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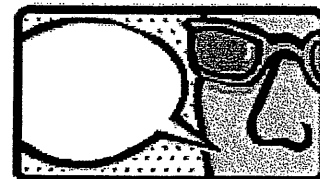
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What People are Saying...



We love it when people take the time to send us comments about the services and programs of the Contra Costa County Library, including the virtual services available from our Web site. Below is a sample of comments we've received lately. If you have an opinion, question, or suggestion, please [tell us about it](#). Thanks!

...about the Library's Renewal Feature

"I really appreciate the changes that you have made to your renewal features recently. My family regularly uses the online Library Card options to review and renew our library items. Having the opportunity to get the maximum loan period when completing a renewal is wonderful. These changes show your recognition of how your customers use the Library. Thank you for your efforts to improve these services! Little things do make BIG differences."

...about the Library's e-Card Service

"I just tried the (e-Card) system and it is VERY EASY to use."

...about the Summer Reading Program

"I would like to thank you for inspiring my daughter to become an avid reader. She is a 6th grader who collects Manga comic books and reads an occasional fiction book. Ever since she enrolled in the summer reading program, she reads voraciously for hours each day. She completed both young and teen reading challenges in days. She enrolled for free prizes and found the world. I promised her a prize of my own upon completion of the teen reading program. She asked for a book..."

...about the Virtual Library

"As a retired couple, my wife and I want to tell you how much we enjoy the privilege of reserving books on line. It is a wonderful service to all of the community, but especially to people like us."

"I love the library Web site! It's so easy going online to find the books I'm looking for. I have found books that I would have never known about and I've been very lucky finding all

books in series."

"I think placing online holds is the best thing since electricity. I began using the library services again last summer. I feel like I'm receiving a present every time I open my email and a book I had on hold is ready to check out. All that service and I never have to leave my home."

"I have had great service placing holds and getting the material at ____ branch."

...about the Business Calendar

"The Business Calendar is a great service to the community."

...about our email notification system

"I signed up for email reminders recently and they are great! I've always loved the library and now that it's on line it's better than ever!"

"Kudos to the designer of your Book Reservation notification email! It may seem trivial and simple, but I'm very impressed with the usability of the notification form. I appreciate the URL links that are included in the email that provide links to the library home page, the user's account, and the page to cancel the hold—if desired."

...about TumbleBooks and our other online resources for kids

"As a grandfather of two, I find the TumbleBook Library delightful and I think it's a great help in keeping the kids entertained and educated without my losing my voice reading aloud to them. It is a definite keeper."

"The TumbleBooks online feature (where the books can be automatically read to the listener/reader) is done well, with an emphasis on helping the viewer read along. This is a great Internet resource for reading and playing educational games."

"Check out the Contra Costa County Library's Web site. It is incredible! The Kids link has lots of information. Explore the Kid's databases, especially Kids InfoBits. TumbleBook Library is so cool. You can listen to hundreds of ebooks! Have problems with homework? Go to Live Homework Help.

...about Auto Repair Reference Center

"I am particularly impressed with the Auto Repair database. Very comprehensive, easy to follow instructions and lots of photos. Thumbs up!"

"This includes Service Bulletins, a critical source for checking and evaluating a car's performance. This is a very important source of auto information found nowhere else."

...about NoveList and NoveList K-8

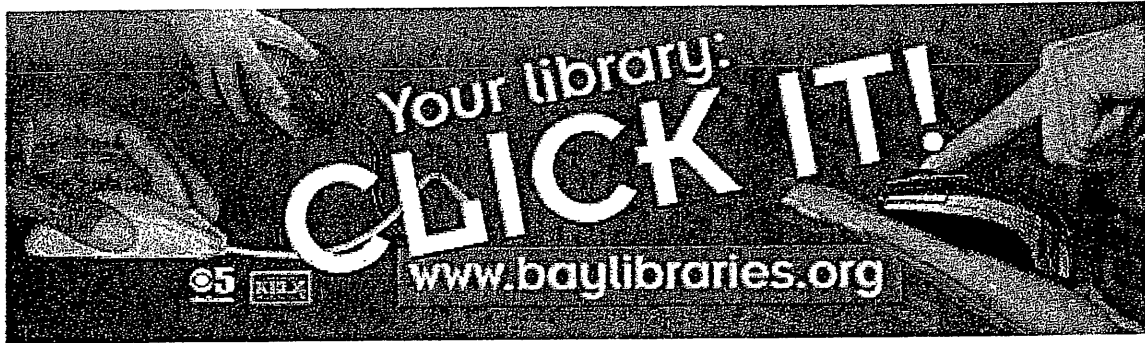
"I am a homeschooling parent in Walnut Creek and I tried NoveList. I liked it very much and would recommend it as a very useful resource to others."

"I used Novelist K-8 to search for books to suggest for my 10 year old son. The Lexile is very helpful in finding books that will challenge him but not discourage him. Being able to compare books that he currently reads and likes with other books is tremendous."

...about Rosetta Stone Online Language Learning Center

"It is very worthwhile to check into the Rosetta Stone online through the Contra Costa County Library. I had a lot of fun showing the students... this program. So many languages to learn, so little time. There are several different modules to work through and it keeps track of your progress. Just go to the Contra Costa County Library site, click on Research Center and e-books. I like to use the alphabetic list - it is under Rosetta Stone. Oh, make sure you have Shockwave on your computer - this a free download, plus there is a link right on the site.

If you have a library card you can access this program. If you don't have a card, County residents can now get an e-card to use all the Contra Costa Databases right on their web site. "



Check out how Bay Area Libraries stack up!!!

The Facts

When you CLICK IT! @ Bay Area Libraries You'll Find:	
AUDIOBOOKS	Over 6,000 Downloadable EBOOKS and over 1,000 Audiobooks to read or listen to online
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INVESTMENT DATA	Information on thousands of stocks, mutual funds and companies
AUTO REPAIR	Manuals for over 26,000 vehicles including factory drawings and wiring diagrams
HOMEWORK HELP	Over 1000 reference books online and pro and con viewpoint articles
More...	24/7 access to library catalogs, connect to librarians through email or IM messaging
Bay Area Libraries (BALIS) serve the residents of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties.	

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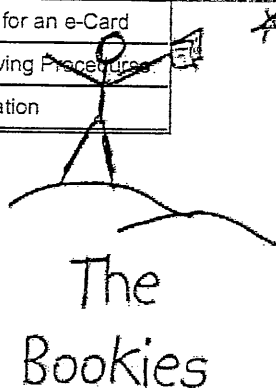
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The 7th Bookies Awards Dinner



The 7th Annual Bookies Award Dinner, A Celebration of Books and the People Who Love Them, benefiting Project Second Chance, The Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, will be held on **Thursday March 29th** at the Lafayette Park Hotel. This year's special guest author is Lolly Winston. Her first novel, *"Good Grief"*, was a New York Times best-seller, as was her second novel, *"Happiness Sold Separately"* published in August 2006.

Tickets are \$50 each and include admission, dinner, dessert and Rosenblum Cellars wines. They go on sale at Fremont Bank and can be purchased by phone, with a credit card, by calling 510-723-5810 Monday through Friday between 10am

and 5pm or in person by visiting Fremont Bank at 1735 N. Broadway, in Walnut Creek, during regular business hours.

Over 35 different **book club reading lists** will be on display at the event. To ensure that your club's list is included, send the name of your group and the title and author of each book you read last year to <bookgal72@hotmail.com>.

New this year – a silent auction including tickets to the Contra Costa Times Book Club Gala, an evening with random House Book Rep. Ron Shoop, sailing lessons and a case of wine. In addition there will be an "After Party Coffee" at the Lafayette Book Store with 20% of all book sale proceeds being donated to Project Second Chance.

The evening will conclude with the announcement of the **Book Club Book of the Year Award**. The nominated titles are:

- *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
- *Any Bitter Thing* by Monica Wood
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls
- *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka

Follow the directions on the ballot to vote for your favorite.

For more information about The Bookies, call 925-927-3250.



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Teacher Resources

The Contra Costa County Library provides many services to help teachers and homeschoolers make better use of the Library. Learn more about these services by visiting the following pages on our Web site:

- [Just for Kids: Teachers and Caregivers](#) has information about obtaining library cards, tours and class visits, assignment alerts, and more.
- [Just for Teens: Parents and Teachers](#) contains similar information to the Web page listed above, plus links to useful college information. Also links to [assignment alerts](#).

The Library subscribes to a diverse and growing collection of [electronic resources](#). We have developed materials to help teachers learn how to use some of these resources. Use the following documents as a guide towards building information literacy:

- [Getting to the Student Databases](#) describes how to navigate to a selected list of databases on the Library Web site.
- Handouts for specific databases:
 - [Biography Resource Center](#)
 - [Custom Newspapers](#)
 - [History Resource Center: U.S. & World](#)
 - [Infotrac OneFile](#)
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LIBRARY ISSUES BREAKFAST

BAY AREA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM, PENINSULA LIBRARY SYSTEM AND SILICON VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM, in cooperation with their System Advisory Boards, cordially invite you to attend their annual joint breakfast for Local Government Officials and Community Leaders.

SPEAKER DR. ROBERT MARTIN

Dr. Robert Martin was the first librarian to serve as director of the Institute of Museums and Library Services, a federal grant-making agency dedicated to helping libraries and museums. The institute awarded 4,318 grants totaling \$861 million during Dr. Martin's tenure.

TIME AND PLACE

SCHEDULE

INFORMATION

Saturday, May 12, 2007
8:30–11:00 am
Stanford Park Hotel
100 El Camino Real
Menlo Park

Registration 8:30 am
Breakfast and Program 9:00 am

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Please call by May 4, 2007
Limited seating: reservations required

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