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Alameda County Library Program Honored by Mrs. Laura Bush at The White House

First Lady Laura Bush honored the Alameda County Library Write to Read youth literacy program at Juvenile Hall at a ceremony for the 2006 Coming Up Taller Awards in Washington, D.C.,



"This was an amazing experience. It was a clear demonstration of democracy in action. It was inspiring to see the good work that can be done by people of good will, imagination and commitment."

The Write to Read program has introduced the joy of reading to more than 4,000 incarcerated youth. Founded in 1999, Write to Read motivates and inspires young

people housed in the Alameda County Juvenile Hall to strengthen their reading skills and make meaningful connections to authors and books that can positively influence the choices they make in their own lives.

Monday, January 22nd. Joined by 15 other programs and their representatives, Alameda County Librarian Jean Hofacket and one-time Juvenile Hall resident Hannah Kefela stood beside the First Lady in the East Wing of the White House to receive their plaque. Ms. Hofacket described the ceremony.



Jean Hofacket, Hannah Kefela, Laura Bush.

Message from the Director

Joining the Alameda County Library Foundation was an easy transition for me, since I grew up in one of those homes with books in every room. And I continue to live in one now. And when I started this position in October, I was no stranger to the concept of books, and library programs. I also possessed the necessary professional skills for the position, however, I found myself a stranger to the communities of Alameda County. In my quest to meet these communities, I started making daily telephone calls to you and found two recurring themes.

The first is your stories, our friends, our customers, our donors, and our sponsors. I heard stories of your connection to the library, what the library meant to you as a child, to you as a parent, as an adult. Stories of how the library allowed your dreams to come true, stories of how the library changed your life.

And so many of your stories lead me to the next theme. Many of

the stories included anecdotes about library staff by name, whether it is Steve in the bookmobile or Julie at the Albany branch. You know them by name and clearly they have had an impact on your experience. I visit my neighborhood library often, and I can't tell you one staff member's name. We have a unique community here with a unique chemistry. I look forward to hearing more stories and ...

Most of us have read that Ernest Gallo of E & J Gallo Winery fame passed away recently. What we may not have read is that he learned to make wine from a recipe found in the Modesto Public Library. He parlayed a visit to the library into an estate valued at more than one billion dollars. Yes, libraries change lives!

All the best, Richard Ajluni





Help us work some Multicultural Magic!

On Friday June 8th, 2007, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, our local Fremont Main Library will be transformed into an exhilarating, fun-filled festive destination, as the Alameda County Library Foundation hosts its 3rd annual Passport to Adventure Fundraising Gala. This year's theme is Multicultural Magic – a celebration of Alameda County's rich Diversity. You don't want to miss it! Tickets are still available!

As you make your ascent to the 2nd floor of the library you'll find

yourself wandering through book stacks to find sumptuous food stations, while enjoying beautiful cultural art and exciting entertainment that includes performances from, Eden Obo Taiko Drummers, Magician Mat, Hula 'Ohana O Puananikauisawekiu, Prabath Academy for Music and Performing Arts and Fortune Teller Ming just to name a few. All of your senses are in for an amazingly good time!

The evening will also feature an Auction. Some exciting auction items

include, a Hawaiian getaway, a Southern California weekend bonanza, Dazzling Vegas adventure, Bay Area Sporting Events Box seats and much, MUCH more!!!

Passport to Adventure's generous sponsors include: **NUMMI, Fremont Bank, Cisco Systems, Inc., Kaiser Permanente, Salas O'Brien Engineering, Cargill Salt, Heartwood Communities Inc., and Ted & Virginia Woy.** Sponsorship opportunities still available!!! The deadline

for sponsorships is April 30th, 2007.

There's still time to get your tickets and be a part of this exciting one of a kind summer extravaganza! The event takes place at Fremont Main Library, June 8th 2007 6:30pm-9:30pm. Individual tickets are \$100 and blocks of 12 tickets are \$1000. Proceeds go to enhance library programs for the Alameda County Library. For tickets and sponsorship information, contact ACLF Development Director, Tiona Smith at 510.745.1542 or tsmith@aclf.org



This year's Teen Summer Reading

Program (TSRP) is joining the state's collaborative theme of "YNK – You Never Know @ Your Library." We're anticipating over 2,000 teens will participate.

It will run from June 18 to August 18. Teens sign up and get their Reading Log at their neighborhood Alameda County Library branch, including Albany, Bookmobile, Castro Valley, Centerville, Dublin, Fremont,

Irvington, Newark, Niles, San Lorenzo, and Union City. Then, teens use their Reading Log to keep track of time spent reading. Teens receive incentive prizes as they reach a certain number of hours spent reading. Those reading 25 hours can choose a free mystery-theme paperback, and those completing 50 hours received a free day pass to Great America! The Alameda County Library Foundation funds the prizes, books and other supplies.

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He says "My name is Ike LaRue. I'm a detective. My specialty, finding lost cats. Sometimes it's easy, sometimes it's not. I'm very good at what I do but when people ask me really hard questions - I tell them to, 'Get a clue @ your library.'" Play is set up in a path format. Assistant Detectives spend 30 minutes reading for a chance to spin to see how far along the path they can travel. The Alameda County Library Foundation funds all the



supplies necessary to offer the game each year as well as special prizes selected by library staff members.

This year's prize for reaching the half/way point is a choice of Ike LaRue tattoos and the final prize is a choice among a selection of paperback books as well as a plastic bookbag. Several other organizations are also expected to supply prizes. RoundTable Pizza, San Francisco Giants, and the Lawrence Hall of Science are among these groups.



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Homebuilder builds communities

Don Babbitt, a Dublin homebuilder, reveals his age when he says that a library is the cornerstone of social interaction. He thinks that a laptop and a latte at the corner coffee shop or a cell phone and an ear bud does not equate to being connected. Connected comes from absorbing books; books that open whole histories and all of civilization. It means sharing ideas, looking both backward and forward and learning, always learning.

Babbitt knows Dublin well. He grew up there, went to grade school, to Dublin High and now is making Dublin the focus of his business energy. He remembers riding his bike to the library, spending hours there, meeting friends there. It was the hub of his world. The Dublin Library grew with him from a cramped space to an inviting atmosphere on Amador Valley to the inspiring space at the City Center it now graces. Now he is investing some of his energy and resources to assure that the library continues because as he builds communities, he wants them to continue having a real connection.

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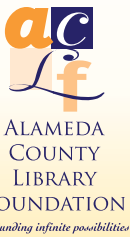
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