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# PIRATES! FROM TREASURE ISLAND TO SOMALIA

**Presented by: Peter Beuret**

Tues., January 24, 31, and February 7, 2012  
 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
 Goleta Public Library  
 500 N. Fairview Ave.



Join us for an adventure with pirates in history, in our imaginations, and in our lives. From ancient times to today's news. From Plutarch to CNN. From the Barbary Coast and the Spanish

Main to the Malabar Coast of India, the Straits of Malacca in Indonesia, and the South China Sea. Together we will look for common causes of piracy over the centuries and consider the ways people and governments have fought them.

But wait.. if these are such bad guys why do we romanticize them in literature, in film, in our imaginations? Robert Louis Stevenson had a lot to do with it but it started much earlier. Our second session will look at this curious phenomenon, from Lord Byron to Johnny Depp, and give us an opportunity to sit back and enjoy some first rate

swashbuckling with Erroll Flynn and others. Our third session will bring us back to the present reality of piracy in Somalia. We'll take a serious look at this recent and fast-changing situation. What are its causes? (Do we recognize them from the past?) What are the trends? What are the legal issues? Should piracy be treated as terrorism or as a crime? What is being done? Is it working?




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**Please enroll by January 10, 2012  
 Lots of free parking in the church lot adjacent to the Library**

## Recommended Reading

*Treasure Island*, 1883, by Robert Louis Stevenson

*A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea*, 2010, by Richard Phillips, captain of the Maersk Alabama, hijacked April 2009 and rescued by Navy SEAL sharpshooters.

## Biography

Three years ago Peter was in the Seychelles on a French ship that had been hijacked by Somali pirates the year before. The captain's first-hand story, which you will hear, generated the interest for this subject.

Peter joined Procter & Gamble in brand management at age 22, married Linda a few years later and moved to Frankfurt, Germany for eight years and Madrid, Spain for four. He returned to Cincinnati for the second half of his career, now as an internal consultant on advertising and strategy—a kind of guru position he found both useful and enjoyable.

Peter and Linda retired to Santa Barbara thirteen years ago and are both involved with the Music Academy of the West. Peter served on the board of Camerata Pacifica for six years, two years as president. They travel extensively, enjoy good music, food and wine, and have birded and snorkeled in much of the world.

## VISTAS Fall/Winter 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	Thurs, Dec 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Sub-Saharan Africa	Wed, Jan 4, 11, 18	9:30am	Goleta Library
Documentary Club	Thurs, Jan 19	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Why Democracy? Capitalism? the West?	Mon, Feb 6	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
Documentary Club	Thurs, Feb 16	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Health Care Ethics	Mon, Feb 27	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
Marriage of Figaro	Mon., Mar 5	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
The Balcony Empire	Mon, Mar 12, 19, 26	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm



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