



Our Community Reads

is a program of the Friends of the Aptos Library,
in which the community selects a book
and then comes together for a series of related events.
All events are free and open to the public.



JANUARY

<p>28</p>	<p>Speaker Series: Evergreen Cemetery and the Chinese of Santa Cruz In the midst of California's Chinese Must Go movement, why did Santa Cruz's Chinese view Evergreen Cemetery as symbolic of their commitment to their sacred traditions? And what motivated prominent pioneer men and women to stand up for the Chinese? Professor Traci Bliss — whose family donated the land — shares stories of resilience and humanity from her forthcoming book <i>Evergreen Cemetery of Santa Cruz</i>. <i>Congregational Church of Soquel, Parish Hall, 4951 Soquel Drive* — 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30</i></p>	
	<p>Toddler Time Join Aptos librarian Rowan Rammer for forty minutes of playtime, followed by twenty minutes of books and songs. Toddler Time includes music, stories, rhymes, and fun for your child and you, as well as social time with other children and their caregivers. Let's play and learn together! <i>Aptos Library, Youth Services Room — 10:00 AM</i></p>	<p>30</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>Film Series: "Mao's Last Dancer" — hosted by the La Selva Beach Library Friends 2009 Australian film based on professional dancer Li Cunxin's autobiography. Taken from his family in rural China at the age of eleven to train in Beijing, he became a gifted dancer, but an invitation to perform in Houston led him to defect. Initially banned from returning to China, he eventually made a triumphant return to his native village. <i>La Selva Beach Community Church, 26 Florido Ave. — 7:00 PM</i></p>	

*(parking lot off Main Street)

FEBRUARY

	<p>Month of February — Display of Wonderful Picture Books For children of all ages! Learn about Chinese culture, families, and historical events. "Although young children have a limited sense of distance, size, or time, they are immensely interested in what their world is like and how people live throughout the planet." Curated by Julie Olsen Edwards, Director of Cabrillo College Children's Peace Education & Anti-Bias Library. Visit the Friends' web site for a full list of books. <i>Youth Services Room - Aptos Library, all month</i></p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Speaker Series: The Five Branches of Chinese Medicine Faculty member and Director of Admissions for Five Branches Institute, Dr. Eleonor Mendelson will share her knowledge of acupuncture and discuss the philosophy and practices of Chinese medicine. <i>Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Drive — 1:00 PM</i></p>	
	<p>Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Chinese History, Immigration, and Globalization A lively panel discussion with three distinguished professors: Cherie Barkey, PhD (Chinese History), and Nick Rowell, PhD (Political Science), of Cabrillo College, and retired professor Robert Strayer, PhD, author of <i>The Communist Experiment</i> (2007). <i>Rio Sands Community Room, 116 Aptos Beach Drive — 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30</i></p>	<p>4</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Trivia Night Come show off your knowledge of <i>Patriot Number One</i>. County Supervisor Zach Friend is our Emcee and will conduct a lively evening. Book clubs are welcome! Food and drink will be available for purchase from a custom menu for our event. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! <i>Seascape Golf Club (under new management), 610 Club House Drive — 6:00 PM</i> Please RSVP to friendsoftheaptoislibrary@fscpl.org</p>	
	<p>Film Series: "The Year of the Yao" — hosted by the La Selva Beach Library Friends This documentary chronicles Yao Ming's first year in the National Basketball Association. When he signed with the Houston Rockets, Yao became the first player from China to play in the NBA. <i>La Selva Beach Community Church, 26 Florido Ave. — 7:00 PM</i></p>	<p>6</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Speaker Series: The Mysteries of Feng Shui Revealed Feng Shui Master Madhu Brodkey reveals the secrets of the Chinese art of living through Feng Shui. Bring a rough floor plan of your home, indicating your front door, for use in an instructional exercise to learn the power centers in your home. <i>Aptos Library Meeting Room — 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30</i></p>	