

Director's Report January 9, 2012

- Children in grades 1-5 are developing storytelling techniques with help from props, acting and a librarian storytelling coach at a series of after-school programs. The Young Storytellers Group last met on 12/6/11.
- The Library is now an Open Library partner of the Internet Archive, a non-profit organization that is building a digital library from books all over the world. More than 3 million texts and ebooks from digitized older books are available to researchers, historians, scholars and the general public through this source. The Library's website has a link to this source of about 100,000 ebooks.
- The third American Civil War program presented by Dr. Libra Hilde, professor at San Jose State University, drew 91 interested attendees in December. Dr. Hilde's next presentation will be at 7 p.m. on Wed., January 11, 2012, with a focus on Emancipation and Soldiers' Experiences during the Civil War.
- An ebook reader "petting zoo" has been set up by Adult Services staff so that the public can try out different ebook readers and obtain guidance on how to use several different devices.
- The Library received approval for a CA Reads grant from the California Council for the Humanities (CCH) and the California Center for the Book (CFB). With the grant, the Library will encourage the reading of Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston's *Farewell to Manzanar* and present programs about Japanese-Americans and the Japanese internment camps during WWII. Author J. W. Houston will talk about her book and her life at the Library on 4/18/12.
- The Library has been very busy! On January 3, 2012, after being closed for four days, over 3,900 people came to the Library, about double an average day. Circulation of materials on that day topped 17,000, when the daily average for December was just over 7,000 items per day.
- Library staff learned much about current and future technology trends on Staff Development Day from Nate Hill, Web Librarian at San Jose Public Library. Some trends that he shared included; portable reading rooms (Uni project); Scan San Jose QR project and multi-use interactive work screens. The Adult Services staff introduced e-readers to other staff members and assisted with hands-on comparisons of the various devices.
- Emma Christensen and her Homebrewing 101 program delighted a large audience with her colorful descriptions of the beer brewing process. She is the author of the forthcoming brewing cookbook, *True Brews*. This program will be repeated

Handouts

"ALA Alarmed at Seizure of Occupy Wall Street Library, Loss of Irreplaceable Materials" by Macey Morales, [American Libraries](#), 11/17/11.

“Librarian’s Words Are Binding” by Steve Lopez, Los Angeles Times, 11/9/11.

“Libraries Ramp up E-Book Lending” by Roger Yu, USA Today, 11/15/11.

“Library Budget Cuts Threaten Community Services across Country” by Lucas Kavner, Huffington Post, 11/16/11.

“Los Altos Libraries Reconsider Branching off from County District” by Kristen Marschall, The Mercury News, 11/10/11.