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*Murder as a Fine Art* to be Discussed at Palmdale City Library Mystery Book Club

PALMDALE – The Palmdale City Library's Mystery Book Discussion Group "Mystery, Murder and Mayhem" will discuss the book *Murder as a Fine Art* by David Morrell this Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 pm., at the Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway.

Thomas De Quincey, infamous for his memoir *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater*, is the major suspect in a series of ferocious mass murders identical to ones that terrorized London forty-three years earlier. The blueprint for the killings seems to be De Quincey's essay "On Murder Considered as One of the Fine Arts." Desperate to clear his name but crippled by opium addiction, De Quincey is aided by his devoted daughter Emily and a pair of determined Scotland Yard detectives.

The Mystery, Murder and Mayhem Mystery Book Discussion Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, at the Larry Chimbole Cultural Center. The group is open to anyone who enjoys a good mystery. The discussion also provides disabled access with 72 hours' notice. To request special aids for the disabled or for more information, please call the Palmdale City Library at 661/267-5600 or TDD 661267-5167.

The Palmdale City Library is open seven days a week. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.

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