

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Summer Reading Program – Be Creative @ Your Library – is just around the corner. We've determined our crafts for the summer and would like your help with donations. The items we're needing are: large buttons (minimum of 1" in diameter), oatmeal containers (or peanut cans) with lids, empty 16 oz. drink bottles (clean & dry please), film canisters (or aerosol can lids or liquid soap lids with no handles). Items can be dropped off at the Library during open hours. All donations are appreciated.

Our registration forms and the schedule of programs will be available by the end of the week both at the Library and on our website: valleycenterpubliclibrary.com. We're in the process of building our site so new information will be added frequently.

The last book discussion of our TALK Series – Faith in Fiction: World Faiths – will be on Monday, May 18 at 7 PM. The title for discussion is **Harp of Burma** by Michio Takeyama which is a spiritual awakening from a Buddhist and Asian perspective. The time of the story is the very end of World War II about Japanese soldiers caught in Burma and the company harpist who tries to keep the men's spirit alive. After the Japanese surrender, the harpist is sent to convince fellow Japanese troops to lay down their arms. He escapes death with the help of a Burmese Buddhist monk who educates him in the peaceful ways of Buddhism.

There's still time to pick up a copy of the book then join us at the Library for the discussion. Refreshments will be served.