

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014

**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
914 CAPITOL MALL, ROOM 500**

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM GOVERNING PASSIONS: THE UNLIKELY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOVE AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

We know it sounds like an impossible pairing: who sees a couple at a romantic candlelit dinner and thinks, "I wonder whether there are any government publications relevant to this event?" But in fact, love has inspired government publications on countless topics, from the value of chocolate to the economy to the effect of marriage on health to statistics on birth rates and more. Follow us on a tour of a relationship from the first date 'til death do them part and find out just how diverse these romance-inspired government publications can be!

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM A WILD LOVE: GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AND NATURE

We will present a brief survey of national and California notable government documents exploring nature, landscape, and environment from the 1980s to the present.

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM THE LIFE AND CAREER OF BERNARD WITKIN

Bernard E. Witkin, who the State Law Library was named after, was a major player in developing the practice of law and the administration of justice in the State of California. He began developing his innovative thoughts while a student at Boalt Hall and never let up in his push to better the teaching and profession of law throughout his life. This presentation will highlight selected events in his life and career.

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM 30 YEARS OF LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES: BUILDING SKILLS, CHANGING LIVES

Learn about California Library Literacy Services, which helps over 22,000 adults improve their reading and writing skills in California libraries each year with the assistance of more than 13,000 trained volunteers. Hear from an adult learner about how the service has made a life-changing difference and from a volunteer tutor about what makes this volunteer opportunity so rewarding.

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM DIGITAL GOLD: DIGITIZED BOOKS ABOUT CALIFORNIA IN THE GOLD RUSH ERA

Many of the books in the Library's collection about the Gold Rush Era have digitized versions that anyone can access online. In this program, we will read excerpts about this fascinating time in our state's history. Topics include the prospectors' arrival in San Francisco, passage to Sacramento and the gold fields, descriptions of early Sacramento, Sutter's Mill, observations and experiences in the gold fields, and efforts to establish law and order and to achieve statehood.

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM A CENTURY OF USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING IN CALIFORNIA

We'll take a look at U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps of California from the late 19th century to the present, tracking the growth and development of our great state through governmental cartography.