

TO: Newport Beach City Arts Commission
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The Nutcracker: On December 5, 2015, the City Arts Commission presented the Festival Ballet's interpretation of *The Nutcracker*. The Nutcracker has become a City Arts Commission holiday tradition. Festival Ballet Theatre's production of 2 performances featured superb colorful sceneries and dazzling costumes, and truly engaged the nearly 400 attendees. This abridged production, designed to appeal to younger audiences, is choreographed and directed by Festival Ballet Theatre's Artistic Director Salwa Rizkalla, and features a cast of professional dancers and local children.



Exhibitions at Central Library: Charlotte "Charlie" Lerner has been an artist in Newport Beach for many years. Watercolor is her medium of choice. Charlie states, "The freedom of the water with the stain of color on paper made of cloth... sets this medium apart from any other... I bring the nature I so love to my art in this free and uncontrolled form of painting." Charlotte's art was on display at Central Library from December 7, 2015 to January 4, 2016.



Upcoming exhibitions at Central Library include:

- January 2016: Judit Laufer (sculpture)
- February/March 2016: Joan Irving Brandt
- April 2016: Eva Malhotra.
- May 2016: Bea Riley
- June 2016/July 2016: Salli Hosseini
- August 2016/September 2016: Fernando Del Rosario