

Enjoy AustenFest throughout the Library:

2nd Floor

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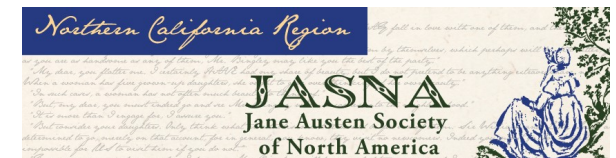
AustenFest: Romantic Love in Jane Austen's Time

Sunday, February 11, 2018
1:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
San Mateo Main Library

Free and Open to Everyone



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Northern California Region and the San Mateo Public Library



AustenFest: Program of Events

1:10 p.m.

How Romantic Love Developed in the Georgian Era (1714-1830)

Oak Room, 1st Floor

An illustrated lecture tracing the development of romantic love through people, books, Bath Assembly Rooms, accessories, hand-made Valentines in Jane Austen's lifetime and more. (50 minutes)

Dr. DiAnn Ellis was a professor at San Francisco State University for 34 years and is a passionate student of British History. She is an active member of the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA).

Confessions of the East Bay Romance Readers: Starting Your Own Book Club Around the Books You Love to Read

Cedar Room, 1st Floor

There are romance readers everywhere but how often do you talk with them face to face? In this workshop, we'll teach you everything you need to know to start a successful romance focused book club. (50 minutes)

Elise Washington and Heather Johnson are the organizers of the East Bay Romance Readers, a romance book club and social group on Meetup.com.

An Accomplished Woman: How A Story Evolves

Laurel Room, 1st Floor

We will explore a personal journey of how Jane Austen inspired a dyslexic to read and how the filmmakers were able to condense that journey into a five minute film. (50 minutes)

Rivkah Penarelli has a B.A. in Theatre Arts, loves Jane Austen, and lives in the Bay Area. Jason Penarelli has a B.A. in Film Studies, worked in Hollywood, and now produces media in the Bay Area.

2:10 p.m.

County Dancing with Cassaine Vlahos (2:10 - 3:30)

Oak Room, 1st Floor

English country dancing was the most popular kind of social dancing in Jane Austen's lifetime - learn to dance like Jane Austen herself! (80 minutes)

Cassandra Vlahos is an English Country dance caller and instructor. Music: James Langdell (clarinet), Shauna Pickett-Gordon (piano), and Daniel Soussan (recorder).

Romantic Fashions in Jane Austen's Era

Laurel Room, 1st Floor

An overview and discussion of early 19th century fashion. (50 minutes)

Anne Coulter is a costumer and clothing historian. She worked for Deborah Rush's Fashion of Yesteryear for over 15 years. Tony Inson is a collector of early 19th century decorative arts, specializing in the Federal and classical American period. He is a member of the Friends of the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum, The Decorative Arts Trust, and the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust.

2:10 p.m. (continued)

Science in the Time of Austen: From the Planet George to Darwin's Galapagos

Cedar Room, 1st Floor

Learn about Jane Austen's night sky including the Meteor of 1793, the Great Comet of 1811, the discovery of Planet George (aka Uranus) and readings associated with star-gazing in "Mansfield Park." Celebrate Darwin's birthday by discussing his love of Austen's novels and their shared backgrounds, habits and interests. (50 minutes)

Tony Dobro has published on all the solar planets. He especially enjoys hunting down overlooked nuggets in the original writings of 18th/19th century astronomers. Anne Krause is a professor of Mathematics at San Francisco State University. She is fascinated with the history of science and technology and been a member of JASNA/Norcal for over 30 years.

3:10 p.m.

Make an English Lavender Sachet or Lover's Eye - Jane Austen Style

Cedar Room, 1st Floor

Make a lavender sachet in the same way that Jane Austen would have done, or make a facsimile of a Lover's Eye brooch which was popular in Jane Austen's lifetime. (50 minutes)

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Non-Internet Match.com or, Jane Austen's Rules of Dating

Laurel Room, 1st Floor

This session will review dating experiences and rules in Jane Austen's novels and contemporary society and the outcomes when the rules are followed or not. (50 minutes)

Joy Prevost is a JASNA Lifetime Member of the Sacramento and Bay Area regions. She loves Jane Austen and history in the Regency era.

How English Country Dance Evolved - performance by Danse Libre (3:30 - 4:00 p.m.)

Oak Room, 1st Floor

See demonstrations of English Country and English Regency dances and how those dances evolved across the eighteenth century, and into the Regency period. (30 minutes)

Joan Walton is an internationally recognized dance historian, researcher, and instructor, with over thirty years of experience in the reconstruction and performance of vintage dances. In addition to teaching social dances at venues across the Bay Area, Joan is also an instructor in Dance Appreciation and Dance and World Cultures at San Jose State and College of San Mateo.