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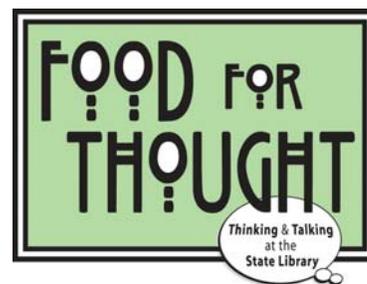
Food for Thought to Explore Success/Failure

Sacramento – The California State Library’s December event in its monthly evening cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library***, will be held on December 18th. The 5:00 to 8:30 pm event includes free food with wine and hot beverages, a showing of one of the greatest American films of the 20th century, and a lively post-film dialogue.

The richly imperfect world of this month’s ***Food for Thought*** offering seems eerily prescient of today. A stagnant economy, rife with bank closures and plummeting stock and home prices, is the backdrop of this classic film. And just like the film’s archetypal character, many Americans are now redefining what it means to be a success.

Released in December 1946, this month’s film is a holiday tale which, like Dickens’ A Christmas Carol, re-sees an ordinary man’s life on a sentimental Christmas Eve. A wingless angel relieves the protagonist’s crushing sense of material failure by showing him how he has made the lives of family and friends worth living. With the angel as a guide, the protagonist ultimately learns that a man’s greatest victories connect not to commerce and material wealth, but to matters of the human heart.

The California State Library launched ***Food for Thought*** because it believes that libraries and the free expression of ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. ***Food for Thought*** is a monthly forum for civilized discourse, and is a unique venue where film buffs and thinking people talk freely about the ideas and issues presented in an important movie. By ensuring that California’s people stay intellectually invigorated, the California State Library is taking an active role as a positive shaper of the future of this great state. Its monthly ***Food for Thought*** evenings remind busy Sacramento audiences that we all need to slow down enough to consider and discuss the issues that are shaping our collective future, so that we can build a preferred tomorrow.



Food for Thought will be held from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in historic Room 500 on the 5th floor of the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building at 914 Capitol Mall in Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00. The movie shows at 5:45 p.m. with time scheduled for discussion afterward. Metered parking is free after 6:00 pm and the event is two blocks from the 8th and O Light Rail station. Space is limited. Attendees must RSVP to 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 Angela Kwong at (916) 654-1330 or email at akwong@library.ca.gov.

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