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## *John Steinbeck's* **THE GRAPES OF WRATH**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** **JANUARY 30 - MARCH 15**



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THE **BIG  
READ**

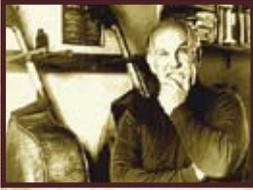


The Big Read Kickoff:  
Dance Music of the '30s!  
Sat, January 30.  
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discuss, relax, ponder,  
laugh, cry, remember,  
experience, celebrate!  
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# The BIG READ *Kickoff Event*: Saturday, January 30, 5-7 p.m.



*Bert Turetzky*

Dance music of the '30s with Bert Turetzky & Grateful Living; book-related activities & refreshments.

***Free of charge!***

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the San Diego Food Bank.

**Ronald Reagan Center (adjacent to El Cajon Library)**  
195 E. Douglas Av, El Cajon CA 92020

**For more information call (858) 694-2415**

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“The Big Read award recognizes that the County of San Diego is indeed a community of readers focused on literature such as the timeless *Grapes of Wrath*. Now more than ever our residents understand the value of literacy, education and historical context in our day-to-day challenges. To that end, we invite you be engaged in this dynamic process.”

*José Aponte, San Diego County Library Director*

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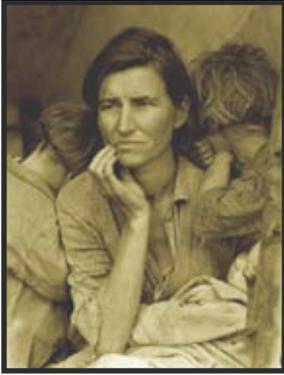
## The Grapes of Wrath

John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939) is not merely a classic American novel. It is also a significant historical event. Capturing the plight of millions of Americans whose lives had been crushed by the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression, Steinbeck awakened the nation's comprehension and compassion.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece is an “issue novel” and a terrific story. The characters fall in love, go hungry, lose faith, kill, live and die with an immediacy that makes most contemporary novels look dated. The novel begins with young Tom Joad's return home from prison to find his family's Oklahoma farm in ruins and

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deserted. He finds his relatives preparing to leave for the promise of a new life in California. We follow their travails and hopes, and their disappointment when California provides only occasional day labor for them. Under the strain, the Joad family gradually comes apart until only a struggling remnant survives. In an unforgettable conclusion, we leave these few bereft of everything except their imperishable humanity.



**Migrant Mother** Photo by Dorothea Lange (1936)

Along the way, we meet a cast of characters as overstuffed as the Joad family's truck. From the indomitable Ma Joad to the starving old man in the final scene, Steinbeck gives them the individuality that an unforgiving Depression threatens to cost them.

Steinbeck wrote *The Grapes of Wrath* in an amazing five-month burst of productivity. His first marriage was starting to crack, and every day brought new entreaties from good causes. In retrospect, the days that birthed the novel stand testament to perhaps its greatest theme: the dignity of hard work, done by hand and beset by doubt, with all one has, and for others to share.

## About the Author

### John Steinbeck, 1902-1968



John Steinbeck was born in the California farm town of Salinas on February 27, 1902. His schoolteacher mother imparted a love of learning and language, and his bankrupt father taught him an empathy for the underprivileged, and a strong work ethic. After graduating from Salinas High, he alternated work as a field hand with sporadic attendance at Stanford University.

His fourth novel, *Tortilla Flat* (1935), made his name as a writer. Steinbeck spent years researching and a miraculous five months writing *The Grapes of Wrath*. Published in 1939, it won a Pulitzer Prize. During World War II, the *New York Herald Tribune* hired him as a war correspondent. In 1952, Steinbeck wrote *East of Eden*, among his most enduring novels. The 1962 memoir *Travels With Charley* deepened Steinbeck's already wide readership. The highest honors were given to him: the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964.

Steinbeck died in New York in 1968 and was buried with little fanfare in Salinas. Today, the National Steinbeck Center anchors Salinas' downtown revival, complete with a research library and a museum featuring the original camper truck from *Travels with Charley*.

Pick up a copy of *The Grapes of Wrath* in your County Library branches and local bookstores. For more information go to <http://www.sdcl.org>. Read on for a listing of the more than 300 Big Read events.

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## Half a Million Joads: The Dust Bowl Migration

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, migrants came to California for gold; in the 20<sup>th</sup>, they came just to stay alive. However, only a few thrived. Migrants came from Oklahoma and the states around it. They came because the post-World War I recession had forced them to buy new machinery to increase their yield, so they bet on the easy credit of the 1920s and lost. They came because a seven-year drought dried up their topsoil and blew it away, and the bankers foreclosed on their farms.



They came, too, because the Depression unemployment rate was pushing 30 percent, and California entrepreneurs were spreading rumors of better days to the west. All told, between 300,000 and 500,000 migrants came to California during the 1930s from Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, and, most typically, from Oklahoma.

*Above excerpts courtesy of The Big Read, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## The Big Read Schedule of Events @ Your San Diego County Library

**4S RANCH BRANCH** 10433 Reserve Drive, San Diego 92127 (858) 673-4697

**Movie:** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Tue, Feb 23, 6 PM

**“Piggy Bank” Story & Craft.** (Ages 5-8) Wed, Mar 3, 3:30 PM

**Book Discussion:** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Wed, Mar 6, 6 PM

**ALPINE BRANCH** 2130 Arnold Way, Alpine 91901 (619) 445-4221

**Book Discussion.** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Sat, Feb 20, 10 AM

**Sweepstakes 101.** Learn how to enter contests online, in the mail, and in store drop boxes with Steve d’Adolf. Tue, Mar 2, 6:30 PM.

**BONITA BRANCH** 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita 91902 (619) 475-4642



*Susan Shillinglaw*

**Reading with The Rep.** Stage adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath* performed by The San Diego Repertory Theatre actors. Reservation recommended: 619-475-4642. Fri, Feb 19, 12 PM

**Book Club.** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Thur, Feb 25, 1:30 PM.

**Dr. Susan Shillinglaw,** Steinbeck expert and author of *A Journey in Steinbeck’s California*, talks about *The Grapes of Wrath* in 2010: Migrants and Misdeeds. Fri, Mar 12, 1 PM.

**BOOKMOBILE** (North)

**Movie:** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Lake San Marcos Bookmobile stop. *Thur, Feb 18, 1 PM*

**BORREGO SPRINGS BRANCH** 587 Palm Canyon Dr, Suite 125,  
Borrego Springs 92004 1(760) 767-5761

**Teen Book Discussion.** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Borrego Springs High School, date and time TBA (March)

**Movie:** *The Grapes of Wrath*. *Wed, Mar 3, 5:45 PM*

**Book Discussion.** *The Grapes of Wrath*. *Wed, Mar 10, 5:45 PM*

**CAMPO-MORENA VILLAGE BRANCH** 31356 Hwy 94, Campo 91906 (619) 478-5945

**Book Discussion.** *The Grapes of Wrath*. *Sat, Feb 6, 11 AM*

**Movie:** *The Grapes of Wrath*. Campo Community Center. *Sat, Feb 13, 1 PM*

**Dustbowl Balladeer Ross Moore** performs music from the Depression era. *Sat, Feb 20, 11 AM*

**CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA BRANCH** 2081 Newcastle Av, Cardiff 92007 1(760) 753-4027

**Adults**

**How to Win at Sweepstakes.** Presented by Steve d'Adolf. *Wed, Feb 10, 6 PM*

**Book Discussion.** *The Grapes of Wrath*. *Thur, Feb 4, 5 PM*

**CASA DE ORO BRANCH** 9805 Campo Rd #180, Spring Valley 91977 (619) 463-3236

**Children**



**Toys from the '30s.** Make simple toys and look at kids' wish lists from 1934. *Wed, Feb 24, 3 PM*

**Families**

**Steinbeck Birthday Celebration.** Musical performance by singer-guitarist Dale Desmuke. Refreshments & amusements from the '30s. Birthday cake, Friends' sale of vintage books. *Sat, Feb 27, 2 PM*

**Teens**

**Teens of the 1930s.** Documentary about teen life on the road during the Great Depression. *Tue, Mar 2, 3 PM*

**Adults**

**Book Discussion.** *The Grapes of Wrath* with Coffee & Conversation group. Copies of book at circulation desk. *Fri, Feb 5, 10:30 AM*

**Successful Job Hunting & Interviewing.** Professional job coach Robert Farrell leads day-long workshop on job searching, resume writing and interviewing. *Sat, Mar 6, 10:30 AM*

**Changing Careers.** San Diego Workforce Partnership discusses employment and training opportunities in the growing field of healthcare. *Thur, Mar 11, 4 PM*

**Lean Meals on a Lean Budget.** Low-cost recipes from the chefs of Veg-Appeal. *Sat, Mar 20, 2 PM*

**CREST BRANCH** 105 Juanita Lane, El Cajon 92021 (619) 442-7083

**PJ Storytime.** "Saving is Fun." *Tue, Feb 23, 6:30 PM*

**Leyendo juntos.** Las Uvas de la Ira. *Viernes, 5 de marzo, 11 AM*

**Book Club.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Fri, Mar 5, 3 PM*

**The Best Freebies & Bargains and Deals & Steals in San Diego** by local author Sally Gary. *Tue, Mar 16, 6:30 PM*

**DEL MAR BRANCH** 1309 Camino del Mar, Del Mar 92014 (858) 755-1666

**Woody Guthrie, Dustbowl Balladeer** with Ross Moore. At the Winston School. 215 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Del Mar. *Thur, Feb 11, 12:15 PM*



*Rick Wartzman*

**Meet the Author: Rick Wartzman and Obscene in the Extreme,** on the burning and banning of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath in Kern County (the setting of the book) following its publication in 1939. Wartzman talks about the censorship of the nation's No. 1 bestseller, selling 10,000 copies a week. The author is director of Claremont Graduate University's Drucker Institute, an Irvine Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, and a columnist for Business Week Magazine. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing. *Fri, Feb 26, 3 PM*

**Be An Armchair Photojournalist.** With professional photographer Lisa Huber. Learn how to tell a story with digital photos, how to share photos online, and creative ways to display digital photographs. *Sat, Mar 13, 10 AM*

**DESCANSO BRANCH** 9545 River Drive, Descanso 91916 (619) 445-5279

**Songs & Stories from the Dustbowl Era.** With Ross Moore. *Sat, Feb 6, 11 AM*

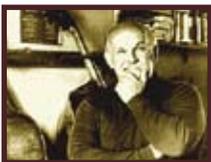
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*Lisa Huber*

**Be An Armchair Photojournalist.** With professional photographer Lisa Huber. Learn how to tell a story with digital photos, how to share photos online, and creative ways to display digital photographs. *Sat, Mar 13, 2 PM*

**EL CAJON BRANCH** 201 E. Douglas, El Cajon 92020 (619) 588-3718



*Bert Turetzky*

**The Big Read Kickoff Event.** Dance music of the '30s with Bert Turetzky & Grateful Living; book-related activities, refreshments. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the San Diego Food Bank. Free of charge! Ronald Reagan Center (adjacent to El Cajon Library), 195 E. Douglas Av, El Cajon, CA 92020. *Sat, Jan 30, 5-7 PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Tue, Feb 2, 10 AM*

**Dustbowl Balladeer.** How Woody Guthrie became the voice of the Dustbowl; hear some of his greatest songs. *Sat, Feb 13, 2 PM*

**Book Discussion.** Las Uvas de la Ira. *Wed, Feb 24, 3 PM*

**Sweepstakes 101.** Learn about contests and how to play to win! Basics of online, mail, and drop box sweepstakes with Steve d'Adolf. *Wed, Mar 3, 6 PM*

**ENCINITAS BRANCH** 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas 92024 1(760) 753-7376

**Film Festival:** *The Grapes of Wrath.* *Tue, Feb 2, 4 PM*

**Film Festival.** Story of a knobby-kneed race horse and his half-blind jockey who become a winning sensation during the Depression era. *Sat, Feb 13, 2 PM*

**Film Festival.** Adventures of Dorothy, Toto and friends as they follow the Yellow Brick Road. *Tue, Feb 16, 4 PM*

**Michael Ganey Concert: Songs of the Dustbowl Era.** Songs by artists such as Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Hank Williams. *Wed, Feb 24, 6:30 PM*

**Film Festival.** In honor of John Steinbeck's birthday. Film tells the story of two friends living on the fringes of American society during the Great Depression. *Sat, Feb 27, 2 PM*

**Party Like It's 1939!** Old-fashioned family entertainment from the '30s. Board games, including Monopoly (introduced by Parker Bros. in 1935), jigsaw puzzles, prizes, free refreshments and a Three Stooges mini-movie marathon! *Sat, Mar 6, PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Wed, Mar 10, 6 PM*



*Susan Shillinglaw*

**Tom Joad's Legacy: Why The Grapes of Wrath Endures.**

Dr. Susan Shillinglaw presents a talk on the enduring message of The Grapes of Wrath. Steinbeck expert and author of A Journey in Steinbeck's California. Shillinglaw is professor of English and the director of the Center for Steinbeck Studies at San Jose State University. *Sat, Mar 13, 1 PM*

**FALLBROOK BRANCH** 113 South Main Av, Fallbrook 92028 1(760) 728-2373

**Grapes of Math.** How much did a gallon of gas cost during the Depression? Test your knowledge. *Monday, Feb 1 – Sat, Mar 13*

**Monopoly Game.** Join us in playing this board game dating back to the Depression era. *Sats in Feb, 12 PM*

**The People's Post: Digital Storytelling.** Tell your story of growing up in, moving to or living in San Diego, and other stories you want to share. Receive your video recorded story on DVD and be featured on voiceofsandiego.org. At Fallbrook School of the Arts. *Tue, 3 PM & Sun, 12 PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath with Erica Rodriguez. Free copy of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath will be given to the first 10 people who sign up. *Thur, Feb 4, 6:30 PM*

**Libro para Discusión.** Las Uvas de la Ira con Ceci Rincón. Te invitamos a que leas el libro y compartas tus ideas. Otorgaremos una copia gratis del libro a las primeras 10 personas que se registren. *Martes, 9 de Feb, 6:30 PM*

**Vintage Style Scrap Booking.** Bring photos of your loved ones. Supplies provided. *Thur, Feb 18, 6:30 PM*

**Woody Guthrie, Dustbowl Balladeer.** How Woody Guthrie became the voice of the Dustbowl. Hear some of his greatest songs performed by Ross Moore. *Sun, Feb 21, 11 AM*

**FLETCHER HILLS BRANCH** 576 Garfield Ave, El Cajon 92020 (619) 466-1132

**Author Visit.** Local author Sally Gary discusses The Best Freebies & Bargains and Deals & Steals in San Diego. *Wed, Feb 3, 6:30 PM*

**Financial Planning Open Forum** with Dave Kershberg, M.S. Traditional retirement accounts, Roth vs IRA, rollovers, and more. *Sat, Feb 20, 1 PM*

**Teen Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. Call the branch to request the book. *Sat, Mar 13, 11 AM*

**IMPERIAL BEACH BRANCH** 810 Imperial Beach Blvd, Imperial Beach 91932 (619) 424-6981

**Movie Club Meeting: The Grapes of Wrath.** Watch the movie at home and discuss it at the library. *Wed, Feb 3, 5 PM*

**Resume Writing.** *Wed, Feb 17, 6 PM*

**Book Club Meeting.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Mon, Feb 22, 6:30 PM*

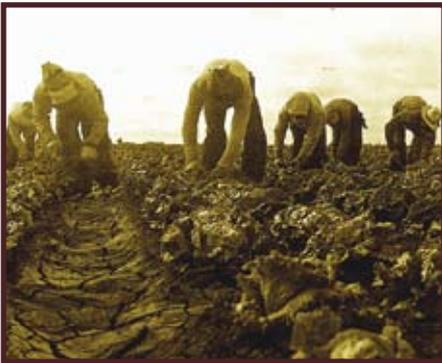
**What's Cooking IB?** Local chefs prepare Dustbowl era cuisine at the library. *Wed, Mar 3, 6:30 PM*

**Job Searching.** Make the most of your job search. *Mon, Mar 22, 6 PM*

**Resume Building.** *Wed, Apr 7, 6 PM*

**Job Interviewing.** *Wed, Apr 21, 6 PM*

**JACUMBA BRANCH** 44605 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba 91934 (619) 766-4608



**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Sat, Feb 6, 10 AM*

**Film: The Grapes of Wrath.** *Sat, Feb 20, 10 AM*

**Story Hour.** (Children) Depression Era Stories. *Wed, Mar 3, 1 PM*

Jacumba Branch will collect cans and plastic bottles from Feb 1 – Mar 13. Proceeds will be donated to the Smith Youth Center.

**JULIAN BRANCH** 1850 Highway 78, Julian 92036 1 (760) 765-0370

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**Third Thursday Craft.** Make a Depression Era Straw Doll. *Thur, Feb 18, 3 PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. Participate in intergenerational book talk. *Thur, Feb 18, 9 AM*

**WPA Art Project** at San Diego State University. Dr. Seth Mallios tells the story of the rediscovery, restoration and relocation of the 1930s "lost" murals of laborers in San Diego. *Thur, Feb 25, 4 PM*

**LA MESA BRANCH** 8074 Allison Avenue, La Mesa 91942 (619) 469-2151

**Card Making with Stamps.** Make your own Valentines in honor of The Big Read. Class size is limited, register at reference desk. *Tue, Feb 2, 6 PM*

**Book Club for Adults.** Discussion of The Grapes of Wrath. Pick up copy of book at reference desk. *Wed, Feb 17, 11:30 AM*

**Arts & Crafts.** (ages 5-8) Make a Dustbowl-era yarn doll. *Thur, Feb 18, 3:30 PM*

**Tween Book Club.** (Grades 3-5). Join the discussion of Christopher Paul Curtis' Bud Not Buddy. Pick up copy at reference desk. *Tue, Feb 23, 3:30 PM*



*Michael Ganey*

**Michael Ganey in Concert.** In honor of John Steinbeck's birthday, an afternoon of Dustbowl songs and old time favorites. *Sat, Feb 27, 2 PM*

**Science Time.** (ages 5-8) Shake and learn to make butter the old-time way. *Thur, Mar 4, 3:30 PM*

**The Best Freebies & Bargains and Deals & Steals in San Diego.** Local author Sally Gary shares her secrets. *Tue, Mar 9, 6 PM*

**LAKESIDE BRANCH** 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside 92040 (619) 443-1811

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Thur, Feb 25, 4 PM*

**HOME Clinic.** Facing foreclosure? Free and confidential educational sessions, attorney advice, mortgage counseling on foreclosure, bankruptcy and tips on keeping your home. Registration required: call 1-800-462-0503. *Sat, Feb 27, 10 AM-2 PM*

**LEMON GROVE BRANCH** 8073 Broadway, Lemon Grove 91945 (619) 463-9819

### **Families**

**Woody Guthrie, Dustbowl Balladeer.** Ross Moore performs Guthrie's music and relates stories of the migrant workers and their plight. *Wed, Feb 3, 5 PM*

**Helen O'Field, Lemon Grove Historical Society.** Reflections from The Grapes of Wrath and the Lemon Grove Incident. *Tue, Feb 9, 6:30 PM*

**School Play.** Performed by Lemon Grove Middle School students. Hear about the Dustbowl era, the Lemon Grove Incident and the Civil Rights Movement. *Wed, Feb 24, 6 PM*

**Juan Lopez, Farm Worker's Movement.** Photo exhibit with lecture. Hear about his historic work experience with Cesar Chavez. *Tue, Feb 16, 4 PM*

**Be an Armchair Photojournalist.** With professional photographer Lisa Huber. Tell a story with your photos 21<sup>st</sup> Century style. Learn about digital photography and the computer, online photo sharing options such as Facebook, flickr and Twitter. Creative ways to display digital photos (calendars, photo books, etc.) Workshop includes an overview of the best Web sites to order these items. *Tue, Mar 9, 4:30 PM*

**LINCOLN ACRES BRANCH** 2725 Granger Av, National City 91950 (619) 475-9880

**Adults**

**Club de Libro.** Las Uvas de la Ira. *Jueves, Feb 25, 2:30 PM*

**Housing Opportunities Collaborative (HOC) Workshop.** Topic: Loan Modification Process. Free session by award-winning HOC organization. *Wed, Mar 3, 6 PM*

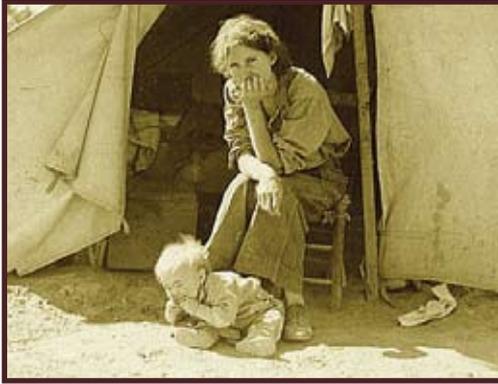
**PINE VALLEY BRANCH** 28804 Old Hwy 80, Pine Valley 91962 (619) 473-8022

**Adults**

**Quilting Group.** *Sat, Feb 13, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Tue, Feb 23, 6:30 PM*

**Movie Screening.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Sat, Mar 13, 9:30 AM*



**POTRERO BRANCH** 24883 Potrero Valley Road, Potrero 91963 (619) 478-5978

**The Campo Truck Museum Truck Display.** A 1924 truck can be seen at the Potrero Library. *Feb 2 – 4*

**Dready Guthrie & Friends.** A musical tribute to The Grapes of Wrath and the music of the Dustbowl era. Light refreshments. *Sat, Feb 12, 6 PM*

**Movie Screening:** The Grapes of Wrath. *Sat, Mar 5, 3 PM*

**POWAY BRANCH** 13137 Poway Road, Poway 92064 (858) 513-2900

**Woody Guthrie Program.** Ross Moore performs Guthrie's songs and talks about the life of the Dustbowl balladeer. *Sat, Feb 20, 2 PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Thur, Feb 25, 6:30 PM*

**“Spring Into Books” Book Club.** (Grades 3, 4 & 5) Richard Peck's A Long Way from Chicago, a story set during the Great Depression. *Thur, Feb 25, 4 PM*

**Afternoon Craft.** Recycle craft: Gourd Bird Houses. Children during the Depression had to improvise and create with items found around the house. *Tue, Mar 9, 4 PM*

**Sweepstakes 101.** Steve d'Adolf shares basics of all types of sweepstakes, from online to mail to store drop boxes. Get started playing to win! *Wed, Mar 3, 2 PM*

**Songs of Hard Times.** Concert by singer-guitarist Michael Ganey. *Sat, Mar 6, 3 PM*

**Authentic Environmental Portraits.....** With professional photographer Lisa Huber. How to tell a story with digital photos. Learn about online photo sharing and creative ways to display digital photographs. *Sun, Mar 14, 2 PM*

**RAMONA BRANCH** 1406 Montecito Road, Ramona 92065 1(760) 738-2434

**Foreclosure Prevention.** Presentations on variety of topics by HOC. Free one-to-one meetings with lawyers, credit and mortgage counselors on foreclosure, bankruptcy and how to keep your home. Registration: [HOMEClinic@housingcollaborative.org](mailto:HOMEClinic@housingcollaborative.org) or call 800-463-0503. *Sat, Jan 30, 10 AM - 2 PM*

**San Diego County Migrant Education Fair.** Variety of activities, health screenings from North County Health Services, music, stories and crafts. All ages welcome. *Fri, Feb 5, 3 PM*

**Saturday Afternoon Matinee.** Entertaining movie about the Great Depression from a child's point of view. *Sat, Feb 6, 2 PM*

**Ramona Forum Film.** Michael Moore's film discusses the how and why of America's current economic crisis. Comparisons are made between the Great Depression and modern economic failures. *Wed, Feb 10, 6 PM*

**Folk Music Concert.** The Grapes of Wrath Era. With singer-guitarist and storyteller Ross Moore. *Thur, Feb 11, 4 PM*

**Book Talk & One-Pot Meal Cookout.** (Grades 6-12) Discuss The Grapes of Wrath and Great Depression classics over a one-pot meal. *Thur, Feb 18, 3:45 PM*

**RANCHO SAN DIEGO BRANCH** 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon 92019 (619) 660-5370

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**First Tuesday Concert.** Singer-guitarist Ross Moore presents the life and music of Woody Guthrie. *Tue, Feb 2, 6:30 PM*

**First Tuesday Concert.** "Trails and Rails": Popular band performs music of the '30s. *Tue, Mar 2, 6:30 PM*

**Teen Book Club.** Discussion of Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse. *Sat, Feb 26, 3:30 PM*

**You: History in the Making with Rita Micklish.** Learn how to write your own memoirs and prepare to tell your story to the People's Post. *Sat, Feb 27, 10 AM*

**Book Club.** Discussion of The Grapes of Wrath. *Thur, Mar 4, 6:30 PM*



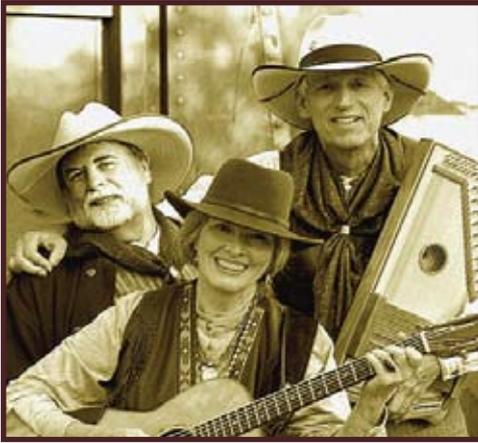
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**RANCHO SANTA FE BRANCH** 17040 Avenida de Acacias, Rancho Santa Fe 92067  
(858) 756-2512

**Book Discussion Group.** The Grapes of Wrath. Sat, Feb 27, 11 AM



“Trails and Rails”

**Musical Program.** “Trails and Rails”: Popular band performs music of the ‘30s. *Mon, Mar 8, 3:30 PM*

**SAN MARCOS BRANCH** #2 Civic Center Dr, San Marcos 92069 1(760) 891-3000

**Reading with the “Rep.”** Join us for a reading from the stage adaptation of The Grapes of Wrath performed by actors from The San Diego Repertory Theatre. Refreshments served. *Fri, Feb 5, 6 PM*

**Book Club.** Discussion of The Grapes of Wrath. *Thur, Feb 18, 2 PM*

**Family Movie Afternoon.** Get a feel for era of the Great Depression, with film based on book Kit Kittredge: an American Girl. *Thur, Feb 18, 3:30 PM*

**Book Club.** (Grades 3-5) What was life like during the Depression? Discuss the book Kit Kittredge: an American Girl. Signup starts Tue, Feb 2. *Tue, Feb 23, 3:30 PM*.

**Soapmaking.** Create Depression-era style molded glycerine soaps. *Thur, Feb 25, 4 PM*

**Forget Your Troubles.** (Tweens/teens) Linda Henry-Bonin shares how humorists of the 1930’s helped our country survive the hard period of history. *Tue, Mar 9, 4 PM*



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**Oral History Conference.** Highlights the importance of documentation, preservation and dissemination of the history of North County Latino communities through living histories. Includes talks by community leaders, free lunch & child care, performance by Calpulli Omeyocan Azteca dance troupe, oral history writing workshop, photo workshop, and oral history recording session through The People’s Post, SDCL’s partnership with SD Foundation, The Voice of San Diego, and Media Arts. Open to the public. Free of charge. San Marcos Senior Center, 111 Richmar Av. *Mar 6, 9:30 AM – 5 PM*

**SANTEE BRANCH** 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd #17, Santee 92071 (619) 448-1863

**Tell Us Your Story.** Submit your own story of coming to California. Guidelines available. Deadline for submission: Mar 3. *Feb 1-Mar 3*



*William Nericcio*

**The Grapes of Wrath.** Book Discussion led by William Nericcio, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at SDSU, editor of Homer from Salinas: John Steinbeck's Enduring Voice for California, and author of Tex(t)-Mex, Seductive Hallucinations of the "Mexican" in America.  
*Sat, Feb 6, 10 AM*

**Film Screening.** *The Wrath of Grapes.* A United Farm Workers production. *Sat, Feb 20, 2 PM*

**Tell Us Your Story Awards** and readings of selected submissions. *Sat, Mar 13, 2 PM*

**SOLANA BEACH BRANCH** 157 Stevens Av, Solana Beach 92075 (858) 755-1404

**Friends Night Out Presents "History of the Dustbowl."** Stories and music by Ross Moore, followed by a showing of The Grapes of Wrath. *Tue, Feb 9, 6 PM (film begins at 7 PM)*

**"Book to Movie" Discussion Group.** Read the book, watch the movie, then take part in discussion. This month's book: East of Eden by John Steinbeck, *Tue, Feb 23, 6 PM*

**Author Book Club.** Read a book by this month's author, John Steinbeck, then join discussion. *Wed, Feb 24, 6:30 PM*

**SPRING VALLEY BRANCH** 836 Kempton St, Spring Valley 91977 (619) 463-3006

**Simply Steinbeck: Photographic Display.** From his quiet beginnings in the small farming town of Salinas, Steinbeck went on to live a larger-than-life existence, filled with awards, heavy drinking, out-sized myths of his exploits, international travel, diplomacy, bellicosity and, ultimately, humbleness. This 35-photo exhibit from the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies gives a sweeping overview of his life and work. *Feb 1- Mar 17*

**Book Club.** Screening of The Grapes of Wrath. Discussion will follow. Refreshments provided. *Mon, Feb 8, 5:30 PM*

**VALLEY CENTER BRANCH** 29200 Cole Grade Rd, Valley Center 92082  
1(760) 749-1305

**Library Exhibit.** In honor of The Grapes of Wrath, the library will host a museum exhibit depicting the Depression era in Northern San Diego County. *Feb 1-Mar 13*

**Forget Your Troubles.** Coping with hard times presented through vintage stories, songs and radio comedy. *Thur, Feb 4, 6:30 PM*

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Wed, Feb 10, 6:30 PM*

**Vintage Valentine Card Making.** Greeting cards from the '30s. *Thur, Feb 11, 3:30 PM*

*More Valley Center...*

Valley Center, continued...



Rick Wartzman

**Coffee and Conversations.** Meet author Rick Wartzman, of Obscene in the Extreme, on the burning and banning of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath in Kern County (the setting of the book) following its publication in 1939. Wartzman talks about the censorship of the nation's No. 1 bestseller, selling 10,000 copies a week. The author is director of Claremont Graduate University's Drucker Institute, an Irvine Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, and a columnist for Business Week Magazine. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Adults only, please. *Sat, Feb 27, 11 AM*

**VISTA BRANCH** 700 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista 92084 1 (760) 643-5100

**Book Discussion.** The Grapes of Wrath. *Wed, Feb 3, 2 PM*

**Film Screening:** The Grapes of Wrath. Discussion follows. Please bring a can of soup to donate to the local food bank. *Sat, Feb 13, 1 PM*

**Teen Book Discussion.** Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse. *Mon, Mar 8, 4:15 PM*

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER** Turk Family Center • 8804 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 637-3000



Lisa Huber

**Photography Workshop: How to Document People at Work with Your Camera.** With professional photographer Lisa Huber. Part I: Rich American tradition of photographing people at work; examples of factory workers at the turn of the 20th century by Lewis Hine <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis\\_hine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_hine)> ; Walker Evans <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walker\\_Evans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walker_Evans)> and Dorothea Lange <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorothea\\_Lange](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorothea_Lange)> , of the Farm Security Administration during the Depression. Part 2: Lesson & lab: learn basic operation of digital camera, composition and techniques for

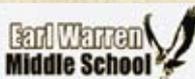
photographing people, downloading photos on the computer, and more. In partnership with SEIU and Jewish Family Services. *Wed, Mar 10, 6-8:30 PM*





Farmer and sons walking in the face of a dust storm.  
Cimarron County, Oklahoma Photo by Arthur Rothstein

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## How *The Grapes of Wrath* Got Its Name

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) published her popular Union song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," in the *Atlantic Monthly* in 1862. Carol Steinbeck thought the first verse's phrase "the grapes of wrath" would be the perfect title for her husband's epic novel.

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***The Grapes of Wrath* – Read it with us!**

