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Lamorinda Reads!

Film

Orinda - Wed., Oct. 15 4:00 p.m. Come enjoy the Oscar nominated Iranian film "Children of Heaven" and Persian snacks. Located in the Garden Room.

Musical Performance

Orinda - Thur., Oct. 16 - 4 p.m.

Middle Eastern percussion: musical performance for kids from nationally acclaimed performer Mary Ellen Donald.

Multicultural Children's Festival

Moraga - Thur., Nov. 6 - 3 p.m. Where in the world is Waldo? Look for him at the multicultural children's festival. Food, games, and crafts from around the world. Ages 5 and older.

Henna Tattoo

Lafayette - Sat., Oct. 18 - 2p.m.

Darcy Vasudev from the Henna Lounge creates exquisite works of temporary art for everyone. This program is open for teens and adults. Limit 30 participants, so call the Lafayette Library to register at (925) 283-3872.

Persian Dancing

Orinda - Monday, October 20 - 7 p.m. Moraga - Sat., Nov. 01 - 2 p.m.

Just for Fun! This Lamorinda Reads event will provide a basic introduction to Persian dancing with guidance provided by staff of the Shahrzad Dance Academy. Ages 10 through adult.

Pakistan in the Spotlight

Lafayette - Wed., Oct. 15 - 7p.m.

After a year of internal political change and increasing domestic violence, including the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan remains at the center of international concerns about terrorism and nuclear proliferation. Neil Joeck, Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Security Research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will speak about these issues and more. Dr. Joeck is also an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

Women in Contemporary Iran

Moraga - Thur., Oct. 23 - 2:00 p.m. features a talk by Dr. Mehry Astaneh who will discuss the status of Iranian women before the 1978 Islamic Revolution, women who participated in that revolution, policies toward women in the early years that followed the revolution, factors that shifted policies, and the million signature campaign.

An Afternoon of Poetry Reading

Moraga - Sat. Nov. 8 - 1 p.m.

Kat Zandvakili presents one woman's artistic quest to shed the old myths and reveal her true self.

Storytelling (for Adults)

Orinda - Thursday, Oct. 23 - 7 p.m. Come share the wise & witty stories of the Hodja Nasreddin - legendary Middle Eastern Sufi described as illogical yet logical,

rational yet irrational, bizarre yet normal, foolish yet sharp, and simple yet profound. Sponsored by the Contra Costa Tale Spinners & the Orinda Library.

Funny in Farsi book discussions

Lafayette - Wed., Oct. 22 - 7 p.m. Orinda - Tuesday, Oct. 28 - 7 p.m.

Moraga - Wed., Nov. 05 - 3:00 p.m.

Meet others to discuss your thoughts, conclusions, reactions, likes and perhaps even dislikes about our second annual Lamorinda Reads selection.

Lamorinda Reads! Grand Finale

Orinda Auditorium - Author Talk- Wed., Nov. 12 - 7:00 p.m.

Funny in Farsi author Firoozeh Dumas visits Lamorinda for an author talk to celebrate Lamorinda Reads! 2008. Seating is available on a first come, first seated basis.

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