



## Fresno County Public Library Programs Featuring Tales of Animals, Adventure and Survival

### VALLEY ANIMAL CENTER

3934 North Hayston Avenue, Fresno  
**Kickoff Read-a-Thon and Pennies for Pets Drive:**  
*Call of the Wild* read aloud by local  
celebrities. 600-6274  
March 15 from 10am to 3pm

### SANCTUARY THEATER

2336 Calaveras (at N Street), Fresno  
**Live Theater:** *Call of the Wild* An original  
play. FREE tickets at your local library!  
March 23 & 24 at 7pm  
March 25 at 2pm  
March 30 & 31 at 7pm

### AUBERRY LIBRARY

**Fresno Chaffee Zoomobile:** Hands-on learning.  
April 11 at 4pm

### CEDAR-CLINTON LIBRARY

**Multimedia Presentation:** "Dogs of the  
Klondike," a background story to *Call of  
the Wild* with a local twist. A little history of  
the Klondike as it pertains to dogs and the  
men who loved them.  
March 28 at 6pm

**Naomi Hayes, Local Author:** *The Other Side  
of Alaska: Homesteading Tales from Once  
Upon a Time.*  
April 13 at 2pm

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a  
1972 movie version of the book.  
April 3 at 1pm

### CENTRAL LIBRARY

**Multimedia Presentation:** "Dogs of the  
Klondike," a background story to *Call of  
the Wild* with a local twist. A little history of  
the Klondike as it pertains to dogs and the  
men who loved them.  
April 3 at Noon

### CLOVIS LIBRARY

**Film Discussion:** "Jack London's Animal  
Heroes from Book to Film," illustrates how  
London's subjective portrayal of his animal  
characters has provided rich material for  
filmmakers. Clips from *Call of the Wild* and  
*White Fang*. Presented by Paul Kaser.  
March 27 at 6pm

**Annie Winston, Children's Author:** *Tales of  
Adventure Heroical Storys: Daniel Boone  
and the Battle of Boonesborough.*  
April 11 at 3:30pm

**Mystery Club Book Discussion:** Dog Mystery  
Month in honor of The Big Read features  
*Dark Summer* by Iris Johansen or *Dog on It*  
by Spencer Quinn.  
March 18 at 2:30pm

**Mystery Club Book Discussion:** Alaska  
Mystery Month in honor of The Big Read  
features *Cold Company* by Sue Henry or  
*Fire and Ice* by Dana Stabenow.  
April 15 at 2:30pm

**The Art of Fly Fishing:** Fly Fishing in Fresno  
and the best places to go.  
March 13 at 6pm

**The Art of Fly Tying:** Demonstration of the  
art of fly tying.  
March 20 at 6pm

### FIG GARDEN LIBRARY

**Book Discussion:** "Savage Men and Animals  
in a Savage Land" explores the avalanche  
of praise and controversy over London's  
portrayals of protagonists and antagonists in  
*Call of the Wild*. Led by Paul and Norma Kaser.  
March 21 at 7pm

**Dr. Wilfred Pimentel, Iditarod Vet:** Film clips  
and discussion of Dr. Pimentel's work as an  
Iditarod veterinarian.  
April 12 at 7pm

**Laura Kohl, Author:** *Jonestown Survivor: An  
Insider's Look* shares the author's harrowing  
journey from People's Temple follower to  
Jonestown massacre survivor.  
April 5 at 6:30pm

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a  
1972 movie version of the book.  
March 17 at 2:30pm

### FOWLER LIBRARY

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a  
1972 movie version of the book.  
March 26 at 3:30pm

### GILLIS LIBRARY

**Multimedia Presentation:** "Dogs of the  
Klondike," a background story to *Call of the  
Wild* with a local twist. A little history of the  
Klondike as it pertains to dogs and the  
men who loved them.  
March 27 at 6pm

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a  
1972 movie version of the book.  
March 24 at 2:30pm

### MENDOTA LIBRARY

**Fresno Chaffee Zoomobile:** Hands-on learning.  
April 5 at 2pm

### ORANGE COVE LIBRARY

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a  
1972 movie version of the book.  
April 12 at 4pm

**Fresno Chaffee Zoomobile:** Hands-on learning.  
March 31 at 11am

### POLITI LIBRARY

**Book Discussion:** "Savage Men and Animals in a  
Savage Land" explores the avalanche of praise  
and controversy over London's portrayals of  
protagonists and antagonists in *Call of the Wild*.  
Led by Paul and Norma Kaser.  
March 29 at 6pm

### REEDLEY LIBRARY

**Randy McFarland, Local Historian:** Mr.  
McFarland presents "Klondike, the Local  
Connection: Selma Man Strikes It Rich."  
March 6 at 6:30pm

**Naomi Hayes, Local Author:** Ms. Hayes  
will present "The Other Side of Alaska:  
Homesteading Tales from Once Upon a Time."  
March 20 at 6:30pm

**Book Discussion:** *Call of the Wild*.  
For information, call 638-2818.  
March 13 & 27 at 6:30pm

PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON BACK

## Special Events

**Live Theater** Original adaption by  
Terrance McArthur. Directed by S. Eric  
Day. Sanctuary Theater, **FREE tickets** at  
your local library March 23 & 24 at 7pm  
March 25 at 2pm | March 30 & 31 at 7pm

**The Greatest Story Jack  
London Ever Wrote** Actor/  
Scholar Michael Oakes presents a "living  
history" performance in character as the  
famous author. Woodward Park Library.  
March 19 at 7pm

**Bus Tour to Jack London  
State Park** Explore Jack London State  
Park in the fabled Valley of the Moon.  
Bring a brown bag picnic lunch and relax  
in the beautiful natural environment that  
surrounds you. See back for details.  
April 15 at 7:30am

**Jack London: Life and Politics**  
The author's great-granddaughter and  
librarian, Tarnel Abbott, will share a fasci-  
nating account of her great-grandfather's  
intriguing life. Sunnyside Library.  
April 16 at 7pm

**Student Art Exhibit** Book cover  
artwork inspired by themes from *Call of  
the Wild* created by CSUF student illus-  
trators on display at the Woodward Park  
Library. March 15 through April 30

**Wild About Animals Expo**  
Visit animal rescue organizations and  
pet adoption groups. Plus two shows with  
Python Ron. Woodward Park Library.  
April 14 from 11am to 3pm

For more information visit  
[www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org)  
559.600.6227

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### THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BIG READ SPONSORS

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## SANGER LIBRARY

**Naomi Hayes, Local Author:** *The Other Side of Alaska: Homesteading Tales from Once Upon a Time.*

March 22 at 7pm

**Fresno Chaffee Zoomobile:** Hands-on learning.  
April 12 at 3:30pm

## SELMA LIBRARY

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a 1972 movie version of the book.  
April 3 at 1pm

## SUNNYSIDE LIBRARY

**Tarnel Abbott, London's great-granddaughter:** Ms. Abbott presents "Jack London: Life and Politics."  
April 16 at 7pm

**Film Screening:** Charlton Heston stars in a 1972 movie version of the book.  
March 18 at 2pm

## WEST FRESNO LIBRARY

**Fresno Chaffee Zoomobile:** Hands-on learning.  
April 9 at 1pm

## WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY

**Book Discussion:** *Call of the Wild.* For information, call 433-3135.  
March 15 at 7pm

**Michael Oakes, Actor/Scholar:** Mr. Oakes presents "The Greatest Story Jack London Ever Wrote," a Live Oakes Theater Production. The greatest story London ever wrote was his own life. From the age of nine, London toiled as a "wage-slave" factory worker, oyster pirate, sailor, writer, and rancher. Drawn from London's diaries, writings, and letters.  
March 19 at 7pm

**Les Nunes, Jazz Fresno:** Les Nunes will tell the story of *The Call of the Wild* in his own style, assisted by local musicians performing original music composed especially for this occasion.  
March 20 at 7 PM

## Bobbie Pyron, Award Winning Children's

**Author:** The author will sign copies of her book, *A Dog's Way Home*, after her 2pm talk. Children can enjoy reading to the Tail Waggin' Tutors from 1:00-1:45pm and 3-4pm. Pre-registration required for reading to the dogs. Co-sponsored by the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature, Fresno State.  
March 31 at 2pm

**Film Discussion:** "Jack London's Animal Heroes from Book to Film," illustrates how London's subjective portrayal of his animal characters has provided rich material for filmmakers. Clips from *Call of the Wild* and *White Fang*. Presented by Paul Kaser.  
April 5 at 6:30pm

**Wild About Animals Expo:** Activities and information on animal rescue organizations, therapy dogs and more. Plus two shows by Ron the Python Man (pre-registration required-call branch for details).  
April 14 from 11am to 3pm

## YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE

4278 W. Ashlan, Fresno

**Linda Johnston, Mystery Author:** Luncheon talk by the author of *Beaglemania*. Lunch reservations required by April 4. Call 228-9867. Co-sponsored by Sisters in Crime.  
**\$20 per person.**  
April 7 at 10:30am

## REEDLEY COLLEGE

995 N. Reed, Reedley - Forum Hall

**Film Discussion:** "Jack London's Animal Heroes from Book to Film," illustrates how London's subjective portrayal of his animal characters has provided rich material for filmmakers. Clips from *Call of the Wild* and *White Fang*. Presented by Paul Kaser.  
March 15 at 7pm

# Outdoor Adventures

## Sierra Foothill Conservancy Open House

Join us for an adventurous day on Sierra Foothill Conservancy's 2,960-acre McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve nestled in the foothills just 30 minutes from Fresno. Self-guided hikes. For driving directions, go to [www.sierrafoothill.org](http://www.sierrafoothill.org) or call 600-6227.  
March 10 from 9am to 4pm

**Go Take a Hike** Join docents from the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust for an afternoon of adventure in the wild. Meet at the River Center, 11605 Old Friant Road, and then carpool to a special nature walk location. Call 248-8480 for more information. Co-sponsored by Adventures on the San Joaquin, Guided Walks.  
April 1 at 2pm

**Jack London State Park Bus Tour** Visit Jack London State Park in the fabled Valley of the Moon. Bring a brown bag picnic lunch. Drinks and snacks provided. Tour the cottage museum and grounds.  
**\$30 per person.**

Departs from Central Library, Fresno  
April 15 at 7:30am  
Rest stop en route.  
Arrive State Park at 12:30pm.  
Docents available for:  
1pm Wolf House Hike 1.5 miles (slight incline)  
2pm Beauty Ranch Hike 1 mile (level)  
(LIMITED GOLF CART SEATING FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY)  
Depart State Park at 4pm. Rest stop en route.  
Return Fresno at 8pm.  
**Pre-registration required by March 30.**  
Call 600-6298 or go to [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org).

# Children's Programs

## MARCH PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES & CRAFTS

**Dogs and Puppies**  
Caruthers Library 864-8766  
March 6 at 3pm

**Dogs and Puppies**  
Auberry Library 855-8523  
March 7 at 10:30am

**Dogs and Puppies**  
Kerman Library 846-8804  
March 14 at 1pm

**Wild Things**  
West Fresno Library 455-6066  
March 14 at 1pm

**Wild Things**  
Politi Library 431-6450  
March 20 at 10am

**Dogs and Puppies**  
Cedar-Clinton Library 442-1770  
March 22 at 1:30pm

**Wolves**  
Selma Library 896-3393  
March 26 at 10am

**Wild Things**  
Mendota Library 655-3391  
March 27 at 10am and 2pm

**Wolves**  
Kingsburg Library 897-3710  
March 28 at 1pm

## APRIL PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES & CRAFTS

**Dogs and Puppies**  
Mendota Library 655-3391  
April 3 at 10am and 2pm

**Dogs and Puppies**  
Auberry Library 855-8523  
April 4 at 10:30am

**Wild Things**  
Central Library 600-READ (7323)  
April 4 at 10am and 2pm

**Wild Things**  
Kingsburg Library 897-3710  
April 11 at 1pm

**Dogs and Puppies**  
West Fresno Library 455-6066  
April 11 at 1pm

## AFTERSCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS

Bear Mountain Library 332-2528  
March 17 at 11am

Orange Cove Library 626-7942  
March 21 and 28 at 3pm  
April 4, 11 and 18 at 3pm

Clovis Library 299-9531  
March 28 at 6pm

Sunnyside Library 255-6594  
March 20 at 4pm

Cedar-Clinton Library 442-1770  
April 9 at 3pm

Fig Garden Library 438-4071  
March 23 at 3pm

Auberry Library 855-8523  
March 21 at 4pm

Gillis Library 225-0140  
March 20 at 3pm

Politi Library 431-6450  
April 4 at 2pm

Woodward Park Library 433-3135  
April 3 at 2pm

Pinedale Library 439-0486  
April 4 at 3pm

Selma Library 896-3393  
March 27 at 2:30pm

Parlier Library 646-3835  
March 21 at 2pm

## Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts!

Earn a badge for *Call of the Wild*, *The Big Read*

**INQUIRE AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

