

**June 22, 2009**

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## **Successful Kick-Off to Library's Annual Summer Reading Program! "Save the Whales" Event Launches Summer Series**

Salinas Public Libraries kicked off their annual Summer Reading Program on June 20, 2009. Children of all ages participate at no cost. Adults may sign children up for the program, or kids may register themselves. Registrations will be accepted through August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Participants keep a reading log and when they achieve identified reading goals, they win prizes. Prizes include books, Kids' Meals at Applebee's and pizzas.

By continuing to read over the summer, children are known to develop or retain reading skills that better prepare them to return to school after the summer break.

In addition, the Salinas Public Libraries is hosting **twenty-four special summer events** for kids and their families! All the events are free and open to the public. *Save the Whales* launched the series on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Future events include:

**Saturday, June 27:** *Drumming With Household Objects*, with Anthony Lacono  
Performance times: El Gabilan Library 11-noon

**Saturday, June 27:** *Make Music*, with Mary Schaefer, "Music Lady"  
Performance times: Cesar Chavez Library 1-2 pm.

**Saturday, June 27:** *Brer' Rabbit Stories*, with Judy Peiken  
Performance times: John Steinbeck Library 3-4 pm.

**Wednesdays, July 8, 15 and 22:** *My Friend is Sad*, a dramatic reading by Elizabeth McKeighen and Ben MacBean  
Performance times: El Gabilan Library, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.  
Cesar Chavez Library, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.  
John Steinbeck Library, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 11:** *Bead Crafting*, with Jenn Oates  
Performance times: El Gabilan 11- noon, Cesar Chavez 1-2 pm., John Steinbeck 3-4 pm.

**Saturday, July 18:** *The Sun! Our Favorite Star*, with Andy Kreche  
Performance times: El Gabilan 11- noon

**Saturday, July 18:** *Make a Little Library*, with Anthony Schlagel

Performance times: Cesar Chavez 1-2 pm., John Steinbeck 3-4 pm.

***Saturday, July 25:*** *Chinese Calligraphy*, with Wenson Louie

Performance times: El Gabilan 11- noon

***Saturday, July 25:*** *Airbrush Art Workshop*, with Adolfo Arias. Bring something to airbrush – a t-shirt, shoes, skateboard...

Performance times: Cesar Chavez 1-3 pm

***Saturday, July 25:*** *Japanese Calligraphy*, with Mihoko Okuzawa

Performance times: John Steinbeck 3-4 pm

***Saturday, August 1:*** *Wild and Friendly Animal Care*, with the Monterey SPCA

Performance times: El Gabilan 11- noon, Cesar Chavez 1-2 pm., John Steinbeck 3-4 pm.

***Saturday, August 8:*** *Learn to Dance the Hula*, with Hula School of Hawaiian Arts

Performance times: El Gabilan 11- noon, Cesar Chavez 1-2 pm., John Steinbeck 3-4 pm.

**These special events are sponsored by the Friends of the Salinas Public Library.**