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Three Communities, One Book Curl up with, and then share, Dave Eggers' "A Hologram for the King"

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AN EVENING WITH
DAVE EGGERS
FEBRUARY 28
7:00 pm
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
BUILDING, 3780 MT. DIABLO
BLVD, LAFAYETTE, CA 94549

Free admission. Doors open at 6:00 pm.
First come first seated.

LAMORINDA READS
THREE COMMUNITIES, ONE BOOK

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Now entering its sixth year, Lamorinda Reads is already being described as one of the area's can't miss events this winter. Planners of the beloved Three Communities, One Book bonding fest have created a slate of special events designed to appeal to those who enjoy being left musing long after they have closed the covers of their well-worn tomes.

"A Hologram for the King" by Dave Eggers has been selected as the book for Lamorindans to read, share and debate with family, friends and neighbors. Copies are currently being given away free of charge through the Contra Costa Library's facilities in Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette. Related special events will include a screening of short films, book discussion groups, a memoir writing workshop, and lectures.

Named by the New York Times as one of 2012's top ten books, Hologram is sure to strike a chord with everyone from business professionals to well-traveled locals. Eggers draws readers in to his Saudi Arabian setting to explore the everyday life of a troubled businessman - illuminating the universal losses of love and livelihood, conflicts between cultures, and the human capacity for persistence in the face of failure.

In his New York Times commentary, fellow author Pico Iyer described this National Book Award finalist as "beautifully shaped" and "a clear, supremely readable parable of America in the global economy."

The culmination of the celebration - an evening with the author- will be held at Lafayette's Veterans Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Get there early; this free program is likely to be standing room only. For more information, visit: <http://guides.ccclib.org/lamorindareads>.

Lamorinda Reads! 2013:

Wholpin Short Films Screening (adults 18+), Feb. 5, 6 p.m., Moraga Library.

"A Hologram for the King" Book Discussions: Feb. 7, 10 a.m. and Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Orinda Library; Feb. 21, 6 p.m., Moraga Library.

Lecture: 826 Valencia. Learn about the nationwide non-profit network helping students 6 to 18 improve their literacy and writing skills Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Lafayette Library.

Telling Your Story - Memoir Writing Workshop (adults, 18+): Feb. 19, 1 p.m., Orinda Library.

An Evening with Dave Eggers: Feb. 28, 7 p.m., Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall.

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