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Dallas Central Library to celebrate 25 years of service

"25x25" event will continue all night long April 20 with lots of free events and activities

DALLAS, TX – The Dallas Central Library will celebrate its silver anniversary with 25 hours of continuous events and activities. From noon Friday, April 20, to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, the library, at 1515 Young St. will host a special party for the community, with free workshops, children's and family events, contests, music and exhibits.

Residents can test their skill and win prizes in the "25X25" Scavenger Hunt; learn how to fight identity theft; manage investments; tell a story; learn about handwriting analysis; even how to make chocolate. From midnight to dawn, the library will present the Qatsi Film trilogy, in the fourth floor performance space. Released in the 1980s by director Godfrey Reggio, these films quickly became cult classics. Reggio conveys his messages concerning life, progress and technology by purely visual means.

"A quarter century ago, the City of Dallas invested in a new Central Library, and over the years that library has grown and changed to reflect the increasingly diverse needs of the community," said Director of Libraries Laurie Evans. "This celebration is our way of highlighting the services and the variety of programs offered at Central. We hope that people will come out and explore and enjoy their library."

When the technologically sophisticated Central Library opened in 1982, it was one of the first libraries in the country to have an on-line catalog system and state-of-the-art audiovisual capabilities. The library was renamed the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in 1986, in honor of the former mayor who played a major role in its development.

All library services will be available during "25X25"; all events are free, and free parking will also be provided in the parking garage (enter from Wood St.) from 5 p.m. April 20 until 9 a.m. April 21.

A complete listing of "25X25" events is available at www.dallaslibrary.org.

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