

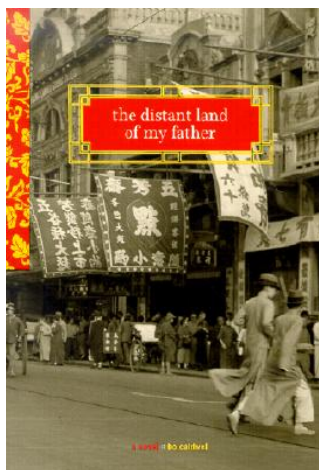
Hot Off the Shelf

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LET'S READ TOGETHER!

Palo Alto is joining Silicon Valley Reads in reading *The Distant Land of My Father* by Bo Caldwell in January and February. The Library is planning events inspired by this intriguing book.

Programs for all ages. Celebrate by attending our programs for adults, children, families or teens. See the list of programs on page two.



Do you need a copy of the book? Search the catalog at webcat.cityofpaloalto.org. Get yours now!

Palo Alto book groups - we can supply you with a kit of materials. Contact us with information about your group at libraryreference@cityofpaloalto.org

For more information: Visit our web page - www.cityofpaloalto.org/library or Palo Alto Reads blog pareads2008.blogspot.com

SIGN UP FOR *HOT OFF THE SHELF*

THIS NEWSLETTER COMES OUT 6 TIMES A YEAR. EACH ISSUE IS THEMATIC AND HIGHLIGHTS LIBRARY RESOURCES, PROGRAMS AND CLASSES. YOU CAN HAVE *HOT OFF THE SHELF* DELIVERED TO YOUR E-MAIL. LOOK FOR FEATURED LINKS/ "NEWSLETTERS - SIGN UP HERE" ON THE HOMEPAGE: www.cityofpaloalto.org/library

KICK OFF EVENT



From the files of Meimei Pan

Memories of Wartime Shanghai with Meimei Pan and Connie Young Yu. Historian Connie Young Yu is the author of *Chinatown, San Jose, USA*, and has written

extensively on Asian American History. Meimei Pan will share stories and memorabilia of her parents' experiences in, and eventual escape from Shanghai.

When: Friday, January 25

Where: Main Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

Time: 7:00pm

FREE!



SPOTLIGHT ON *BO CALDWELL*

Bo Caldwell was born in Oklahoma City, and grew up in Southern California. She attended Stanford University with the Stegner Fellowship in creative writing. *The Distant Land of My Father* is her first novel. Her personal essays and short stories have been published in a variety of literary journals. She currently lives in the Bay Area and is working on her second novel.



LOCAL EVENTS: *THE DISTANT LAND OF MY FATHER*

In January:

Throughout January the Library will host the Growing Up Asian in America exhibit at the Main Library. This is part of the largest celebration of Asian heritage in the country.

Jan. 25th
Memories of Wartime Shanghai.
Main Library, 7:00pm
(see page one for details)

In February:

Feb. 1st
Red Panda Acrobats
Mitchell Park
Community Center,
3800 Middlefield Rd.
7:00pm

Feb. 17th
Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra
Mitchell Park
Community Center,
3:00pm

Feb. 24th
In Conversation with Bo Caldwell
Palo Alto Art Center,
1313 Newell Rd. 3:00pm

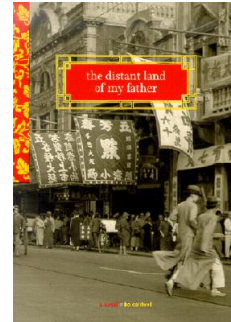
Book Discussions:

🌸 **Feb. 11th**
Mitchell Park Library, 7:00pm

🌸 **Feb. 12th**
Downtown Library, 12:00noon

🌸 **Feb. 13th**
College Terrace Library, 7:00pm

All events are sponsored by **Friends of the Palo Alto Library**



FROM THE LIBRARY: SHANGHAI AND CHINA

- ***Love in a Fallen City***
Ailing Chang
- ***Shanghai Diary***
Ursula Bacon
- ***Policing Shanghai 1927-1937***
Frederic E. Wakeman



- ***When We Were Orphans***
Kazuo Ishiguro
- ***The Girl Who Played Go***
Shan Sa
- ***Shanghai Triad***
A film by Wang Wei

“WHEN I WAS A CHILD, MY FATHER HANDED SHANGHAI DOWN TO ME AS THOUGH IT WERE MY INHERITANCE, A FAMILY TREASURE MEANT ONLY FOR ME.”

FROM
THE DISTANT LAND OF MY FATHER
BY BO CALDWELL

FREE CLASS SERIES

Join librarians for a six month series of demonstrations - **“Information You Can Use @ the Library”**.

Where: Main Library
When: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Time: 10:30am.
Sign up at www.cityofpaloalto.org/library or call Reference at 329.2436.

January 9 - What Shall I Read? Using Novelist to Find Books that Suit You.

February 13 - How to Help Your Child Succeed in School Using Library Tools.

March 12 - The Historic New York Times: Searching a Century of News.

April 9 - Health Matters: Online Tools for Medical Information.

May 14 - Genealogy Resources @ The Library (back by popular demand).

June 11 - Traveling? Learn the Secrets of Researching Your Destination.

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