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## Library Town Hall Oct. 5

"It takes just as much energy to wish as it does to plan." - Eleanor Roosevelt **By Laurie Snyder** 

he Orinda Library staff want to Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, staff from the Contra Costa Li-

Town Hall meeting at the Founder's Auditorium of the Orinda Community Center in order to help Orindans plan for the short and long-term health of the Orinda Library. All residents, whether regular patrons or not,

are invited to participate. County library leaders are taking this step even though Orinda has one of the highest percentages of residents possessing library cards because the last time this type of strategic planning was done was about eight years ago, and because demographics are continuing to change, as are the ways in which materials are delivered – diversifying from books and magazines "There is room for disagreement, and to print, ebooks, DVDs, CDs, and all opinions will be respected, capdatabases and other online content actured and reported on." cessible at onsite computer terminals.

Back in 2006 brainstorming foborrow your brains – tem- cused on facilities, explains Orinda porarily (no surgery required). On Community Library manager Beth Girshman. In 2013, Orinda's Town Hall will begin with a brief presentabrary System (CCLS) will facilitate a tion before breaking into table groups, each with its own moderator. Groups will consider a series of questions about the ways in which the library should serve the larger community and how residents can work together to make those goals happen, rather than about the number of mysteries residents want to see on the shelves.

> Participants will be asked to come to agreement before presenting their responses. "There will be very few questions so that there will be enough time to get into the heart of it," explains Girshman, "to encourage indepth conversation" about what Orindans want in a public space.

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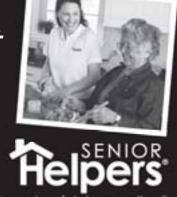
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