THE BIG READ COMES TO FRESNO!

MARCH & APRIL 2015

Jazz Greats from the 1930s
JazzFresno presents an evening of music from the 1930s featuring the music from some of the great names in Jazz music.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Tuesday, March 17 at 7pm

Author Talk: Julie Rivett
Dashiel Hammett’s grand-daughter working with hammett biographer richard layman, rivett has edited four books by or about her famous grandfather; selected letters of dashiel hammett 1921-1960, her mother’s memoir dashiel hammett: a daughter remembers, return of the thin man, and the hunter and other stories. hear her discuss unpublished Hammett fiction, screen stories and an unfinished Sam Spade adventure.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Saturday, March 21 at 1:30pm

Back by popular demand! 1930s Speakeasy
A wildurla extraordinaire, come celebrate dashiel hammett’s the Maltese Falcon. 1920s & 1930s music, dance and games. Costume contest: Dress as a character from the book or in period. Hors d’oeuvres and no host bar. Rumor has it a crime may occur—be prepared!

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE LIBRARY
Saturday, March 21 at 7pm

A Talk on the Darkside: The Mind of a Psychopath
A presentation by Fresno State Criminology professor Dr. Eric Hickey.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Thursday, March 26 at 7pm

Film Noir Discussion
A discussion of film noir lead by Paul Kasner featuring clips from some of the classics.

FIG GARDEN LIBRARY
Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm

Mystery Author Symposium
Panel discussion by local authors featuring Sunny Frazier, Marilyn Meredith, Cara Ramirez and Lorie Ham. Hear what, how and why they write.

FIG GARDEN LIBRARY
Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm

Live Radio Play
The Maltese Falcon
Dashiell Hammett’s captivating classic. The Maltese Falcon as a live 1940s radio broadcast, with the help of an ensemble cast. Sam Spade’s story jumps to life in front of your eyes! Tickets are free at any library branch.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AUDITORIUM
Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18 at 8pm
Saturday, April 18 & Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

Beyond Hard-Boiled: Politics, Sociology, and Myth in The Maltese Falcon
A talk by professor David Borofka. While Hammett’s work spawned any number of imitators in the hard-boiled detective genre, Borofka will discuss how The Maltese Falcon reflected the social and political realities of its time while making use of classic literary and mythic conventions.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RM 251
Wednesday, April 22 at 7pm

How to Become a Private Eye
Thomas Haverty, founder of Fresno-based Strategic Investigative Services, will explain how to become a private investigator and will describe various career opportunities available to licensed investigators.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm
Birds of Prey
Fresno Wildlife Rescue
A presentation on birds of prey featuring live birds.
FOWLER LIBRARY
Thursday, March 19 at 6pm
CEDAR-CLINTON LIBRARY
Saturday, March 21 at 2pm
KERN LIBRARY
Monday, March 30 at 4pm
WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Sunday, April 12 at 1pm

Cat’s Birds of Prey
Environmental Education
Encounter some of nature’s most fascinating animals in this interactive program about red-tailed hawks, peregrine falcons and great horned owls. Learn how these birds have adapted and survived.
AUBERRY LIBRARY
Thursday, April 9th at 3:30pm

Film Showing
The Maltese Falcon starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor.
GILLIS LIBRARY
Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30pm
FOWLER LIBRARY
Thursday, April 9 at 5pm
SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY
Sunday, March 15 at 2pm

Preschool Storytime
Join us for a Big Read storyline with a detective and mystery theme.
KINGSBURG March 4 at 10:30am
FOWLER March 9 at 10:30am
POUR March 10 at 4pm
WOODWARD PARK March 11 at 10am & 11am
SUNNYSIDE March 17 at 10:45am
CEDAR-CLINTON March 24 at 10:30am
CLOVIS April 1 at 6pm & April 2 at 10am
SHAVER LAKE April 7 at 4pm
BEAR MOUNTAIN April 8 at 10am

Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew
Afterschool Activities AGES 7 TO 12
Join us for a Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew inspired detective club program. Work together to solve mysteries.
BEAR MOUNTAIN March 17 at 4pm
SANGER March 18 at 3pm
EASTON March 23 at 2pm
FOWLER March 25 at 2pm
AUBERRY March 26 at 4pm
POUR March 30 at 4pm
ORANGE COVE April 1 at 3pm
REDELFLE April 1 at 2pm
SUNNYSIDE April 2 at 4pm
CARUTHERS April 6 at 3:30pm
RIVERDALE April 6 at 3pm
GILLIS April 7 at 3:30pm
KINGSBURG April 9 at 3:30pm

Storytimes & Crafts

Raptors at the River Center
Join the San Joaquin River Parkway guide George Falcom for an exploration of rapatso along the San Joaquin River. From the River Center a 2-miutre round trip walk to Owl Hollow. Look for kestrels, red tail hawks, cooper hawks, and bald eagles. Bring binoculars. Register at www.riverparkway.org or call 559-248-8480 ext.101
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PARKWAY
Saturday, March 28, 8:30am to 12pm

Tivy Mountain Summit
A 6 mile round trip hike for advanced hikers covering a 2000 ft. elevation gain. Participants will hike across country (no trail) on rugged terrain and rocky areas. 6 to 8 hrs. No registration. Bring, lunch, water and sunscreen. Suggested donation $5.
SUNDAY, March 29 at 8am
WWW.SIERRAFOOTHILL.ORG/EDUCATION-AND-OUTREACH/MAPS-DIRECTIONS/

Open Preserve Day on the McKenzie
Bring your friends and family for a day of fun! Stroll along the Discovery Trail, picnic alongside the creek, or take an invigorating hike to the Table Top. Don’t miss this opportunity, it won’t happen again until next season! Parking fee $2. No reservations are needed.
SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY
Sunday, March 15 at 2pm
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Bus Trip to San Francisco
A walking tour following in the footsteps of Dashiell Hammett’s life and characters. Hammett Tour by Don Herron. $45 per person, non-refundable after April 7. Call 559-600-6227 to reserve space. Must be able to walk/stand for 3 hour walking tour.
DEPARTS FROM CENTRAL LIBRARY
Sunday, April 12 at 8am.
Rest stop at Casa de Fruta- 25mins. Arrive Union Square at 12noon. Tour 1pm-4pm. Shopping 4pm. Depart SF at 5pm.
Arrive Fresno approx. 8:30pm.

Letterbox Game
Pick up a list of clues at the following branches to find a hidden letterbox. All names written in the letterbox log book will be entered into a drawing for a Maltese Falcon replica by our resident artist Kait Vickers. All participants receive a prize as well.
CENTRAL
CARUTHERS
CEDAR CLINTON
FIG GARDEN
GILLIS
SANGER
WEST FRESNO
March 13 through April 18

Geocaching Game
Log on to the Library’s website to play a geocaching game in downtown Fresno. Smartphone required.
AND CHECK THIS OUT:
Attention Letterboxes – Check AtlasQuest for a new letterbox: Maltese FalCCon

Book Discussions
FIG GARDEN LIBRARY
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FOWLER LIBRARY
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SANGER LIBRARY
Saturday, April 11 at 3pm
ORANGE COVE LIBRARY
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KINGSBURG LIBRARY
Thursday, April 30 at 3:30
WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Thursday, March 19, 7pm

Clovis Library Mystery Book Club
The Thin Man by Dashiell Hammett.
CLOVIS LIBRARY
Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 2:30pm