell**, the 2010 winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Prize, will give a reading from his 2009 book *Chronic*, which was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award. D.A. Powell teaches at the University of San Francisco.

On **November 28th**, we will have our **3rd annual All Poets Around Town Celebration**. All locals are invited to come and to read their own poems, with a limit of 2 pages or 2 poems, but no more than 2 pages. December will be dark.

Lobby Display Case

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. celebrates its 90th Anniversary Year! The LWV presents an educational display in recognition of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits the denial of any citizen the right to vote because of that citizen's sex. The exhibit will include photos, posters, banners, and books detailing the epic history of women winning the right to vote.

Preschool Storytime Friday at 11:30am and Saturday at 11:30am

Families with children up to age 5 are invited to join us every week in the Children's area for stories, songs, and an art activity! No registration is required.

**Claremont Public
Library Hours**

NEW!

Monday Closed
Tuesday 10-8
Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-8
Friday 8-6
Saturday 8-6
Sunday 1-5

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SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE
HELP SUPPORT OUR GREAT LIBRARY**

Friends' Day, Thursday, October 21, 4 pm – 8 pm
Open Sale, Friday, October 22, 10 am – 4 pm
Open Sale, Saturday, October 23, 10 am – 4 pm

See below to join for early admittance to the book sale! You can join at the book sale, too.

Friends of the Claremont Library, P.O. Box 1618, Claremont, CA 91711

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