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Hundreds Enjoy Palmdale's Book Festival/ARTown

PALMDALE – Hundreds of local residents took advantage of a sunny day and made their way to the City's inaugural Palmdale Book Festival & ARTown Fusion, a celebration of literacy and artistic culture for all ages, held on Saturday, May 7 from 12 noon to 4 pm at Legacy Commons and Legacy Park, located at 930 E. Ave. Q-9 in Palmdale.

Children enjoyed face painting, temporary tattoos, balloon art and story time, while some took to the stage and acted out scenes from various Shakespeare plays.

Local authors held book signings on the grounds of Legacy Park, and the Friends of the Library offered great deals on used books at its book sale.

The Library's Techmobile offered free mobile Wi-Fi and computer access to patrons, and introduced its on-the-go services.

Inside Legacy Commons, works by local artists were displayed inside the main auditorium. Special guests the High-D Boys kept visitors entertained with their special brand of musical comedy.

Among the local authors who participated included: Itibari Zulu, "Journal of Pan-African Studies;" Rich Samuels, "Alexander Adventures;" Dr. Lance Fogan, "DINGS;" Stacey Nembhard, "The Jamaican Linguist: I Remember When;" E. Katherine Kottaras, "How to Be Brave;" L. Denet Stephens, "The Search for Sunshine;" Mildred Dumas, "Christmas Blessings: A Novel;" Laura Emery, "Disposition of Remains;" Mark Sears, Michael Picarella, "Everything Ever After: Confessions of a Family Man;" Lee Souleles, "Avalon;" Deen Ferrell, "Cryptic Spaces" series; Chris Alexander, "Star Wars Origami;" Lock Marie, "The Tip Book;"

Rebekah R. Ganiere, "Dead Awakenings;" "The Fairelle Series;" Patricia Alexander; Sara Skilton, "Bruised;" Kymbr Mundstock and Antelope Valley Writers' Association compilation books.

Local artists who participated included: Keri Olson, Julia Grammer, Jeanette Taylor, Juanita McWilliams, Pamela Lacey, Katrina Castillo, Juan Jimenez, Amanda Alvarez, Martina Hernandez, Adrian Abrego, Tony Escalante, Michele Streenz, Bruce Robertson, Liz Franco, Gwyneth Wilson, Kristi Arzola, and students from Palmdale High School.

For more information, please call the Palmdale City Library at 661/267-5600, or visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/library](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/library).