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THE BIG READ COMES TO FRESNO!

MARCH & APRIL 2015

THE BIG READ PRESENTS



The Maltese Falcon

On Display

Cover Art

Student designs of *The Maltese Falcon* book cover. By Doug Hansen's Illustration class, Fresno State University.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

March 13 through April 18

Movie Memorabilia

The Maltese Falcon movie memorabilia. On loan from the collection of Sawl & Associates.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

March 13 through April 18

Kickoff Event

Enjoy a sampling of the music and dance of the 1930s to set the stage for this year's Big Read, *The Maltese Falcon*. First 50 people receive a free copy of the book.

ARTE AMÉRICAS CASA DE LA CULTURA

1630 VAN NESS AVE., FRESNO

Friday, March 13 from 2pm to 4pm

The Fresno Connection

Freelance author and pulp magazine historian Warren Harris will be speaking on the Fresno connection to the case that inspired *The Maltese Falcon*. Co-sponsored by the Sisters-in Crime.

Reservations: call 431-4360 by March 12.

Lunch may be purchased by any attendee at the event directly from restaurant staff.

YOSEMITE FALLS CAFÉ

4278 WEST ASHLAN AVE, FRESNO

Saturday, March 14 at 10am

Jazz Greats from the 1930s

JazzFresno presents an evening of music from the 1930s featuring the music from some of the great names in Jazz music.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 17 at 7pm

Author Talk: Julie Rivett

Dashiell Hammett's grand-daughter

Working with Hammett biographer Richard Layman, Rivett has edited four books by or about her famous grandfather: *Selected Letters of Dashiell Hammett 1921-1960*, her mother's memoir *Dashiell Hammett: A Daughter Remembers*, *Return of the Thin Man*, and *The Hunter and Other Stories*. Hear her discuss unpublished Hammett fiction, screen stories and an unfinished Sam Spade adventure.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

Saturday, March 21 at 1:30pm

Back by popular demand!

1930s Speakeasy

A whodunit extravaganza. Come celebrate Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*. 1920s & 1930s music, dance and games. Costume contest: Dress as a character from the book or in period. Hors d'oeuvres and no host bar. Rumor has it a crime may occur—be prepared!

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

Saturday, March 21 at 7pm

A Talk on the Darkside: The Mind of a Psychopath

A presentation by Fresno State Criminology professor Dr. Eric Hickey.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

Thursday, March 26 at 7pm

Film Noir Discussion

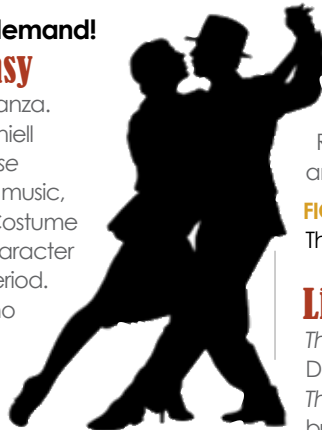
A discussion of film noir lead by Paul Kaser featuring clips from some of the classics.

FIG GARDEN LIBRARY

Monday, March 23 at 6:30pm

SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30pm



SPECIAL EVENTS!

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1930s Speakeasy

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 AT 7PM

Live Radio Play

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE OAB AUDITORIUM

Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18 at 8pm

Saturday, April 18 & Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

Mystery Author Symposium

Panel discussion by local authors featuring Sunny Frazier, Marilyn Meredith, Cora Ramos and Lorie Ham. Hear what, how and why they write.

FIG GARDEN LIBRARY

Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm

Live Radio Play

The Maltese Falcon

Dashiell Hammett's captivating classic *The Maltese Falcon* as a LIVE 1940s radio broadcast, with the help of an ensemble cast. Sam Spade's story jumps to life in front of your eyes! Tickets are free at any library branch.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AUDITORIUM

Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18 at 8pm

Saturday, April 18 & Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

Beyond Hard-Boiled:

Politics, Sociology, and Myth in *The Maltese Falcon*, a talk by professor David Borofka. While Hammett's work spawned any number of imitators in the hard-boiled detective genre, Borofka will discuss how *The Maltese Falcon* reflected the social and political realities of its time while making use of classic literary and mythic conventions.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RM 251

Wednesday, April 22 at 7pm

How to Become a Private Eye

Thomas Haverly, founder of Fresno-based Strategic Investigative Services, will explain how to become a private investigator and will describe various career opportunities available to licensed investigators.

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm



The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Service and Arts Midwest.



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Birds of Prey

Fresno Wildlife Rescue

A presentation on birds of prey featuring live birds.

FOWLER LIBRARY

Thursday March 19 at 6pm

CEDAR-CLINTON LIBRARY

Saturday, March 21 at 2pm

KERMAN LIBRARY

Monday, March 30 at 4pm

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

Sunday, April 12 at 1pm

Cat's Birds of Prey Environmental Education

Encounter some of nature's most fascinating animals in this interactive program about red-tailed hawks, peregrine falcons and great horned owls. Learn how these birds have adapted and survived.

AUBERRY LIBRARY

Thursday, April 9th at 5:30pm

BEAR MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 24 at 3:30pm

GILLIS LIBRARY

Thursday, March 19 at 3:30pm

SELMA LIBRARY

Thursday, April 2 at 3:30pm

Film Showing

The Maltese Falcon starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor.

GILLIS LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30pm

FOWLER LIBRARY

Thursday, April 9 at 5pm

SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY

Sunday, March 15 at 2pm



GET OUTSIDE

Discover treasure in your own backyard!

Raptors at the River Center

Join the San Joaquin River Parkway guide George Folsom for an exploration of raptors along the San Joaquin River. From the River Center a 2-mile round trip walk to Owl Hollow. Look for kestrels, red tail hawks, coopers hawks, and bald eagles. Bring binoculars. Register at www.riverparkway.org or call 559-248-8480 ext.101

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PARKWAY

Saturday, March 28, 8:30am to 12pm

Tivy Mountain Summit

A 6 mile round trip hike for advanced hikers covering a 2000 ft. elevation gain. Participants will hike cross-country (no trail) on rugged terrain and rocky areas. 6 to 8 hrs. No registration. Bring, lunch, water and sunscreen. Suggested donation \$5. Sunday, March 29 at 8am



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Open Preserve Day on the McKenzie

Bring your friends and family for a day of fun! Stroll along the Discovery Trail, picnic alongside the creek, or take an invigorating hike to the Table Top. Don't miss this opportunity, it won't happen again until next season! Parking fee \$2. No reservations are needed.

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Saturday, April 11 9am to 4pm



Bus Trip to

SAN FRANCISCO

A walking tour following in the footsteps of Dashiell Hammett's life and characters. Hammett Tour by Don Herron. \$45 per person, non-refundable after April 7. Call 559-600-6227 to reserve space. Must be able to walk/stand for 3 hour walking tour.

DEPARTS FROM CENTRAL LIBRARY

Sunday, April 12 at 8am. Rest stop at Casa de Fruta- 25mins. Arrive Union Square at 12noon. Lunch at noon on your own. Tour 1pm-4pm. Shopping 4pm. Depart SF at 5pm. Arrive Fresno approx. 8:30pm.

Letterbox Game

Pick up a list of clues at the following branches to find a hidden letterbox. All names written in the letterbox log book will be entered into a drawing for a *Maltese Falcon* replica by our resident artist Kait Vickers. All participants receive a prize as well.

- CENTRAL
- CARUTHERS
- CEDAR CLINTON
- CLOVIS
- FIG GARDEN
- GILLIS
- SANGER
- WEST FRESNO

March 13 through April 18

Geocaching Game

Log on to the Library's website to play a geocaching game in downtown Fresno. Smartphone required.

AND CHECK THIS OUT:

Attention Letterboxers – Check AtlasQuest for a new letterbox: *Maltese FalCCon*

Book Discussions

FIG GARDEN LIBRARY
Sunday, March 15 at 2pm

FOWLER LIBRARY
Thursday, April 9 at 4pm

SANGER LIBRARY
Saturday, April 4 at 10am

ORANGE COVE LIBRARY
Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 am

KINGSBURG LIBRARY
Thursday, April 23 at 5:30

WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY
Thursday, March 19, 7pm

Clovis Library Mystery Book Club

The Thin Man by Dashiell Hammett.

CLOVIS LIBRARY

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 2:30pm

STORYTIMES & CRAFTS

Preschool Storytime

Join us for a Big Read storytime with a detective and mystery theme.

KINGSBURG March 4 at 10:30am

FOWLER March 9 at 10:30am

POLITI March 10 at 4pm

WOODWARD PARK March 11 at 10am & 11am

SUNNYSIDE March 17 at 10:45am

CEDAR-CLINTON March 24 at 10:30am

CLOVIS April 1 at 6pm & April 2 at 10am

SHAVER LAKE April 7 at 4pm

BEAR MOUNTAIN
April 8 at 10am

Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew

Afterschool Activities AGES 7 TO 12

Join us for a Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew inspired detective club program. Work together to solve mysteries.

BEAR MOUNTAIN March 17 at 4pm

SANGER March 18 at 3pm

EASTON March 23 at 2pm

FOWLER March 25 at 2pm

AUBERRY March 26 at 4pm

POLITI March 30 at 4pm

ORANGE COVE April 1 at 3pm

REEDLEY April 1 at 2pm

SUNNYSIDE April 2 at 4pm

CARUTHERS April 6 at 3:30pm

RIVERDALE April 6 at 3pm

GILLIS April 7 at 3:30pm

KINGSBURG April 9 at 3:30pm

