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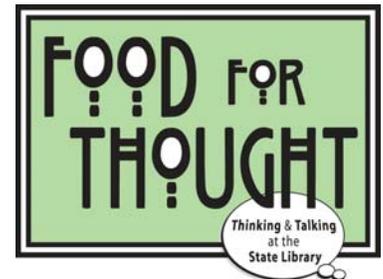
**California State Library's *Food for Thought* kicks off September 25  
with film and free reception**

**Sacramento** – To stimulate opinions, and animated, yet civil, discussion among people who work in and around the State Capitol, the California State Library is launching ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library***, free cultural evenings complete with food and wine. ***Food for Thought*** will continue every third Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 8:15 pm.

A healthy democracy, of which libraries are the bedrock, is a safe haven in which people talk freely about ideas and issues. ***Food for Thought*** is the California State Library's way of invigorating one of California's most valuable cultural commodities, its collective intellect.

For over 157 years, the State Library has preserved California's priceless books, posters, maps, photographs, government documents, and art. With ***Food for Thought*** the State Library expands that purview by offering its distinguished Sacramento customers an after-hours forum for playing out ideas. State Librarian Susan Hildreth says, "We envision our monthly cultural evenings as thought-engaging events that remind our busy audiences that we all need to slow down enough to consider and learn from the mistakes and successes of the past and think well about our shared future."

The free kick-off ***Food for Thought*** event on September 25<sup>th</sup> is a big-screen showing of a provocative and rough futuristic film guaranteed to jump-start guests' views. The R-rated movie depicts an America after 500 years of 'round the clock TV-watching. Bloated, anesthetized Americans in this futuristic farce communicate in the grammar-free language of texting and sound bytes. They have no imaginations. Worse, they don't question the status quo. The future world is a world we don't want, a world without critical thought, without knowledge, without libraries.



In addition to the movie, the evening includes a wine and appetizer reception generously sponsored by the California State Library Foundation, welcoming and context-setting remarks from the State Librarian and the Executive Director of the California State Library Foundation, and a post-movie facilitated discussion among audience members regarding the future the film portrays.

***Food for Thought*** will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in historic Room 500 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building at 914 Capitol Mall in Sacramento. Doors open at 5:30. The movie shows at 6:00 with time for discussion afterward. Metered parking is free after 6:00 pm and the event is 2 blocks from Light Rail. Space is limited. Attendees must RSVP to [akwong@library.ca.gov](mailto:akwong@library.ca.gov) to ensure a seat.

***Food for Thought*** is made possible by generous donations from the California State Library Foundation. For more information, please contact Sarah Dalton, Public Information Officer, at (916) 654-1483 or email at [sdalton@library.ca.gov](mailto:sdalton@library.ca.gov).

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