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### Orchard Park Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday:  
8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Solano Park Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday:  
8:00 a.m.—12:00p.m.  
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Special points of interest:

- Parking permits expired as of September 30, 2008. All leaseholders with vehicles should have renewed their parking permits for the new academic year or risk being cited for having an expired permit.

## Resource Library and Toy Closet By Aisha Goodman

Do you have a busy child that you want to entertain on a budget? Are you eco-conscious and don't want to waste precious resources on such a short window of time? Or do you want to read more on parenting, child development, or similar topics? Look into the Davis Resource Library and Toy Closet, where for an annual fee of \$10, you

can borrow up to 5 toys and 5 books at a time for up to two weeks. Videos can also be borrowed for a week at a time, with an additional \$10 refundable deposit per video. The Toy and Resource Library is located at 600 A Street, in Davis, and is open from Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.

Geared for young children, the toy library offers a

wide variety of durable toys. If you want to see a list of available video and audio tapes from the Resource Library, you can google the "Davis toy library" and follow the link on the page. I have known several families who have made use of this facility and have been pleased with the range of toys available to their children.

## Origami—The art of paper folding Submitted By Shakeela Kuthubdeen (From Wikipedia)

**Origami** (is a Japanese word from *oru* meaning "folding", and *kami* meaning "paper") is the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. The goal of this art is to create a representation of an object using geometric folds and crease patterns preferably without the use of gluing or cutting the paper, and using only one piece of square paper. Origami only uses a small number of different folds, but they can be combined

in a variety of ways to make intricate designs. In general, these designs begin with a square sheet of paper whose sides may be different colors or prints. Contrary to most popular belief, traditional Japanese origami, which has been practiced since the Edo era (1603–1867), has often been less strict about these conventions, sometimes cutting the paper during the creation of the design.

### History of Origami

The origin of the art began as Chinese Paper Folding. The Japanese origin began in the 6th century when Buddhist monks from China carried paper to Japan. Origami had already become a significant aspect of Japanese ceremony by the Heian period of Japanese history. Samurai warriors would exchange gifts adorned with

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# Origami—The art of paper folding

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noshi, a sort of good luck token made of folded strips of paper. Origami butterflies were used during the celebration of Shinto weddings to represent the bride and groom.

In the 1960s the art of origami began to spread out, first with modular origami and then with various movements developing, including the kirikomi. Origami is now an international art.

## Origami paper

Special origami paper, often also referred to as "kami" (Japanese for paper, among other things), is sold in prepackaged squares of various sizes ranging from 2.5 cm to 25 cm or more. It is commonly colored on one side and white on the other; however, dual coloured and patterned versions exist and can be used effectively for color-changed models. Origami paper weighs slightly less than copy paper, making it suitable for a wider range of models.

Washi is the predominant origami paper used in Japan.

Washi is generally tougher than ordinary paper made from wood pulp, and is used in many traditional arts. Washi is commonly made using fibers from the bark of the gampi tree, the mitsumata shrub

(*Edgeworthia papyrifera*), or the paper mulberry but also can be made using bamboo, hemp, rice, and wheat.

Artisan papers such as unryu, lokta, hanji, gampi, kozo, saa, and abaca have long fibres and are often extremely strong. As these papers are floppy to start with, they are often backcoated or resized with methylcellulose or wheat paste before folding. Also, these papers are extremely thin and compressible, allowing for thin, narrowed limbs as in the case of insect models.

Paper money from various countries are also popular to create origami with, called "Moneygami". It is common to create the figure depicted on the note itself.

## Action Origami

Origami doesn't just cover still-lives, it also covers moving objects; Origami can move in clever ways. Action origami includes origami that flies, requires inflation to complete,

or, when complete, uses the kinetic energy of your hands, applied at a certain region on the model, to move another flap or limb.

## Technical origami

Technical origami, also known as **origami sekkei**, **origami sekkei**, is a field of origami that has developed almost hand-in-hand with the field of mathematical origami. In the early days of origami, development of new designs was largely a mix of trial-and-error, luck and serendipity. With advances in origami mathematics however, the basic structure of a new origami model can be theoretically plotted out on paper before any actual folding even occurs. This method of origami design allows for the creation of extremely complex multi-limbed models such as many-legged centipedes, human figures with a full complement of fingers and toes, and the like.

Eager to learn this fine art of Origami? Join us for the origami class in the Melvin Fassler Community Center on October 25th. (See community events for more detail).



## Fall Children's Library Events

Submitted by Yalina Soto

### Yolo County Library, Davis Branch

315 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St  
Davis, CA 95616

### Children's Program -

ages 5 & up

**October 28th @ 3:00 p.m.**

### Bugs! Creepy, Slithery, Slimy,

Brian Turner, Bohart Museum of Entomology

UC, Davis; this event is free and sponsored by the Friends of the

Davis Branch Library

### Hug-a-Bye Baby

ages birth to 18 months

Tuesdays, 10:10 a.m. Sept 9-  
Dec 16

### Mother Goose on the Loose

ages 18 months to 36 months

Tuesdays, 10:40 a.m. Sept 9 -  
Dec 16

### Stories for Preschoolers

ages 3-5

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Sept 10-

Dec 17; no class Nov 26  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Sept 11-  
Dec 18; no class Nov 27

### Family Stories

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Aug 30-  
Dec 27

**Registration is not required. All events are free.**

**For further information call 530-757-5593. From [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org)**

## General ideas for having a Green Halloween

Source: [sustainablefairfax.org](http://sustainablefairfax.org)

Submitted by Sue Franck

It's really not about the candy.

Kids have fun when their parents get involved and have fun themselves. Part of being green is focusing on people instead of things, so try to reduce the amount of 'things' you incorporate into your Halloween by increasing the focus on fun. Here are some ideas for making your Green Halloween fun for your kids and for you:

- **Make a big deal** of your child's costume – getting dressed, taking pictures, etc.
- **Have a** neighborhood party and forgo trick-or-treating all together. Ask your child's school to consider making their Halloween celebration green as well.
- **Have a charity-themed party.** Instead of giving out prizes for games, allow children to pick from a list of charities and make a donation in their name.
- **Talk to your neighbors** about what they will be giving away in advance. One option is to trick-or-treat only at homes where you know Green Halloween items will be passed out.
- **Show your Green** by displaying your own Green Halloween sign and ask your Green Halloween neighbors to do the same. Turn looking for the signs into a hunt for treasures. The Green Halloween sign on your own door will announce to trick-or-treaters that they're in for a great surprise!
- **Give kids a full, healthy meal** before they go out trick-or-treating so they are not hungry
- **Talk to your kids** about what is in candy and why it is not healthy. Ask them to come up with creative, kid and Earth-friendly alternatives that your own family can hand out and feel good about.

# What Can I Keep on My Patio or Balcony?

Submitted by April Berryman

As part of their job responsibilities as a Resident Assistant for the Parks, RAs perform patio/balcony checks once a month to ensure that all residents are observing safety precautions and lease requirements. In many ways this part of the RA job is one of the most difficult, as it deals with people's personal belongings.

Please keep in mind that fire hazard is our number one concern. This is why balcony gates must be unobstructed from both sides at all times. Reasonable passage (a width of 24 or more inches) must be

possible the full length of the balcony and breezeway for entering and exiting in case of emergency. Items cannot be stored on or under the stairway or stairway landing (such as potted plants and decorative items). In addition, the entrance to your apartment must not be blocked by a clothesline, hammock or other item.

Our second concern is rodent habitation and yes, rats can get to the second floor. Here is a brief reminder to all of us concerning what is permitted and not permitted on your patios or balconies.

We understand that the apartments are small and storage space is limited, however, as a general guideline, patios and balconies may not contain items that would not normally belong outside in a backyard. We also suggest keeping the area clean and organized to deter spiders and other pests from making a home on your patio or balcony.

Thank you so much for your observance of the above guidelines. Let's continue to keep the Parks a safe and tidy environment for all.

## ALLOWED

- Bicycle
- Children's toys
- Barbeque (while not in use)
- Charcoal briquettes stored in a sealed plastic container
- Outdoor lawn/patio furniture
- Potting soil in a plastic container with a lid
- Swimming pools (emptied after use)
- Gardening equipment
- Buckets, mops, brooms
- Drying rack, clothesline
- Potted plants w/saucer (not on stair railings, not on stairwells)
- 1 pint of light fluid stored out of reach of small children
- Shoes
- Bricks and boards (to make shelves)

## NOT ALLOWED

- Trash
- Food storage
- Rugs/Carpet
- Wood
- Cardboard/paper or plastic bags (stored items)
- Plants or items on railing or stairwell
- Indoor furniture
- Upholstered chairs/couch
- Mattresses or Box Springs
- Toxic materials (i.e. cleaning supplies, motor oil, bleach, etc.)
- Stored clothing
- Motorcycles
- Newspapers
- Books
- Anything that would attract rodents
- No pets are allowed on patios or balconies
- Balcony gates must be operable, open at least 24 inches in each direction, and be marked

## Community Programs

### Dr. Seuss Storytime

Twas a blustery day  
Windy and sunny  
So we gathered together  
To tell tales that were funny

Don't hop on pop  
Leave your Zans to open cans  
If you have any questions  
Call Aisha Goodman 681-6897.

When: Saturday, October 4 at 3pm

Where: Melvin Fassler  
Community Center

### Cooking with Kids

Come let's celebrate Children's day with kids in the kitchen. Learn an easy way to make "Cheese Sticks". With your child as a handy helper, you can make a cheesy snack in no time. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451

When: Saturday, October 4 at 4pm

Where: Melvin Fassler  
Community Center

### Origami



Japanese paper folding is fun. Come fold a paper in to a

beautiful **Elephant**. Children less than 10 years old will need a grown up helper. Adults who are interested may join us too!! For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451

When: Tuesday, October 7 at 4pm

Where: Melvin Fassler  
Community Center

### Peruvian Spicy Chicken

This is food that will make your mouth sing. To bring her Peruvian tradition to us, Otilia will be showing us how to make this dish and then let us try it. Come to learn and sample. Call Bonnie Weeks with questions at 530-302-7326.

When: Wednesday, October 8 at 7pm

Where: Orchard Park  
Community Center

### Make Your Own Bowl and Mug

This is a popular art project that allows kids to create their own work of art using the special die-cut paper and markers. We will provide the materials needed to create your bowl and mug with your own designs. **There is a cost of \$5.00 per child and it has to be paid the day of the program.** Please, call



Yalina if you have any questions, 756-3670.

When: Friday, October 10 at 5:30pm

Where: Orchard Park  
Community Center

### Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



One of the most fun things to do on Halloween is to go to the great pumpkin patch. Bring your kids to play with the farm animals and pick some pumpkins to decorate. We will meet at the Orchard Park Office and carpool to the patch. Everyone is welcome! Call Yalina Soto for information at 756-3670.

When: Wednesday, October 15 at 4pm

Where: Meet outside the  
Orchard Park Office

# Community Programs

## Caramel Apples

Fall is apple season, so let's indulge with a homemade apple treat. Come and learn how easy it is to make caramel apples. It will be a fun fall afternoon with



friends and a tasty treat! If you have any questions, please call Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Thursday, October 16 at 4pm

Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

## Spray Painting

This is a fun art activity for all children. We will be using spray bottles with paint in them to make pictures. Make sure your children wear clothes that can get paint on them. Call Bonnie Weeks with questions at 530-302-7326.

When: Thursday, October 16 at 4:30pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

## Tee Party

Got a T-shirt that you don't want to retire? Found something rad in the laundry room that doesn't fit? Are you wishing you could put a little

punk rock/ballerina in your style without buying something new? Bring a T-shirt and learn about some possibilities from Generation T, a book on restyling T-shirts. If you have questions, call Aisha, 681-6897.

When: Saturday, October 18 at 2pm

Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

## Fruit Loop Necklaces

It's easy to entertain toddlers with this activity. Bring your children to make their own necklaces to wear and eat. Call Bonnie Weeks with questions at 530-302-7326.

When: Tuesday, October 21 at 10am

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

## Halloween Cookies



Trick or Treat! Let's make cookies and decorate them! Shh-the trick is that these orange cookies and frosting have veggies, and the cookies are wheat-free. Come, bring your kids, and enjoy. For questions, call Aisha, 681-6897.

When: Tuesday, October 21 at 4pm

Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

## Pumpkin Decorating

Let's celebrate the fall harvest with pumpkin decorating! We will use paints, paper, and glitter to decorate our pumpkins.



Once finished, we can display our pumpkins for Halloween. I'll supply apple cider and craft supplies while you bring your own pumpkin to decorate. If you have any questions, please call Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Thursday, October 23 at 4pm

Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

## Paper Bag Puppet

Wondering what you can do with those paper bags piling up? Join me and I'll teach you how to make your own funny owl puppet to surprise your child, who may like to dress up as a witch or a wizard for Halloween. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451

When: Saturday, October 25 at 4pm

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Where: Melvin Fassler  
Community Center

## Halloween Crafts

Let's get ready for Halloween and design our own treat bags! Bring a paper bag from home and we'll decorate it in time for Halloween trick or treating. I'll also have a fun Halloween craft we can work on as well. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Monday, October 27 at 4pm

Where: Melvin Fassler  
Community Center

## Halloween Bags Decoration

Let's get ready for Halloween!! Come to the Community Center to decorate your own candy bag. We are going to have stickers, markers and many more items to make a fun bag. Call Yalina Soto with questions or comments at 756-3670.

When: Wednesday, October 29 at 5pm

Where: Orchard Park  
Community Center

## Halloween Celebration

You don't want to miss this activity! This is the biggest program of the year and one that your children won't forget. We will have games, prizes, food, and entertainment. The UC Davis marching band "Band-Uh" will kick off our party, so be on time. We also invite you to wear your Halloween costumes. If you are willing to volunteer to make this program a success, please call Bonnie Weeks at 530-302-7326.

When: Friday, October 31 at 3:15pm

Where: Orchard Park  
Community Center

## Halloween

It's time again for our annual Halloween carnival. Try your skills, dress up, and be ready for some fun. We need volunteers to help at the carnival and to make treats, so find your nearest RA and let us know if you can help. Contact Aisha at 681-6897, Shawna at 757-7899, or Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, October 31 at 3pm

Where: Melvin Fassler  
Community Center



# October 2008 Davis International House Children's Storytelling

By Ann Gunion

Children's Storytelling in the Community Room at International House, 10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616 Sunday, October 19, 2008 - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Doors open at 1:45 p.m.)

Members of the Acme Theatre Company will present a dramatization of an international folktale. There will be opportunities for children and parents to interact with the actors after the performance.

In addition, as part of the annual focus on UNICEF at I-House in October, there will be a brief presentation about UNICEF and Trick-or-Treating with UNICEF

collection boxes. All donations at this performance will be given to UNICEF.

Acme is the only community theatre company in the Sacramento area run entirely by and for high-school age artists. More information on Acme Theatre is at <http://www.acmetheatre.net/>

The storytelling event is open to the public. There is no charge for International House members. The suggested donation for non-members (\$2 per person or \$5 per family).

For further details, send e-mail

to [chips@internationalhousedavis.org](mailto:chips@internationalhousedavis.org). More information on the Storytelling Program is at [www.internationalhousedavis.org](http://www.internationalhousedavis.org).

One Sunday afternoon per month, children ages 5 through 10, with an accompanying adult, enjoy storytelling performances with international content at the I-House.

International House, Davis is an independent, nonprofit community organization. Its purpose is to promote respect and appreciation for all peoples and cultures.

## Holidays and Anniversaries

### October 3—Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

#### October 9

The first generator at Boulder Dam (now called Hoover Dam) began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles, California

### October 15—White Cane Safety Day

On White Cane Safety Day, our Nation renews its dedication to eliminating barriers for every disabled American, especially the blind and visually impaired." "The Congress, by joint resolution (Public Law 88-628) approved on October 6, 1964, as amended, has designated October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day."

### October 17—San Francisco Earthquake 1989

A powerful earthquake rocked San Francisco killing 63 people and injuring 3,500. 100,000 buildings were damaged. The two-tier Bay Bridge and Nimitz freeway both partially collapsed. The epicentre of the quake, which measured 6.9 on the Richter scale, is thought to have been Loma Prieta, 10 miles north of Santa Cruz on the San Andreas fault. The reason for the lower-than-expected death toll was put down to the fact that most people had left work early to watch the third of the World Series baseball games which was being shown on television. Over 12,000 people were made homeless by the earthquake. Some were eventually able to return to their homes following extensive repairs.

### October 18—Alaska Day

Alaska Day is the anniversary of the formal transfer of the territory and the raising of the US. flag at Sitka on October 18, 1867.

### October 21

Edison solved the problem of maintaining a vacuum in the light bulb constructed by Swan, and on October 21, 1879, he illuminated a carbon filament light bulb that glowed continuously for 40 hours.

### October 31

Mount Rushmore was completed with 60-foot busts of Washington, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Lincoln, 1941. The project took 14 years to complete.

# Calendar of Events

## October 2008

*\*\*All residents are welcome to attend all programs, regardless of location. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.\*\**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <u>Dr. Seuss Storytime</u> MFCC 3pm  <u>Cooking with Kids</u> MFCC 4pm
5	6	7 <u>Origami</u> MFCC 4pm	8 <u>Peruvian Spicy Chicken</u> OPCC 7pm	9	10 <u>Make a Bowl &amp; Mug</u> OPCC 5:30pm	11
12	13	14	15 <u>Pumpkin Patch Field Trip</u> Meet at the OP Office 4pm	16 <u>Caramel Apples</u> MFCC 4pm  <u>Spray Painting</u> OPCC 4:30pm	17	18 <u>Tee Party</u> MFCC 2pm
19	20	21 <u>Fruit Loop Necklaces</u> OPCC 10am  <u>Halloween Cookies</u> MFCC 4pm	22	23 <u>Pumpkin Decorating</u> MFCC 4pm	24	25 <u>Paper Bag Puppets</u> MFCC 4pm
26	27 <u>Halloween Crafts</u> MFCC 4pm	28	29 <u>Halloween Bags Decorating</u> OPCC 5pm	30	31 <u>Halloween Celebration</u> OPCC 3pm  <u>Halloween</u> MFCC 3pm	

