

**Director's Report**  
**April 2, 2012**

- The Library has upgraded access to the database Mango Languages, for learning languages, to include 39 language courses and 16 ESL courses. Mango Languages is available from our website under Quick Links. Some languages that are now included are Arabic, Tagalog, Russian and Korean. Customers who speak Russian, Turkish and other languages can learn English through the ESL courses.
- The Grant Information Center is now set up in the Library thanks to our status as a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center. The Library now provides access to the Center's wealth of information about grants and grantmakers in the U.S. and around the world. The Foundation Center's flagship product is the Foundation Directory online which is available for free from any library computer. The Library also has print directories, books on fundraising and nonprofit management, where to get scholarships, and how to write effective proposals. Classes and webinars will be offered throughout the year. The librarians have received training and are ready to help customer search for grant funds.
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Palo Alto Speech, and Silicon Valley Eye Physicians partnered with the Library and offered a nutritionist, speech pathologist and optometrist to speak to parents during a series of Family Place workshops. Library staff guided parents in techniques for reading and enjoying books with their toddlers. After the presentations, the children were free to play with preschool toys which included: a basketball hoop, tricycles, soft climbing structure, puzzles, and art projects.
- On a rainy Friends Book Sale weekend, the number of people in the Library was high, almost setting a week-end record. On Saturday 3/24, 2,972 people came to the Library, and on Sunday 3/25, the count was 2,319. The Library is only open 8 hours on Saturdays and 6 hours on Sundays.
- The first of four Families Read Together/Las familias leen juntas classes took place at Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The programs are sponsored by a Target Grant. Marti Krow-Lucal, bilingual librarian, is teaching the classes in Spanish to assist Spanish speaking parents with reading techniques and to emphasize the importance of reading with their children. CNC staff is collaborating with Library staff on this popular program.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Storytelling Festival will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2012, starting at 2 p.m. Several children are expected to be among the tellers this year.
- Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, author of *Farewell to Manzanar*, will be speaking in person on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. *Farewell to Manzanar* is a memoir about Houston and her family's experience in a Japanese internment camp during WWII. This will be the first program in the California Reads grant programs that are supported by Cal Humanities and

the California Center for the Book. The purpose of the CA Reads programs is to promote discussion of democracy and civil rights through literature. Other programs in Sunnyvale's *Learning from the Past* series that are scheduled for May through July include: a panel of Japanese internment camp survivors; a Japanese American storyteller; book and film discussions; and a professor speaking on the political climate leading to the internment camps.

### **Handouts**

National Library Week Schedule

"Amazon: Sunnyvale CA Has Most 'Hunger Games' Readers Per Capita" by David Lieberman, Deadline Hollywood, 3/16/12.

"E-readers Grow; Libraries Can't Get Many Titles" by James Temple, San Francisco Chronicle, 3/18/12.

*Learning from the Past: The Japanese American Experience*

"Library Sets Monday Hours" by Khalida Sarwari, San Jose Mercury News, 3/6/12.

"City Insider: Obama Nominates City Librarian to Advisory Board" by Stephanie M. Lee, SF Gate.com, 3/12/12.

"Cupertino Shorts: Library Closed April 8-11 for Building Improvements" San Jose Mercury News, 3/29/12.

"San Jose Library Director Jan Light Retires after a Stellar Career" by Carol Rosen, San Jose Mercury News, 3/29/12.

"Sunnyvale Loves 'The Hunger Games'" by Alia Wilson, San Jose Mercury News, 3/23/12.

"SXSW: The Fate of Libraries" by Harry McCracken, Time, 3/11/12