

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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Spring 2013

Luis J. Rodriguez Visits Our Redwood City Schools



By Cristina Thorson, Librarian

Thanks to the support of the Friends, we presented best-selling author, **Luis J. Rodriguez**, as the featured speaker of the annual Family Author in the Schools program. Rodriguez authored the picture book, [It Doesn't Have To Be This Way/ No tiene que ser así](#) and the bestselling, [Always Running, la Vida Loca, gang days in L.A.](#) The latter is on the recommended reading list for incoming freshmen at Sequoia and Woodside. Mr. Rodriguez is an inspiring speaker who connects straight with the heart of the community. As a tireless advocate for social justice as well as a powerful writer, Mr. Rodriguez has made numerous appearances on television and radio, and has received many awards, including the "Unsung Heroes of Compassion" medal, presented by the Dalai Lama.

Rodriguez rocked the world of hundreds of RWC students during his appearances at Taft, Hoover and Woodside High as he talked about his life as a gang member and drug addict, and the difficult but ultimately successful process of leaving the life. His honesty and the power of his presence made a direct hit. He exhorted, he extolled, and a very palpable thrill went through his audience. You could hear a pin drop, even at the middle school assembly. Kids crowded around him afterward to have their pictures taken and ask questions. The students at Taft and Hoover had copies of his books, again thanks to the Friends. The looks on their faces as they lined up to meet the author and have their books signed said it all. It was a presentation they would not soon forget.

Visit a Museum for Spring Break

By Roz Kutler, Librarian

Discover & Go

Free Museum Passes
from the RWC Library

Looking for a **free** family activity for Spring break? The Discover & Go program allows library cardholders to reserve museum trips online by date or by venue, and immediately print-out passes at home (or at the library).

Library cardholders can reserve from a growing list of destinations, including:

- The Tech Museum of Innovation
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- California Academy of Sciences
- The San Jose Museum of Art
- Museum of Craft and Folk Art
- Bay Area Discovery Museum
- Oakland Museum of California
- Museum of the African Diaspora
- Cartoon Art Museum
- Asian Art Museum
- Contemporary Jewish Museum
- Exploratorium
- Lawrence Hall of Science
- Pacific Pinball Museum

The complete link for our Discover and Go site is
<http://www.redwoodcity.org/library/discoverandgo.html>

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Our Website

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How Does Friends Raise Funds?

- Book sales & membership support
- No salaries ->volunteer staff only
- Administrative overhead < 5%

All active Friends members are invited to our **May 2013 Board Meeting** on Tuesday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Meeting Room to vote on the slate of 2013 Board Members. The proposed slate is:

- Mary Scavarda, Chairman
- Lee Blake, Vice Chairman
- Marsha Jackson, Recording Secretary
- Frank O'Neill, Treasurer
- Maggie Streets, Volunteer Coordinator
- Mike Turturici, Membership Secretary
- Reina Barragan, Corresponding Secretary
- Rose Ann Hummel, Publicity Coordinator



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in the lobby of the Main Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**