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Welcome the Year of the Dragon at the San Leandro Public Library

The San Leandro Public Library invites you to a very special Lunar New Year celebration on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Main Library, located at 300 Estudillo Avenue. The admission is free. “The Library’s Lunar New Year programs are always outstanding,” said Mayor Stephen Cassidy. “I strongly encourage everyone to attend this great cultural event celebrating San Leandro’s Asian community.”

Welcome the Year of the Dragon with exciting music, beautiful dance, and bright costumes! The amazing performances scheduled for this celebration will delight guests of all ages and include: the lion dancers, Vietnamese folk dancers and martial arts demonstrators of Vovinam Viet-Do-Dao of San Jose, Dale Chung’s magic act, the Great Wall Youth Orchestra of Oakland, Ms. Wei’s Chinese Children Dancers of the San Leandro Marina Community Center, the Thai Classical Dancers of the Thai Cultural Center in Berkeley and the Korean performers from the Korean Culture Center in San Jose.

Free Asian arts and crafts sessions for children will be hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro. Beverages, as well as Asian cuisine food plates, will be available for purchase.

The Children’s Department at the Main Library is also hosting a Lunar New Year Fun Night event on Wednesday, January 25, at 7:00 pm and includes the Magic of Tamaka and the Empress followed by a lion dance group! For more information on this event, please call the Library’s Information Desk at (510) 577-3971.

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About San Leandro

A diverse community of nearly 85,000 residents centrally located in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Leandro maintains a safe, small town feel where neighbors care for each other, while offering a wide range of shopping, dining, recreation, miles of shoreline, and easy access to nearby regional parks and nature areas. Over the past decade the community has invested more than \$250 million in renovating and modernizing its public schools and building state-of-the-art facilities for students.

Possessing a rich manufacturing history, businesses in San Leandro enjoy multiple advantages including a large industrial and commercial zone, close proximity to the Oakland International Airport and Port of Oakland, two major freeways, two BART stations, and access to a large and well-educated workforce in the city and East Bay. Through a public-private partnership, known as Lit San Leandro, a ten mile fiber optic loop is being constructed in the city, assisting a new set of businesses to leverage San Leandro's assets and become industry leaders in the data revolution. Further information about Lit San Leandro can be found at <http://www.litsanleandro.com/>

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