

Central Presents – November 2009

Adult and Family Programs

Central Community Library
8601 Mathis Avenue, Manassas, Virginia
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Adult Programs

Speaking of Spanish!

Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, 12:00 noon–2:00 p.m. No registration is required.

Whatever your level of fluency, come hone your conversation skills by chatting with others who are practicing their Spanish. Drop in to Central Library's Community Room any Thursday afternoon, bring your lunch and habla Espanol!

***Mystery Book Club: *Murder Take Two* by Charlene Weir**

Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

When a movie crew commandeers the small town of Hampstead, Kansas, the tiny police force is hardpressed to guard the location sites. The death of a stunt woman whose jump into a haystack fatally reveals a hidden pitchfork adds significantly to the trouble for Hampstead's chief of police, Susan Wren. As Susan becomes embroiled in the mercurial personalities involved in the production, she is surprised to learn that her most experienced officer (and love interest), Ben Pankhurst, was once married to Laura Edwards, the star of the picture. Taking him off the case, she must rely on her less trained deputy, Yancy, who has been providing security for the company. Learning that Laura has been receiving threatening notes, Susan wonders if the pitchfork was really meant for her.

***Central Reads Book Club: *Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan**

Wednesday, November 18, 1:00 p.m. No registration required.

While tending to her ailing Chinese mother LuLing, American-born Ruth discovers a sheaf of papers—her mother's story—written in Chinese. Ruth finds a translator and discovers in the pages what her mother, now afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, cannot tell her. LuLing's story alternates with Ruth's, revealing the secrets of three generations of women, from a small village in China to contemporary San Francisco.

***Science Fiction Book Discussion: *Fallen Dragon* by Peter F. Hamilton**

Saturday, November 21, 2:30 p.m. No registration is required.

In a far future, where interstellar trade has devolved into legitimized piracy, the Zantiu-Braun Corporation sends an elite troop of Skins, nearly invulnerable soldiers, to the planet Thallspring to collect their periodic dividends. The residents of Thallspring, however, have different ideas, as well as a secret weapon that has the potential to change not only the future but the past as well. Peter F. Hamilton's *Fallen Dragon* was nominated for the Arthur C. Clarke Award Best Novel of 2002.

Computer Programs: Computer Connection @ Central

Space is limited and registration is required. A \$10.00 deposit is required to reserve a space in class. This deposit will be returned at the end of class, or if the reservation is canceled at least 48 hours prior to class. Register at the library or by calling 703-361-8211.

Word Processing: Parts I & 2

Thursdays, November 5 and Thursday, November 12, 9:00–10:30 a.m. *Registration for both parts begins October 22.*

This two part class teaches Microsoft Word to those familiar with a computer, but unfamiliar with word processing software. You will learn how to format text and paragraphs; add, delete and move text; open and save documents, and other helpful tasks. *Prerequisite: Must be able to type and use a mouse.*

Excel is Excellent: Parts 1 & 2

Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19, 9:00–11:00 a.m. *Registration for both parts begins November 4.*

Learn how to create spreadsheets and manipulate numbers in a variety of ways. *Prerequisite: Familiarity with Microsoft applications and the ability to type and use a mouse.*

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