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Santa Clarita Public Library September 2013 Programs and Highlights

Autumn programming for Santa Clarita Public Library began in September. Regularly scheduled programs for Fall include: Digital Drop In, A Special Needs Storytime, Baby Toddler Storytime, School Readiness Storytime, Watercolor Class, and Cuenta Cuentos para la Familia/Bilingual Storytime.

In addition to the regularly scheduled story times, the following highlights are some of the additional Fall and Special Programs hosted by the Santa Clarita Public Library in September:

- **Science in September** - The Valencia Library branch hosted the 2nd Annual *Science in September* series, "Wild-Life! Predators, Parasites and Partners," a program designed for homeschooled 5th-12th graders who are interested in learning more about science. The four free classes were taught by Dr. Joe Francis, the Chair of Departments of Biological and Physical Sciences, and Mathematics at Master's College. Dr. Francis let students observe a shark dissection, trained them how to use a professional microscope, and taught them to make observation sketches and notes made from specimen and microscopy images.
- **Newhall Library 1st Birthday Celebration** - On Saturday, September 28, Old Town Newhall Library celebrated its First Birthday. There was a celebration held in the Community room, including a magic and comedy show, special raffle drawing, birthday cake, birthday story time, and birthday crafts and activities.
- **Author Visit** - Friends of Santa Clarita Public Library presented author Peggy Hesketh at Old Town Newhall Library. Hesketh is a longtime journalist and full-time teacher at the University of California, Irvine. She spoke about her latest novel "Telling the Bees," a novel about murder and the power of truth to both maim and heal.
- **Friends of Santa Clarita Public Library Book Bag Sale** - Friends of Santa Clarita Public Library featured a three-day book sale, where patrons could purchase a bag for \$7 and fill it with books from the Friends of the Library Book Stores. The sale occurred at all three branches of the Library, with all proceeds benefitting the Library system. The Friends of Santa Clarita Public Library increased their book sales during September by \$1,106, selling 158 bags of books.



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- **College 101** - The Old Town Newhall branch featured the program College 101, where College Application Specialists from Pegasus2edu gave an overview of the California State and University of California systems, provided information on the pros and cons of going to a private university, and explained the differences between the ACT and SAT tests. A College 101 session was also presented in Spanish for the first time.
- **Old Town Newhall Library Book Display of Vietnam War** - The Newhall Library branch provided a special book display of the Vietnam War. The display was specifically made to supplement the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall by offering Library patrons educational and topic-related books. The traveling memorial was at Westfield Valencia Town Center from Thursday, September 26, through Sunday, September 29.
- **LEGO Club for Families** - On the first and third Saturdays of the month, Santa Clarita Public Library hosted a LEGO club where school-age children could make LEGO creations and have them displayed in the Library. The LEGO Club alternates between the Valencia and Canyon Country branches. The LEGOS were provided by a donation from a Library employee, a few patrons, and purchases from LEGO websites.
- **Stuffed Animal Sleepover** – Preschool and school-age children had the chance to drop off their favorite stuffed animal on Saturday, September 14, for a sleepover at Valencia Library. Children could return to pick up their stuffed animals on Sunday or Monday afternoon, and came back to find their stuffed friends reading books with other stuffed animals.
- **Watercolor Class** – On September 21, the Santa Clarita Public Library kicked off the successful Watercolor Class for adults and seniors. Attendees observe several watercolor techniques and apply the techniques to a landscape or still life picture of their choice. The ten-week program held at the Canyon Country branch has already reached registration capacity.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 4905.

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