

Our Community Reads

Due to the continuing pandemic, Our Community Reads will again take place remotely, except as noted. Remote events start at 7:00 PM. All events are *free and open to the public*, but registration is required. To register: Go to the Friends of the Aptos Library website (FriendsOfAptosLibrary.org) and click on **Our Community Reads**. Scroll to the event you'd like to attend, and click on **To register click here**.

FEBRUARY

	<p>film series: Good Night and Good Luck</p> <p>The story of CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow's challenge to Senator Joe McCarthy, this film was nominated for Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director (George Clooney), and Best Actor — a remarkable performance by David Strathairn as Murrow. Setting context and leading a Q&A session will be Brad Kava, long-time San Jose <i>Mercury News</i> reporter and currently the Journalism chair at Cabrillo College.</p> <p><i>Hosted by the Friends of the Capitola Library</i></p>	
	<p>viewpoints: From McCarthyism to Today: Demagoguery Then and Now</p> <p>Setting the stage for the era in which <i>Red Letter Days</i> takes place, Professor Emerita Isebill ("Ronnie") Gruhn will describe world events of the 1950s and subsequent developments to the current day. She will define the various "isms" (authoritarianism, socialism, and others) that are often misused in today's political discussions and explore any similarities between the McCarthy era and today. Professor Gruhn joined the UC Santa Cruz Political Science department in 1969 (she has chaired the department twice), and today she is a regular lecturer for the Osher Lifelong Learner Institute.</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>hands-on art event ~ Let Your Imagination Fly ~</p> <p>Using the medium of collage, participants will create an original book cover design using authentic images from the McCarthy Era. Presenters Jo-Neal Graves and Sharon Ferguson are local artists and art educators; they will provide all needed materials, background information, collage techniques, and encouragement.</p> <p>The number of participants is limited, so be sure to register to reserve your place for this most enjoyable event!</p> <p><i>George Ow Community Room, Capitola Library — 1 to 3 PM</i></p>	
	<p>viewpoints: Invasion of the Communist Body Snatchers: The Supreme Court, Weird Science Comics, and the Red Scare</p> <p>Nick Rowell, Cabrillo College political science professor, will discuss two Supreme Court decisions about protected speech and the Communist Party.</p> <p>Michael Pebworth, Chair of Global Studies and history professor at Cabrillo, will address 1950's popular entertainment as he reveals how the period's science fiction and horror comic books treated the Red Scare and the Cold War.</p>	<p>15</p>
	<p>film series: Trumbo</p> <p>Bryan Cranston stars as blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, one of the Hollywood Ten. His screenplay for "Roman Holiday" won an Oscar, but he received neither screen credit nor the statuette. It wasn't until Kirk Douglas insisted that Trumbo receive credit for "Spartacus" that his career was restored, an event that marked the beginning of the end of the blacklist. Robert Strayer, PhD — history professor at SUNY Brockport, UCSC, CSUMB, and Cabrillo — moderates.</p> <p><i>La Selva Beach Community Church, 26 Florido Ave. — 7:00 PM / Hosted by the La Selva Beach Library Friends</i></p>	
	<p>book discussion: Red Letter Days</p> <p>Margie Bowles leads a lively discussion of this year's Our Community Reads book.</p> <p><i>La Selva Beach Library, 316 Estrella Ave. — 10:30 AM - noon</i></p>	<p>24</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>viewpoints: Red Diaper Babies: Growing Up During the HUAC Years of the 1950s</p> <p>Three "red diaper babies" — children of members of the Communist Party USA — discuss how McCarthyism and the HUAC hearings affected them, and share some of the childhood lessons they have carried into the present.</p> <p>With Bettina Aptheker (Professor Emerita, UCSC), Julie Olsen Edwards (retired Cabrillo Early Childhood faculty), and Dena Taylor (retired Cabrillo Program Manager, author, poet).</p>	
	<p>viewpoints: What's Black and White and Red All Over?</p> <p>Claudia Sternbach — former Santa Cruz <i>Sentinel</i> columnist, author of three memoirs, and the former Editor-in-Chief of the literary journal <i>Memoir</i> — describes the hunt for Communists among writers and filmmakers in the 1950s, the role of women in that era, and the hidden meanings in the TV series "The Adventures of Robin Hood," the program on which <i>Red Letter Days</i> protagonist Phoebe Adler worked.</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>MARCH 3</p>	<p>Trivia on Tap</p> <p>Librarian Jenn Hooker leads an ongoing trivia night at Steel Bonnet Brewing Company in Scotts Valley. For the first Thursday in March Jenn will pose questions taken from <i>Red Letter Days</i>. There's strength in numbers, and teams (up to six members) are welcome! Snacks are available, or you can bring your own food.</p> <p><i>20 Victor Square B, Scotts Valley — 6:30 - 8:00 PM</i></p>	<p>ROBIN HOOD LIVED IN THIS WOODED ENCLAVE</p>

