



# Book Fair

December 7-11, 2010

## Hours:

*Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>*  
8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

*Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*  
8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

*Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*  
8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

*Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>*  
8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

*Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*  
9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



Beginning December 7<sup>th</sup>, the RDS Gallery and Helen Dittmer Library will be transformed into a one-of-a-kind bookstore, where parents and students can browse and purchase from a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages. From early readers, picture books, and chapter books to books for young adults and adults, there will be something for everyone. Attending the Book Fair generates lots of excitement in RDS students, excitement that should quickly translate into making them eager readers. Parents can also support our school by purchasing books for the Helen Dittmer Library, for classroom collections and by fundraising for the RDSPGA. Our school also provides books to other local schools' libraries and to programs for children in need.

Our new Book Fair vendor, Books Inc., will bring many improvements to the Book Fair this year, most notably a selection of books closely tailored to our community of readers and mid-week restocking if there's a run on certain titles. Also, because this year's fair is in the heart of the holiday season, you will have a convenient opportunity to holiday shop while earning money for RDS. We're even happy to gift wrap for you.

## EVENTS

### Author Visits for Students (parents are invited too!)

**Mac Barnett**, author of the *Brixton Brothers series* and older brother of 5<sup>th</sup> grader Will Barnett, will visit the Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, in the Helen Dittmer Library on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Elizabeth Partridge**, author of *Marching For Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary*, will visit the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, in the Helen Dittmer Library on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m..

### BookMark

*Tuesday, December 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

This year brings the first of many BookMark events to Redwood Day School. RDS parents and guardians are invited to attend a special evening for adults featuring a reading and discussion with MacArthur genius award-winning author and RDS mom Yiyun Li. Yiyun has just published her second short story collection *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl*, which followed quickly on the heels of her highly acclaimed novel, *The Vagrants*. She'll be speaking about the writing life in the Middle School MPR. Please join us for wine, cheese, book-browsing, and an edifying evening.

### BookBeat (formerly known as the Book Bug Boogie)

*Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

Party with the middle school at the BookBeat! Families of middle school students are encouraged to come be entertained as middle school students perform skits, songs, and readings inspired by books they've read. Chow down on pizza and salad, and then head over to the Library and Gallery to shop for books and enjoy coffee and dessert.

### BookJam

*Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

This is your last chance to shop for books to benefit the RDSPGA and to catch up on your holiday shopping unencumbered by children begging. X-Care staff will oversee a morning of cartoons and fun for your kids while you shop. Kids are encouraged to come in their jammies. There will be breakfast snacks for the kids and Peet's coffee and treats for parents too.

### BookShare

Through BookShare, shoppers can donate money that will be used to purchase books for children and libraries of Oakland public elementary schools that are suffering from economic hardships. The recipients will be: Lazear, Santa Fe, Think College Now, International Community School and Greenleaf. Books will be selected and distributed to these schools through the Jewish Coalition for Literacy program.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Who can attend the Book Fair?

A. Anyone, and the more the merrier. So invite your friends, neighbors and family members, grandparents, aunts and uncles. They can all enjoy shopping, while supporting RDS.

### Q. How can my child buy books at the Book Fair?

A. Each RDS class visits the Book Fair early in the week so students can make "Wish Lists." Students also can visit before school and during recess. If you set up an account for your child, they can shop on their own, spending up to the maximum you have pre-paid (please see the RDS website for specifics on student accounts). Alternatively, you can come back and shop with (or without) your child.

### Q. Can I buy my child's teacher a gift?

A. Yes. This is a great way to show your appreciation for RDS teachers and staff. You can purchase a gift certificate before or during the Book Fair that they can use to buy something special for themselves. Any amount they don't spend during the Book Fair gets donated to the Library.

### Q. What is a Classroom Wish List and the Library Wish List?

A RDS teachers and staff are encouraged to make classroom wish lists to guide families who want to donate books to the school. The wish lists will be on the bulletin board nearest the front desk, arranged by classroom. There will be a special table of books set aside at the fair for library donations.