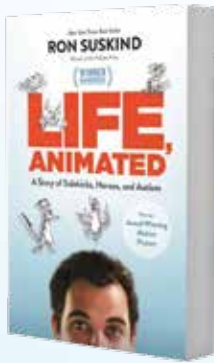


Cuesta College 2018 BOOK OF THE YEAR



Ron Suskind, Author of
Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism

will visit Cuesta College for a lecture and book signing.



Get Your Ticket!

Renowned author and speaker Ron Suskind will be on campus to discuss his recent memoir *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism*. A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and respected political analyst, Suskind turns his attention to his own family in this moving narrative which chronicles their resilience and perseverance when their world is turned upside down as younger son, Owen, is diagnosed with autism at age of 3.

Monday, March 19, 2018, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Cuesta College's Cultural and Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo Campus

Lecture with book signing, **5:00-6:30 p.m.** in CPAC.

Reception with author in SLO campus Library (Bldg 3200) to follow, **6:45-8:00 p.m.**

Refreshments and display of art created by Autism Center students.

\$10 general admission | Students admitted FREE

Please contact Mallory Cronan, cuestabook@gmail.com for student tickets and reception RSVP.

Tickets on sale beginning February 1, 2018: online at cpactickets.cuesta.edu. Performing Events Ticket Line: 805 546-3198.

Campus and Community Presentations



PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS

"EXPLORING AUTISM" PRESENTATIONS WITH Q&A

Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center (CCASC) is a local, all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of those affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The organization has a history steeped in parental and professional involvement. Members of CCASC will be making informational presentations on autism and on their services in conjunction with our featured book, *Life Animated*. Contact: Dr. Debra Balke, CCASC President, debral.balke@gmail.com or Tyler Skinner (805) 540-4432, tyler@catalystcainc.com



Dr. Debra Balke

February 8, 6:00 p.m., Atascadero Library, with Becky D'Ornellas, Board Member Emeritus, CCASC

February 23, 1:00 p.m., Cayucos Library, with Dr. Debra Balke, Pediatric Neurologist and Board President, CCASC

February 24, 2:00 p.m., Arroyo Grande Library, with Mercedes Meier, Board Member, CCASC, and mother of a child with autism

March 1, 6-8:00 p.m., Paso Robles City Library, with Dr. Debra Balke, Pediatric Neurologist and Board President, CCASC

March 3, 2:00 p.m., Morro Bay Library, with Becky D'Ornellas, Board Member Emeritus, CCASC

March 13, 6:00 p.m., Los Osos Library, with Dr. Mike Ruef, Professor and Board Member Emeritus, CCASC

March 14, 5:30 p.m., San Luis Obispo Library, with Dr. Laurie Ferguson, Clinical Psychologist and Board Member, CCASC

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS: GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE CLASSROOM

"WHAT IS AUTISM?" PRESENTATIONS WITH Q&A

All campus and community members welcome.



Dr. Laurie Ferguson

Tues, March 6, 1:00 p.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Room 5401, Dr. Laurie Ferguson, Clinical Psychologist and Board Member, CCASC. Contact: instructor Katie Mervin, katie_mervin@cuesta.edu

Mon, March 26, 11:00 a.m.-12:20 p.m., Cuesta North County Campus, Room N3102, Dallons Hall, Dr. Laurie Ferguson, Clinical Psychologist and Board Member, CCASC. Contact: instructor Dr. Gabriel Searcy, gabriel_searcy@cuesta.edu

On KCBX Radio 90.1 FM



Host Brian Reynolds leads interviews about *Life, Animated* as part of KCBX "Issues and Ideas" segment. Guest speakers to include SLO County Regional Librarian Jackie Kinsey, Cuesta College Book of the Year Committee member, Kathy Myers, and Cuesta College Librarian Denise Fourie. Archived interviews posted at: kcbx.org

January 24, 1 p.m.

February 28, 1 p.m.

Book Discussions



Join community discussions on *Life, Animated*.

*For library address and contact info, see listing below.

February 15, 2:30 p.m., Atascadero Library

March 6, 11:00 a.m., Atascadero Library

February 21, 4:00 p.m., Shell Beach Library

March 7, 10:00 a.m., Morro Bay Library

February 23, 10:00 a.m., Arroyo Grande Library

March 8, 6:15 p.m., Oceano Library

February 27, 5:30 p.m., Arroyo Grande Library

March 14, 6:00 p.m., Los Osos Library

March 15, 7:00 p.m., Paso Robles City Library

*Library Addresses:

Arroyo Grande Library, 800 W Branch St, Arroyo Grande, 805 473-7161

Atascadero Library, 6555 Capistrano Ave, Atascadero, 805 461-6161

Cayucos Library, 310 B St, Cayucos, 805 995-3312

Los Osos Library, 2075 Palisades Ave, Los Osos, 805 528-1862

Morro Bay Library, 625 Harbor St, Morro Bay, 805 772-6394

Oceano Library, 1551 17th, Oceano, 805 474-7478

Paso Robles City Library, 1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, 805 237-3870

San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St, San Luis Obispo, 805 781-5991

Shell Beach Library, 230 Leeward Ave, Shell Beach, 805 773-2263

Film Screenings



Based on journalist Ron Suskind's book *Life, Animated*, this 92-minute documentary of the same name is directed by Roger Ross Williams. Featuring interviews with Owen, his parents, Ron and Cornelia, and older brother Walt, this moving and heartfelt film chronicles the family's journey with autism. Learn about the major breakthrough they discover by using "Disney dialog" to communicate with their son. Owen's affinity with Disney animated characters becomes the key to his interaction with the world.

The film's awards include Sundance Film Festival award for Best Direction, Special Achievement Annie Award, and Academy Award Nomination for Best Documentary Feature category in 2017.

February 27, 6-8:00 p.m., San Luis Obispo Library. Cuesta Human Development faculty Bailey Drechsler will introduce the film and lead a Q&A afterward. Free snacks. 805 781-5991.

March 12, 10-11:45 a.m., Cuesta North County Campus, Dallons Hall, Room N3102. Free donuts. Contact: allison_phelps1@cuesta.edu

March 13, 10-11:45 a.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Room 5401. Free donuts. Contact: allison_phelps1@cuesta.edu

March 22, 6-8:00 p.m., Paso Robles City Library. Film showing with discussion to follow. 805 237-3870.

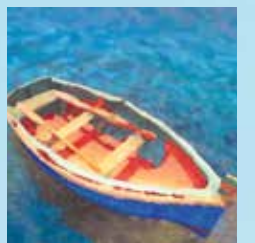
Art Workshops



CENTRAL COAST AUTISM SPECTRUM ART WORKSHOP

March 2, 4-6:00 p.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Library, Room 3219

Landscape and still-life artist, Sydney Hall, will be guiding members of the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center (also open to the public) on creating drawings to interpret parts of the featured book, *Life, Animated*. All art materials supplied. Campus and public welcome to attend. Contact: Debra Balke, debral.balke@gmail.com or Tyler Skinner, tyler@catalystcainc.com to reserve your spot.



DROP IN ART FOR DE-STRESSING

March 7, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Library, Bldg 3200, Group Study Area

As part of ASCC's mid-semester De-Stress events, art instructor, Gena Bates, will be guiding students (also open to the public) on intentional doodling, page coloring, and collage-making. Drop in or stay awhile to get artsy ideas for stress reduction. All art materials supplied. Contact: dfourie@cuesta.edu or allison_phelps1@cuesta.edu



ADULT COLORING CLUB

March 8, 6-8:00 p.m., Paso Robles City Library

Join the Adult Coloring Club and enter a world of order, detail, and precision as we color pages designed by Peter Myers, an artist with Asperger's Syndrome. Add your personal stamp to one of these beautifully complex drawings. All art materials supplied. 805-237-3870

ART AS WELLNESS

March 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cuesta North County Campus, Dallons Hall, Room N3102

Special hands-on workshop focusing on art for relaxation and wellness. Art instructor, Gena Bates, will be guiding PDS 030-Wellness Arts students (public is welcome to join this session) on intentional doodling, page coloring, and collage-making. Experience some simple art techniques for stress reduction and increased creativity. All art materials supplied. Contact: dfourie@cuesta.edu (To enroll in the entire PDS 030-Wellness Arts course, contact instructor Linda Curtis: lc Curtis@cuesta.edu)

Upcoming Events: Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center

GALA: ART ON THE SPECTRUM-A SENSORY EXPERIENCE

April 14, 2018, 5-8:30 p.m., King David Masonic Temple, 859 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo

The Gala is a fun-filled evening benefiting the CCASC. A highlight of the event is the showcase of rich student artwork from the annual Workshop Series led by artist Sydney Hall. The creative talent and inner voice from the students give a rare glimpse into the world of autism. Artwork available for purchase.



10TH ANNUAL WALK FOR AUTISM AND AWARENESS FAIR

April 22, 2018, 12-4:00 p.m., Mission Plaza, San Luis Obispo

Join CCASC in celebrating their 10th annual Walk for Autism to raise awareness and funds. In addition to the Walk, the Fair includes music, food and festivities for the whole family. Art will be on display and available for purchase. For full details on the Gala (tickets required) and to register for the Walk: www.sloautism.org or Debra Balke, CCASC President, debral.balke@gmail.com or Tyler Skinner tyler@catalystcainc.com