

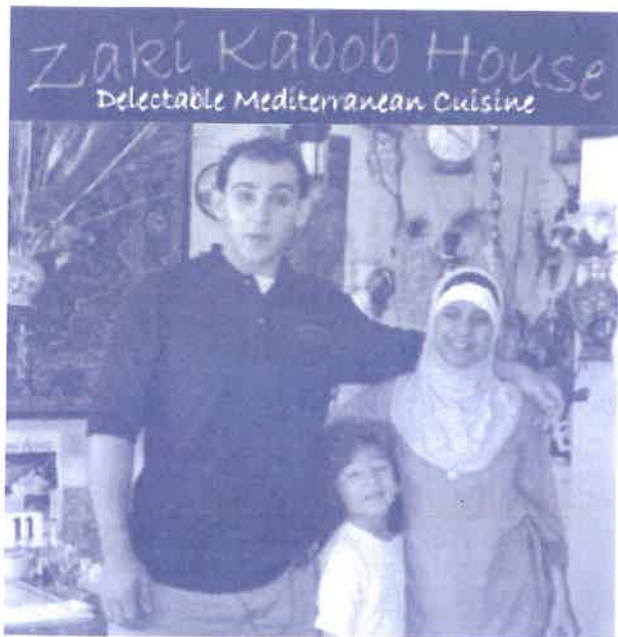


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In 2008, Ramzy Ayyad and his family opened Zaki Kabob House located at 1101 San Pablo Ave (at Dartmouth St.) in Albany, CA, to provide the community with a taste of delectable Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine.

In addition to being a fulltime restaurant owner, Ramzy is also a fulltime supporter of the Alameda County Library, Albany Branch and generously donates 10% of his Monday lunch and dinner time proceeds to the Albany Library.

A Bay Area native and a recent college graduate, Ramzy is a huge proponent of libraries. As a student he appreciated its many valuable assets, utilizing the quiet study rooms to focus on his schoolwork and enjoying access to innumerable resources. Some of his best library experiences involved receiving quality guidance from librarians at the help desks, who consistently and

enthusiastically directed him to credible information in reliable sources.

Not only does Ramzy recognize the immediate value of libraries when it comes to needing resources, he also has a personal philosophy as to why he offers his support in such a big way; he sees his values reflected in the way the library maintains open access to any and all materials, respecting each patron's unique knowledge needs without judgment or consequence. From this stems a deep appreciation of public libraries, especially in the way they encourage community members to come together.

Help us give a big THANK YOU to Ramzy Ayyad and his family for their unwavering support and dedication to the Alameda County Library, Albany Branch!



Message from the Director

This issue of ExLibris is dedicated to all of our loyal library supporters. We honor those who circulate our materials; visitors who enjoy reading in the books stacks; participants at our free workshops and events; students leveraging our Homework Centers; and parents with children in strollers who attend story time each week.

The Alameda County Library Foundation which funds 11 Alameda County branches is grateful for the community support of our patrons and friends. Our success depends upon the contributions of foundations, donations from local businesses, proceeds from fundraising events and the generous gifts we receive from individuals.

Our public-private partnership with the Alameda County and the generosity of all our donors keeps our libraries relevant and vital. Thank you for your support and participation. We look forward to seeing you at the library! Best wishes for a fun, safe and productive summer!

Tyona Smith
Executive Director



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6. Internet and Wi Fi You can have free internet access and Wi Fi, by just sitting in the library. The average cost of internet service: \$22.00 a month!

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Have Book-Will Travel June 10-August 10, 2013



Alameda County Library Announces Its Annual Summer Reading Game!

The Alameda County Library is pleased to announce its Summer Reading Game. There will be games for pre-readers, kids, teens and adults!

This year's theme is "Have Book – Will Travel!" and will run from June 10, 2013 to August 10, 2013. Library patrons can sign up and get their gameboard at any of the following Alameda County Library branches; Albany, Castro Valley, Centerville, Dublin, Fremont Main, Irvington, Newark, Niles, San Lorenzo, Union City and the Bookmobile. Gameboards will be used to keep track of time spent reading or completing fun activities. In addition to exciting raffle prizes there will also be plenty other cool prizes and free books for participants!



reading skills over the summer return to school better equipped to continue with their studies. Additionally studies show that Adult participation is key; the best way to get your children to read is to let them see you reading.

This program is presented by the Alameda County Library, with support from the Alameda County Library Foundation. Other sponsors include Chabot Space & Science Center, LEGOLAND, Oakland A's, Target, The Lawrence Hall of Science and Togo's. For more information visit one of Alameda County's Library branches or online at www.aclibrary.org.

Summer reading programs are an important part of the library's programming because research shows that children typically regress academically over the long summer break. Youth who practice their

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510-526-3720

Castro Valley

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Castro Valley, CA 94546-4382
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