Summer Reading Clubs for All!  
From Toddlers to Seniors, the Library is the place to be this summer

The Burbank Public Library has exciting programs planned for people of all ages this summer. Go to www.BurbankLibrary.com to signup.

NEW! If you have the QR app on your phone, this code will take you directly to the Library’s website.

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•Visit the Childrens’ blog @ http://burbanklibrarychildrenspage.blogspot.com/
Organizations
Meeting Times

Monday, May 7  6:30 PM
Burbank Sister City Committee meets at the Central Library.

Wednesday, May 9  5:30 PM
Board of Library Trustees meets monthly at the Central Library.

Wednesday, May 23  6:00 PM
Friends of the Burbank Public Library meet at the Central Library.

Become a Subscriber to Burbank Library E-News!
If you would like to receive program information, news of special events, and library newsletters by e-mail, subscribe at burbankpubliclibrary@ci.burbank.ca.us.
Your information will ONLY be used to inform you about library events.

Burbank Central Library
110 N. Glenoaks Blvd.  91502
818.238.5590 (Audio Visual)
238.5610 (Children's)
238.5600 (Circulation)
238.5577 (Literacy)
238.5580 (Reference)
238.5589 (Young Adult)

Buena Vista Branch Library
300 N. Buena Vista St.  91505
818.238.5620 (Circulation)
238.5625 (Reference)
238.5630 (Children's)

Northwest Branch Library
3323 W. Victory Blvd.  91505
818.238.5640

All events are free to the public. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the library to confirm dates and times, or visit our website:
www.BurbankLibrary.com

Sneak Peeks

Award-winning Science Fiction writer, John Scalzi, will be visiting the Burbank Public Library on June 13, at 7:00 PM. He is the recipient of various awards including the Hugo, the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, the Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice Award (science fiction category), the Seiun, the Kurd Lasswitz and the Geffen awards (science fiction awards from Japan, Germany and Israel, respectively).

In 2008, his novel The Last Colony landed on the New York Times bestseller list. He returned to the NYT list in May 2011 with Fuzzy Nation.

Scalzi was hired as Creative Consultant for the television show Stargate: Universe in 2009. In February 2011, Paramount Pictures announced it was planning to make a film of Old Man's War, John's first published novel. Wolfgang Petersen was attached to direct.

John Scalzi's new book, Redshirts, will be released on June 5.

Redshirt, n. [After the red shirts worn by crewmembers in the television show Star Trek, who were frequently killed after arriving on a new planet] a character who is not portrayed in any depth; an extra; especially one whose main plot function is to be killed.

—Brave New Words: The Oxford Dictionary of Science Fiction

Ensign Andrew Dahl is a redshirt, but he doesn't know it when he first arrives to take his post on the Universal Union's flagship Intrepid. Instead, he's confused and concerned when his coworkers disappear every time a senior officer shows up looking for ensigns for an away team...and by how often those ensigns end up dead. Dahl and a few of his friends, fellow ensigns all, decide that it's about time they do something, and figure out what, exactly, is happening on board the Intrepid.

Featuring death by ice shark, land worm, robots with harpoons, and various other ridiculous scenarios; with the laws of space travel, time, and physics thrown out the window, Scalzi gives readers a laugh-out-loud novel that will make the hours fly by.

The Burbank Public Library is very pleased to host this outstanding author on his current book tour. Stop by the Buena Vista Branch Library for an evening that's sure to be out-of-this-world!

Read A Good Book Lately?

Join our new Summer Reading Club for Grown-ups and post your review online for a chance to win prizes. Online registration begins May 1st.
Sign in and start reading! You can track your progress and submit book reviews right away! Then you'll be eligible for weekly prize drawings between June 4 and July 31.

Teens can register online for the Teen Summer Reading Program starting May 15. Parents can register their child for the preschool Read-To-Me-Club or the Summer Reading Club for grades 1-8 beginning May 1st online. Walk-in registration for all ages begins June 11.

Go to the library’s website [www.BurbankLibrary.com] starting on May 1st for more information on the various Summer Reading Clubs and how to register.
Aunt Agatha’s Poisoned Picks
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You may have noticed that Aunt Agatha has a decided partiality for British crime, both in novels and film. PBS began rerunning the Foyle’s War series recently, which re-ignited my interest in the show. Since I had never seen the series in its entirety, I brought all available DVD sets home from the library and watched them from beginning to end. Fortunately, the Burbank Public Library currently owns series 1-5.

Created by Anthony Horowitz (Midsomer Murders and the next big-screen Tintin film adaptation, as well as novels for both adults and children), this British detective series is set during World War II in southern England’s seaside town of Hastings. Michael Kitchen portrays the thoughtful, clear-sighted and decent Detective Chief Superintendent Christopher Foyle. He’s assisted by his loyal associates, driver Samantha “Sam” Stewart (Honeysuckle Weeks) and Sergeant Paul Milner (Anthony Howell), a recovering veteran returned from the war.

Each episode beautifully blends real-life war stories with homefront investigations into murder, theft, looting and other crimes of greed, passion and opportunism. The show is rich in characters, historical detail, and colorful local scenery. Foyle’s War ran for six seasons, but was cancelled in 2007 amid a furor of fan outrage (resulting in a change of ITV network management). The show came back for a seventh season, seen under the Masterpiece Mystery banner in 2010.

It was announced in February that an eighth season of Foyle’s War is in the works and will be aired in the UK in 2013 (the American date has yet to be finalized). Three 2-hour films will be set in post-war Britain where Foyle is a senior intelligence officer in the early days of the Cold War. The values and certainties of the war years have transitioned to austerity, espionage, corruption, and treachery.

We can look forward to the welcome return of a well-written crime show and its familiar cast of characters. If you’re a fan of the Midsomer Murders series and have not yet discovered Foyle’s War -- are you in for a treat!

Other British Mystery TV Shows available on DVD at the Burbank Public Library:
Agatha Christie’s Tommy & Tuppence: Partners in Crime
Cadfael
Cracker
The Dick Francis Mysteries
Garrow’s Law
George Gently
Hetty Wainthropp Investigates
Inspector Allyn
Inspector Lewis
The Last Detective
Law & Order UK
Midsomer Murders
Miss Marple
Mrs. Bradley Mysteries
Poirot
Prime Suspect
Rosemary & Thyme
Ruth Rendell Mysteries
Rumpole of the Bailey
Sergeant Cribb
A Touch of Frost

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB
Meets Tuesday, May 15
at noon to discuss
River of Doubt
by Candice Millard
Central Library

FRENCH LANGUAGE
BOOK CLUB
Meets Tuesday, May 8
at 6:30 PM to discuss
La Montagne Secrète
by Gabrielle Roy
Auditorium, Central Library

HIGH SCHOOL BOOK CLUB
Meets Tuesday, May 1
at 7:00 PM to discuss
The Mockingbirds
by Daisy Whitney
Buena Vista Branch Library

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB
Meets Wednesday, May 9,
at 7 PM to discuss
Black Hole Sun by David Macinnis Gill
Buena Vista Branch Library

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB
Meets Wednesday, May 16,
at 7 PM to discuss
Death Cloud by Andrew Lane
Central Library

E-Books Are Coming Soon!
The Burbank Public Library is preparing to offer electronic books that will be compatible to most readers. Watch here for developments!
May 1 -- Online Summer Reading Club Signups!
Go to the Library website for details and directions.
www.BurbankLibrary.com

**May 1 -- 5**
**Friends of the Burbank Public Library Booksale**
Booksale hours:
Tuesday - Thursday, May 1-3 -- 10 AM - 8 PM
Friday, May 4 -- 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday, May 5 -- 10 AM - 3 PM
Proceeds from book sales fund children's and adult programing and other special purchases for the library.
Central Library Auditorium

**Monday, May 21**
**10:00 AM**
**Monday Morning Movies -- It's Spring, Let's Go for a Dip!**
Enjoy the movie versions of these picture book favorites with your preschooler: *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert; *Let's give Kitty a Bath* by Steven Lindblom; and *The Cow Who Fell in the Canal* by Phyllis Krasilovsky. Central Library

**Monday, May 21**
**7:00 PM**
**The Times of Harvey Milk** -- a special documentary in honor of Harvey Milk Day. A true twentieth-century trail-blower, Harvey Milk was an outspoken human rights activist and the first openly gay U.S. politician elected to public office; even after his assassination, in 1978, he continues to inspire disenfranchised people around the world. The Oscar-winning film was, like its subject, groundbreaking. [88 minutes] Central Library

**Central Library**

**Tuesday, May 22**

**4:00 PM**
**Family Film Festival**
**The Muppets** (103 minutes, rated PG). With the help of three fans, The Muppets must reunite to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon. Central Library

**Central Library**

**Tuesday, May 22**

**7:00 PM**
**Opera-Kadabra!**
Baritone Patrick Bell is the world's only opera-singing magician. Bell sings familiar arias while performing stunning feats of magic that illustrate the operatic stories. Central Library

**Buena Vista Branch Library**

**Thursday, May 24**

**7:00 PM**
**Memoir Night with Tristine Rainer & Nancy Mehagian**
The first event in the library’s Summer Reading Club for Grownups, Burbank READS Into the Night, is a memoir writing workshop. Learn how to write and self-publish YOUR STORY! Buena Vista Branch Library

**Central Library**

**Saturday, May 27 & 28**

**All Burbank libraries will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day.**

**Wednesday, May 30**

**7:00 PM**
**Man of War reading & booksigning with author Charlie Schroeder**
Travel on a 2,000 year adventure through the world of historical reenactment. Charlie Schroeder’s charming and hilarious memoir, *Man of War*, takes readers to the front lines of bloodless battles. Buena Vista Branch Library

All events are free to the public and are funded in whole or in part by the Friends of the Burbank Public Library. Programs are subject to change without prior notice.