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Cupertino Library Foundation Sponsors Sizzling Fall Events

No charge to be a Zombie or a Trekkie

OCTOBER 26, 2015 -- CUPERTINO, CA—The Cupertino Library Foundation, non-profit provider of resources and initiatives to support the Cupertino Library and community, announced its robust fall line-up of sponsored activities. All are at no-charge, and open to the public; some require reservations.

The fourth Cupertino Fall Performing Arts and Culture Series welcomes back some familiar favorites and introduces some new performers for more music, dancing and drama. Appearing again are the Bo Ai Choir, the Firebird Youth Orchestra, Charged Particles Jazz Ensemble, and the San Francisco Shakespeare Company. New to the series are the Aztec Dance Company, the Cambodian Dance Group, and Vellamo performing English/Finnish folk music. Most of these are held at the [Cupertino Community Hall at 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014](#). No need to RSVP. Seating is first come, first serve.

Tezalipoka Aztec Dance and Drumming

Sunday, November 1st at 2pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Founded 1988, Calmecac Tezkatlipoka Aztec Dance & Drum is dedicated to sharing and promoting an appreciation and understanding of pre Colombian art forms through Aztec dance and drumming. Members wear Tonalkayotl, traditional regalia, and play traditional instruments as a way to honor sacred dances and songs.

Firebird Chinese Youth Orchestra

Saturday, November 14th at 2pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra is dedicated to promoting Chinese music as part of Chinese-American culture. The group was founded in 2000 with only 13 musicians. It is made up of elementary and high school students who study for at least two years to learn the techniques and history of the music. The music programs exhibit authentic eastern aesthetics, collaborate with western music groups and participate in cultural exchanges.

Cambodian Cultural Dance Troupe

Saturday, November 21st at 2pm

Cupertino Community Hall

The Cambodian Cultural Dance Troupe, founded in 1998, is dedicated to preserving the traditions of Cambodian culture through classical and folk dances.

San Francisco Shakespeare Company's "Hamlet"

Saturday, December 12th at 2pm

Cupertino Community Hall

"To be, or not to be: that is the question"—thus begins one of Shakespeare's most famous soliloquy. Set in the Denmark court, this murder mystery tells the story of Hamlet. He is asked by his father's ghost to expose his murderer. On December 12, 2015 San Francisco Shakespeare Festival will be presenting "Hamlet" at 2 p.m. followed by a question and answer session with the actors.

This year's Library Foundation Film Series offering is themed: Treasures from the Public Domain! Movies are always owned by somebody somewhere. But there are many films that slip through the legal



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cracks for everyone to see. Each of these motion pictures has a fascinating life story, and in this session of the Cupertino Library's Film Series, filmmaker and scholar Mark Larson explores the complicated history of films in the Public Domain. From timeless classics to Youtube masterpieces, a rich world of film art is waiting to be discovered. All showings are at BlueLight Cinemas, a partner of the Cupertino Library Foundation. A lively audience discussion follows every film. No charge, but online reservations required at www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org

Night of the Living Dead (1968) Director: George Romero

Thursday, October 29th, 2015 6:30-9pm

1968 – the year of Richard Nixon, the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the VietNam War and the birth of flesh-eating zombies. Perhaps the greatest American motion picture of the 1960's, this beautiful low-budget horror masterpiece needs to be seen in light of the traumatic world events surrounding its making.

The Southerner (1945) Director: Jean Renoir

Thursday, November 5th, 2015 6:30-9pm

Against mighty odds, a family in Texas attempts to break free from a life of sharecropping by working the land for themselves. One of the most beautiful American films by the great French film director Jean Renoir, this is a rare chance to see a recording of rural American history, told in a groundbreaking cinematic language.

The Brother from Another Planet (1984) Director: John Sayles

Thursday, November 12th, 2015 6:30-9pm

For the last entry of the series, a 1980's classic science fiction film is rediscovered, from one of the godfathers of American Independent Film, John Sayles. A visitor from a planet far away comes to the planet Earth – and goes to Harlem. This overlooked and vibrant gem of a comedy has much to tell us about the United States and we, the people who make it our home.

Short Subjects! (1896-2014)

Thursday, November 19th, 2015 6:30-9pm

Directors: Various-a wild and diverse series of films – many projected from real 16 mm and super 8 mm film stock. These short subjects will highlight the extraordinary diversity of neglected films from thrilling cowboy chases to the life of the hummingbird. These films span anonymous home movies to gripping newsreel footage (with a stop along the way to YouTube avant-garde films), celebrating the vitality and importance of the ephemeral moving picture image.

Opportunities for Cupertino Middle School Students: Use STEAM to Fight the Zombie Apocalypse

The Cupertino Library and the [Cupertino Library Foundation](http://www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org) are excited to present STEAM LEADS: Zombie Apocalypse for Cupertino Unified School District (CUSD) middle school students in 6th – 8th grade. With FREE library programming from September 2015 through May 2016 (made possible by a grant from the Library Foundation), STEAM LEADS: Zombie Apocalypse encourages CUSD students to have fun learning while growing as students, researchers, and life-long learners. Please visit [Cupertino middle school students STEAM Leads](http://www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org/cupertino-middle-school-students-steam-leads) for more information and to sign up.

The Cupertino Library Foundation is sponsoring STEAM LEADS: Zombie Apocalypse at the [Cupertino Library](http://www.cupertinoibrary.org), including:

- Presenting research prompts, host book clubs
- Giving presentations
- Conducting workshops
- And holding a grand finale academic obstacle course

Based around a student-interest driven zombie theme, the programs this school year covers many of California's Common Core State Standards in fun, engaging ways to reinforce school coursework, promote curiosity and develop research abilities.

Star Trek, the Future and YOU! Comes to Cupertino December 12 & 13th



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The Cupertino Library Foundation in partnership with BlueLight Cinemas and the Cupertino Hotel are bringing the ever-popular Star Trek once again to Cupertino. This weekend event, *Star Trek, the Future and You, features: Sean Kenney, who played Captain Pike and is the author of Captain Pike Found Alive; Gary Lockwood, star of 2001: A Space Odyssey and the original series; and Marc Cushman, These are the Voyages author and TV historian.*

Saturday, December 12th at the Cupertino Hotel, there is a 'Meet and Greet' from 5:30-7pm for those 21 and over. Admission is free with a pre-registration on www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org. "We are pleased to have these luminaries be our honored guests at the hotel," said Claudio Bono, area general manager of The Grand Hotel, the newly renamed, The Cupertino Hotel (aka Cupertino Inn), and member of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce board. "It is our pleasure to host what we know will be a lively event."

Sunday, December 13th, from 1:00 to 3:30pm, BlueLight Cinemas will host a Star Trek related video; a Q&A time with the stars; and book signings for Sean Kenney's ,Gary Lockwood's and Marc Cushman's books. Autographs will be possible, as well as selfies.

"I'm proud to be a Cupertino resident," said Art Cohen, owner of BlueLight Cinemas. "This incredible event is made possible because of the Cupertino Library Foundation, Cupertino Hotel, Cupertino Library and BlueLight Cinemas working together. These partnerships bring the arts and sciences together in a historical and fun event. This is probably one of the first of many celebrations starting off the 50th year anniversary of the original Star Trek series. "

The Cupertino Library operates Monday through Thursday 10AM-9PM; Friday and Saturday, 10AM-6PM; and Sunday, noon-6PM. www.sccl.org

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