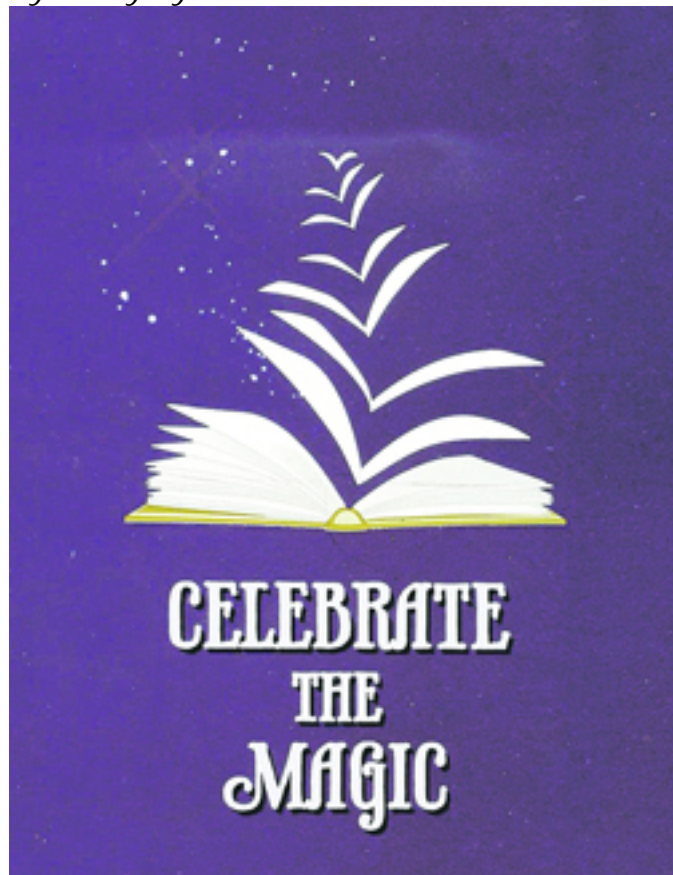


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## Making Magic at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Gala

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The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation knows how to throw a party. In 2009 it closed Mt. Diablo Boulevard for a glamorous evening of dining and dancing to celebrate the completion of the library. This year the gala fundraising event, Celebrate the Magic, on September 10 from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., "will be a magical, memorable evening of Arabian nights and surprises at every turn," said the Executive Director of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, Kathy Merchant.

Funds raised support current and expanded Library programs, events and open hours. Once again there will be delicious food prepared by local caterer SpringLoaf and festive music by Martini Straight Up, fantastic raffle prizes and auctions - this time around, Golden Gate Way will be closed for the festivities.

Celebrate the Magic promises surprises, sparkle and magic throughout the night.

Only ticket holders will find out if a Librarian can pull a rabbit out of a hat. Since the doors opened, the Library has been embraced by the community and used by young and old alike to enjoy educational programs via the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium partners and a great place for kids to hang out after school and, hopefully, get their homework done.

"While not everyone can afford to attend, we want to assure the community that the dollars raised are critical to our role in extending open hours, delivering an extraordinary menu of programs, and funding building operations. A fabulous party and support of the LLLC wrapped in to a single magical evening!" said Merchant. Tickets, \$175 each, can be purchased at the LLLC Foundation Office on the Mezzanine Level of the library - adjacent to upper level of parking, or by calling 283-6513. For more information, visit their

website at [www.lllc.org](http://www.lllc.org).

Lafayette Library and Learning Center

Announces New Hours

The Contra Costa County Library and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation (LLLCF) recently announced that the hours of the Library are being changed to meet the extraordinary demand by the community.

Effective September 12, 2011, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center will change its service hours and will be open from 10am to 8pm Monday through Thursday and from 10am through 5pm Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours will remain the same, from 1pm to 5pm. The new schedule means that the Library will open at the same time Monday to Saturday, which will be a major convenience for the community. In addition, the Friday and Saturday opening time reflects the strong community demand from working parents and families with small children who have expressed a desire to see the Library open in the mornings on Friday and Saturday.

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