

Welcome to San José

and to the California Library Association's 110th Annual Conference!

The theme of the 2008 conference is *Leading the Way*, and we promise you four days of unparalleled education as well as a great time in San José!

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2008 President



CLA continues its annual tradition of bringing well-known authors to the library community. Husband and wife authors Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman will be our guests at the Opening General Session Saturday morning and author Jeannette Walls will close the conference on Monday. Adrienne Barbeau is our featured speaker on Sunday morning.

2008 Master speakers, sponsored by Infopeople and the California State Library, include Daniel Pink, the author of a trio of provocative books on the changing world of work, and William Crossman, philosopher, futurist, and professor involved with issues of education, media and technology, language and culture, and human rights. More than eighty workshops and poster sessions will cover current library issues and concerns, and nine pre-conference institutes will allow you to explore important library topics in depth. There are many opportunities to develop your leadership skills and explore your interests!

After each day of invigorating programs and meetings, we promise to provide you with plenty of opportunities for fun, too. We'll open the Exhibit Hall on Friday evening with a reception with our exhibitors. Our Awards Dinner on Friday night will have you celebrating in your party clothes as you honor the best of California's library movers and shakers. You'll have an opportunity to win great prizes in the exhibit hall on Saturday night, and the party keeps going with a special fundraiser for SJSU student scholarships at the beautiful San José Art Museum. As if that weren't enough, leave room for the annual State Librarian's Breakfast on Saturday morning, the Sunday morning celebration of the Beatty Award and Breakfast, the Sunday afternoon Coulter, CALTAC, and CYRM lunches, and the annual Chinese Banquet on Sunday night!

This year's Conference Planning Committee has done an outstanding job, skillfully assisted by our CLA staff. I promise this is THE library conference for 2008. Welcome to San José!