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***Food for Thought* Presents Vehicle Murder Mystery**

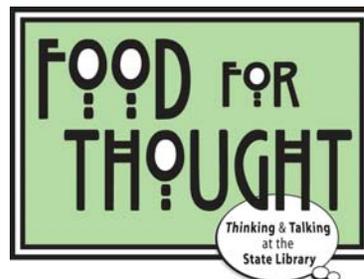
Sacramento – The April event for the California State Library’s cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library***, will be held **Thursday, April 16th**. The free 5:30 to 8:30 pm gathering includes hearty refreshments, a thought-provoking film, and a lively post-film discussion.

In honor of Earth Day, April’s featured film chronicles the life and mysterious death of General Motors’ EV1 electric vehicle. Produced from 1996 to 2002, the EV1 ran on electricity, produced no emissions, and catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry. The lucky few who drove the EV1 never wanted to give it up. So why was this fleet of 1,000 innovative electric vehicles crushed for scrap in the Arizona desert?

This critically acclaimed 2006 documentary by Chris Paine unfolds like a murder mystery as Paine explores the car’s puzzling demise. First, he lays out facts about the EV1 in balanced interviews with automakers, legislators, engineers, consumers, and car enthusiasts. Then, like Agatha Christie, Paine examines motives and alibis of principal suspects including government, oil and car companies, the California Air Resources Board, consumers, and purveyors of hydrogen fuel cell technology. Judgment is rendered, but a question remains: who ultimately controls our energy future?

Two eminent energy experts, S. David Freeman, clean energy pioneer, and Professor Andy Frank of UC Davis, father of the modern plug-in hybrid, will speak briefly and join the discussion after this thought-provoking film.

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 unique monthly venue where film buffs and thinking people talk freely about ideas and issues. By ensuring that Californians 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 issues that shaped our past and affect our collective future, so we can build a preferred tomorrow.



Join us on April 16th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at 914 Capitol Mall, Room 500 (5th floor) of the Stanley Mosk Library & Courts Building. Doors open at 5:30; the movie shows at 6:00 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8th and O light rail access. Space is limited so **attendees must RSVP** to Angela Kwong at (916) 653-6602 or akwong@library.ca.gov.

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