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**Food for Thought Honors National Library Week
with Classic Hepburn/Tracy Film**

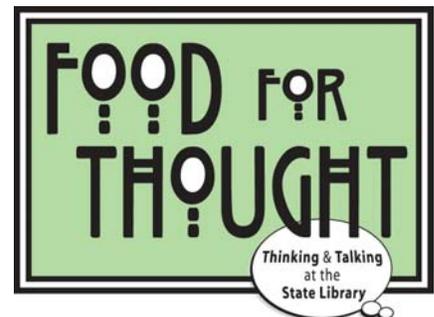
Sacramento – The April event in the California State Library’s cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library***, will be held on **Wednesday, April 21**. This free evening event includes refreshments, a classic film, and a lively post-film discussion.

In honor of National Library Week, ***Food for Thought*** presents a library romantic comedy starring the legendary screen duo Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. Hepburn plays the ultra-efficient head of a TV network research department; Tracy a ruffled efficiency expert hired to modernize Hepburn’s operation by installing an “electronic brain.” Of course, he’s not allowed to tell Hepburn what he’s up to, leading to a battle of the sexes where conflicts and misunderstandings abound.

In his *New York Times* review of 1957, Bosley Crowther called this a “thoroughly lighthearted film, which screenwriters Henry and Phoebe Ephron [Nora’s parents] have concocted...out of William Marchant’s play.” A bright and witty vehicle for its stars, this was Hepburn and Tracy’s eighth screen pairing. Their final film, *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*, would follow ten years later. The audience will chuckle over the 1950’s vision of a computerized world, and what critic Christopher Null calls “a gossamer message about technology and gender roles.”

Gene Larson of the California State Library will present a brief introduction to the film. Larson worked for Virginia Stenberg, the reported model for Hepburn’s character, who directed the *Encyclopedia Britannica* Library Research Bureau for three decades, ultimately managing 80 researchers in eight cities.

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 movie buffs and thinking people talk freely about ideas and issues. By helping Californians stay intellectually invigorated, the California State Library is taking an active role in shaping the future of this great state.



Join us on **Wednesday, April 21** from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the California History Room, Room 200, Library & Courts Building II, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the program begins at 6:00 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; the closest light rail access is 8th and O. Seating in this venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Ann Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or rfontaine@library.ca.gov.

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