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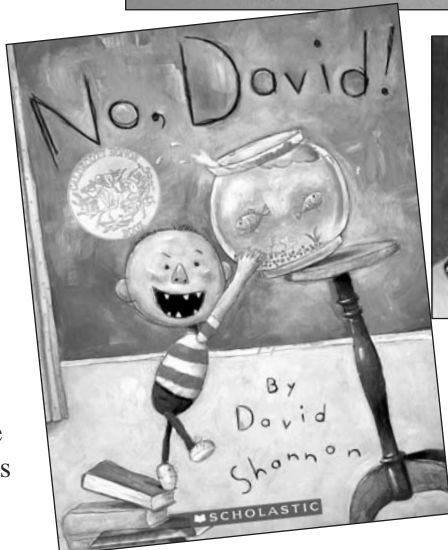
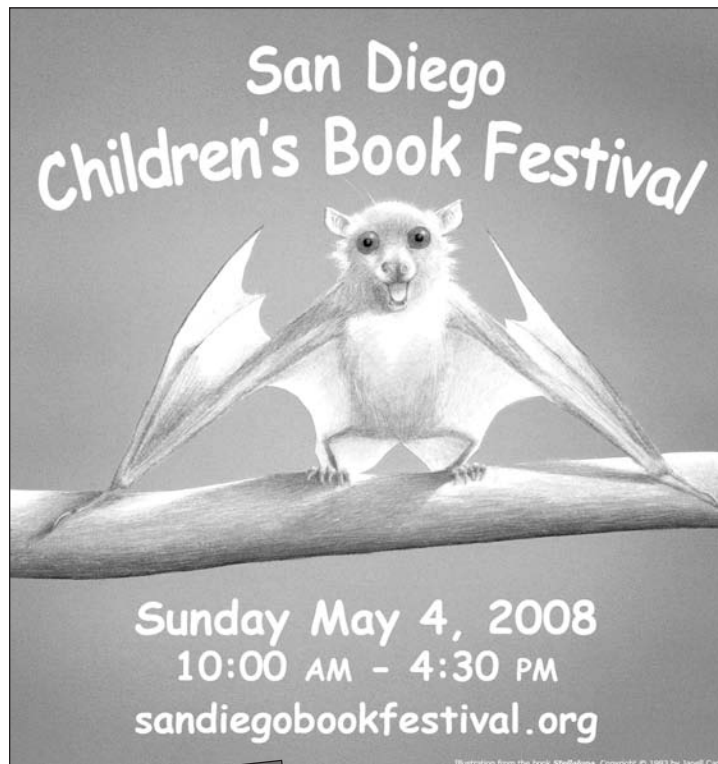
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Top Children's Books and Their Creators Take Book Festival Spotlight

For the first time in the city's history, the San Diego Public Library will bring together the nation's top children's authors and illustrators on Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the San Diego Children's Book Festival, a free day of family fun for children, parents and teens. The dynamic, daylong event celebrating kids and reading is at the Nobel Athletic Complex and North University Community Branch Library at 8820 Judicial Drive, off of the I-805.

The San Diego Children's Book Festival features award winning children's book authors and illustrators reading from their works, talking about their craft, and signing books. Many of the artists, including Janell Cannon, Kadir Nelson, current *SpongeBob Squarepants* head writer Steven Banks and Union-Tribune political cartoonist Steve Breen have local ties. Nationally-recognized authors such as David Shannon, Gerald McDermott, Bruce Hale and George McClements also will attend.

"Collectively, festival



David Shannon, author of the popular No, David! books, will appear and sign books at the Festival.

participants have won a Pulitzer Prize and six Caldecott Awards," said City Librarian Anna Tatár. "I encourage all San Diegans to come out and bring along the young readers in their lives."

"The Festival is a fun way to promote childhood reading," said San Diego Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Marina Claudio-Perez. Costumed characters will greet attendees. Family-friendly activities include music, games, art and crafts and face painting. Admission and parking are free. Books and food and drink will be available for purchase. Teens—and those

interested in what they're reading—can attend panels on teen literature at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. with local authors.

Festival sponsors include Target; QUALCOMM; Manpower; Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt; One Book, One San Diego; Friends of the San Diego Public Library; Westfield UTC, and Time Warner Cable. The Library thanks The City Club for helping launch the Book Festival. A complete schedule of events and list of vendors can be found at www.sandiegobookfestival.org.



A Message from The City Librarian

Anna Tatár, Director,
San Diego Public Library

People are increasingly making choices and lifestyle changes that are healthier for the planet and for themselves. The City of San Diego has taken a strong leadership role in raising public awareness about environmental issues and showing businesses and residents that saving energy and recycling is not only good for the planet, but also cost effective.

The San Diego Public Library has been working closely with the Environmental Services Department to lead by example in going green. The department is actively implementing projects that fulfill the City's goal of energy independence. Since 2005, through a low interest loan from the California Energy Commission, twenty library facilities have had lighting upgrades that save 50% of the energy used by the old lighting systems. In eight of the older branch libraries existing Heating Ventilation and Air-Conditioning systems were replaced with new units that are much more energy efficient. Three more branches are scheduled for upgrades. Between 2005 and 2007, collectively these library projects saved taxpayers 36.25 % in kilowatt hours and more than \$600,000.

In addition to retrofits of energy-efficient equipment, Central library recently added a new white reflective "cool" roof. Photovoltaic systems have been installed at three branch libraries, including North Clairemont, Oak Park, and Mission Valley. These systems together with installations at other City facilities have saved almost \$170,000 in annual

energy costs and avoided production of greenhouse gases.

I want to thank our Building Services Manager, Robert Norman, who has worked closely with Environmental Services and contractors to implement so many of these upgrades to our facilities. I also want to thank our entire staff for their dedication to going green and assuring that our new building projects are models in energy efficiency (see more information in article on this page). When we are each dedicated to making a difference, we can produce amazing results in our stewardship of local and, ultimately, global resources.

The Library's Commitment to Living Green

The Library is taking steps to ensure energy savings throughout the system. Some current highlights include:



The Library's new building projects incorporate sustainable designs that meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)[®] Silver Certification. The University Community Library and Nobel Athletic Area, a joint use project completed in September 2007, won the American Public Works Association chapter award for Project of the Year because of its sustainable design. The new Central Library will also incorporate state-of-the-art energy design, including solar panels on the lattice-work dome.

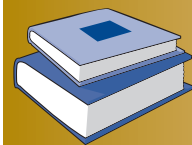


The Library's latest online "hot topic" provides the public with links to books, newspapers, articles and websites on environmentally friendly products, recycling tips, eating organic, and more (www.sandiegolibrary.org and click on *News*). The Library also has one of the largest collections of environmental books, government documents and resources in the country.



Congratulations to the staff at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library and Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library for winning the 2008 Environmental Services Department's "Director's Recycling Award." The Library currently is forming a Green Committee to find other creative ways our department can become a role model for the public and the City.

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Paula Taylor and Bernie Kulchin

Childhood experiences with reading often are cornerstones of a lifelong passion for literacy and learning. Such was the case for both Paula Taylor and Bernie Kulchin.

Like many young girls, Paula loved to read the Nancy Drew mystery series. She and her friends in upstate New York enjoyed competing with each other to see who could read the most books. The town library was small, but still awe-inspiring, as Paula could not imagine being able to read all the books.

Bernie's first 13 years were in Brooklyn, where his parents, immigrants from Russia and Austria, settled before the family moved to Florida. The importance of a good education was stressed in the home. His mother was a voracious reader and Bernie now loves to read just about everything.

Bernie's human resource management career has spanned half a century, working for General Dynamics and then Cubic Corporation. Known fondly as "Mister HR," Bernie received the Society of Human Resource Management's 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award. He recently became a San Diego Public Library Foundation trustee.

Like her husband, Paula believes in civic responsibility, helping make their community better. She also boasts a broad involvement in community service, and was recognized as a Woman of Dedication in 1997. When they discussed San Diego organizations they wished to support, Paula and Bernie said the Library emerged as a priority. They have been generous library donors for ten years. "Books and reading give us so much pleasure. We want everyone to experience the joy of a good read," Bernie said.

Both Paula and Bernie are ardent supporters of the new Central Library. "When I came to San Diego in the 1960s, it was a small town," Bernie said. "Now, forty years later, it is a major city, with many significant resources: four universi-



Paula Taylor and Bernie Kulchin

ties, cultural entities like opera and symphony, museums and theaters. But there is still a big gap in that we do not have an adequate central library."

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– Bernie Kulchin

When it came time for estate planning, their desire to provide benefits to future generations led Bernie and Paula to include the Library. By informing

the Library Foundation of their intentions and thus being members of our Carnegie Society, their actions inspire others to consider leaving a legacy for the future as well.

With contributions of their time and dollars, support for literacy and learning and a vision of libraries for the future, Paula Taylor and Bernie Kulchin are making an impact that lovers of books and learning will feel for generations to come. And when they see their six-year-old grandson choose reading over TV or video games, they feel good that another library supporter is being nurtured.

Carnegie Society Members Make Lasting Impact

From a charter membership of 15 in 2005, there are now 51 Carnegie Society members who have informed the Library Foundation that they have included the Library in their estate plans. It is important for Library Foundation staff to know this information for three reasons. First, the Foundation can ensure a donor's giving intentions are fulfilled. Second, the donor can be recognized and honored during his or her lifetime. Third, their action provides inspiration to other library supporters.

Please consider including the San Diego Public Library Foundation in your will, trust or other planned giving vehicle. The San Diego Public Library Foundation participates in the San Diego Foundation's Endow San Diego Nonprofit Partnership Program. This allows the Library and Foundation to offer donors planned giving resources such as charitable gift annuities and pooled income funds.

For more information, contact Jay Hill, Executive Director at (619-236-5861 or jayhill@sandiego.gov).

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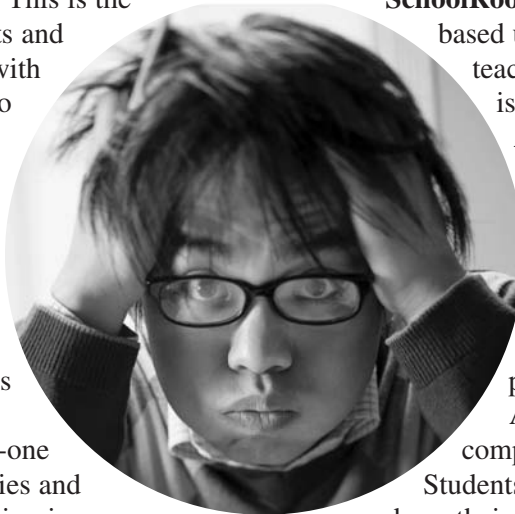
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Got homework? We've got help. This is the message for San Diego students and their parents looking for help with classroom assignments. The San Diego Public Library and San Diego Unified School District are partnering to offer students a comprehensive package of free electronic resources to help them succeed. Many of these resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the library web page with a library card. Available resources include:

Live Homework Help® offers one-on-one tutoring in Math, English, Social Studies and Science daily from 1 to 10 p.m.. Tutoring in Spanish is available from 3 to 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.



SchoolRooms® is an interactive learning environment based upon the California curriculum and built by teachers and librarians. The SchoolRooms area is designed to be engaging and stimulating. **Ask Now** provides 24/7 online reference assistance for tough questions. The service is staffed by librarians across the country. **Electronic databases** provide targeted and trusted information. The Library offers more than 80 electronic databases, including encyclopedias, photos, biographies, maps, science experiments and more. All these resources are available on library computers or any computer with Internet access. Students only need to visit www.sandiegolibrary.org and use their library card or a new Digital Key Card distributed through schools that allows access to electronic resources.

2008 Summer Reading Program Will be a Buzz of Activity



Branches hold free summer reading events like puppet shows, music performances, storytelling, science programs and arts and crafts. This youngster took part at the Linda Vista Branch Library. Photo by Lowell Waxman.

Plans are underway for another successful Summer Reading Program. Over its 83-year history, this program has helped more than a million San Diego children and teens maintain and build reading skills. The 2008 program will have an insect theme with *Catch the Reading Bug* for younger participants and *Metamorphosis* for young adult readers.

“This program does an amazing job of encouraging preschoolers, children and teens to discover recreational reading and keep learning and using their imaginations during the summer,” said Youth Services Coordinator Marina Claudio-Perez. Program sign ups at branches begin June 15 and the program runs through August 15.

“My son never read so many books before!”

– Oak Park Branch Library parent

“These programs can significantly improve participants’ reading skills,” said City Librarian Anna Tatár, citing an Illinois study showing reading comprehension and vocabulary increases for those enrolled in a Summer Reading Program.

Last summer, more than 26,000 students participated, a 13.5 percent increase from the previous year. Additionally, the number of students who successfully completed the program by reading 10 or more books over the summer rose 10 percent.

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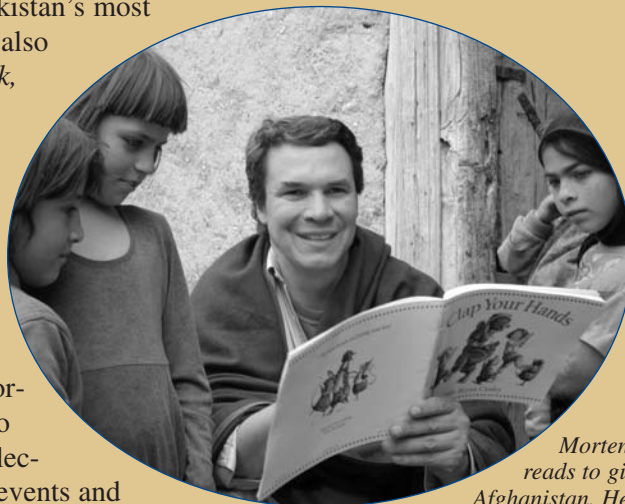
Greg Mortenson Delivers Message of Peace at Overflow *One Book, One San Diego* Appearances

Speaking before standing-room only crowds, best-selling author Greg Mortenson told San Diegans about his efforts to promote peace in Afghanistan and Pakistan by building schools. More than 3,700 people attended a series of five free lectures in February as part of the *One Book, One San Diego* program, a cooperative effort of the San Diego Public Library and KPBS. *One Book* aims to have all San Diego read the same book at the same time.

The 2008 *One Book* selection is the *New York Times* bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*, by Mortenson and co-author David Relin. The book recounts Mortenson's unlikely journey from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2 mountain to successfully building schools in some of

Afghanistan and Pakistan's most remote areas. Relin also made four *One Book, San Diego* appearances in January with more than 1,100 people attended these presentations.

One Book is a year-long event and provides many opportunities for people to participate through lectures, films, author events and book discussions. Library patrons checked out more than 4,400 copies of *Three Cups of Tea* since January. Twenty Library branches held workshops, lectures and discussion groups, attended by more than 480 people.



Mortenson reads to girls in Afghanistan. He works to provide community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. Photo by Central Asia Institute.