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**California State Library announces Tales from the Old City Cemetery**

**SACRAMENTO** -- September 14th, 2011 –*Food For Thought: Thinking and Talking at the California State Library* presents an evening with the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. The oldest existing cemetery in Sacramento, established in 1849, the City Cemetery has become the resting place of many remarkable Californians. The program will take place on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. at 900 N Street, in the California History Room. Light refreshments will be served when doors open at 5 p.m.

Additionally, we will be showing *The Young and the Dead*, which tells the story of how Tyler Perry bought and renovated the dilapidated Hollywood Memorial Cemetery, turning it into Hollywood Forever – a metamorphosis from a decrepit burial ground to a modern, interactive, state-of-the-art facility. According to *LA Magazine*, “this cemetery became one of the sexiest places in Los Angeles!”

Just as the Hollywood Memorial Cemetery was transformed, the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, through a dedicated group of volunteers, successfully became an outdoor museum, recording California history from the Gold Rush Era through today.

Visitors to the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery will discover beautiful statues, dramatic markers and lush gardens surrounding the burial sites of Sacramento mayors and California governors, as well as memorials to Civil War Veterans, Volunteer Firemen and the victims of the 1850 Cholera Epidemic.

The Rotunda Gallery of the California State Library hosts our current exhibit featuring historic artifacts associated with the season, drawn from the Special Collections of the California State Library. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. High quality reproductions are available from [www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com).

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