

## Sneak Peek Wows Crowd

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Kids had fun on the old fire truck



Photos Andy Scheck Chabot Space & Science Center telescope

If you missed the Sneak Peek Festival, you missed out! It all started with a pancake breakfast featuring a crew of flap-jackers extraordinaire from Lafayette Rotary Club, included our fearless, spatula-wielding publisher Andy Scheck.. It was a day filled with learning-based activities and entertainment that included the bands Double Take and the Rossmoor Big Band. The breakfast was held at the Lafayette Library and the Sneak Peek Festival took place on the Stanley Middle School Campus. The new Lafayette Library and Learning Center is scheduled to open in 2009.

Some of the Sneak Peek participants included the twelve Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium Partners: California Shakespeare Theater, Chabot Space & Science Center, Commonwealth Club of California, Greenbelt Alliance, John F. Kennedy University, John Muir Health, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland Zoo, Saint Mary's College of California, UC Institute of Governmental Studies and UC Lawrence Hall of Science. Sneak Peek Committee Member Joan Stevenson said "We were so pleased that all twelve of the Library's consortium partners - premier organizations from around the Bay - participated and provided appealing, high quality programs."

Kids climbed on an old Lafayette fire truck, crawled through the Chabot Space and Science Center's portable planetarium and listened to SEGA of America offer a "behind the scenes look at how video games are made" and more.

Teenagers loved the presentation by Sega's Ken Balough. Pre-viewing the not yet released game "Sonic Unleashed" was described as "cool" by a group of exiting students.

Stevenson said, "Students really seemed to like the Lawrence Hall

of Science's "Gross-ology" session on how the human body works and many were intrigued by the California Shakespeare Festival's sword fighting display." She continued saying "The day long celebration attracted all ages and offered something for everyone...from a fascinating talk with the new biographer of Alice Waters, Chez Panisse chef, organized by the Commonwealth Club, to sports drills with Saint Mary's athletic programs." Some other presentations for adults were "Fall Prevention and other Health Tips" by John Muir Health, "California Wildflowers" by the Greenbelt Alliance and a Presidential Election Discussion sponsored by the UC Institute of Governmental Studies.

Stevenson offered her thanks to the "dozens of volunteers", sponsors and the community for their support of the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Board President Kathy Merchant said "Saturday's Sneak Peek Community Celebration was an opportunity to kick off our second phase of the library campaign, Open Doors, Open Minds." Stevenson said "We are encouraged by progress so far in the second phase of our Open Doors, Open Minds fundraising campaign. One of our goals is to raise additional funds to be able to keep the library open longer hours, so people can use it more. We think the folks who came by on Saturday got a glimpse of the amazing things we'll be able to do in our new library when it's open." Merchant finished with "Our unique vision of what a library can be came to life Saturday."