

Book sale — Friends of the Northeast Library host a book sale 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 3**, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 4**, at the Richard Burges Library, 9600 Dyer. Information: 759-2410 or 759-2406.

Tumblewords Project — The writing workshops are 12:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturdays at Memorial Park Public Library, 3200 Copper. Workshops are free; donations for the presenter are encouraged. Information: 328-5484 (Donna Snyder), 566-1034 (library) or tumblewordproject@yahoo.com.

- **Feb. 4** — "Origin of Words: Let's Make a Deal" with T.S. Ross. Ross is a lively actor and writer.
- **Feb. 11** — "Desire" with Lucille Zavala. This workshop will focus on words of inspiration and feature tales of inspiration.
- **Feb. 18** — "Fringe Artists You May Not Have Heard Of" with Steve Ogrey. Ogrey is studying creative writing at UTEP.
- **Feb. 25** — "Puzzle Pieces of a Mind with Yvonne Collins. The "puzzle pieces" in this workshop are "a poet's words, an artist's brush strokes, the physical manifestations of their perceived life's path, on paper or canvas like pieces to a puzzle."

Poetry Slam with Joshua Ballard and Chris Rockwell — Free Hole Slam hosts a poetry workshop with the poets at 6 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 14**, at The Percolator, 217 N. Stanton (between Texas and Mills), followed by an open mic at 7 p.m. Ballard and Rockwell will be featured at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Information: 494-6762 or freeholeslam.com.

Ballard is the 2011 Grand Slam Champion of New Jersey's infamous Loserslam. Rockwell is 2006's Loserslam's Champion and in 2010 was named Poet Laureate of Asbury Park. Together they are the poetry duo, The Photo Booth and are touring the United States performing their own brand of eclectic and powerful poetry that involves humor and musical accompaniment.

For the Love of Lit — Sin Fronteras will host a poetry reading in honor of "For the Love of Art Month" 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 25**, at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall, hosted by Las Cruces poet Joe Somoza. Admission is free. Information: (575) 522-1119.

Southwest Book Awards — The annual Border Regional Library Association Awards Banquet is 6 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 25**, at Ardivino's Desert Crossing, One Ardivino Drive in Sunland Park. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. The event honors the latest works of outstanding area authors, and also awards scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students pursuing degrees in library/media. The BRLA librarian and library staff member of the year will also be honored. Reservation deadline is Feb. 20; no payments accepted at the door. Cost: \$30. Reservations/information: Sebastian Diaz, sdiaz@utep.edu, Cindy Williams, cwilliams36@yahoo.com or brla.info.

Holocaust Museum book club — The El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center's book club meets for its first 2012 discussion at 11 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 26**, to discuss "Day after Night" by Anita Diamant. Moderator is Sr. Ezra Cappell, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Inter-American Jewish Studies Program at UTEP. The EPHM Book Club's theme for 2012 is "Life After the Holocaust." Admission is free, but donations welcome. Copies of the book available for purchase in the museum's bookstore. Information/RSVP (by Feb. 22): 351-0048 ext. 24 or maribel@elpaso-holocaustmuseum.org.



XVII Undécimo Congreso de Literatura Mexicana Contemporánea

— The 2012 Contemporary Mexican Literature Conference, organized by the UTEP Department of Languages and Linguistics, is **March 1-3**, in the UTEP Student Union Building. Information: 747-6511.

Works about literary criticism and anthologies covering this time frame in Mexican literature will also be accepted, regardless of the language in which they were written. Papers can be presented in English or Spanish. For information, go to utep.edu/rllmc/.

Barnes & Noble (East Side) — 9521 Viscount. Information: 590-1932.

- Savalas Loftin will sign his debut novel "At a Mirror's Glance" 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 25**.
- Sisters in Crime Book Discussion Group meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 7**, to discuss "Death at La Fenice" by Donna Leon.
- Little One's Storytime is 11 a.m. every Saturday with Miss Bonnie:
- **Feb. 4** — Eric Hill's "Spot"
- **Feb. 11** — Valentine's Day
- **Feb. 18** — Black History Month
- **Feb. 25** — Chinese New Year.

Barnes & Noble (Las Cruces) — 700 S. Telshor in Mesilla Valley Mall. Nook tutorials are 7 p.m. Thursdays. Information: (575) 522-4499.

Billy Kiser will sign his book on historic events in the Mesilla Valley, "Turmoil on the Rio Grande," at 1 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 28**.

Recurring events:

- Children's storytimes are 10 a.m. Fridays:
- A Black History Month storytime is 1 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 11**.

Barnes & Noble (West Side) — 705 Sunland Park. Hours are 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Information: 581-5353 or bn.com.

• S. Natalie Alonso will sign her first work of fiction "The Luxury of Details" at 3 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 11**.

Recurring events:

- Third Monday Book Group will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, **Feb. 20**, to discuss "The Women" by T. Coraghessan Boyle.
- En la Sombra de Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz

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bilingual reading group meets at 5 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 21**.

- Children's storytimes are 11 a.m. Saturdays.
- **Feb. 4** — Sun City Center for the Deaf
- **Feb. 11** — Cartoonist Jorge Baeza
- **Feb. 18** — All Star Readers
- **Feb. 25** — Kids-N-Co. Story Troupe

Reading Art Book Club — The book club of the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main, will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, **Feb. 8** to discuss "My Land is the Southwest: Peter Hurd Letters and Journals" edited by Robert Metzger. Information: (575) 541-2322, (575) 541-2322 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Reading the Easel Book Club — The El Paso Museum of Art's book group meets 4 to 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the museum's seminar room to discuss art-related books. Cost: \$10 per session (free for museum members), includes admission to all exhibits. Participants must provide their own books. Space is limited; call to hold a seat. Information: 532-1707 ext. 16.

The **Feb. 16** book is "Strapless" by Deborah Davis.

Junior Ranger Storytime — Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial, will host free storytimes with a thematic craft for pre-school and first-grade children 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month (**Feb. 4**). Admission is free, but reservations strongly recommended: 532-7272, ext. 131 or nps.gov/cham.

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