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This Land is Our Land, a three-month celebration of John Muir and the centennial of the National Parks Service, opens with a juried art exhibit and reception at the Pacific Grove Public Library on Friday, October 7, 2016.

Weekly special events through December 2016 will feature Lee Stetson, performing as John Muir, Congressman Sam Farr discussing the lasting legacy of Pinnacles National Park, Michael Adams, son of Ansel Adams, giving a "Son's Perspective", "Winter in Yellowstone" as photographed by Doug Steakley, Asilomar ranger-led nature walks and talks. Also featured is exhibit curator Christine Crozier's "Art of the Parks" painting demonstration and talk, artist Julie Heilman leading a kids banner painting project, and Pacific Grove Poet Emeritus Barbara Mossberg sharing "John Muir's Purple Prose Plan to Save the World."

"The community really enjoyed last year's Edge of the Sea series, celebrating the writings of Rachel Carson" explained co-curator Cathleen Gable. "Since John Muir visited Pacific Grove in 1900, this year marks the centennial of the National Parks Service and Monterey County boasts the newest National Park, we thought this would be a good theme for this year's offering of art, nature walks and lectures."

Series sponsors include the Pacific Grove Public Library, the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation, California State Parks and the Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds.

A listing of events can be seen below. For more information visit the website at http://ourlandpg.weebly.com, or call the Pacific Grove Public Library at 831.648.5762.

Friday, October 7, 6 to 9 pm	Artists Reception	Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free
Saturday, October 8, 10-11 am	Asilomar Nature Walk and Talk with California State Parks Interpreter Lisa Bradford Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds 800 Asilomar Ave. Pacific Grove Free	
Monday, October 10, 2-3:30 pm	Book Discussion of *Letters from Yellowstone* by Diane Smith Little House in Jewell Park 578 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free	
Friday, October 14, 5:30* to 7 pm	"From Drum Solo to Symphony: a history of our national park system" Library Talk with Pinnacles National Park Lead Park Interpretive Ranger PT Lathrop Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm	
Saturday, October 15, 1 to 3 pm	Kids Banner Painting with Julie Heilman Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove $10 suggested donation; $15 family	

Friday, October 21, 5:30* to 7 pm	“Ansel Adams: a Son’s Perspective” Library talk with Michael Adams Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm
Friday, October 28, 5:30* to 7 pm	“Fort Ord National Monument” Library Talk with Bureau of Land Management’s Fort Ord National Monument Manager Eric Morgan Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm
Friday, November 4, 5:30* to 7 pm	“The Art of the Parks” Library Talk and Painting demonstration with Christine Crozier Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm
Saturday, November 5, 10-11 am	Asilomar Nature Walk and Talk with California State Parks Interpreter Lisa Bradford Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds 800 Asilomar Ave. Pacific Grove Free
Friday, November 11, 5:30* to 7 pm	“Songs to Celebrate Our Land” Library Concert with the Sea Otter String Quartet Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm

Saturday, November 12, 1 to 3 pm	Kids Banner Painting with Julie Heilman Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove $10 suggested donation; $15 family
Friday, November 18, 5:30* to 7 pm	“Going Out and Going In with John Muir” Library Talk with Linda and David Mullaly Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm
Friday, December 2, 5:30* to 7 pm	“Winter in Yellowstone” Library Talk and Photographic Presentation with Doug Steakley Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGPL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm
Saturday, December 3, 10-11 am	Asilomar Nature Walk and Talk with California State Parks Interpreter Lisa Bradford Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds 800 Asilomar Ave. Pacific Grove Free
Friday, December 9, 5:30* to 7 pm	“A Lasting Legacy” Library Talk with Congressman Sam Farr Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm

Friday, December 16, 5:30* to 7 pm	"John Muir's Purple Prose Plan to Save the World" Library Talk with Pacific Grove's Poet Emerita Dr Barbara Mossberg Pacific Grove Public Library 550 Central Ave. Pacific Grove Free to Friends of PGL members; $10 suggested donation for non-members *Doors open at 5:20 pm
Saturday, December 17, 5-6 pm	"John Muir Among the Animals" with Lee Stetson Fire Pit at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds 800 Asilomar Ave. Pacific Grove Free
Sunday, December 18 , 2 pm	"The Spirit of John Muir" with Lee Stetson Grace Dodd Chapel, Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds 800 Asilomar Ave. Pacific Grove $15 advance registration, $20 at the door

About Pacific Grove Public Library:

Library services in Pacific Grove began 130 years ago; today an average of 500 people a day visit the library and over 300,000 books are checked out annually. The 108 year old original Carnegie building at the "heart" of the present library is undergoing a historic renewal project, with the Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery a centerpiece of what is to come. For more information visit the library website at www.pacificgrovelibrary.org or the Pacific Grove Public Library at 550 Central Ave., Pacific Grove.

About the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library:

The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library is an organization of volunteers who contribute to the health and vitality of the Pacific Grove Public Library. Through their dedicated fundraising and friend-raising, and through events such as the first Saturday of the month book sale, author talks and donations for books and other materials, the Library Renewal project, and other activities, the Friends help ensure that the library is a thriving community center for discovery and lifelong learning. For more information about the Friends visit www.pglibraryfriends.org.

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