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*what's happening here*  
Newsletter of the Berkeley Public Library



**Berkeley Public Library**  
presents:

*Asian  
Literature  
Seminars*

(in Mandarin only: no English translation will be provided).

*Chinese Contemporary Literature from Lu Xun to Gao Xingjian, November 18, 2006, 1:45 ~ 4:30 pm. Japanese Modern Literature & Cinema, January 20, 2007, 1:45 ~ 4:30 pm.* Both programs will take place in the Berkeley Central Library Community Meeting Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck. For more information, call 510-981-6136.

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***And are you ready for Thanksgiving?***

Let the Berkeley Public Library help you:

1. grow pumpkins
2. prepare your turkey
3. pick the right wine (or beer!) for your meal

Go to our Electronic Resources link at [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org) and choose the Oxford Reference Premium; then look for the "Food and Drink" link under REFERENCE, and search the four online reference books available.

Or, if you are worried about calories and want to design just the right meal so you won't gain too much weight, search the volume entitled *Food and Fitness: A Dictionary of Diet and Exercise*. **Happy Holidays to all our patrons from the staff of the Berkeley Public Library! And Bon Appetit.**

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Programs listed in this newsletter are supported by the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library**. For info on the **Friends of the Berkeley Public Library** or to join them and/or for volunteer opportunities with them, phone **841-5604** or visit [berkeleypubliclibrary.org/support/friends.html](http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/support/friends.html)

***Burning Man Comes to Berkeley Public Library***



**Central Berkeley  
Public Library**

2090 Kittredge St.  
at Shattuck in  
Downtown Berkeley

**November 28, 2006-  
December 26, 2006**

***Missing Black Rock  
or Want a First Glimpse of Burning Man?***

The Berkeley Public Library is delighted to host three events to bring the desert festival closer to home:

- Burning Man photographs and artifacts will be displayed from **November 28 to December 26** in the display windows on Shattuck Avenue and in the historic lobby on the 2nd floor;

- The movie "Burning Man Festival" (the special edition, which includes "Burning Man: Just Add Couches") from director Joe Winston is being shown from **7:30 pm to 9 pm on December 8** (Note: This film was produced for adult viewers and contains mature content);

- Author/photographer Barbara Traub will present a slide-show and discussion program on her book "Desert to Dream: A Decade of Burning Man" on **Sunday, December 10, 2 pm to 4 pm.**

*Central Library hours: Monday & Tuesday 12-8, Wednesday through Saturday 10-6, & Sunday 1-5.*

For more information please call 510-981-6100 or go to <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>

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Programs listed in the newsletter are wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations for this event, call 510-981-6107 or 510-548-1240 (TTY). At least five working days will help ensure availability. Please do not wear perfumes or scents to public performances.

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### **North Branch Book Discussion Group**

The North Branch Book Club met for the first time on Wednesday, September 20 in the North Branch Children's Room and discussed *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. In October Umberto Eco's *Foucault's Pendulum* by was discussed.

Other books to be discussed in the next months:

#### **November 2006**

*The Botany of Desire: A Plant's Eye View of the World* by Michael Pollan

#### **December 2006/January 2007**

*The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

#### **February 2007**

*The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova

The branch will have 10 copies of each title available for book club participants to borrow.

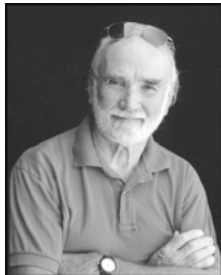
For more information, please call 510-981-6250.

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### **Voting Rights: The Southern Struggle 1964-1965 THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MATT HERRON**

Berkeley Public Central Library

2090 Kittredge at Shattuck in downtown Berkeley



#### **Photo Exhibition**

**November 1 - January 6**

First Floor Catalog Lobby

Mon & Tues 12-8;

Wed-Sat 10-6; Sun 1-5

#### **Artist's Talk:**

**Sunday November 19 2 pm**

Community Room, 3rd Floor

Matt Herron has been a photojournalist since 1962 and currently serves as director of Take Stock, a picture agency for photographers. In 1964 he founded and directed the Southern Documentary Project, a team of six photographers that attempted to document the process of social change in the South. This exhibition traces the struggle in Alabama and Mississippi that preceded the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which prohibited race and color discrimination in voting practices and procedures. Recent events in Florida during the 2000 Presidential election and voting irregularities in the Ohio 2004 election remind us of the ongoing threat to these rights.

### **Artist's Talk: Sunday November 19 2 pm**

Community Meeting Room, 3rd Floor

Berkeley Public Central Library

Mr. Herron will speak about his work and the impact of the documentary photograph on social change in conjunction with the exhibit at a free event on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm in the Library's Community Meeting Room.

Info: 510-981-6100

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[www.takestockphotos.com](http://www.takestockphotos.com)

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### **Finish Your Homework Faster:**

#### **Secret Librarian Tips**

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Electronic Classroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Central Library

Save time finding exactly what you need by utilizing our tricks of the trade. In this workshop we will introduce you to a few electronic resources including Student Resource Center Gold, a great way to access articles, and Live Homework Help, an online service that provides live one-on-one tutoring. Finally, we will share our special librarian tips on how to get the most out of our online catalog to find what you are looking for – even if we don't own it! Don't miss this valuable workshop where we share some of our secrets and give out fun prizes along the way! The program will be geared towards upper elementary and middle school students and their parents.

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### **Cinema Central: November 2006**

#### **New England Since the First Thanksgiving**

Friday, November 3

#### **The Devil and Daniel Webster** (1941)

Nineteenth century orator Daniel Webster takes on Mr. Scratch in order to restore a farmer's soul.

Friday, November 10

#### **Desire Under the Elms** (1958)

A greedy New England farmer finds himself embattled by his grown and bitter sons.

Friday, November 17

#### **Pagans: Wheel of the Sacred Year** (1999)

Those who believe and worship as modern Pagans in New England are represented here in interviews.

Friday, November 24

*Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday*

All showings are free & begin promptly at 3:30 pm in the Central Library Community Meeting Room (3rd floor), 2090 Kittredge Street.

For more information, please call 510-981-6139.

Please arrive promptly. No food or beverages.

Title substitutions may be unavoidable.

Not all films are appropriate for all audiences.