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LIBRARY NEWS

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“Joy Luck Club” Selected for Nationwide Big Read Program to be Subject of Los Angeles Public Library Reading Clubs

Programs held citywide through June 2011

The Los Angeles Public Library will host reading clubs featuring Amy Tan’s “The Joy Luck Club” at 15 branch libraries throughout the city as part of the nationwide Big Read program.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in partnership with Arts Midwest. The Big Read brings together partners across the county to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

Branch libraries hosting Big Read reading clubs will provide participants with reading guides, bookmarkers and a copy of the book, The Joy Luck Club. The reading clubs are free and open to the public. Select branch sites will also host screenings of the feature film based on the book and other related activities.

Participating library branches are:

Arroyo Seco Branch, 6145 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90042

Chatsworth Branch, 21052 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, CA 91311

Granada Hills Branch, 10640 Petit Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344

Mar Vista Branch, 12006 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

Memorial Branch, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

Palisades Branch, 861 Alma Real Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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Palms Rancho Park Branch, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles, CA
90064

Platt Branch, 23600 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Playa Vista Branch, 6400 Playa Vista Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90094

Porter Ranch Branch, 11371 Tampa Ave., Porter Ranch, CA 91326

San Pedro Regional Branch, 931 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA 90731

Sherman Oaks Branch, 14245 Moorpark St., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Studio City Branch, 12511 Moorpark St., Studio City, CA 91604

Westwood Branch, 1246 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024

Woodland Hills Branch, 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364

For the dates and times of programs at these branches, please visit the library's Website at www.lapl.org and click on the Events & Exhibits link.

The 2011 Big Read Program in the city of Los Angeles consists of a series of activities from January to June, 2011 and is presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs in conjunction with community and cultural organizations that include: Chinese American Museum, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, Sony Pictures Media Arts Program, Chinatown Business Improvement District, Warner Grand Theater, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles Unified School District, Culinary Historians of Southern California, Zócalo Public Square, East West Players, California African American Museum, and many more.

Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse population of any library in the United States through its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, and Web-based services accessed at www.lapl.org.

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