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One City, One Story 2015

For a 13th year, Pasadenans are sharing the experience of reading and discussing a single book in the month of March. The 2015 selection—made by a hardworking local committee—is *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez. At heart a love story of two youngsters from Mexico and Panama, the novel gives voice to a number of characters—immigrants all—who share a gritty apartment building in Delaware.



Copies of the book abound in the Pasadena Public Library and in local bookstores. And of course, participation in One City, One Story is voluntary! There are no tests or obligations; the public is welcome to attend one or more of the free events inspired by the book's theme.

As always, a highlight of the program is the conversation with the author, led by Jan Sanders, director of the Pasadena Public Library. Join the audience on Thursday, March 12, in the Forum of All Saints Church, to hear Cristina Henríquez speak at 7 p.m. about her book.

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library is pleased to sponsor the One City, One Story program. To learn more about some of the featured events, please see inside or visit www.onecityonestory.com.

Quick! It's Time to Order Tickets for Beer, Brats & Books

Seasonal brewing! What a delightful concept—particularly if a talented brewer is providing the beer for a worthy cause. On May 2, several spring beers will be on tap at the Beer, Brats & Books fundraiser to be hosted by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library in the patios of Central Library. Proceeds will benefit the non-profit Friends organization, which supports the Pasadena Public Library's services, including the popular One City, One Story and autumnal ArtNight Pasadena programs.

The fundraiser reprises some of the best features of the first Beer, Brats & Books in October 2013, while adding a live band and price discounts for multiple tickets. Misplaced Priorities, a local group, has agreed to play classic rock along with blues and country music. Meanwhile, The Friends welcome the return of Pasadena's Craftsman Brewing Company and Robin's Wood Fire BBQ. The latter will serve bratwurst, sauerkraut, garlic fries and a green salad. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.; food and beer service concludes at 8:30 p.m.

Beer, Brats & Books welcomes the public; however, advance ticket purchases are required and guests must be at least 21 to attend. The price of admission: \$45 for one, or \$75 for two (and \$37.50 for each additional ticket). Capacity is limited, so please place your order by April 22. To purchase tickets or make a donation, visit www.friendsppl.org or mail an envelope with a check made payable to The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library (with BB&B in the memo line), addressed to The Friends, 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101-1556. Tickets will be held at the north entrance of Central Library on the night of the event.

Please help The Friends finance its 40th year of support for library programs by enjoying an evening of great food, music and merriment.

—Joan F. Cathcart, President



One City, One Story Events

Book discussions are integral to the community-wide program in Pasadena. This year, you'll have at least nine opportunities to meet in a small group to discuss *The Book of Unknown Americans*. In addition to the sessions held at library branches, you might visit Fuller Theological Seminary on Monday, March 23 at 3 p.m., or join the Spanish language book discussion at Mother's Club Family Learning Center on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. To learn more about the dates, addresses and sponsors, visit www.onecityonestory.com.



Film Series

Presented by The Friends of The Pasadena Public Library
Wednesdays · 1 p.m. Central Library, Donald R. Wright Auditorium

March 18 · A Thousand Pieces of Gold (1991) PG-13

March 25 · The Visitor (2007) PG-13

Events

Coming to California: An Immigration Overview

Presented by William Deverell, PhD, Director, Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West.
Thursday, March 19 · 7 p.m. · Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

To Make the Unknown Known: Stories of Struggle and Hope from the Immigrant Journey in California ...

Featuring personal testimony from Seth Ronquillo, Communications Coordinator, Dream Resource Center and panel presentations from Pablo Alvarado, Executive Director, National Day Laborer Organizing Network, Father Richard Estrada, Priest, Immigrant Rights Advocate, Founder of Jovenes, Inc., Betty Hung, Esq., Policy Director for Asian American Advancing Justice Los Angeles, and Angelica Salas, Executive Director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

Thursday, March 26 · 7 p.m. · Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

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Let's Knit!

at the San Rafael Branch

Knitting is more than a practical craft. To quote Bernadette Murphy from her book *Zen and the Art of Knitting*: "Women told me stories of knitting to ease heartbreak...as a tool for battling anxiety...to cope with serious illness, and to access higher consciousness." Certainly there are fun reasons to knit: to welcome a new baby, to show special people how much they are valued, and to amuse oneself when one has read all the magazines in doctors' offices.

Knitters are generally acknowledged as brilliant and astonishingly clever by non-knitters, who have not a clue as to how easy knitting is. They don't know that for the wee price of a lovely skein of yarn and fat needles, a breathtaking scarf can be created in a few hours and given with pride to anyone on your gift list: child, teen, teachers, all your friends, your boss, your dog, well . . . anyone with a neck.

There are perhaps half a dozen knitting shops in our area that offer lessons, usually for \$15 a session. However, you can take your yarn and needles to the San Rafael Branch Library's Meeting Room on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons of the month from 2:00 to 4:00, and join a very jolly group of knitters for a couple hours of laughs and instructions that are free!

Anne White, the knitting group leader, is patient, encouraging, funny, witty and able to decipher the most complicated instructions. Experienced knitters have brought their sad wads of yarn to Anne, who can make perfect sense of the pattern and rescue their beautiful project, restoring the confidence and well-being of the knitter.



Sharing and Telling Yarns at San Rafael
(from left) Evelyn Burnette, Cissy Boone, Tina Pacano, Anne White, Sharon Escobar

On a recent Thursday I had the happy experience of joining the group and met Cissy, who says with modesty that she's "an ersatz beginner" who can't read patterns. With Anne's help in deciphering, Cissy has made some beautiful projects that are the first to sell at the group's Christmas Boutique/fundraiser to benefit the San Rafael Library. Evelyn learned to knit with chopsticks on a cruise and loved it; however, casting on was not part of the lesson so she was busy learning that skill. Tina is a long-time member and knits for fun with occasional help from Anne. First-timer Sharon, who learned of the class in an online search, had completed several inches that day, to her delight.

Interested? Men, women, teens and children are welcomed. Drop in for project rescue or lessons or translations of patterns into plain English. Or just come to knit and make new friends and enjoy an afternoon of great conversation.

Jan-Leanne Price

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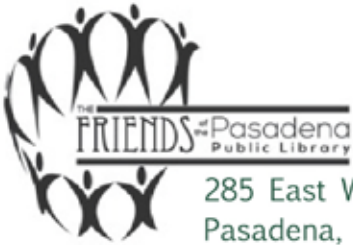
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Saturdays
March 14, April 11
& May 9

Central Library's East Patio
9a.m. to Noon

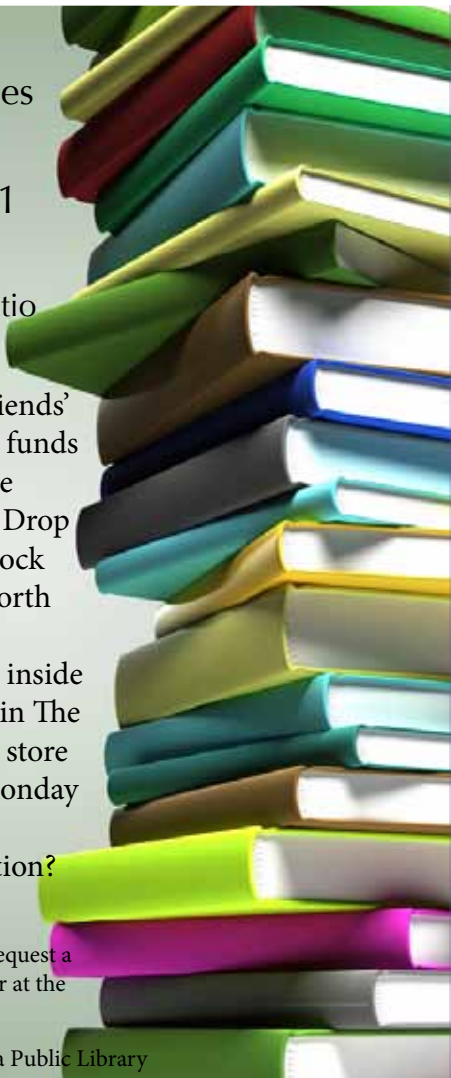
To donate books to The Friends' monthly sales to help raise funds for library programs, please deposit books in the Book Drop container on the loading dock next to Central Library's north entrance.

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