

THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Salt Marsh Open House

Sunday, October 21
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join CMA educators and volunteers to learn about the Salinas de San Pedro wetlands habitat at Cabrillo Beach by using binoculars and microscopes to observe live animals. Visitors can view the birds of the marsh, learn about native plants and observe the changes in the tides.

(310) 548-7562
Free. Parking: \$2

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LIBRARY

Szabo Is New Top Librarian

John Szabo is the City's new head of the vast City Library system.

John Szabo has been appointed to the top post of City Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library. Szabo will oversee the department's Central Library, 72 branches, 900 employees and \$113 million budget. The Los Angeles Public Library serves four million people, the largest population served of any library in the United States.

"John Szabo is uniquely qualified to lead our City's renowned library system into a new era of innovation, expanded services and enhanced accessibility," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "We conducted an intensive national search for the right leader for the Los Angeles Public Library, and John Szabo exceeded all the criteria. With his experience, leadership and vision, we will develop the 21st century's premiere public library system to benefit all Angelenos."

Mayor Villaraigosa has tasked the new City Librarian with restoring hours at libraries (two nights per week and Friday mornings at every library) and initiating a strategic planning process to ensure that the Los Angeles Public Library continues to be the national leader in innovative library service.

"It is an immense honor to lead the Los Angeles Public Library, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to serve the residents of this great city," Szabo said. "Angelenos love their libraries, and I eagerly look forward to working with the Mayor, City Council, Library Commission, staff and supporters to deliver innovative and comprehensive library services of the highest quality. At a time when public libraries are

busier than ever, it is extremely exciting to provide services that address critical needs and that are so essential to the diverse communities we serve."



John Szabo

Szabo comes to Los Angeles from Atlanta, where he served as the Director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System since 2005. During his tenure in Atlanta, he led the development of the Library Building Program funded by a \$275 million bond referendum approved by 65 percent of voters. This building program will build eight new libraries, expand two libraries

and renovate 23 libraries. Szabo has championed innovative library services that address critical community needs in areas such as health disparities, workforce development, adult literacy, school readiness and emergent literacy for preschoolers.

He also initiated "eCampus," a robust online learning environment with virtual courses, career readiness resources, live tutoring and other lifelong learning tools. Szabo has advocated for initiatives that foster and celebrate diversity including the renovation and expansion of the Library's Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History and the establishment of LGBT archives.

In addition to his leadership of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, Szabo serves as Director of Quality of Life Services for Fulton County with responsibility for the Department of Arts and Culture and the Fulton County Cooperative Extension Service.

Szabo is active in professional and community organizations. He serves on the Executive Board of Urban Libraries Council and the OCLC Global Council. He is a member of the External Advisory Board to the University of Michigan's School of Information.

"John Szabo brings a wealth of experience to this position," said Board of Library Commissioners President Dr. Tyree Wieder. "He is a national leader in the library profession and has the skills necessary to lead our great library forward in its mission to serve the diverse communities of Los Angeles."

REC AND PARKS

A Whale of a Volunteer Opportunity

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium seeks volunteers for its whale-watching program.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is looking for enthusiastic volunteers college-aged or older to act as naturalists on whale-watching trips and provide whale lectures at schools.

Beginning Oct. 2, Whalewatch training classes will be given in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. through the end of March. Upon successful completion of training, volunteers will be officially certified whale watchers to share information about gray whales and other marine life.

Beginning the day after Christmas, the volunteer naturalists will sign up for a schedule of whale-watching boats departing from local landings in Redondo

Beach, Long Beach and San Pedro, as well as on-site visits to school classrooms.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is co-sponsored by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter. The Cabrillo Whalewatch volunteer training classes are free. The only requirements for volunteers are an interest in the ocean and whales, the desire to learn, and the ability to share their knowledge with others.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Information: Larry Fukuhara, Program Director, at (310) 548-7562 x223.

REC AND PARKS

Victorian Mourning

Banning Museum to host lecture on Victorian mourning.



als practiced by the American people during the Victorian era. There will be a question and answer session after the lecture along with a walk-through of the Museum's Victorian Mourning Exhibition. The Mourning Exhibition in the Museum runs Oct. 27 through Nov. 18.

Admission to the event is free for Friends of Banning Museum members and children under 12. Fee for non-members is \$5. Information: (310) 548-2005.

Friends of Banning Museum presents a lecture on "Victorian Mourning" Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Banning Museum, 401 East "M" St. in Wilmington. The lecture will start at 10 a.m. in the historic carriage barn.

The lecture will explore the social practices, superstitions, mourning attire, jewelry and ritu-

WPCCU

High-Level Volunteers Needed

Water and Power credit union looking for committee supervisors.

Water and Power Community Credit Union is looking for candidates who are interested in serving on WPCCU's Supervisory Committee. As a member, one of your main responsibilities would be to oversee and monitor the integrity and security of the credit union's financial health. A background in finance or accounting is helpful but is not a requirement. If you would like to learn more, contact Gerard Watson, (213) 367-8178.