

## EXTRA EDITION - SUMMER 2010

### city council votes to sustain library hours and services at current levels

**June 16**—In welcome news to the increasing number of people who rely on the Library, the Whittier City Council voted to preserve current Library service levels in the coming fiscal year and to restore nearly \$35,000 cut from last year's budget for books.

The City Council made its decision just days before the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and American Library Association released their report on the role of public libraries in access to technology. The study's conclusions reflect Whittier Public Library's experience that more and more people are turning to the City's libraries for help finding jobs and with other recession survival needs.

The number using the Library's free Internet for job searches continues to rise. Many also use Library computers to create and print their résumés. Whittier librarians provide informal training to patrons, as needed, on how to use the catalog and access the Internet.

Whittier reference librarians created the **Job Search** link on the Library's website as a comprehensive, one-stop source for employment seekers. It links directly to numerous online job search sites, such as Craig's List, to the California Department of Employment Development and to websites for jobs in the Whittier area. **Job Search** also links to the Library's brand new database: Gale's **Career Transitions** (see accompanying article). The Library periodically sponsors job search seminars.

Whittier Public Library is one of just 21 percent of public libraries nationwide that partner with another governmental agency to provide e-government services. It hosts, with the Social Security Administration, a once-weekly session at the Library to guide applicants through the process of applying for social security benefits online.

### library gets new tool for job seekers

**As of June 1, the Library is offering free access to "Career Transitions,"** an online guide to building or changing careers. Patrons can assess their skills and interests, prepare résumés, learn interviewing and negotiating techniques, explore career options and perform job searches. Access **Career Transitions** at [www.whittierlibrary.org](http://www.whittierlibrary.org), **Job Search**.

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### new study highlights libraries' key tech role

**June 21**—Public libraries provide vital technological help to job hunters and to those seeking government services, according to a study published June 21, 2010, by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the American Library Association.

**"Public libraries function as community technology hubs.** Libraries have actively adapted to their new role as the 'one stop shop' in the digital world by serving as job and career centers and satellite offices for e-government services while continuing to support lifelong learners. Most libraries report use of technology resources increased over the past year."

More than two-thirds of public libraries are the only source of free public access to computers and the Internet; 76 percent\* report public use of Internet computers increased in 2009; 82 percent\* provide free wireless access; 88 percent\* provide access to job databases and other job opportunity resources. [\*including Whittier Public Library]

**"Libraries ensure access to online government services:** Libraries find that their involvement in government services is both increasing and changing. Today's public libraries are helping solve patrons' problems with their understanding of government agency programs."

**"Access to Library Services Declines:** At the same time libraries have expanded see "study," page 4

**"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."** Anne Herbert

# MAKE A SPLASH – DIVE INTO SUMMER READING

## for your reading pleasure...

*Quirky ... original ... compelling ...*

our summer reading lists for adults are unlike any others. They're available online only at Whittier Public Library:

[www.whittierlibrary.org/goodbooks.html](http://www.whittierlibrary.org/goodbooks.html)

### Run Away with the Circus

### Books from "Lost"

### Vampire Literature

Watch for more lists, coming very soon:

*Cozy Mysteries, Hard-Boiled Crime Fiction, If You Love Animal Stories, Climb Every Mountain, and Books for Foodies.*

## book bites: bet you can't take just one!

*You'll never lack for tantalizing reading suggestions when you read **Book Bites**, published monthly by Whittier Public Library: online at [www.whittierlibrary.org/pdf/book\\_bites.pdf](http://www.whittierlibrary.org/pdf/book_bites.pdf) and available in print at the Library.*

**Book Bites**—our refreshingly informal discussion of what's new and interesting in books, is held at Central on the first Friday of every month, 10:00 A.M., and at Branch on the second Tuesday, 12:30 P.M.

## lunch @ the library

*Bring a bag lunch and listen to an interesting speaker. Dessert and beverages are provided by the Friends of Whittier Public Library.*

### Trek to Tibet

presented by Chuck Liebelt

Central · Thursday, July 29 · 12:00

### My Mom Joined the Army

presented by Capt. Diana Arnold

Central · Thursday, August 26 · 12:00

### Understanding the Constitution

presented by Diane Sickless, Regent of the Whittier Daughters of the American Revolution

Central · Thursday, September 30 · 12:00

For Brunch @ the Branch, see page 4.

For Library program updates, go to

[www.whittierlibrary.org/publications.html](http://www.whittierlibrary.org/publications.html).

Click on Events Calendar.

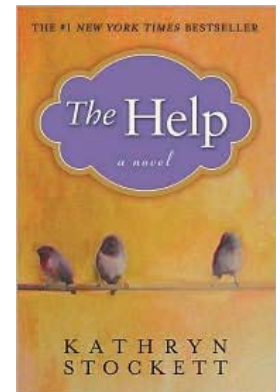
## wednesday night book group

Read the book and join our discussions:

**The Help**, by Kathryn Stockett

*"Southern whites' guilt for not expressing gratitude to the black maids who raised them threatens to become a familiar refrain. But don't tell Kathryn Stockett because her first novel is a nuanced variation on the theme that strikes every note with authenticity. In a page-turner that brings new resonance to the moral issues involved, she spins a story of social awakening as seen from both sides of the American racial divide."* (from a review by Sybil Steinberg in the Washington Post)

Central Library · Wednesday, July 21 · 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.



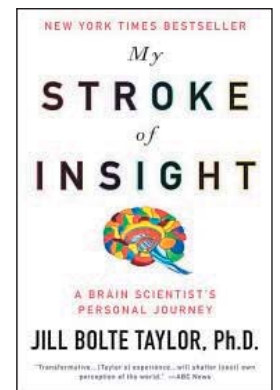
## My Stroke of Insight, A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey

by Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D.

*On December 10, 1996, Jill Bolte Taylor, a 37-year-old Harvard-trained brain scientist, experienced a massive stroke in the left hemisphere of her brain. As she observed her mind deteriorate, ... Taylor alternated between the euphoria of the intuitive and kinesthetic right brain, in which she felt a sense of complete well-being and peace, and the logical, sequential left brain, which recognized she was having a stroke and enabled her to seek help before she was completely lost. It would take her eight years to fully recover.*

*"For Taylor, her stroke was a blessing and a revelation. It taught her that by 'stepping to the right' of our left brains, we can uncover feelings of well-being that are often sidelined by 'brain chatter.' ... Taylor provides a valuable recovery guide for those touched by brain injury and an inspiring testimony that inner peace is accessible to anyone."*

Central Library · Wednesday, August 18 · 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.



## thank you for your service

*On behalf of both staff and patrons of the Library, we want to thank retiring board members Gail Chabran and Mandy Jepsen for their dedicated service to Whittier Public Library and to welcome Lisa Dabbs and Carolyn (Lynne) Mook, our new Library Board members.*

## independence day observed

*The Library will be closed for the three days of Independence Day weekend: Saturday, July 3 through Monday, July 5.*



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## TINY BUBBLES

Stories, song and play time for children ages 2 to 5 and an adult.

Central - Wednesdays · 10:30 A.M. followed by P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Time—July 7, 14 and 21

## SPLASHY SATURDAYS

Stories and crafts for children ages 2 and up and their families.

Central · Saturdays · 11:00 A.M. July 10, 17, 24 and 31

## PADDLE IN TO PJ STORYTIME

Stories and crafts for children ages 3 and above and their families.

Central · Mondays · 7:00 P.M. July 12, 19 and 26

## CANDY'S CREATIVE CORNER

Stories, games and crafts for children ages 5 to 10.

Central · Tuesdays · 3:00 P.M. July 6, 13, 20 and 27



## H<sub>2</sub>O TWEENS

For 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Central · Wednesdays · 4:00 P.M. July 7, 14 and 21  
Sign up starting June 14 at Children's.

## THE AUSTRALIA GREAT WHITE SHARK EXPEDITION

A thrilling adventure into the world of sharks, especially great whites—including an exciting and fast-paced hi-def digital multi-image presentation. For ages 5 and up.

Whittier Community Theatre Wed., August 4 · 11:00 A.M.  
Free tickets available at Central and Branch starting July 12.

## JUST FOR JULY

Stories, songs and puppets for children ages 2 to 5. Parents and caregivers welcome.

Whittwood Branch · Thursdays 10:30 to 11:00 A.M. — followed by P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Time July 1, 8, 15 and 22



## DIVE INTO SUMMER

Children ages 5 to 10, join us for games, crafts and surprises!

Whittwood Branch Thursdays—3:30 to 4:30 P.M. July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

## NANCY CASSIDY IN PERSON!

Lively songs and enchanting stories by singer, guitarist and composer Nancy Cassidy.

Central · July 28 · 11:00 A.M.  
Whittwood · July 29 · 11:00 A.M.

For Read to Me Club and Preschoolers and an adult.

Get your free tickets at Central or Branch starting July 6.



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available technology resources and public demand has climbed, budget declines are leading libraries to close their doors more often and reduce the number of staff available to assist library patrons.

- 15 percent of all libraries reported decreased hours of operation (triple the number reported one year ago.)
- 59 percent of libraries report insufficient staff to meet patron job-seeking needs.
- Thirteen state library agencies (28 percent) report they were aware of public library closures in their states in 2009.
- A majority (56 percent) of libraries report flat or decreased operating budgets in FY 2010, up from just over 40 percent in 2009.

For more on *Libraries Connect Communities: Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study 2009–2010*, go to [www.ala.org/plinternetfunding](http://www.ala.org/plinternetfunding).

## audio-visual moves to main floor

*Audio fiction is now located on the main floor at Central, in the bookcases that divide the Adults' and Children's Departments. DVDs and nonfiction audio books are shelved in the adults' reading area near the Washington Avenue library entrance. CDs are on tall shelves east of the Reference Desk. The Young Adult book collection is now housed on the mezzanine. Ask for help if you can't find what you're looking for! The typewriters and word processors are currently unavailable.*

## homework center provides summer access

*Central Library will keep its Homework Center available to students this summer while stretching its grant funds to make them last as long as possible.*

Students who want to use the Homework Center may ask for assistance at the Circulation Desk on **Mondays through Thursdays from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.**, when a Homework Center staff member will be on call. The Homework Center will also be open every **Saturday from noon to 4:00 P.M.**

## coming in september: tuesday talks

*Brunch @ the Branch is on "hiatus" for the summer. It will relaunch in September as Tuesday Talks, hosted by Whittwood Branch on the third Tuesday of every month (except December). The first Tuesday Talk will feature Chuck Elliott on **The History of Whittier**. Elliott is the author of *Whittier College: the First Century on the Poet Campus: a Pictorial Remembrance*. **Whittwood Branch Tuesday, September 21 1:00 – 2:00***

Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of Whittier Public Library.



### friends bookstore

Used books of all kinds, magazines and more. Stock changes weekly! Prices start at 25¢.

Open three days a week:

**Tuesdays 10 to 2**

**Fridays 9 to noon**

**Saturdays 10 to 2**

6703 Comstock Avenue (corner of Bailey) 562.696.4498

**Friends Bookstore** is operated by the Friends of Whittier Public Library. Proceeds benefit the Library. The Friends also hold regular sales at Central!



### CENTRAL LIBRARY

7344 South Washington Avenue  
562.464.3450

[www.whittierlibrary.org](http://www.whittierlibrary.org)

Monday	10 – 9
Tuesday	10 – 9
Wednesday	10 – 9
Thursday	10 – 6
Friday	10 – 6
Saturday	10 – 5
Sunday	Closed

### WHITTWOOD BRANCH

10537 Santa Gertrudes Avenue  
562.464.3470

[www.whittierlibrary.org](http://www.whittierlibrary.org)

Monday	12 – 9
Tuesday	12 – 9
Wednesday	10 – 6
Thursday	10 – 6
Friday	10 – 6
Saturday	10 – 5
Sunday	Closed

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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WPL welcomes everyone, including those with disabilities. Sign language interpreters are available with 72-hour advance notice to the Library.

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