Fun Events Kick off New Year at Lamorinda's Libraries

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new friends in 2014? There are more than just books and computers at Lamorinda's libraries; to help address to senior citizens, are being offered

with their lives might want to check Learning Center. out "Networking and Career Day" from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at and snacks? Both can be found at the the Lafayette Library. Organizer Lafayette Library's Community Hall Patrick Brogan has lined up a number of professionals including a NASA Arts Society giving a jazz piano conscientist, a successful photographer cert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. and a non-profit executive to talk with teens and tweens about potential career paths and how to break into them. Also for students in grades 6 through 12, there's a special, complimentary event, Learn How to Make Sushi at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Looking to learn something new? On Sunday afternoons starting at 3 p.m. in Lafayette there's "Improve your Chess Game" that's open to folks of all ages and abilities to gain Foundation's Pet Hug Pack therapy insight, or to just find someone to enjoy the game with. The Enjoy Thinking Discussion Group will meet Also in Moraga is an eBook and on at 6 p.m. tonight, Jan. 15 to discuss Audio book workshop for Kindle "Plato." T'ai Chi for adults and seniors is a low impact way to improve Libraries have a large and growing balance and reduce stress, with experienced sensei Robert Noha at 6 p.m. you'll learn how to download and Friday, Jan. 21 and 28. On Jan. 23 Dr. more. Space is limited and registra-Marshall Zaslove will facilitate a program on meditation at 6:30 p.m.

For grown-ups searching for a Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Ann Miller says they usually select clib.org and click on events calendar.

ho doesn't want to be popular books and have multiple smarter, healthier, and make copies available for check out. Copies of the following month's selection will be available as well.

While not quite free, those hoping New Year's resolutions, a wide vari- to read more in the new year can find ety of programs tailored to educate bargains galore, including half-price and entertain everyone, from toddlers books, at the Friends Corner Book Shop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, free of charge. All three libraries have Jan. 18. "Friends" is entirely staffed dedicated story times for little ones, by volunteers and sells gently used and offerings beyond reading abound. books, music and more; proceeds go Teenagers wondering what to do to fund the Lafayette Library and

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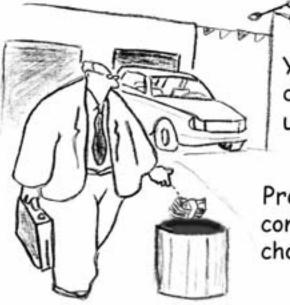
> Don't forget about options in Orinda and Moraga. The Orinda Library is home to the Paws to Read program every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. where kids age 5 through 11 can practice reading with friendly furry, non-judgmental listeners. Moraga has a similar canine program, All Ears Reading, where children in grades 1 through 5 can practice reading aloud to a dog from the Animal Rescue dogs at 4 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month, beginning Jan. 23. users at 2 p.m. Jan. 21. Contra Costa collection of ebooks, in this workshop tion is required; call (925) 376-6852 to sign up.

For more information on any of more active social life, the Lafayette these programs and for complete list-Book Club meets on the fourth ings, go to www.lllcf.org for informa-Wednesday of each month. The tion on the Lafayette Library and lively discussion for the Jan. 22 meet- Learning Center - click on calendar. ing will center on "The Language of For information on Orinda and Moraga libraries, go to the Contra Costa Newcomers are welcome. Librarian County library website at www.cc-





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