

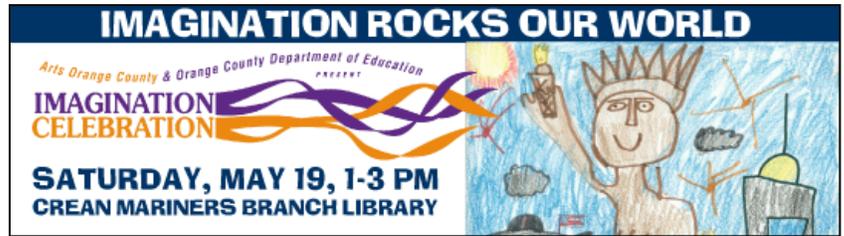
Cultural Arts Activities Report from Cultural Arts Office, June 14, 2012

Imagination Celebration (Rocks our World)

The 'Searching for Democracy' program is ongoing throughout 2012 with a series of programs associated with the theme, and leading up to the Presidential elections in November. We launched SFD in April, and hosted an author-in-conversation event that month.

Additionally, there is a display of the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and Articles of Confederation on display on the second floor of Central Library.

This month, the theme of democracy will be highlighted for children at Imagination Celebration. All little artists, scribes and scribblers are invited to attend a collage-making event on Saturday, May 19 from 1-3pm at the Crean Mariners Branch Library. This fun-filled annual event encourages families to be creative together and enjoy the arts. The library is hoping to capture some of these collages photographically, so that they might be used concurrently in an exhibition with excerpts from literacy students "on being an American."



"Stories from an Undeclared War" Film Screening

A poster for a film screening. The top part has a dark blue background with white text: 'Film Screening: Stories of an Undeclared War'. Below that, in red and black text: 'Presented by the Newport Beach Film Festival followed by Q & A with Erin Gruwell educator and author of The Freedom Writers Diary'. The date and time are 'Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 pm' and the location is 'Central Library Friends Room'. At the bottom left is the 'SEARCHING for DEMOCRACY' logo. On the right is a photo of five young women smiling. At the bottom right of the photo is a 'Learn more >' link.

On Tuesday, May 22, the Newport Beach Public Library, along with the Newport Beach Film Festival will screen "Stories from an Undeclared War". This

feature-length documentary

is about 150 at-risk students from Long Beach, California, who encouraged by their teacher, Erin Gruwell, and inspired by the writings of teen authors, including Anne Frank, discovered a new way to express themselves and began to care more about history, humanity, and perhaps most importantly, their futures.

The film screening will be followed by a Q&A with Erin Gruwell, author of *The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them*. Ms. Gruwell will be available to sign copies of her book following the film as well. Admission is free and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis, limited by room capacity.

Library Staff Visit to Mark Hilbert's Art Collection

Arts Commissioner Arlene Greer made arrangements for staff to view the art collection of local resident, Mark Hilbert. Mr. Hilbert has amassed an incredible collection of early to mid-century artworks by well-known artists depicting scenes of California (including Newport Beach) from various points and scenic views. He is interested in loaning some of these works to the City or library for display in 2013.

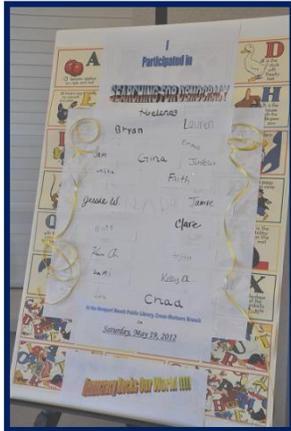
First Concert this Sunday

The City Arts Commission will welcome *Jerry Mandel and his "Swing the Standards Jazz Band"* to Grant Howald Park in Corona del Mar for a performance on Sunday, June 10 from 6-7:30pm.



The next two concerts will take place on July 22 with *The Bracken Band* – an Irish ensemble at Bob Henry Park; and the English *U.K. Beat* returns on August 5 to Bonita Canyon Sports Park. In 2012, Shakespeare by the Sea performances will take place on July 7, with "Romeo and Juliet" and July 8 with "Two Gentlemen of Verona" at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. Plays start at 7, with preshows at 6:45.

Youngest Democracy Seekers



Great fun was had by all who participated in Imagination Celebration at Mariners Library on May 19. This year democracy was the central theme and children (and parents) had the opportunity to make collages that included images of what democracy meant to them. Each child had the chance to place their 'John Hancock' – with real calligraphy pens and ink on a poster stating that "I Participated in the Search for Democracy" in 2012!



Film Screening a Success at Central – More Come out in the Search for Democracy



On May 22, the Newport Beach Public Library and the Newport Beach Film Festival presented the documentary "Stories from an Undeclared War" to 200+ at Central Library. The film chronicles the lives of 150 at-risk



students from Long Beach, California, who encouraged by their teacher, Erin Gruwell, and inspired by the writings of teen authors, including Anne Frank, discovered a new way to express themselves.

Erin Gruwell (pictured here with Film Director Dennis Rice and Newport Beach Film Festival Director of Special Programs, Community Cinema and Social Media, Leslie Feibleman) was particularly thrilled to present the film in her home town...Newport Beach. Many of Erin's former students attended the film and the Q & A follow up. Special thanks to Leslie Feibleman and the Newport Beach Film Festival for working with the library in developing this adjunct program to the *Searching for Democracy* grant provided by CalHumanities, and matched by the Newport Beach Library Foundation.

Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2012

2012 Arts Commission Meetings:

~~January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14,~~ July 12, August 9, September 13,
October 11, November 8, December 13.

Events:

Central Library Exhibitions

Through 2012/civic center

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Through August

Concerts in the Parks

June 10 – Jerry Mandel, GHP
6-7:30pm

July 22 - The Bracken Band, Bob
Henry Park, 6-7:30pm

August 5 – The U.K. Beat, BCSP
6 -7:30pm

Shakespeare by the Sea

July 7 “Romeo and Juliet” (Sat.)
July 8 “Two Gentlemen of
Verona” (Sun.) 7:00-9:00pm
(preshows 6:45)

Cultural Arts Grants

Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report due

09/28/12

Grant funds must have been spent or encumbered

09/28/12