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# Pets Galore

By **Connie Goldsmith**

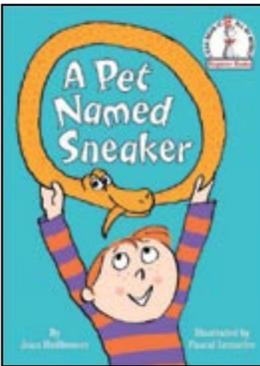
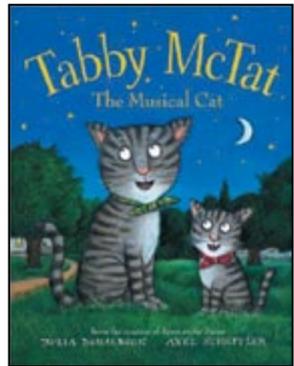
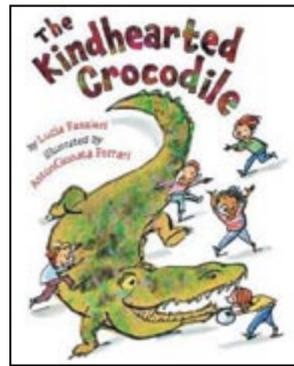
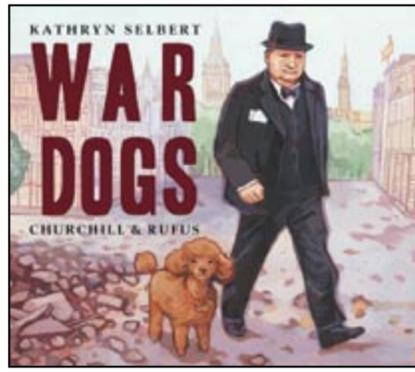
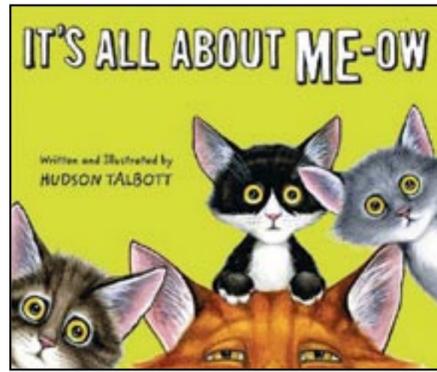
you visit the family today, the crocodile is still with them.”

Do you share your home and life with an animal? Millions of people do. If your child longs for a pet but doesn't yet have one, maybe one of these books will convince you there's a perfect pet for every child (maybe not the crocodile, though). The unconditional love of a dog and the soft warmth of a purring cat are treasures to cherish. Besides, isn't it every child's constitutional right to own a pet? Save a life: think about adopting your pet from your local shelter.

“*The Kindhearted Crocodile*,” by Lucia Panzieri, illustrated by Anton Gionata Ferrari. (Holiday House). Crocodile just wants to be loved. He wants to live in a house and be part of a happy family. Each night Crocodile crawls out of his picture book to help his family. He tidies toys, washes dishes and folds the laundry before returning to his book. The family is surprised each morning but can't figure out who is helping them. Until... they hide in closet and wait to see what happens. They think they might see a fairy, but never expect a crocodile! The children, who recognize Crocodile, beg their parents to keep him as a pet. After a trial period, they agree Crocodile can stay. And, “If

“*It's All About Me-ow*,” by Hudson Talbott. (Nancy Paulson Books). Buddy welcomes three new kittens into his home and begins teaching them everything he knows about humans. He starts with comparison charts: eyesight: cats – laser like; humans – dim. Buddy shows the kittens how ears and claws work, and how to land on their feet. “Ah, the wonders of being a cat!” He takes them on a catwalk through history and demonstrates the value of purr therapy to the modern family. And, “Catitude is the way we make the world our playground.” Must-see details fill the pages of this hilarious book that's cleverly illustrated with water-color, colored pencil and ink. It may take several readings to catch all the details. Anyone who loves cats will recognize their cat's quirky traits (and their own) in this darling story. **\*\* Reviewer's pick of the month\*\***

“*A Pet Named Sneaker*,” by Joan Heilbronner, illustrated by Pascal Lemaitre. (Random House). Sneaker is a lonely snake living in a pet store. After all, who wants a snake for a pet? Pete does! He takes Sneaker home. They play games and share snacks. Sneaker sneaks into



Pete's backpack and goes to school the next day, where he's a big hit with teacher and kids. He's smart and he can spell, too! When Sneaker saves a child from drowning at the local pool, he becomes a town hero and a life guard! This easy-to-read story with its delightful silliness and cartoon-like drawings will delight beginning readers.

“*War Dogs. Churchill & Rufus*,” by Kathryn Selbert. (Charlesbridge). Perfect for older readers (and adults) who enjoy reading about pets and history, *War*

*Dogs* depicts the close relationship between Winston Churchill and his devoted poodle, Rufus. Sometimes called the British Bulldog, Churchill was a great wartime leader of the modern era. Rufus was with him all the way, in the underground bunker from which the war was conducted, to hearings in the House of Commons and inspecting the streets of war-torn London. Poignant interactions with Rufus temper the heartbreaking story of World War II. Both Churchill and Rufus survive the war, and at the book's ending, “They rest

in the country at last, two war dogs.” Excellent end material makes this book suitable for both home and school.

“*Tabby McTat, the Musical Cat*,” by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler. (Arthur A. Levine Books). Tabby and owner Fred are buskers, making a living singing on the streets where people throw coins into a hat for them. They love their lives, but one day, Fred has an accident and the two become separated. Hungry and alone, Tabby finds his way to a happy new home with Sock, a black cat with white foot. Over time, Tabby settles into his life. It's warm, he's well-fed, and then Sock's kittens come along! But Tabby never stops dreaming of his life with Fred. Likewise, Fred never stopped thinking about Tabby. Told in perfect rhyme and rhythm, this touching and heart-warming story may bring a few tears, but also brings many smiles at the surprise ending. Friendship, loyalty, singing and kittens – what else can a reader ask for?

Connie Goldsmith [www.conniegoldsmith.com](http://www.conniegoldsmith.com) lives in Carmichael where she writes for adults and children. See her newest nonfiction juvenile books, “*Battling Malaria: on the Front Lines Against a Global Killer*,” and “*Leukemia*,” one of the USA Today Health Reports series, in school and public libraries, and at online booksellers.



• **Earth Fest, Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

It's a party for the planet! Learn how to protect and preserve the earth with environmental, wildlife and conservation organizations. During the day, visit EdZOOcation Stations; explore animal bio-artifacts in the Discovery Room; come face-to-face with the outreach animals; or listen as keepers present enrichment talks in the afternoon. For more information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

• **Recycle Rummage Sale, Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Nothing is better than finding a little treasure at a fantastic price. Come out to the Sacramento Zoo's annual Recycle Rummage Sale and see what treasures are available. Why throw it in the landfill, when someone else can use it? Proceeds from the Recycle Rummage Sale benefit the Sacramento Zoo's conservation programs, locally and around the world. For more information or to donate, call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

• **Estate Planning Seminar with Mark S. Drobny, Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon**

This free informative seminar will navigate through a jungle of topics presented by local attorney Mark S. Drobny, California State Bar Certified Legal Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. Mr. Drobny is widely regarded as one of the top experts on estate planning, providing information on a variety of topics in an entertaining manner that will help you design a plan that fits your needs. For more information, or to RSVP, call (916) 808-8815 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

• **33rd Annual ZooZoom, Sunday, April 14, 7 a.m. to noon**

Join the stampede as thousands of runners raise funds to benefit the Sacramento Zoo. Are you as fast as a hare or as slow as a tortoise? The course winds through scenic William Land Park along flat, tree-lined streets. This 5K, 10K and children's fun run is a fundraiser for the Sacramento Zoological Society. Race fees include admission to the Zoo. For race fees and information, contact Fleet Feet Sports at (916) 441-1751 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

## Two Artisan Shopping Events

Don't miss two great shopping events in one at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) and the State Indian Museum, April 20 and 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn from and support artisan crafters while browsing through the “Traders' Faire – California's First Mall” at Sutter's Fort SHP and checking out the unique gifts and collectibles at the State Indian Museum's spring time “Arts & Crafts Market.”

## Sumatran Tiger cub born at the Zoo



A three pound (1.38 Kg) male Sumatran Tiger cub was born at 2:55 a.m., Sunday, March 3, at the Sacramento Zoo. The mother Bahagia and baby appear healthy at this early point in the cub's life.

Tiger cubs are usually about two pounds (1 Kg) at birth, born with eyes closed and rely entirely on their mother for the first three months. Mother and baby will be inside the den, away from public view, while the baby gains strength and coordination during the first few months. Both should be on exhibit by late May or early June, in the meantime guest can check the blog for updates, photos and video.

For updates including video and photos visit the Sacramento Zoo's blog at [www.saczoo.org](http://www.saczoo.org). The Sacramento Zoo is located at the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park.

## Fun events at Fairytale Town

• **Children's Theater Festival, Saturdays and Sundays, April 6 to 28, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.**

Introduce your children to the magic of theater. During the month of April, Fairytale Town showcases a diverse selection of theater performances each weekend in the Children's Theater. Performing companies include the Fairytale Town Troupers, Shadow Puppet Theatre, Boxtales Theatre Company, Roseville Theatre Arts Academy and more. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. For more information and a show schedule, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

• **Sutter Children's Center Wellness Festival, Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Enjoy fun games, gardening and nutrition workshops, height

and weight checks and more at this free celebration of active and healthy living. Sutter's medical personnel will also be on hand to answer questions and provide information on childhood diseases and epidemics like diabetes, obesity and more. In addition to the fun learning activities, families can also see a live theater performance in the Children's Theater (additional cost). Admission to this program is free thanks to a generous grant from Sutter Children's Center, Sacramento, and ScholarShare College Savings Plan. For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

• **Teacher Workshop: Giving Voice to Children's Literature, Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Learn easy and effective read-aloud techniques from Francie Dillon, a professor of children's literature at Sacramento State University, to make reading and learning fun for everyone. This

workshop is free, but preregistration is required. To register, email [education@fairytaletown.org](mailto:education@fairytaletown.org). For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

• **Parent Workshop: Giving Voice to Children's Literature, Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Learn easy and effective read-aloud techniques from Francie Dillon, a professor of children's literature at Sacramento State University, to make reading and learning fun for everyone. This workshop is free, but preregistration is required. To register, email [education@fairytaletown.org](mailto:education@fairytaletown.org). For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

From March through October, the park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. From November through February, the park is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

Combo price: \$8 for adults; \$6 for youth ages 6 to 17 which includes entrance into both the Fort and Museum; Sutter's Fort stand-alone price: \$7 for adults; \$5 for youths ages 6 to 17; Indian Museum stand-alone price: \$4 for adults; \$3 for youths ages 6 to 17; admission for children ages five and under are free to both.

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is located at 2701 L Street and State Indian Museum, 2618 K Street. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or (916) 324-0971 or visit [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org) or [www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum](http://www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum).

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## Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Free weekend activities - Donations gratefully accepted. There is a \$5 per car County Park entrance fee into Ancil Hoffman Park (Free to members)

### April 6, Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Dipping In To Creeks

Take a close look at the water striders, backswimmers and diving beetles that call Carmichael Creek their home. Discover why these easily overlooked creatures are so important to the health of a creek, pond or river. Join a naturalist and step into this fascinating watery world and learn how to get involved in caring for our waterways. Information about other Creek Week activities at [www.creekweek.net](http://www.creekweek.net). All ages welcomed.

### April 7, Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Who's fooling who?

The world of animals is a wild, wacky place where animals have to be clever in order to survive. Animals have the ability to mimic plants, ground cover, or even other animals in order to hide or hunt. Join a Naturalist for a program on camouflage and deception.

### April 13, Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Sun Seekers

Some have scaly skin, some have slimy skin, some have legs, some don't. Can you guess what they are? Meet one of these cold blooded critters up close!

### April 14, Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Under the Oaks

Our mighty oak trees provide food and shelter for many animals and insects. Learn how to identify different varieties of oak trees in the Effie Yeaw Nature Preserve and who might be living in them.

### April 20, Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Earth Day Walk

Take time to appreciate the beauty of Mother Nature this Earth Day with a hike. Join a Naturalist and explore the variety of local wildlife and plants that call an oak woodland home.

### April 21, Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Creatures of the Night

When the sun is setting, many creatures are going to sleep but some are just waking up. Discover some of the mysterious animals which make the preserve come alive in the night and meet one of the resident nocturnal animals.

### April 27, Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Critter Close Up

Meet an animal resident at the Nature Center up-close and learn what habitat and food they need to survive.

### April 28, Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Wildflower Walk

From poppies to filaree to grass pinks, come explore the Nature Area in search of the beautiful Spring wildflowers.

*The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located in Ancil Hoffman Park at California Avenue and Tarshes Drive, Carmichael. For more information, call (916) 489-4918 or visit [www.sacnaturecenter.net](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net).*

## Family program in Davis

Join the fun at International House Davis, Sunday, April 21, 2 to 3 p.m., when international musician Catherine Mandella will put on a show and performance called "Instruments from Around the World." Children age 4 to 9 with parental attendance are very welcome. Free to members, others pay \$2 per child or \$5 for a family. International House Davis is located at 10 College Park. For more information, call (530) 753-5007 or visit [www.internationalhousedavis.org](http://www.internationalhousedavis.org).



## Earth Day!

Hey Kids! Earth Day is a worldwide celebration of life and the environment of our beautiful planet Earth. It's a time to think about our home, Planet Earth, and ways we can all help make it a nice, clean, safe place to live. See if you can find words related to Earth Day in the puzzle. Look carefully, words can appear vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards, and upside-down. Good luck hunting...!

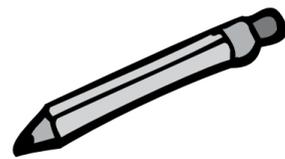
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# MAKE IT YOURSELF!



## Homemade Cymbals

These homemade cymbals are perfect for younger kids to make and play in their own kitchen band. Great for Earth Day celebrations!

### You will need:

- Tin pie plates
- Sparkly stickers
- Ribbons (optional)

### You will need to:

- Decorate the inside of the pie plates with stickers.
- Hold the rim of the plates and bang the bases together for a nice bang.
- Staple or tape ribbons on as streamers (optional)

## Homemade recycle shaker

This homemade shaker is quick and fun to make and satisfyingly noisy for younger kids!

### You will need:

- A brightly colored drink bottle, sparkly stickers, dried rice, lentils, beans or pasta

### You will need to:

- Make sure the bottle is clean and dry. Fill one-third full of rice or pasta. Screw on the lid tightly. Decorate the bottle with stickers. Hold the bottle by the neck and shake!

- \*\* If you are worried about younger children taking the lid off, you can always glue it shut with a hot glue gun (adults only) before decorating.



Crafts courtesy of: [www.ActivityVillage.co.uk](http://www.ActivityVillage.co.uk) - Keeping Kids Busy

## Marching Drums

No Earth Day parade could be complete without a marching drum! Here is how your children can make their own.

### You will need:

- Old coffee tin or soft oatmeal container, paint, sequins, stickers, ribbon, etc to decorate, strong glue, ribbon/cord (to allow the drum to be worn)



### You will need to:

- Paint the tin and leave to dry. Decorate the drum with stickers, glitter, ribbon and anything else that you fancy. Make two holes in the tin lid/oatmeal container top, thread through some cord or ribbon and tie tight knots on the underside of the lid so the cord is secure. With strong glue stick the lid onto the tin/oatmeal container.
- Wear your drum and march with pride. If you do not have drum sticks, why not paint and decorate two wooden spoons to use as drum sticks?



## Homemade trumpet

This homemade trumpet will allow the children to "toot" very noisily whenever a loud noise is required! Great for Earth Day celebrations!

### You will need:

- A cardboard tube, paint (gold or silver), glitter and sequins, glue

### You will need to:

- Paint your tube and leave to dry. Decorate the tube with sequins and glitter. Toot loudly into your tube to make some music!



## Traders' Fair - California's First Mall

Families are invited to the Annual Traders' Fair at Sutter's Fort, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 19 to 21. Visitors will experience the hustle and bustle of pioneer trading days. Vendors selling pioneer goods, musket and cannon demonstrations, and artisans creating goods for sale will have the Fort full of activity for the entire family. During this three-day event, everyone will have opportunities to make their own crafts, haggle with traders, make dolls, hammer square nails and shop for gifts and crafts.

This event is being held in conjunction with a Native Crafts Faire at the California Indian Museum which is located on the same grounds. For this event only, one small admission will admit you to both museums and both craft faires.

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is located at 2701 L Street, Midtown, Sacramento. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org).

## Family-run farm fun!

### Special to California Kids

California families will be able to experience farm life, starting April 8, when Feather Down Farm Days USA opens its first California farm near Oroville.

Feather Down stresses an authentic farm experience. Guests stay on a traditional family-run farm that specializes in organic produce and growing livestock. Children are able to experience farm life, including such chores as collecting eggs, feeding farm animals and tending fruit and vegetables.

Guests might start their day grinding coffee beans and collecting eggs for breakfast, or learning how to churn butter. Or they can spend the day relaxing, reading, playing board games or learning about organic farming.

Feather Down guests stay in comfortably appointed tent cabins that are described as being "shabby chic," and are outfitted with painted, distressed farm furnishings, candles and oil lanterns, colorful enameled farm

utensils, a wood-burning stove, sleeping cupboard, linens, farm sink, a flush toilet, and master bedroom with duvet-covered double bed. Feather Down's California farm is Chaffin Family Orchards a fifth-generation family-run farm that's located on 2,000-acres of heirloom Mission olive, stone fruit and citrus orchards near Oroville and the scenic Feather River Canyon. More about staying at Feather Down farms is found at [www.featherdown.com](http://www.featherdown.com).

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## Maidu Museum and Historic Site events

Join the staff for a Campfire, Friday, April 19, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

\$5/person, \$16/family of four, \$5 each additional. Children under 2 are free. Enjoy an evening in the museum amphitheater with family and friends around a campfire. Listen to native stories and songs under the stars and roast marshmallows for a sweet ending to the perfect family gathering. No reservations required. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Women a Spring Celebration, Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Celebrate and experience California Indian Culture at this free event. There will be Traditional Native dance groups, arts and crafts, Children's activities, free guided tours and much more.

Create an Abalone Necklace, Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Using traditional materials make a beautiful abalone necklace with accents of beads, shells, and/or pine nuts. Call the Museum for further information or to sign up.

Rock Art Mysteries, Saturday, May 18, 8 to 9 p.m.

Ages +7 I Fee: \$6/ person. Join the staff at the Museum and journey outdoors to experience petroglyphs by lantern light-the best way to see them. See these ancient carved symbols made by the cultures who lived here, perhaps as long ago as 10,000 years ago.

Maidu Museum and Historic Site is located at 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Saturdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guided tours Saturdays at 10 a.m. Self-guided tours on weekdays. Call (916) 774-5934 or visit [www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum](http://www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum) or [www.facebook.com/indianmuseum](http://www.facebook.com/indianmuseum) for more information.

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# 6th Annual Celebrate the Earth Festival

Everyone is welcome to join the fun at the 6th annual Celebrate the Earth Festival, hosted this year on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Utility Exploration Center campus in Mahany Regional Park, located at 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard, Roseville. This year's event will feature live entertainment, music, food and mobile food trucks, electric vehicles, local green vendors and much more. The event is free, so please join us to Celebrate the Earth! Check out photos from last year's festival (2012) on our Utility Exploration Center Facebook Page.

# Creek Week Activities

From Sacramento Area Creeks Council

• **Arcade Creek Exploration, Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. to Noon**

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• **Get Into Your Local Creek, Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.**

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• **Local Fish Fauna, Wednesday, April 10, Noon to 2 p.m.**

What lurks in the murky depths of Sacramento's urban creeks? Join SRCSD Bufferlands staff for an introduction to the local fish fauna. Bufferlands staff will demonstrate fish sampling techniques in a local lake, practice hands-on (for those who aren't too squeamish) fish identification, and discuss the natural history of California's diverse fish communities. In addition, view one of the direct consumers of the local fish populations as you spy on a large

heron and egret rookery. This tour includes a short 1/2-mile walk and an opportunity to see some of the Bufferlands riparian and wetland habitat restoration projects. The meeting location is weather-dependent, so contact Steve Scott at (916) 875-9307 or email scotts@sacsewer.com the week preceding the event for exact meeting location and directions.

• **Steelhead Creek Beaver Pond Walk, Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Early evening is the best time to see beaver activity and lots of other local wildlife. Take a stroll with Mary Tappel through Wolfe Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet at the Ueda Parkway Staging area parking lot on Elkhorn Boulevard and Sorento Road east of Steelhead Creek. Call (916) 925-1933 or email marye.tappel@jps.net before April 10 for further information or directions. No need to sign up in advance. This event will be cancelled in case of heavy rain.

• **Elk Grove Greener Gardens Project, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Workshops, fun activities and demonstrations at Miwok Park are some of the features of this event that's about saving water, saving our local waterways and saving money. Learn about sustainable landscaping in a workshop or by taking a self-guided tour of local sustainable gardens. Questions? Email Amanda-platt@carcd.org

• **Mather Vernal Pool Flower Walks, Sunday, April 14, 21 and 28, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

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By Patricia Newman



Danna Smith

Danna Smith attributes her love of words to her grandparents. Her grandmother wrote poetry and owned a clunky typewriter that the young Smith adored. "She allowed me to type on it. I started writing as soon as I could read," Smith says. "I thought it was a dream come true because I'm a nerd." Her grandfather owned a special pen that he kept in the pocket of his shirt. "I was the only [grandchild] who could use it because he knew how much I loved writing." Smith's uncle gave her an ear for rhyme as she bounced on his knee listening to his funny impromptu rhyming stories.

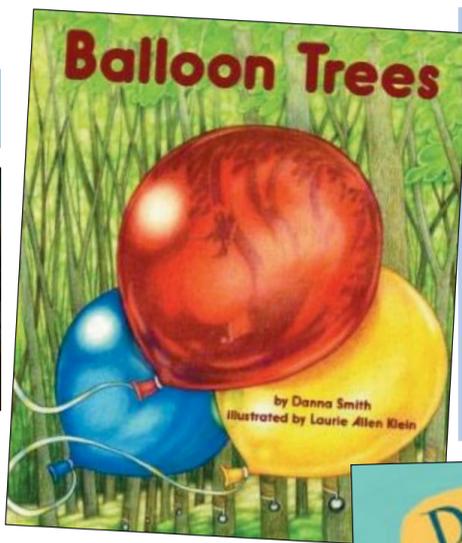
Two particular mentors later guided Smith along her path to becoming a published professional. "Thank goodness for teachers," Smith says, because a high school creative writing teacher recognized her talent and encouraged it. Years went by while Smith attended college and started a family before she became serious about writing again. An established picture book author Rick Walton asked her to join his writer's group after reading one of her manuscripts. "He said to me, 'You may not be published now, but you will be soon.' I will never forget that," she says.

Smith specializes in picture books for preschool children, employing rhyming couplets to tell her fiction and nonfiction stories. She strives for repetition and an interactive concept that will allow children to participate in the telling. "Brevity is [also] a huge component," Smith says. Her stories weigh in at less than 300 words or about one and one half double-spaced typed pages. Touchstone books she uses as models include Greg Foley's *Don't Worry, Bear*, David Martin's *We've All Got Bellybut-*

*tons*, Mary Murphy's *I Kissed the Baby*, and Eve Bunting's retelling of *Hey Diddle, Diddle*.

Long walks and word play are integral to Smith's creative process. "I am not a morning person," she says, "but after a long walk or a hike I am filled with creative energy." Many story ideas begin as titles, which in turn, come from a word twisting game she plays with herself. Treasure map morphed into treasure nap—the initial seed for *Pirate Nap: A Book of Colors*. Similarly, she manipulated Follow the Leader into *Swallow the Leader*, the title of her underwater counting book to be released in 2014.

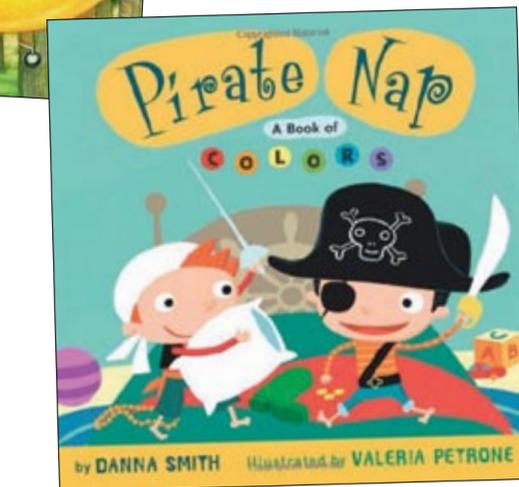
According to Smith, the biggest misconception about writing for children is, "if it's easy to read, it must be easy to write." Before sitting down to the computer, Smith usually knows the title and the ending of a new story, but sometimes she has holes to plug. She constructs her plot first, and then bounces rhyming couplets around in her head in an imitation of her uncle's rhyming process. "I do it everywhere I go, in fact people think I'm not paying attention to what they're saying," she says with a laugh. "It's important to make the rhyme fit the story, rather than manipulating the story to fit the rhyme." Smith's standard requires her to be very choosy when selecting the 300 words that make the cut.



As Smith revises, she adds layers to her stories. "I think it's important to have layers in a picture book because it appeals to many more people," she says. *Two at the Zoo* started as a zoo story, but first expanded to include counting, and finally relationships with the addition of the main character's grandfather.

Occasionally a story idea arrives like a surprise gift. The first two lines of *A Wild Cowboy* came to her in a dream. Her newest nonfiction title, *Balloon Trees* about where balloons come from, seemed a logical choice because her husband works in the rubber industry. After visiting Malaysia he told Smith about the extraction process. "The fact that they can take that rubber from trees and create so many products that we use every day is fascinating," she says, "and so I wanted to share it with kids, but I had to find a way to present [the process] accurately and in a fun way."

Most authors want their books to resonate with their readers, and Smith is no exception. Unfortunately, her readers are usually too young to dash off an email or connect on Facebook and Twitter. On one lucky day, however, Smith happened to be at the library near her Lodi home when she heard a child in full meltdown. "I looked up to see



what was wrong. She had my book clutched to her chest. It was time to return the book and she wasn't having it. Her mother was saying, 'We've already checked it out four times. We'll get another book.' That was the ultimate fan letter for me. That's why I write because I touched somebody's life with this book."

Smith believes in the importance of introducing authors to students during author visits. She discusses her writing process, plays literacy games, and responds to student questions about writing. "I never met an author when I was a kid," Smith says. During one such school visit one little boy spied Smith standing at the front of the room. He turned to his friend and said, "Hey, she looks just like a real

person." In one short statement, he summed up Smith's reason for visiting the school: "I'm just a regular person who happens to love words and books." **Next month:** Alice McGinty

Patricia Newman is the author of *Jingle the Brass* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), recommended by the Smithsonian National American History Museum and Nugget on the Flight Deck (Walker), recipient of the California Reading Association's *Eureka! Silver Honor Award for excellence in children's nonfiction*. Her newest books Energy Lab: Biofuels and Energy Lab: Water Power are now available. Visit her website at [www.patriciamnewman.com](http://www.patriciamnewman.com) for more information.

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### SELECTIONS FROM DANNA SMITH'S LIBRARY

*Balloon Trees*, Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2013.  
*Pirate Nap: A Book of Colors*, Clarion, 2011.  
*Two at the Zoo: A Counting Book*, Clarion, 2009 (also available as a bilingual board book)  
*A Brave Spaceboy*, Hyperion, 2005.  
*A Wild Cowboy*, Hyperion, 2004.

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*Swallow the Leader*, Clarion, 2014.

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Excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). Departures are on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Train ride guests delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, working locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip excursion. The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, and open-air "gondolas" with bench style seating.

Same-day general admission weekend excursion train ride tickets are available in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between "J" and "K" Streets in Old Sacramento. However, tickets to ride the first-class El Dorado are available to book in advance online at [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org) and groups interested in reserving the El Dorado for a regularly scheduled ride should call (916) 322-7112. For more information call (916) 445-6645 or [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org)

Regular excursion train tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6 to 17), and ages 5 and under ride free. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car El Dorado, tickets are \$15 per person.



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## Old Sacramento Underground Tours

Hidden beneath the city for nearly 150 years, Old Sacramento's underground has long been the capital's best-kept secret. Now in its fourth season through December, visitors have the opportunity to uncover the facts behind the legends

that lie below historic buildings and sidewalks. Tour guests explore excavated foundations and enclosed pathways while entertaining and knowledgeable tour guides recount the tales of the devastation, perseverance, and determination that led to

California's only successful street-raising project. Plus, beginning in April, special "adults only" underground tours will be available on two evenings each month where guides lead guests on special walking tours while sharing some of the dark secrets and racy tales lurking in Old Sacramento's underground history.

For all of the guided walking tours of the underground, guests should check in at the Sacramento History Museum, 101 I Street, before descending below several historic Old Sacramento buildings. Participants should be prepared to walk in areas with uneven surfaces and low ceilings and



get ready to learn and have fun all along the way! Due to the popularity of the underground tours, advance tickets are recommended and are available at [www.historicoldsac.org](http://www.historicoldsac.org).

The tours depart every half hour, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekends through May. Check website for updated tour times June through December. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for HOSF members, and \$10 for children.

*About the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation*  
The Historic Old Sacramento Foundation (HOSF) is a 501(c)3 public benefit corporation. Old Sacramento is a living historic district. The mission of HOSF is to convey the importance of historic Sacramento as a place that connects our past to our present and future through engaging and entertaining events, activities and programs. More information is available at [www.historicoldsac.org](http://www.historicoldsac.org).



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## Discovery Museum Science & Space Center event

• **Small Stuff: Sid the Science Kid and Nano Days, Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7**

Wow! It's a full-fun schedule this weekend! For younger visitors, have fun previewing the NEW Sid the Science Kid movie, running continuously in the Planetarium both days, AND kids can enjoy a hands-on array of Sid the Science Kid activities, too. PLUS - it's Nano Days! Older kids will enjoy learning about hydrogels, memory metal, computer hard drives, liquid crystals, air cannons, 3-D imaging, and more.

• **Homage to Hubble, Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14**

In 1990, the Edwin P. Hubble Space Telescope astronomical observatory was launched by NASA. Hubble has produced an unprecedented amount of space exploration and knowledge over the last two decades. Learn more about this amazing technology in our themed planetarium shows at 1 and 3 p.m. (ages 4 and above only). Kids build a simple model of Hubble to take home. Remember, your admission also includes the Space Quest! exhibit and an animal presentation at noon or 2 p.m.

• **Spinning into Spring, Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21**

Since the 1800s, a favorite spring toy for children has been the pinwheel. Bring that fun to your kids this weekend by visiting the

Discovery Museum. Each child crafts a spring spinner to take home as a souvenir. Test it out by running around on our acreage after visiting the Space Quest! exhibit. Planetarium shows are at 1 3 p.m. for ages 4 and older; live animal presentations at Noon and 2 p.m. for all ages.

• **Rockin' with the Richter Scale, Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28**

Did you know that April 26 is Richter Scale Day? This useful measurement has helped people define how strong earthquakes are. Cindy Pridmore, geologist with the California Geological Survey, will talk about why and where we have earthquakes in our state. We'll have fault blocks, the liquefaction box, the new state fault map and a make and take fault activity. Remember, your admission also includes the Space Quest! exhibit and a planetarium show at 1 or 3 p.m. (for ages 4 and above only).

The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and science discovery activities are from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 3615 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento. Admission is \$8 adults (18+), \$7 seniors (60+), \$7 teens (13-17), \$6 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under). Exhibits are age appropriate for 4 to 12 years old. For more information, call (916) 808-3942 or visit [www.thediscovery.org](http://www.thediscovery.org)



## Break out the picnic blankets and baskets!

Picnic in the Park concert season returns to the Davis Farmers Market in Central Park, 3rd and C Streets in Davis. Davis Food Co-op sponsors live music from local bands every Wednesday (5 p.m. to dark) through October 30. Shop the farmers market, buy dinner at the International Food Faire, visit Davis Soroptimists' beer and wine garden, and entertain your kids with family fun. Children's entertainment includes Central Park's bicycle-powered carousel, the Rocknasium's climbing structure, Bouncing Bungalows, face-painting, pony rides by Pony Ranch Parties, and balloon-maker Dilly Dally the Clown.

Picnic in the Park's International Food Faire offers picnickers a wide array of dinner specialties to tantalize worldly palates, including El Mariachi Taqueria, Raja's Tandoor, Kathmandu Kitchen, Thai Recipes, and East West Gourmet. Other food vendors include: Monticello Seasonal Cuisine, The Buckhorn, Ciocolat, Farmer's Kitchen, Davis Creamery, Fat Face, The Hotdogger, Davis Food Co-op, Original's Steve's Pizza, Upper Crust Bakery, Davis Bread & Desserts, OctoberFeast Bakery, and Kettlepop.

Local bands provide a wide variety of music—Bluegrass, Americana, Rock 'n Roll, Folk, Blues, Dixieland, Big Band, Rockabilly, Dance Music, R&B, World Music, Latin Fusion and more. Music usually begins at 5 p.m. and continues until dark.

Spring and late winter vegetables—asparagus, greens, lettuces, kiwis and strawberries—fill the market, with craft booths at the north end of the market. For more information, call 530-756-1695 or visit [www.davisfarmersmarket.org](http://www.davisfarmersmarket.org).

## Children's Theater Festival at Fairytale Town

Fairytale Town will showcase a selection of theater performances for children and families each weekend in April for the Children's Theater Festival.

- The Fairytale Town Troupers, will kick off the Festival the weekend of April 6 and 7. The Troupers will present "Beauty and the Beast," a retelling of the classic fairytale with music, magic and some mid-century mod.
- On April 13, Sacramento's B Street Theatre will present the top five plays selected from the Fantasy Festival XXVII, the theatre's annual playwrighting festival and contest for students

in third through eighth grades.

- On April 14, Shadow Puppet Theatre will present "Ichi the Spider," an original story inspired by the trickster tales from West Africa.
- On April 20 and 21, Boxtales Theatre Company will present "Prince Rama and the Monkey King," based on "The Ramayana," one of India's most important epics and sacred texts.
- On April 27, Voice of the Wood, an educational performance group based in Davis, will present "How the Jackrabbit Got His Very Long Ears," a Native American creation myth from the great Southwest desert.

- The Roseville Theatre Arts Academy will wrap up the Festival on April 28 with "The Princess and the Pea". The slapstick-humor in this retelling of the classic fairytale will have the whole audience laughing.

Performances are Saturdays and Sundays. Show times are 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. All performances take place in Fairytale Town's indoor Children's Theater. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462

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# Temecula, An All Ages Playground in the Southern California Wine Country

by Carmel L. Mooney

While Temecula is long known for its vibrant history, excellent shopping and natural beauty, it has become the heart of Southern California's wine region. With its proximity to San Diego an hour to the South and Los Angeles a little over an hour North, it provides the perfect getaway for wine enthusiast parents, fun-loving kids and as a stop-over or as its own destination.

Over recent decades the landscape has taken shape by rolling vineyards, world class wineries and spas, and award winning restaurants. Gorgeous views of surrounding 11,000 foot mountains tops and valley floors that are cooled by air swept ocean breezes have morphed Temecula into the "up and coming" wine region of Southern California.

My girlfriend, teen daughter, and I recently enjoyed a girlfriend getaway to Temecula, California. We wished we had more than two nights to enjoy this unique little wine region but we managed to pack quite a lot into our little respite of relaxation and exploration.

We stayed at the Quality Inn in Temecula and while it was not high end or luxurious, it did provide a very nice clean and comfortable hub from which to enjoy our varied excursions and exploration. The staff there were very helpful and friendly and it was convenient to shopping, restaurants, and the freeway. The location proved helpful.

We started off with a lunch in Old Town at Sweet Lumpy's BBQ. This small, casual, Texas-style, smoked barbecue, local eatery offered excellent choices of salads and all the stereotypical barbecue cuisine one would expect.

Mesquite and hickory smoked ribs, brisket, tri-tip, pulled pork, and chicken were all moist and flavorful. The salads we had were fresh and satisfying with delicious homemade dressings. We were satiated and enjoyed our meal amidst locals and tourists alike.

We enjoyed strolling the quaint downtown area and a few blocks away we stopped into the Temecula Children's Museum. We've been to many notable childrens museums across the United States and this one truly was one of the best. It's absolutely evident why the museum and Pennypickle's Workshop have been deemed a winner of Nickelodeon's Best Museum and Best Kids' Party Place.

Whacky and whimsical gadgets and gizmos adorn walls, floors, and ceilings. Workshops, field trips, hands-on displays, classes, presentations, experiments, labs,



and even birthday parties, make this place the cat's meow for kids in Temecula or visiting from anywhere. It was high quality, interactive, creatively designed and very intriguing at every turn.

While my teen daughter could browse boutiques for some special finds, my friend and I decided to explore all the buzz we had heard about Temecula wines and we were pleasantly pleased as well. We visited three wineries and wish we had time for more.

Temecula is peppered with spas and excellent award winning restaurants as well. It truly does hold appeal for all ages and is the perfect girlfriend getaway.

We first stopped into Wilson Creek Winery. We tasted the '11 Vogienner which is to be served just above room temperature and had honeysuckle and mint notes with subtle pear and caramel. The '11 White Cabernet Sauvignon is a best seller and with a beautiful light pink tint. We especially liked the Duet and since both of us like Sangria we agreed it would be great for Sangria back home.

Molly's Medley had a nice nose and is released in honor of their winery micro pig. It has won both Gold and Silver medals. We both really enjoyed the '09 Reserve Late Harvest Zinfandel Port with its jammy dried fruit and berry notes and a spice licorice and jammy finish.

But my favorite was the presentation of the "Decadencia "Chocolate Cup" presented in a tiny Dutch Chocolate "shot

glass." Fun and tasty and memorable is how we will remember that one.

www.wilsoncreekwinery.com  
Warmed up, we were on to the next winery and what a treat this one proved to be. Thornton Winery is family owned and we had the privilege of meeting the family and tasting with John and son Steve. The family was as delightful as their wines.

We tasted the Champagne flight which was superb paired with Calamari and Brie. Thornton Winery is a destination in and of itself with Jazz Dinner Concerts offered from April to October, cooking classes and 20 acres of beauty to enjoy. Sit down tastings and a 5 Star Restaurant round out the possibilities. We felt warm, welcomed and enjoyed learning about wine from the winemaker himself, David Vegari.

We thoroughly enjoyed tasting the Winemaker's Choice Wine Flight and we finished off our spectacular visit with the Chocolate Wine Lovers Flight. Each was unique, fun and gave us ideas for all sorts of fun possibilities back home. The Thornton Family offers holiday dinners and specials and we could only imagine how fun that must be to enjoy Christmas or New Year's dinner at such a lovely winery with such outstanding ambiance and such gracious and kind hosts. Our visit to Thornton was the pinnacle of our Temecula visit. www.thorntonwine.com

The grand finale of our trip was a tasting, tour and lovely dinner at South Coast

Winery Resort and Spa. The vast number of choices was a bit overwhelming as the number of medals and awards won by South Coast is impressive. We loved the '08 Tempranillo aged in a combination of American and French Oak barrels, with its spicy cherry and berry aromas and flavors. The '06 Wild Horse Peak Cabernet Sauvignon was one of my favorites and its label like so many others at South Coast was a true work of art. The '08 Wild Horse Peak Syrah was unique with an earthy fig and lavender aroma and a bacon and plum finish. The ambiance at South Coast was relaxed and friendly. The staff was very kind and helpful and unrushed and the wines were lovely works of art, as were the labels.

Our dinner at South Coast was extraordinary. The service was impeccable and the ambiance set the stage for a delightful dinner from start to finish. From delicious crisp, fresh salads to delectable and exquisitely presented seafood and steak dishes, to sumptuous and decadent desserts, every single facet of our lovely meal was perfection through and through. Our charming French waiter paired a couple of our courses with some fabulous South Coast wines. It was a truly impeccable dining experience.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Temecula but so blessed to have experienced a taste of this unique, warm and indulgent destination. Temecula is Southern California treasure. You need to experience it to appreciate the many pleasures Temecula offers its visitors and residents, alike.

## Critter Events

**April 7, Who's Fooling Who, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** The world of animals is a wild, wacky place where animals have to be clever in order to survive. animals have the ability to mimic plants, ground cover, or even other animals in order to hide or hunt. Join a Naturalist at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center for a program on camouflage and deception. For more information, call (916) 489-4918 or visit www.sacnaturecenter.net.

**April 13, Sun Seekers, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Some have scaly skin, some have slimy skin, some have legs, some don't. Can you guess what they are? Come to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and meet one of these cold blooded critters up close. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**April 21, Creatures of the Night, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** When the sun is setting, many creatures are going to sleep but some are just waking up. Discover some of the mysterious animals which make the preserve come alive in the night and meet one of the resident nocturnal animals. For more information, call the Effie Yeaw Nature Center at (916) 489-4918.

**April 27, Critter Close Up, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Bring the family to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and meet an animal resident at the Nature Center up-close and learn what habitat and food they need to survive. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

## Nature Events

**April 14, Under the Oaks, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Our mighty oak trees provide food and shelter for many animals and insects. Learn how to identify different varieties of oak

trees in the Effie Yeaw Nature Preserve and who might be living in them. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**April 14, Spring Tree Tour, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 10th & L Streets, Sacramento.** Celebrate spring and explore the City of Trees on a guided tour in Capitol Park with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Tours begin promptly rain or shine. Meet at North steps of the Capitol on L Street. All tours are free, but to ensure that you're included, RSVP to www.sactree.com/events to register.

**April 20, Earth Day Walk, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Take time to appreciate the beauty of Mother Nature this Earth Day with a hike. Join a Naturalist at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and explore the variety of local wildlife and plants that call an oak woodland home. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**April 27, Spring Tree Tour, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento.** Celebrate spring and explore the City of Trees on a guided tour in the Arden Park Community with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Tours begin promptly rain or shine. Meet at La Sierra Center on La Sierra Drive. All tours are free, but to ensure that you're included, RSVP to www.sactree.com/events to register.

**April 28, Wildflower Walk, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** From poppies to filaree to grass pins, come to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and explore the Nature Area in search of beautiful Spring wildflowers. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**May 5, Spring Tree Tour, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 6000 J Street, Sacramento.** Celebrate spring and explore the City of Trees on a guided tour in the CSUS Arboretum with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Tours begin promptly rain or shine. Meet at Arboretum, State University Drive across from parking lot #1. All tours are free, but to ensure that you're included, RSVP to www.sactree.com/events to register.

## Calendar of Events

### SPCA Spring Book Sale

The Sacramento SPCA will hold its Annual Spring Book Sale featuring thousands of new and used books, Saturday, April 20 through Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and weekdays, and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sale, one of the largest book sales in Northern California, will include thousands of bargain books in 40 categories, including fine and collectible books, religion, literature, humor, history, military, animals, mystery, romance, children's, westerns and many more.

All proceeds benefit the Sacramento SPCA, a local, independent non-profit organization caring for more than 11,000 homeless animals annually.

*The sale will be held at 2310 Watt Avenue, inside the Country Club Plaza Shopping Center (southeast corner of Watt and El Camino, near the former Gottschalk's). For more information, call the Sacramento SPCA at (916) 504-2842, e-mail: vmasters@spca.org or visit www.spca.org.*

**May 11, Spring Tree Tour, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., River Park Community, Sacramento.** Celebrate spring and explore the City of Trees on a guided tour in the River Park Community with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Tours begin promptly rain or shine. Meet at the shopping center on Carlson near Lovella. All tours are free, but to ensure that you're included, RSVP to www.sactree.com/events to register.

## Special Events

**April 6 and 7, Beauty and the Beat, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** The Fairytale Town Troupers begin their sixth season with "Beauty and the Beat," a retelling of the classic fairytale with music, magic and mid-century mod. Performances will be held in the Children's Theater. Tickets are \$2 in addition to park admission. For more information, call (916) 808-7462 or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

**April 6, Dipping In To Creeks, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Take a close look at the water sliders, backswimmers and diving beetles that call Carmichael Creek their home. Join a naturalist and step into this fascinating watery world. This program will be held at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**April 6 to 28, Children's Theater Festival, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Introduce your children to the magic of theater at Fairytale Town in William Land Park. Performances will be held in the Children's Theater. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. For more information and a show schedule, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

**April 13, Sutter Children's Wellness Festival, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Come to Fairytale Town and enjoy fun games, gardening and nutrition workshops, height and weight checks and more at this free celebration of active and healthy living. Sutter's medical personnel will also be on hand to answer questions and provide information on childhood diseases and epidemics like diabetes, obesity and more. Families can also see a live theater performance in the Children's Theater at an additional cost. Admission to this program is free. For more information, call (916) 808-7462.

**April 17, Musical Program, 3:30 p.m., 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** Musician Felipe Ferraz will perform songs in several languages using a variety of instruments at the Elk Grove Library. Kids will participate in the music making by singing and with movement games.

For more information, call (916) 64-2920.

**April 17, Food Preservation Demonstration, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento.** The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Food Preservers will hold a public demonstration entitled, "Condiments, Lavender and Yogurt". There is a \$3 material fee, payable at the door. No advanced registration is required. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

**April 19, Campfire program, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville.** Join the staff at the Maidu Museum and Historic Site for an evening in the museum amphitheater with family and friends around a campfire. Listen to native stories and songs under the stars and roast marshmallows for a sweet ending to the perfect family gathering. No reservations required. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call (916) 774-5934 or visit www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum.

**April 23, Yomen a Spring Celebration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville.** Come to the Maidu Museum and Historic Site to celebrate and experience California Indian culture. There will be Traditional native dance groups, arts and crafts, children's activities, free guided tours and more. For more information, call (916) 774-5934 or visit www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum.

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**April 30, Musical Program, 4 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento.** Musical duo Anne and Jason will present original educational music for kids of all ages at the Southgate Library. Songs will be in English and Spanish that will encourage a child's creativity and imagination. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**May 11, Sleeping Beauty Performance, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 2300 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento.** The Crockett-Deane Ballet Company and Deane Dance Center present "Sleeping Beauty." The performance will also be held May 12, at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale at the door. Admission is \$15 general; \$12 students/seniors; \$10 for children. For more information, call (916) 453-0226.

**May 18, Rock Art Mysteries, 8 to 9 p.m., 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville.** This fun program at the Maidu Museum and Historic Site is great for any age. The cost is \$6 per person. Join the staff and journey outdoors to experience petroglyphs by lantern light—the best way to see them. See these ancient carved symbols made by the cultures who lived here, perhaps as long ago as 10,000 years. For more information, call (916) 774-5934 or visit [www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum](http://www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum).

**Ongoing, Music for Young Children Classes, Sacramento.** Sacramento Piano Conservatory is offering summer group music camps for kids. For more information about Sacramento Piano Conservatory call (916) 538-3357.

## Storytime & Puppet Show Events

**April 18, Storyteller, 4 p.m., 4235 Antelope Road, Antelope.** Join Art Beast storyteller for *The Outdoor Dog*, a tale of one child's determination to offer her home to a lonely dog. After the story, kids will discuss animals they love and learn about the craftspeople of Oaxaca who carve animals from wood then decorate

each in bright colors. Children will create their own creatures from wood and paint it with Oaxacan-inspired flair. This program will be held at the North Highlands-Antelope Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 20, Puppet Show, 2 p.m., 8820 Greenback Lane, Suite L, Orangevale.** *Perez and Mondinga* with The Puppet Company will perform at the Orangevale Library for school-age children. *Perez and Mondinga* is the story of a cockroach who marries a mouse. This Mexican fable tells how Perez and Mondinga settle down, hold a wonderful fiesta and defeat the evil cat who tries to ruin everything. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 24, Storyteller, 3:30 p.m., 4660 Via Ingoglia, Sacramento.** Join Art Beast storyteller for *The Outdoor Dog*, a tale of one child's determination to offer her home to a lonely dog. After the story, kids will discuss animals they love and learn about the craftspeople of Oaxaca who carve animals from wood then decorate each in bright colors. Children will create their own creatures from wood and paint it with Oaxacan-inspired flair. This program will be held at the North Natomas Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 25, Storyteller, 3:30 p.m., 6700 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights.** Join Art Beast storyteller for *The Outdoor Dog*, a tale of one child's determination to offer her home to a lonely dog. After the story, kids will discuss animals they love and learn about the craftspeople of Oaxaca who carve animals from wood then decorate each in bright colors. Children will create their own creatures from wood and paint it with Oaxacan-inspired flair. This program will be held at the Sylvan Oaks Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 26, Storyteller, 3:30 p.m., 601 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento.** Join Art Beast storyteller for *The Outdoor Dog*, a tale of one child's determination to offer her home to a lonely dog. After the story, kids will discuss animals they love and learn about the craftspeople of Oaxaca who carve animals from

wood then decorate each in bright colors. Children will create their own creatures from wood and paint it with Oaxacan-inspired flair. This program will be held at the McKinley Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 27, Puppet Show, 11 a.m., 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento.** *Perez and Mondinga* with The Puppet Company will perform at the Arden-Dimick Library for school-age children. *Perez and Mondinga* is the story of a cockroach who marries a mouse. This Mexican fable tells how Perez and Mondinga settle down, hold a wonderful fiesta and defeat the evil cat who tries to ruin everything. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 27, Songs and Stories, Noon, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento.** *A Rainbow of Songs* with Juan L. Sanchez will be presented at the Arden-Dimick Library for school-age children. Children can enjoy a variety of songs and stories from Native American and African American traditions and those of Spain, Mexico and Japan. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 27, Puppet Show, 2 p.m., 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento.** *Perez and Mondinga* with The Puppet Company will perform at the Valley Hi-North Laguna Library for school-age children. *Perez and Mondinga* is the story of a cockroach who marries a mouse. This Mexican fable tells how Perez and Mondinga settle down, hold a wonderful fiesta and defeat the evil cat who tries to ruin everything. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 27, Story and Crafts, 2 p.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.** School-age children are invited to the Arcade Library for *Abuela: Family Tile Portrait* with Art Beast. The story of Arbuella captures the magical tale of a grandchild flying through the city with her grandmother as they make and share memories. After telling the story, kids will create a portrait to honor a family member using paint and mosaic pieces onto a ceramic tile. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

## Maidu Museum and Historic Site events

- **Campfire: Friday, April 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Sit under the stars at our outdoor amphitheater to enjoy native stories around the campfire. You will be provided roasting sticks and marshmallows for a sweet program's end. Museum doors open at 7pm. Free admission if you show your Roseville Public Library card. \$5 per person, \$16 family of four, under 2 are free.
- **Yomen: A Spring Celebration, Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Celebrate and experience California Indian culture at the biggest event of the year. Spend the whole day with your family and enjoy the opening blessing, tribal dance groups, traditional art and craft demonstrations, native storytelling, Indian hand games, guided tours of the historic site and fun children's activities. Shop at the vendor booths and enjoy Indian tacos and other foods available for sale. This is a free event.

*Maidu Museum is open: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Saturdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guided Tours Saturdays at 10 a.m. Self-guided tours on weekdays. Admission Fees: \$4.50 Adults, \$4 Senior/Child, \$2 after 2 p.m.*

**April 27, Songs and Stories, 2:30 p.m., 9845 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento.** *A Rainbow of Songs* with Juan L. Sanchez will be presented at the Rancho Cordova Library for school-age children. Children can enjoy a variety of songs and stories from Native American and African American traditions and those of Spain, Mexico and Japan. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**April 27, Songs and Story, 2 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** *The Tree and the Donkey Who Wanted to Sing* will be performed at the Belle Cooledge Library by Cascada de Flores for families. The music ensemble takes families through the world of Mexican folk music, which features rhyme, fun musical instruments and sweet characters. In this bilingual program, meet a donkey, the abuelito and the vulture, and see the accordion and other instruments the come from the tree. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Tuesdays, Baby Storytime, Noon, 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** Looking for a fun, fabulous and educational program for you and your baby? Join the staff at the Elk Grove Library for an interactive experience fo-

cus on babies from birth to 18 months. This program encourages early literacy development through movement, songs and shared reading. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Tuesdays, Preschool Story and Play, 10 a.m., 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove.** Preschoolers, age 3 to 5, are invited to the Franklin Library for 30 minutes of interactive play with parent or caregiver followed by stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Story and Play, 10 a.m., 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove.** Toddlers, age 0 to 3 years, are invited to the Franklin Library for 30 minutes of interactive play with parent or caregiver followed by stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Available to the first 30 children. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to the Elk Grove Library to enjoy stories, music and more. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.



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# Bumblebee Party

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Mix and match these great bumblebee ideas to create your perfect party with games, decorations, invitations, favors, food, goody bag, activities and more.

**Bumblebee Party Invitations:**  
 • Black and yellow printed note cards - polka dots, stripes, paisley ... any black and yellow combination.  
 • Embellish a

plain yellow note card with a piece of black and white polka dot ribbon glued on the front vertically. Inside the card write "Buzz on over to the \_\_\_\_\_ (last name of family) hive for an unbelievable good time!" "Buzz on by around \_\_\_\_\_ (time of party)" "RSVP to the Queen Bee at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number)"

## Party Decoration Ideas

Decorate your Bumblebee party with black, yellow and white. Mix and match prints and solids in these three colors such as polka dots, strips, swirls, paisley etc. Tie black and yellow helium balloons on the mailbox to show guests where the birthday party is located or wrap in black and yellow tulle. Decorate party tables with bright yellow tablecloths with black / white patterned runners. Black plates, flatware and cups. Tie black and yellow balloons around the whole area. Drape black and yellow tulle that hangs from the ceilings center out towards the corners of the room.

## Bumblebee Party Activities

• **Bee Antennas** - You'll need black and yellow pipe cleaners, black ribbon and black or yellow plastic headbands. Twist a black and yellow pipe cleaner together. Wrap one end around the plastic headband and secure by twisting it around itself. Make a second antenna the same way. Cut ribbon the length of the headband and put it next to the headband ... punch two holes in the ribbon that match the spacing of the antennae. Thread the pipe cleaners through the holes (one for each antenna) and then glue the ribbon to the headband. Glue large pompoms on the ends of the antennae.

• **Bee Face Painting** - Paint the bumblebee guests faces to look like bees.

## Bumble Bee Party Games

• **Flower Pollen Hunt** - Buy plastic flowers and small prizes. Before the party write a number on some of the flowers with a permanent marker and write a corresponding number on the prizes. Hide the flowers all over the party area. Give guests a yellow or black sack (or basket) and tell them to find as many flowers as they can. After the bee hunt they can trade the numbered bees for a prize that corresponds with it's number.

## Bee Nature Scavenger Hunt

A great activity for the backyard or park. Make 2 teams or more teams. You can make up your own list of items to find.

## Pin the Bee on the Hive

Play this game just like Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Draw a large beehive with a beehive entrance on a poster and hang it on the wall. Cut out yellow circles from paper and draw black stripes on one side. On the other side write the child's name or a number. One by one blindfold the kids and let them try and pin their bee the closest to the beehive entrance.

## Beehive Landing

Younger children love this game. Cut large beehives out of poster board or felt. Make one beehive per guest. Put the bee hives around the floor of the area you will be playing in. Tell birthday guests that they are going to pretend to be bees. They will fly around the room when the music plays ... but when the music stops they must find a beehive to land on. **If you give away prizes:** Before the party buy small prizes, enough for each guest, with a bee

theme. Number each prize. On the back of each beehive write down a number that matches a number on each prize. When the last round of the game is played tell players to pick up their beehives and find the number on the back. Then let them pick up the number of the prize they have on their hive. *Variation:* Instead of beehives use flowers.

## Bumblebee Party Food Ideas

• Lemonade (serve in a glass or see through plastic dispenser)  
 • Bee Hive cake or cupcakes  
 • Cookies decorated to look like bees  
 • Honey graham crackers or honey flavored snack crackers  
 • Large yellow suckers - print label with a cute saying such as "Bee Happy", "Bee utiful!", etc. and stick onto the suckers. Tie black ribbons around the top of the sucker stick. Stick the sucker sticks into craft foam in a pretty black and yellow container.  
 • Pineapple  
 • Chocolate cupcakes with lemon yellow icing  
 • Lemon drops or lemon heads in pretty containers for the party table  
**Bumblebee Party Favor Ideas**  
 • Yellow bottles of bubbles (print out label that says "Bee cause of you the party was great!") and stick on the outside of the bubble bottles.  
 • Bee Wings, Bee Antennas  
 • Snack size packages of honey flavored crackers  
 • Yellow suckers  
 • Burt's Bees lip gloss  
**Bumble Bee Goody / Loot Bag Ideas**  
 • Yellow paper sacks tied with black and white polka dot ribbon  
 • Yellow boxes with black polka dots  
 • Black and yellow and black printed material or bandanas - wrap party favors inside and tie the ends together



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# Ladybug Party

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## Ladybug Invitation Ideas

Buy or make cute printed ladybug cards. Create a card by cutting circles about 4" around from red and white cardstock. On the red card draw 6 small circles and cut them almost all the way out - leave a portion of the top of the small circle attached. Then place a red circle over a white circle and trace the openings of the spots you just made.

On the white circle write in the party information in the circles you just traced. Then glue the red circle on top of the white circle. Write on the outside flap of each circle what information you wrote underneath it. Time, Date, Address, RSVP, etc. Decorate the red circle like a ladybug. When the guests receive their invitations they open the black dot flaps and find out the party information.

## Decorations

• Decorate the party table with a red table cloth. Cut out black circles of different sizes and place on top of the table, then cover with a clear plastic table cloth.  
 • Tie red and black helium balloons on the backs of the chairs, or use red helium balloons and color on black spots with a permanent marker.  
 • Red and black streamers are always fun.

• Red and black helium balloons (more red ones than black) tied on the mailbox lets everyone know where the party will be. You can also cut out large circles from poster board and lay them down on the walkway to the front door.

## Ladybug Party Games

• **Pin the Spot on the Ladybug**  
 Played the same way as Pin the Tail on the Donkey only children try to pin a missing spot on a ladybug. Draw a large picture of a ladybug with six spots. For one of the spots don't color it in black, just leave it white. This will be the spot that the children try and get their spot closest to when playing. Cut out several circles the same size as the missing spot on the poster. Color them black and number them on the back - one number for each child attending. Blindfold the guests one at a time and have them try and stick the spot (use double sided tape on the back of the spot) as close to the missing one as they can. Closest wins a prize.

## Nature Scavenger Hunt

Let the party guests discover nature! This fun scavenger hunt will get the kids excited about the great outdoors and let them learn a little more about the ladybugs' habitat. Before the party find an area that the kids will be able to explore and that has interesting items to find - a park or backyard works well. Explore the area a few days before the party and write

down interesting things that the kids could spot while they are searching. Make a list of 10 to 20 of the nature items that you find.

• **Ladybug Landing** - Before the party starts cut large leaves out of poster board or felt about 1 foot long. Make one leaf per guest. Set the leaves on the floor of the area you will be playing in. Tell birthday guests that they are going to pretend to be ladybugs. While the music plays they will fly around the room, but when the music stops they must find a leaf to land on and stay there until the music plays again.

• **If you are giving away prizes:** Buy small prizes - enough for each guest. Number each prize and on the back of each leaf write the number that corresponds with the a number you wrote on the prize. After the last round of the game ask the guests to pick up their leaves and they will find a number on the back. Then give them the prize that matches their leaf.

**Ladybug Party Activities Make fun ladybug antenna's** with headbands, pipe cleaners and Styrofoam balls. Let the guests paint picture frames green and then paint on ladybugs. An easy way to make ladybugs is to have them dip their index finger in red paint and make dots on the frame. Then come back when dry with a small paint brush and paint on the dots, eyes and antenna's.

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