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EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2009

1st SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Film: "The Spanish Prisoner," DVD, Color, written and directed by David Mamet, with Ben Gazzara, Felicity Huffman, Ricky Jay, Steve Martin, Rebecca Pidgeon and Campbell Scott, 110 minutes, 1998. Joe Ross, an inventor of a formula which promises to make his company a profit, becomes entangled in an intricate con-game.

2nd MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Literature & Poetry: Poets @ the Library present: "Dancing on the Page: Three Poets Reading," with Joan Cusack Handler, Julie Maloney, and Susanna Rich.

Listen to our panel of successful, distinguished and well-known women poets read poems, of varying rhythms and themes, from their latest books.

3rd TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "The George Washington Bridge: Poetry in Steel," with Michael Aaron Rockland.

Learn about the wonders of the GWB ("the George", the busiest bridge in the world) from a man, a professor of American studies at Rutgers University, who scaled its massive towers and lived to write a book about it.

4th WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Lecture: "Ten Powerful Strategies to Outlive Heart Disease," with Dr. Richard Stein of the American Heart Association.

Learn ten specific actions that you can do to improve your chances of not dying or becoming disabled from heart disease. The talk will focus on lifestyle, diet, supplements, emotional health and the questions you ask your doctor, and the knowledge of when to seek medical help - and where to get it.

5th THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Slide/Lecture: "Retirement Readiness: Learn the Facts about Social Security and the Benefits to which You Are Entitled."

Carmen Ross, Senior Public Affairs Specialist at the Social Security Administration, will answer your questions and address common concerns such as: the earliest age at which you qualify to receive Social Security benefits; how retirement benefits are calculated for the worker and spouse; when you are eligible for full retirement benefits; how benefits are affected when a spouse dies; questions regarding earned income and IRS; and, disability-related issues.

7th SATURDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Music: "Poetry to Songs," An Afternoon of Russian Bard Songs, with Vasily Kolchenko.

Join us for an afternoon of poetry set to music with bard, Vasily Kolchenko. He will play guitar and sing his own songs as well as those of well-known bards, including new works set to words of O. Beshenkovskaia, M. Brif, E. Litinskaya, M. Rabinovich and J. Brodsky. This event will be conducted predominantly in Russian.

8th SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Film: "Friends with Money," DVD, Color, produced by Anthony Bregman; written and directed by Nicole Holofceter, with Jennifer Aniston, Catherine Keener, Frances McDonald, Joan Cusack, Jason Isaacs, Scott Caan, Simon McBurney and Greg Germann, 88 minutes, 2006.

A story of four best friends whose comfortable lives are thrown off balance as the realities of middle age set in.

9th MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library Presents: "Moral Panics and the Copyright Wars," with William Patry.

Metaphors, moral panics, folk devils, Jack Valenti, Joseph Schumpeter, John Maynard Keynes, predictable irrationality, and free market fundamentalism are a few of the topics covered in this lively, unflinching examination of the Copyright Wars -- the pitched battles over new technology, business models, and most of all, consumers.

10th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Goddess of the Market: Ayn Rand and the American Right," with Jennifer Burns.

An assistant professor of American history at the University of Virginia examines why Ayn Rand remains one of America's most important yet misunderstood writers. Based on exclusive access to Rand's private papers, historian Jennifer Burns traces the arc of Rand's remarkable career alongside the birth of modern American conservatism.

12th THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Lecture: "Saving Your Family Stories for Seven Generations," with Alli Joseph, personal family historian.

Do you know your family's history and stories? Have you captured those stories for your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren? In our busy world, people too often focus on today, not tomorrow. We may lose family members before their time - and before their stories are told. Don't wait: the holidays are upon us, there's no time like the present to save the past! A self-created personal history project, like a narrative book, scrapbook or video makes a great, affordable holiday gift for your family.

15th SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Film: "Claire Dolan." DVD, Color, produced by Ann Ruark and Marin Karmitz; written and directed by Lodge Kerigan, with Katrin Cartlidge, Vincent D'Onofrio, Colm Meany ... [et al.], 95 minutes, 1998.

The story of a woman who works as a high-class prostitute in New York City but tries to flee this existence by leaving the city to rebuild her life.

16th MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Slide/Lecture: New York City as "Jerusalem on the Hudson:" The Spiritual Legacy of the Hudson River School, with Ronald J. Brown, PhD.

Chronicle the spiritual impact of Thomas Cole (1801-1848), the father of the Hudson River School of painting, on the emergence of New York City as the Empire City.

17th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Panel Discussion: "Cozy Mysteries: Amateur Sleuths and Feline Detectives," with moderator, Daryl Wood Gerber, and panelists, Joani Ascher, Cynthia Baxter, Jane K. Cleland and Evan Marshall of Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter.

In this lively discussion about "cozy" mysteries, the moderator and a panel of stellar authors face the tough "cozy" questions: What distinguishes a cozy from a traditional mystery? Humor? Charm? Suspense? Why do so many readers love books that feature cats? (And can a cat really solve a crime?) The panel -- whose amateur sleuths run the gamut from antiques business owner to New York Sanitation Department employee--reveal all!

18th WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Lecture: "Writing a Sports Column in the Age of the Blog," with George Vesey, a newspaper junkie, reporter and sports columnist.

Veteran New York Times Sports columnist will talk about his work as sportswriter for the "New York Times".

19th WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Keynes: The Rise, Fall, and Return of the Twentieth Century's Most Influential Economist," with Peter Clarke.

Enjoy a timely and masterful accounting of Keynes's life and work, bringing his genius and skepticism alive for an era fraught with economic difficulties that he surely would have found challenging.

22nd SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Film: "American Splendor," DVD, Color, produced by Ted Hope; written and directed by Robert Pulcini & Shari Springer Berman, with Paul Giamatti, Hope Davis, Judah Friedlander, James Urbaniak, Earl Billings, James McCaffrey, Maggie Moore and Vivienne Benesch, 101 minutes, 2003.

Pekar is a frustrated file clerk working at the local V.A. Hospital. He is also a comic book fan who befriends the young illustrator, Robert Crumb, and is soon inspired to create comic books based on his own life. Along his bumpy journey he meets, falls in love with, and marries Joyce, an admiring comic book seller.

23rd MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Author @ the Library presents: "Knut Hamsun: His Brilliance, his Tragedy and his Legacy," with Robert Ferguson, the author of the Hamsun biography, *Enigma: The Life of Knut Hamsun*.

Join us for an introduction to Hamsun's life and literary work, and a discussion of the controversies surrounding his legacy.

24th TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Lecture: "Getting Organized for an Uncluttered, Meaningful and Happy Holiday Season and New Year!" with A. J. Miller, a residential and workplace organization and productivity expert.

The holiday season juggernaut is speeding forward and you need to be prepared if you hope to thrive, not just survive. Learn how you can avoid some common pitfalls, steer clear of the stress, make the events of the season more enjoyable and jump start your 2010 "get organized" resolution.

29th SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Film: "Vanya on 42nd Street," DVD, Color, directed by Louis Malle; produced by Fred Berner, with Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith, George Gaynes ... [et al.], 119 minutes, 1994.

A group of actors meet to rehearse Chekhov's Uncle Vanya and find the same conflicts in their own lives as are dealt with in the play. From Andre Gergory's "Vanya", based on Anton Chekhov's play "Uncle Vanya", adapted by David Mamet.

30th MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Author Visit: Authors @ the Library presents: "Knut Hamsun and the Birth of the Modern Novel," with Frode Saugestad.

Come to a discussion of how Knut Hamsun's early novels have inspired and influenced a series of modernist authors such as Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, James Joyce and Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Exhibition

1 – 30 November

“Malibu,”

by Marietta Hoferer

The Art Collection, “Art Wall on Third,” is pleased to present an installation of transparent tape and paper reliefs by the well-known sculptor Marietta Hoferer. Influenced by architecture and weaving, her inventive approach to collage drawings through the use of tape has elevated a functional material such as industrial tape into an aesthetic level of experience for viewers. As we are drawn into the elegant subtleties of *Malibu*, we become aware of its meditative quality and are mesmerized by the quiet and whimsical play of light and implied atmosphere.

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