Ron Suskind, author of Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism, will visit Cuesta College for a lecture and book signing.

Monday, March 19, 2018, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Cuesta College's Cultural and Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo Campus
Lecture with book signing, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in CPAC.

Refreshments and display of art created by Autism Center students.

$10 general admission | Students admitted FREE
Please contact Mallory Cronan, cuestabook@gmail.com for student tickets and reception RSVP.

Tickets on sale beginning February 1, 2018: online at cuestaevents.cuesta.edu. Performing Events Ticket Line: 805 546-3198.

Campus and Community Presentations

PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS
“EXPLORING AUTISM” PRESENTATIONS WITH Q&A
Center: Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center (CCASC) is a local, all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of those affected by autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The organization has a history steeped in parental and professional involvement. Members of CCASC will be making informational presentations on autism and their experiences in conjunction with our featured book, Life, Animated. Contact: Dr. Debra Balke, CCASC President, debra.balke@gmail.com or Tyler Skinner, 805-781-5402, tyler@catalystccu.edu

February 6, 6:00 p.m., Atascadero Library, with Becky O’Reilly, Board Member Emeritus, CCASC
February 23, 1:00 p.m., Cayucos Library, with Debra Balke, Pediatric Neurologist and Board President, CCASC
February 24, 2:00 p.m., Arroyo Grande Library, with Mercedes Meier, Board Member, CCASC, and mother of a child with autism
March 1, 6:00 p.m., Paso Robles City Library, with Debra Balke, Pediatric Neurologist and Board President, CCASC
March 2, 2:00 p.m., Morro Bay Library, with Becky O’Reilly, Board Member Emeritus, CCASC
March 13, 6:00 p.m., Los Osos Library, with Dr. Mike Reuf, Professor and Board Member Emeritus, CCASC
March 14, 5:30 p.m., San Luis Obispo Library, with Dr. Laurie Ferguson, Clinical Psychologist and Board Member, CCASC

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS: GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE CLASSROOM
“What is Autism?” PRESENTATIONS WITH Q&A
All campus and community members welcome.

Tuesday, March 6, 1:00 p.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Room S401, Dr. Laurie Ferguson, Clinical Psychologist and Board Member, CCASC. Contact: Instructor Katie Mervin, katie_mervin@cuesta.edu
March 20, Monday, 11:00 a.m.-12:20 p.m., Cuesta North County Campus, Room N3102, Dallons Hall, Dr. Laurie Ferguson, Clinical Psychologist and Board Member, CCASC. Contact: Instructor Dr. Gabriel Searcy, gsearcy@cuesta.edu

Book Discussions
Join community discussions on Life, Animated.
For library address and contact info, see listing below.

February 15, 2:30 p.m., Ascadero Library
February 21, 4:00 p.m., Shell Beach Library
February 23, 10:00 a.m., Arroyo Grande Library
February 27, 5:30 p.m., Arroyo Grande Library

*Library Addresses:
Arroyo Grande Library, 800 W Branch St, Arroyo Grande, 805 473-7161
Ascadero Library, 6555 Capitanas Ave, Ascadero, 805 461-8613
Cayucos Library, 310 S 8th St, Cayucos, 805 993-3142
Los Osos Library, 2075 Pacifica Ave, Los Osos, 805 528-1862
Morro Bay Library, 625 Harbor St, Morro Bay, 805 772-6394
Oceano Library, 1531 17th St, Oceano, 805 474-3248
Paso Robles City Library, 1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, 805 237-3870
San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St, San Luis Obispo, 805 781 5991
Shell Beach Library, 230 Lowward Ave, Shell Beach, 805 773-2263

Film Screenings
Based on journalist Ron Suskind’s book Life, Animated, this 92 minute documentary of the same name is directed by Roger Ross Williams. Featuring interviews with Owen, his parents, Ron and Comelia, and older brother Walt, this moving and heartfelt film chronicles the family’s journey with autism. Learn about the major breakthrough they discovered by using “Disney-dial” to communicate with their son. Owen’s affinity with Disney animated characters becomes the key to his interaction with the world.

The film’s awards include Sundance Film Festival award for Best Direction, Special Achievement Annie Award, and Academy Award Nomination for Best Documentary Feature category in 2017.

February 27, 5:45-8:00 p.m., San Luis Obispo Library, Cuesta Human Development faculty Bailey Drechsler will introduce the film and lead a Q&A afterward. Free snacks. 805 781-5991.
March 12, 10-11:45 a.m., Cuesta North County Campus, Dallons Hall, Room N3102. Free donuts. Contact: allison_phelps@cuesta.edu
March 13, 10-11:45 a.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Room S401. Free donuts. Contact: allison_phelps@cuesta.edu
March 22, 6-8:00 p.m, Paso Robles City Library. Film showing with discussion to follow. 805 237-3870.

Art Workshops

CENTRAL COAST AUTISM SPECTRUM ART WORKSHOP
March 2, 4:00 p.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Library, Room 3219
Landscape and still-life artist, Dr. Debra Balke, will be guiding members of the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center (also open to the public) on creating drawings to interpret parts of the featured book, Life, Animated. All art materials supplied. Cuesta and public welcome to attend. Contact: Debra Balke, debra.balke@gmail.com or Tyler Skinner, tyler@catalystccu.edu to reserve your spot.

DROP IN ART FOR DE-STRESSING
March 7, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cuesta SLO Campus, Library, Bldg 3200, Group Study Area
As part of ASCC’s mid semester De-Stress events, art instructor, Gena Bates, will be guiding students (also open to the public) on intentional doodling, page coloring, and collage making. Drop in or stay awhile to get arty ideas for stress reduction. All art materials supplied. Contact: debral.balke@gmail.com or Tyler Skinner, tyler@catalystccu.edu

ADULT COLORING CLUB
March 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Paso Robles City Library
Join the Adult Coloring Club and enter a world of order, detail, and precision as we color pages designed by Peter Myers, an artist with Asperger’s Syndrome. And paint your personal story to one of these beautifully complex drawings. All art materials supplied. 805-237-3870

ART AS WELLNESS
March 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cuesta North Country Campus, Dallons Hall, Room N3102
Special hands-on workshop focusing on art for relaxation and wellness. Art instructor, Gena Bates, will be guiding PDS 030 Wellness students (public is welcome to join this session) on intentional doodling, page coloring, and collage-making. Experience some simple art techniques for stress reduction and increased creativity. All art materials supplied. Contact: disuesto@cuesta.edu (to enroll in the entire PDS 030 Wellness Arts course, contact instructor Linda Curtis, lcurtis@cuesta.edu)

Upcoming Events: Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center

GALA: ART ON THE SPECTRUM A SENSORY EXPERIENCE
April 14, 2018, 5-8:00 p.m., King David Masonic Temple, 859 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo
The Gala is part of a fun-filled evening benefiting the CCASC. A highlight of the event is the showcase of rich student artwork from the annual Workshop Series led by artist Sydney Hall. The creative talent and inner voice from the students give a rare glimpse into the world of autism. Artwork available for purchase.

10TH ANNUAL WALK FOR AUTISM AND AWARENESS FAIR
April 22, 2018, 12-4:00 p.m., Mission Plaza, San Luis Obispo
Join CCASC in celebrating their 10th annual Walk for Autism to raise awareness and funds. In addition to the Walk, the fair includes music, food and festivities for the whole family. Art will be on display and available for purchase. For full details on the Gala (tickets required) and to register for the Walk: www.sloautism.org or contact Carina Love clove@cuesta.edu.

For more information, please call the Cuesta College Library at 805-725-6900.