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SATURDAY, NOV. 7
Japanese Garden Festival, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Descanso Gardens in La Cañada. Celebrate the art and culture of Japan with this festival including an Ikebana Display, Japanese Garden Tour by Dr. Kenton Kendall, Camellia Lounge and Taiko Drummers. Many activities are free with admission.

Taste of Art: Street Foods and Farmers Markets, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Explore this creative cooking workshop with Matteo Gattino from Artisfits. Members: $65, Non-Members: $100.

Economic gardening Series: Propagating California Native and Drought-Tolerant Plants, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Learn how to start your own vegetable propagation with Tim Breitenstein, nursery manager at the Theodore Payne Foundation, in this session for advanced gardeners. Cost: $45 Bilingual Chinese and English Storytime. Crowell Public Library is proud to present an interactive storytime for speakers of Mandarin Chinese and English. Stories, songs, and fingerplays will be conducted in both languages. All ages are welcome, but program is designed for ages 3-5. Registration is not required. 11 a.m. at the Crowell Public Library.

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Edward Larson: The Return of George Washington, 7 p.m. at the Crowell Public Library. Edward Larson will be a Pulitzer prize-winning historian and Professor of History at Pepperdine, talk about his latest book, “The Return of George Washington: An Airing and Lustration at the Turn of the Year in Washington’s Distinctive Leadership.” It is part of the Meet the Authors series presented by the Friends of the Crowell Public Library.

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High Speed Internet Now Runs Through Crowell Public Library

By Krista Daly

The Crowell Public Library is one of the first in the state to take advantage of a non-commercial, high bandwidth capacity network through the California Research & Education Network (CAREN). In San Marino, this takes the internet speed from 15 megabytes per second to 1 gigabyte per second at the library, said City Manager Irene McDermott. It was installed on Friday, Oct. 10, and the internet is now 67 times faster.

“This is just what we needed,” she said. It fills a big need.”

The Corporation for Education Network in California (CENIC), a non-profit corporation that works to connect people, operates the network, also used by research universities and community colleges in the state.

Crowell Library qualified for a 72 percent discount and the San Marino City Council approved $18,000 for seed money to help fund it, McDermott said. A majority of the money will be rebated back.

Crowell Public Library is equipped with 36 computers wired into the network, but it also has a wireless connection people can access. People could barely get what they needed before, McDermott said. Now it’s just as smooth as can be, she described.

People are aged even more so to bring their own devices, which can be accessed and access all the library’s programs such as Rosetta Stone and e-books.

McDermott said she and the San Marino Public Library Foundation are looking into the next year to stream programs online.

Pasadena Humane Society Announces McNall Retirement

After more than 30 years of service, Pasadena Humane Society Executive Director James McNall will retire in December. He has been a champion for the animals of Pasadena and the broader community. His dedication, passion, and commitment have made a lasting impact on the organization and the city. McNall will be missed, but his legacy will continue to inspire others to care for all animals.