EVENTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT

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BOOKS, BEER, AND CREATIVITY

Friday, September 28, 5:00 pm
2ND FLOOR LIBRARY
The Mechanics’ Institute Library is proud to announce our 2nd Annual Book’toberfest. This year we are feting our friends and members who are involved in the publishing industry: editors, writing teachers, book packagers, designers, graphic artists, agents, and more—with a networking opportunity and tradeshow that is reminiscent of our historic industrial fairs (this time with beer!). Local independent publishers Heyday, Tachyon Press, and McSweeney’s will also discuss their philosophy on creating books that sell.

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CLASSES HIGHLIGHT

Wednesday, September 12, Noon
Cool Apps: A Lunchtime Showcase
If you have an iPhone, iPad, or Android device, you may be overwhelmed by the number of available apps—the small, specialized programs that add new capabilities to your phone or tablet. Come to this one hour show-and-tell of useful and fun apps for your phone or tablet. We’ll explore categories such as calendars, travel, finance, and dining. Be prepared to show off your favorite finds, and leave with a list of apps to try out. This class will meet in the 4th floor meeting room. Bring your lunch if you wish.

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EVENTS

Attend these intimate and up close author programs and engage directly with local, national, and internationally known writers talking about their newly released books.

**Wednesday, September 19, 6:00 pm**

*The Great Railroad Revolution: The History of Trains in America* (Public Affairs)

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Christian Wolmar explores the rise and fall of the American railroad in an account that begins with the opening of the first American railroad line in the 1830s. The dramatic explosion of tracks and stations in the 19th century connected much of the continental United States, and truly qualifies as a revolution that changed commerce, travel, and everyday life. This masterful history traces not only the expansion and success of railroads and its chief entrepreneurs, but the unbelievable levels of corruption and graft. It also examines the supplanting of railroads by car and air travel, and the crucial role railroads still play in transporting goods across this country. **Members Free; Public $12**

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*Never in my Wildest Dreams: A Black Woman’s Life in Journalism* (Berrett-Koehler Publishers)

BELVA DAVIS (WITH VICKI HADDOCK)

This honest and inspiring memoir traces a reporter’s rise from a childhood in the crowded projects of Oakland to a career that spanned five decades. KQED TV host Belva Davis, the first black female television journalist on the West Coast, reported on everything from the 1964 Republican Convention (where racists physically and verbally attacked her) to Vietnam War protests, the People’s Temple tragedy, the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, the AIDS epidemic, and the 2008 election of President Barack Obama. No wonder Davis, now in her 70s, has been referred to as “The Walter Cronkite of the Bay Area.”

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CHRISTINE PELOSI

Christine Pelosi has led leadership “boot camps” in over thirty American states and three foreign countries. Her book draws on a lifetime of grassroots experience in political campaigns. Along with examining the expanding role of social media and technology in modern campaigns, this updated edition of her 2007 book offers practical advice about setting goals and shaping a message, and offers quotes on running successful campaigns from a diverse array of public figures, including Donna Brazile, Willie L. Brown, Bill Clinton, Mahatma Ghandi and George F. Will. This book is a must have for anyone interested in public service, or just fascinated by politics. **Members Free; Public $12**
Friday, September 14
*Point Blank* (1967)
DIRECTED BY JOHN BOORMAN
Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson
This iconic, influential thriller, partially shot at Alcatraz, follows a lone hood on a relentless campaign for revenge and payback.

Friday September 21
*Red Rock West* (1993)
DIRECTED BY JOHN DAHL
Nicolas Cage, Lara Flynn Boyle, Dennis Hopper
An honest but broke ex-Marine gets entangled in a murder-for-hire scheme in this improbable and amusing Southwest noir.

Friday, September 28
*The Deep End* (2001)
DIRECTED BY SCOTT MCGHEE AND DAVID SIEGEL
Tilda Swinton, Goran Visnjic
A Tahoe mom goes to extraordinary lengths to protect her family in this contemporary adaptation of the source novel for *The Reckless Moment* (1949).
**LIBRARY CLASSES & PROGRAMS**

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**Thursday, September 13, 10:00 am**  
**Travel Planning 101**  
Do you like to travel in groups, explore with a guide, go somewhere exotic, or adventure close to home? Whether you are planning the trip of a lifetime or a long weekend with friends, MI Library has all the resources you need to create your next trip. Let us introduce you to our vast travel book collection, language lesson audio CDs, online resources, and myriad travel websites. From passports to flights—and ground travel—to accommodations, and everything in between. If you are looking at ways to start planning, or have specific travel questions, this class can help you become a savvy and well-prepared traveler.

**Thursday, September 13, 3:00 pm**  
**Repeated Tuesday, September 25, 10:00 am**  
**What is Twitter and Why Should I Care?**  
What exactly is Twitter? Founded in San Francisco in 2006, Twitter is constantly in the news: for its use during the Arab Spring uprising, its role in the Mid-Market redevelopment, the importance of its numbers to Lady Gaga and Oprah Winfrey. Learn what Twitter is all about, and what the strange vocabulary means. Manage your Twitter account and discover that it can be so much more than simply telling the world what you ate for lunch today.

**Thursday, September 20, 10:00 am**  
**Company and Industry Information on the Web**  
Learn to find up-to-date information on public and private companies using parameters you can specify, such as product, company size, geographic location, etc. Discover authoritative resources for company news, growth prospects, or key competitors. Find contact information for company officers. Learn to locate information as reported in newspapers, trade journals or magazines on new, small, or regional companies.

**INTRODUCTION TO SELF PUBLISHING**

**Saturdays, September 8 and 15, 2:00 - 4:30 pm**  
**3RD FLOOR CLASSROOM**  
Are you a writer with a manuscript, or a great idea that's ready to become a book? Are you a reader who is curious about the revolution that has swept away book stores while launching thousands of new authors?

Back by popular demand, this two-session tour of the self-publishing process, taught by author and indie-publisher Carol Verburg, will guide you to an informed decision on whether and how to publish your book. Learn how to create a publishing plan, sift through the options for putting your book together, and launch your book into the world. Fees for this class: $95 members/$115 non-members, payable at registration.

To register, go to our website and click on the class title; Introduction to Self Publishing. [http://www.milibrary.org/class](http://www.milibrary.org/class)  
For more information contact Sharon Miller at 415.393.0113 or smiller@milibrary.org.
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Monday, September 18, Noon; no registration required
Brown Bag Mystery Readers’ Book Group
The Redbreast
JO NESBO
Awarded “best Norwegian crime novel ever written” in 2004. Two story lines interweave to create work for Harry Hole, a troubled alcoholic police officer who finds himself dealing with unfinished business from World War II.

Tuesday, September 18, Noon; no registration required
Fiction You Wish You Had Read
The Bridge of San Luis Rey
THORNTON WILDER
Wilder explores the question: Is there a direction and meaning in lives beyond the individual’s own will? Read the book that garnered the Pulitzer Prize in 1920, and inspired four films, an opera and a puppet play in recent years. Perhaps best known for his plays, Wilder was a prolific novelist who focused on the human condition over the passage of time.

Thursday, November 1, 6:00 pm; registration required (see below)
Forgotten Classics
Brideshead Revisited
EVELYN WAUGH
A twentieth century author of international fame, Waugh is known as a “devastating and effective” satirist. This, his most controversial and Catholic novel, captures upper class Oxford life in the 1920s in an exquisite period piece. It was a best-seller when published in 1945, to an audience weary of war. Advance registration required, go to our website and click on “Book Discussions” http://www.milibrary.org/discussion.

The Proust Society of America: San Francisco Chapter
Under the leadership of Dr. Mark Calkins, Mechanics’ Institute offers two bi-weekly discussion groups, on a semester basis. The Proust Group, held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, will start the new semester with volume 3 of In Search of Lost Time (The Guermantes Way), and continue on with volume 4. The World Literature Group, held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:45 - 8:00 pm, will begin the year with Flaubert and Zola, then move to a series of Russian novels. The new semester begins on September 12, and both groups welcome new members. Fees for the new semester are $65 for MI members/$95 for non-members, should be paid by October 10 for each group. For more information, contact mark@tempsperdu.com or smiller@milibrary.org
Advance registration required, please see our website: http://www.milibrary.org/discussion.

Information: 415.393.0118 or Diane Lai dlai@milibrary.org
All readings are available at the 2nd floor Circulation desk. All Book Discussions are held in the 4th floor Board Room.
The Mechanics’ Institute and Portland Chess Clubs renewed their rivalry after a hiatus of more than 90 years this summer. The friendly match, held on six boards, with each team fielding a master and then a player from each of the next five rating classes from Expert to Class D, saw the Mechanics’ Institute win by the narrowest of margins - 3 ½ - 2 ½.

Initially it looked like the Mechanics’ would win the match going away. Scott Poling on board 4 scored first blood for the Mechanics’ Institute and Mechanics’ Trustee Michael Hilliard, a piece ahead on board 5, looked like he would make it 2-0, but his opponent Mark Hanna found a tactical trick that turned the tables. No sooner was the score tied than Mechanics’ captain Payam Afkham-Ebrahimi won on board three to again put San Francisco in the lead.

The marquee matchup on board one, between FIDE Masters Andy Lee of the Mechanics’ and Nick Raptis for Portland, was a topsy-turvy affair with both players having chances to win at various times in the game and the final result of a draw was a fair one.

Portland equalized the score with a win on the bottom board and this left board 2 to be the decider. Todd Rumph essayed a Staunton Gambit against Mike Janniro’s habitual Dutch Defense. Todd had the very slightest of advantages before Mike allowed a combination that allowed White to win a bishop and knight for a rook. Play went into an ending in which Todd had winning chances but Mike’s rook was especially active. Only a blunder on move 47 by Black in time pressure insured the Mechanics’ would win the match 3.5 – 2.5. Counting the three previous matches, played by telegraph in 1919-1921, the score between the clubs is now 3-1 in favor of the Mechanics’.

Portland 2 ½ – San Francisco 3 ½
1. FM Nick Raptis 2323 ½ – ½
   FM Andy Lee 2292
2. Michael Janniro 2000 0-1
   Todd Rumph 2179
3. Jason Cigan 1906 0-1
   Payam Afkham–Ebrahimi 1873
4. Bob Malone 1785 0-1
   Scott Poling 1788
5. Mark Hanna 1552 1-0
   Michael Hilliard 1494
6. Harry Buerer 1286 1-0
   David R. Olson 1400

Portland was White on boards 1, 3 and 5.

Information & registration: 415.393.0110, chessroom@milibrary.org, or http://www.chessclub.org.

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Get yourself out of a legal jam

SHARON MILLER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Do you know the Library has a large collection of self-help legal books for you to borrow? Not many members do, so we are moving them to the 3rd floor of the Library, on shelves along the wall behind the Service Desk. We have purchased self-help legal books from Nolo Press, a Berkeley company, since they began publishing them in 1971, and we update the collection with new editions regularly.

Whether you have questions about your will, legal guardianship of a minor, starting a business in California, how to fight a ticket, or dozens of other legal matters pertaining to life and business in California, we have you covered. In addition to the collection of books, their website, http://www.nolo.com/ provides legal forms and assistance in finding a lawyer.

The books can be checked out for 28 days, and renewed twice. If you need help finding them, ask staff on the 3rd floor of the Library.

If estate planning is a question on your mind these days, also look to the Mechanics’ Institute’s website for a free, non-partisan mini-course that clarifies the steps and decisions involved. Click on the Donate tab on the red bar that runs across the top of any Institute page, and look for Estate Planning on the left menu list. (There is no commercial message asking you to donate to the Institute included in this course.)

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AUTHORS’ CARNIVAL
Readings, workshops, and camaraderie in celebration of our members’ creative achievements.

September 28, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
2nd Annual Book’toberfest

The M.I. Library is proud to announce our 2nd Annual Book’toberfest on Friday September 28. Last year we toasted our members who had recently published books with local craft beer. This year, we’d like to fete our friends and members who are otherwise involved in the publishing industry – editors, writing teachers, book packagers, designers, graphic artists, agents, and more – with a networking opportunity and tradeshow that is reminiscent of our historic industrial fairs (this time with beer).

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✔ If you are involved in the publishing industry Book’toberfest will be a great occasion to advertise YOUR services to our writers and readers!

✔ If you are in the process of creating a book, Book’toberfest will help you find the creative genius within the Mechanics’ community to make your book GREAT!

✔ If you are a reader or a beer connoisseur, you’ll love the creative vibe and selection of locally crafted beer!

In addition, look forward to the panel discussion Brewing up a Good Book: How Local Small Publishers Work to Create a Satisfying Book, featuring representatives from locally owned publishers Heyday, McSweeney’s, and Tachyon Press; and of course, lots of beer tasting, and plenty of conviviality. If you’d like to be involved, need more information, or want to know how you can help, please respond to Taryn Edwards, tedwards@milibrary.org, or 415.393.0103. If you’d like to register, please see our website http://www.milibrary.org/events.

LIBRARY NEWS, CONTINUED

New Book Group: True Adventures
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
6:00 - 8:00 pm

The Library is introducing a new book group for those members who relish a gripping adventure tale and are thrilled to discover that the story is true! If you are a fan of Jon Krakauer, Sebastian Junger, or Laura Hillenbrand, then you will enjoy these lesser-known books that have been selected for the 6-month duration of the book group. These non-fiction adventure books range from historical events such as the sinking of the whaleship Essex, a story of survival on the Peruvian mountains, to the tale of a World War II escape and rescue mission.


Reservations required for the November meeting, please see our website to register http://www.milibrary.org/discussion or call 415.393.0102. For more information, please contact Diane Lai at dlai@milibrary.org or at 415.393.0118.