



2007 ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BOOK FESTIVAL

Celebrating Stories, Transforming Lives™

A community event produced by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) to support programs and services provided by APALC

ADVANCING LITERACY AS A MEANS TO INCREASED CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Asian Pacific American Legal Center understands the importance of books and reading, especially as it relates to and advances literacy, which is key to maintaining an informed citizenry required in a healthy democracy.

MAJOR COMMUNITY EVENT DURING APA HERITAGE MONTH

By bringing together numerous organizations representing the diversity of the APA community, the book festival will serve as a major community gathering. While promoting APA writers and their books, the book festival will also serve as an opportunity to increase public awareness of these organizations and important community issues.

SATURDAY, May 12, 2007 at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo

2007 Event Goals

- Create a significant and meaningful community event by working in collaboration with partners from various segments of the literary/academic community—to become the premier LA County APA Heritage Month event;
- Provide opportunities for mentoring and cultivation of new and emerging APA writers, with particular emphasis on college and high school students;
- Develop a showcase for the extraordinary talent pool of Asian Pacific American writers in Southern California and those affiliated with the literary/academic/journalism communities;
- Generate greater visibility for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center through its lead role in organizing this event;
- Bring visibility to all partnering organizations;
- Increase public awareness of critical issues facing the APA community;
- Provide vehicles for public participation/action with APALC and APA community

Proposed 2007 Event Components

- Workshops for Students & Writers
- Youth/Family Activities
- Presentations/Panel Discussions
- Literary Vendors & Community Resource Booths

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- UCLA Asian American Studies Center
- Japanese American National Museum
- KPCC
- Asian American Journalists Association Los Angeles Chapter
- Poets & Writers Magazine
- Visual Communications
- Los Angeles Unified School District, Early Childhood Division

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