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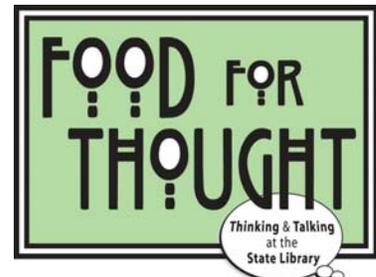
***Food for Thought* Presents Classic Hitchcock Thriller  
at a New Venue**

**Sacramento** – The California State Library’s June event in its monthly evening cultural series, *Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library*, will be held **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** at a new venue—the California History Room at 900 N Street, Room 200. This free evening event includes hearty refreshments, a thought-provoking film, and a lively post-film discussion.

This month *Food for Thought* will screen *Rear Window*, a film that many critics, scholars, and fans consider to be Alfred Hitchcock’s greatest movie. Newly restored with crisp visuals and digital sound, this 1954 masterpiece features James Stewart, swapping his trademark “aw-shucks” demeanor for a noticeably darker persona; a luminous Grace Kelly at the height of her film career; and Raymond Burr in his pre-Perry Mason days as a murderous thug. Or is he?

Sidelined in a cramped Greenwich Village apartment during a heat wave, Stewart plays “Jeff” Jeffries, a wheelchair-bound adventure photographer with a busted leg who passes the time by spying on his neighbors with a telephoto lens. Jeffries’ voyeuristic hobby takes a dark turn when he begins to suspect that the sulking, platinum-haired salesman across the courtyard (Burr) has murdered his nagging invalid wife. Abetted by his high-society girlfriend (Kelly) and a visiting nurse (Thelma Ritter), Jeffries indulges a growing obsession that could get all three killed as they team up to investigate the alleged murder. Ever the moralist, Hitchcock weaves themes of voyeurism, passivity, guilt, and the loneliness of city life into this classic thriller.

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 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 issues that have shaped our past and affect our collective future, so that we can build a preferred tomorrow.



Join us on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in a new location--the California History Room, Room 200, on the second floor of Library & Courts Building II, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the movie shows at 6 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8<sup>th</sup> and O light rail access. Seating in this new venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or [rfontaine@library.ca.gov](mailto:rfontaine@library.ca.gov).

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