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Library News

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Meet Local Author Rafael Marti!

Local author Rafael A. Marti will be signing copies of his book *Phoenix Reborn (Fenix Renacido)* at Vineland Public Library. Mr. Marti is a U.S. Army Veteran. He served as an Operations Coordinator for International SOS, Inc. and was the CEO of Casa P.R.A.C., Inc. from 2002-2003.

Phoenix Reborn, a fictional thriller, focuses on Nathan Christopher Styles. Styles is a former U.S. Army Special Forces operative who embarks on a perilous journey that may cost him his life. Seeking safety as he bravely confronts his alleged adversaries, Styles must also battle personal demons in the form of paranoid-schizophrenia.



The book signing will take place on **Friday, August 7 from 12– 4 p.m.** in the Community Event Room, located on the first floor. This is a free event and registration is not required. Copies of *Phoenix Reborn* will be available to purchase for \$17.00. 10% of the book sales from this event will be donated to Celebrating our Veterans, Inc.

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Children and Teens

Family Night features local children's author Kathryn Ross

Join local author and storyteller Kathryn Ross for an interactive program as she presents her book *Mother Chicken's Eggs: Choosing to Grow into Greater Things* on **Tuesday, August 4, from 6 to 7 p.m.** in the Community Event Room.



Everyone on MacDonald's Farm is excited! Mother Chicken has laid three fine eggs with great hopes for each one when they finally hatch. The tale explores how the choices we make affects our ability to grow into greater things--or not--because, choices have consequences.

Miss Kathy will be selling copies of her book and/or CD to those who are interested, ranging in price from \$14.99 to \$26.99, depending on the format. Registration is requested for this program.

Please stop in the library or call (856) 794-4244, ext. 4246 for details or to register.

You may also register online at www.vinelandlibrary.org/Childrens

Inspired Brushstrokes Exhibit

Vineland Public Library is featuring a group of local artists in an exhibit called *Inspired Brushstrokes* during the month of August. Ten artists, all students of award winning artist and teacher Marie Natale, are showing original paintings created in watercolors. Artists participating in the exhibit are Ines Terway, Jan Narducci, Anne Reid, John Hood, Linda D'Urbano, Kaaran Caltabiano, Mary Manahan, Karla Lehnhoff, Judy Scull, and Maria Payer. A "meet the artists" reception will take place on **Wednesday, August 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** in the Doris Tripp Memorial Room.

"Batsto Walk" by Anne Reid



Beatrice's Book Reviews



Beatrice Bookworm has been reading quite a bit this summer! Here are her latest book reviews:

A Miracle at Augusta
James Patterson
Fiction
FIC Patterson

This is a fiction book set in the golfing world. As you can imagine I'm not much of a golfer, being a bookworm and all, but I didn't have to be to enjoy this book. It was an easy read and I felt I was actually on the course. I wish it were a bit longer, as I had grown attached to the young man in the book and wanted to know more about him. Perhaps Mr. Patterson will continue this in another book. I sure hope so!

Rating:  (4.5)

Never Fall Down
Patricia McCormick
Fiction
YA FIC McCormick

This is the story of a young boy, Arn, and his survival during the reign of Khmer Rouge. Arn repeatedly tells himself "never fall down" during the story (hence the title) and as the reader, you wonder how in the world he was able to push himself through.

Arn survived death, disease and fighting. He found ways to protect himself and other kids and, if only temporarily, keep others alive. Most adults wouldn't have been able to do what he did as a young teen. And though it was hard to read about the things Arn had to endure during the three years he lived under Khmer Rouge rule, it was even harder to read about the long-lasting effects it had on his life.

This is a good story for anyone looking for historical fiction or accounts of war survivors. I think it would also be a good book for history or psychology teachers to use in lesson plans.

Rating: 

Things are “Chirping” at VPL this Summer!

The Vineland Public Library has so many great programs scheduled this summer that even the birds want to get involved! One little Cockatiel made this very clear when he flew into the window of VPL's staff room. Library Assistant, Juni (pictured right), made a daring rescue, and the grateful bird posed for a photo. Animal Control assured the Library that the Cockatiel would be reunited with its owner or find a good home.

If you want to find out more about the Library's summer programs, call the Children's Department at 856-794-4244 ext. 4246 or the Adult Services Department at 856-794-4244 ext. 4243. You can also stop in—but please use one of the main entrances!



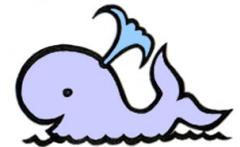


Adult Summer Reading Program

Don't forget to participate in Vineland Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program! Now through Friday, September 4, 2015, the Adult Services Department will be holding the *Summer Reading Giveaway* program. To enter the contest, read a book and fill out a yellow raffle entry/book review form. Return the form to the Reference Desk. It is that simple!

Once you have returned the completed form, your entry will be placed in the raffle. You will then have the chance to win a variety of fiction/nonfiction books and gift cards to local businesses. A grand prize drawing will be held for all eligible entries received. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

The *Summer Reading Giveaway* program is sponsored by the Friends of Vineland Public Library. You must be 18 years or older to participate in the contest and only completed entries (all lines filled) will be eligible for the raffle. For additional questions, please contact the Adult Services Department at 856-794-4244, ext. 4243.



August 2015—Free Events

Monday, August 3

6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Drop-in ESL Conversation Class, Community Event Room

Friday, August 7

12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Author Signing, Community Event Room

Monday, August 10

6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Drop-in ESL Conversation Class, Community Event Room

Wednesday, August 12

6:00—7:30 p.m. Art Reception, Doris Tripp Memorial Room

Monday, August 17

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. FamilyCare/ Medicaid Information Table, Doris Tripp Memorial Room

Thursday, August 20

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Writers Society Gathering, Community Event Room

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Free Computer Clinic, Teen Room

Wednesday, August 26

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Adult Book Club Discussion of *Pudd'nhead Wilson* by Mark Twain, Community Event Room

All programs and times are subject to change. For a full list of programs, visit Vineland Public Library's website at www.vinelandlibrary.org. You can also follow VPL on these social media outlets:

